

# Hill Top Public School

**Honour 1884 Trust**



**Term 2—Week 3**

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**Wednesday 9 May, 2012**



## From the Principal's Desk

### NAPLAN

Students in years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy) next week. On Tuesday 15 May these students will do the Language and Writing assessment, on Wednesday 16 May the Reading assessment and on Thursday 17 May, the Numeracy assessment.

### Mothers Day Stall

This Thursday 10 May, our P&C will be holding a Mothers Day stall in the hall. All students are invited to bring some money to school in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag with their name and class on it. Each student keeps this money in their classroom and there will be a scheduled time for each class to attend to purchase Mothers Day gifts. Don't forget your money tomorrow!

### Stock the Pantry

As many of you would be aware, our School Canteen sadly had an electrical fault over the school holidays. This resulted in the loss of all of our canteen stock. Therese Bird our canteen manager and her wonderful canteen helpers, worked tirelessly to clean up the mess and restock the supplies. Our P&C have responded kindly and are donating \$500 to assist in this process. We are also hoping to gain support and help from our school community. If any parents would like to help we are setting up an initiative called 'Stock the Pantry' whereby parents are invited to purchase an item from the list attached by Mrs Brid to this newsletter. For example, you might be doing your weekly shopping and you wouldn't mind adding an extra tin of Milo in your trolley. The donation of items such as the ones on the list will help restock our canteen and also raise money for our students at our school.

### K / 1 and 1 / 2 Excursion

As part of their H.S.I.E. Units relating to 'under water' environments, the K/1 and 1/2 classes are planning a combined excursion to Darling Harbour to go to Sydney Wildlife World and to the Aquarium. This is currently being planned for Thursday 14 June. A note outlining all details of this excursion will be sent home at the end of this week.

### P & C Meeting

We will be having a P&C meeting in Week 5 on Monday 21 May at 3:15pm. This is a variation from our Thursday afternoon time slot as some parents have indicated that on Thursday afternoons there may be clashes with local sport commitments. One of the agenda items will be to discuss a mutually suitable time/day for future meetings. All parents are warmly welcomed to attend. We ask all parents requiring child care to please fill out and return as soon as possible the child care registration slip in this newsletter.

### 2 / 3 Class Assembly

This Friday 11 May at 12:30pm, our 2 / 3 class will be holding an assembly in our school hall. All parents are warmly welcomed to attend.

### Visiting Artists—7 June

Just a reminder that the payment of \$7:50 per student for Musica Viva is due.

### Diary Dates – Term 2

#### Week 3—May

Thursday	10	Mothers Day Stall in school hall
Friday	11	12:30pm Assembly 2 / 3 Class
Sunday	13	Mothers Day

#### Week 4

Monday	14	AASC (3 / 7 session) CRL session ST 2/3 11:30—3:00pm
Tuesday	15	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Wednesday	16	AASC (3 / 7 session) NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Thursday	17	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Friday	18	2nd instalment Yr 5/6 camp due \$50:00

#### Week 5

Monday	21	3:15pm P&C Meeting
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### Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2013

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 25 July, 2012. If you would like your child to apply for opportunity class placement in year 5 in 2013, you need to do so soon.

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 30 April 2012 at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

Or

2. If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 18 May, 2012.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only ONE application for each student.

### Premiers Debating

We urgently need expressions of interest from students in Stage 2 and 3 who would like to be involved in our debating teams. We will be competing in competitions soon with other local schools.

### Stage 3 Overnight Excursion to Canberra

Just a friendly reminder that the second instalment payment of \$50 is due by the end of next week, Friday May 18.

### Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards program again this year. Last year we earned over 11,000 points and were able to collect great resources such as Literacy Games, calculators and Whiteboards for our school. The program begins on Wednesday 9 May and for every \$10:00 you spend at Woolworths you receive a sticker. Please place your sticker on the card that your child received last week. Please see Mrs Gee if you need an extra sticker chart.

### Loopline Masterminds

On Friday 25 May, Hill Top PS will once again be hosting our successful Loopline Masterminds tournament with other local schools. This involves small teams of Stage 2 and Stage 3 students from various schools competing to solve a team challenge task and presenting this as a group at the end of the day. If you have a child in years 3—6 who you think would be interested in participating in this day please let me know as soon as possible.

### University Tests

Our first International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS University test) will be on Tuesday 22 May for our students who have paid to do the **COMPUTER SKILLS** test.

All test dates for student who have paid are:

Computer Skills	Tuesday 22 May
Science	Wednesday 6 June
Writing	Monday 18 June
Spelling	Tuesday 19 June
English	Tuesday 31 July
Mathematics	Tuesday 14 August

### Students registered for the Computer Skills test are

Yr 3—Jasmine Moscrop, Jordan Parker, Luca Squires

Yr 4—Noah Clark, Mackinley Coffey, Lachlan Davis, Abbey Horne, Blake Parker, Mae Schluter

Yr 5—Alicia Borg, Zoe Cole-Gee

Yr 6—Liam Cleymans, Brent McKeown

We would like to wish all of our Mums a very 'Happy Mother's Day' on Sunday.

Kind regards  
Sarah Leicester

### P & C Meeting Monday 21 May, 2012—3:15pm

Yes I will require child care to attend the P & C Meeting. I have child/ children.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stock the Canteen Pantry

Unfortunately our school canteen had an unforeseen loss of electricity over the holiday period. This sadly resulted in ALL canteen stock being lost. Therefore our cupboards are all bare and we are asking families for your help by making a small donation to fill up our pantry.

The following list represents what we use on a very regular basis:

Cans	Sundries		Cold Food
Tomatoes	Milo	BBQ Sauce	Grated Cheese
Pineapple pieces	Sweet Chilli Sauce	Tomato Sauce	Slice Cheese
Pineapple slices	Soy Sauce	Mayonnaise	Beef Mince
Beetroot	Tomato Paste	Corn Chips	Eggs
	Minced Garlic	Orchy Tube ice blocks	Cheese Stringers
	Alfoil	English Muffins	
	Serviettes	Plastic Spoons	
	Paper Towel	Plastic Forks	



For all new students and parents/carers the Mothers Day stall starts from approximately 9:15am in the School Hall with usually the Kindergarten classes first and then runs until all classes have had a chance to purchase from the stalls. The presents range from .50c to \$7:00. If you could please send some small change with your child/children to purchase something special for mum or Grandma etc, the children love to be able to buy something special themselves for Mum or Grandma.

## Mothers Day Stall 2012

### HELPERS WANTED .....

Anyone interested in helping with the Mothers Day Stall or afterwards from 2:30pm outside the school office, please contact Karen Johnson 0419 634405. Morning tea is provided.



### SILVER AWARD WINNERS TERM 2 WEEK 3

Congratulations and well done to the following students who will receive their Gold Certificate.

Abbey Horne

### BRONZE AWARD WINNERS TERM 2 WEEK 3

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received their Bronze Certificate recently.

Alessia Gargiulo x 2  
Cherise Harris  
Lachlan Davis  
Connor Davis

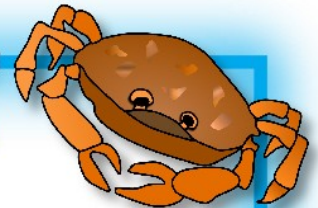
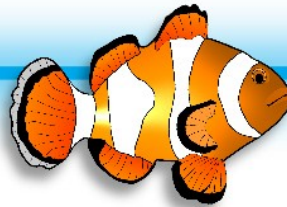
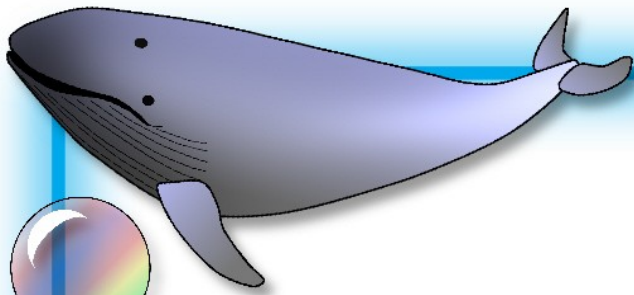


Tracksuit orders are in. Please collect and pay for these at the schools front office.

We accept, cash, cheque for Eftpos.

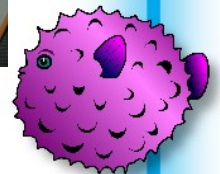
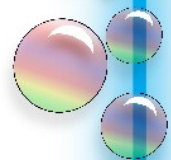
- Cheques are to be made out to Hill Top P & C.
- Eftpos incurs a fee of \$1:00





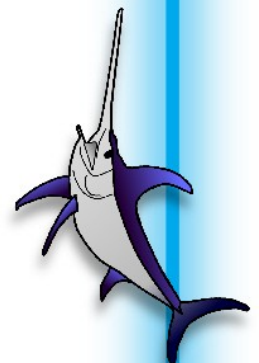
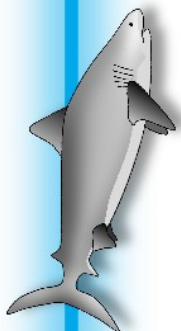
The seahorse looks like a fish and they have a tail like a monkey and a head like a horse. They move by the their fins and their tail. They eat coral and little fish.

Braith C, Year 1



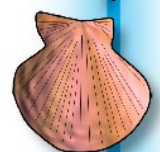
Seahorses live in the sea and they camouflage so they don't get hurt and they can twist their tail and they can look like seaweed. The male has a pouch so the little ones go in the dads pouch. They suck their food through their snout and they can swim. They eat lava fish and they can give birth to the babies. They have a head like a horse and a pouch like a kangaroo. They move with their three fins and they live in warm, shallow water.

Alessia G, Year 1

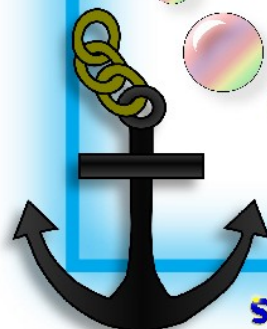
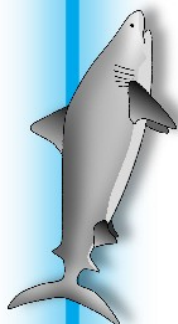
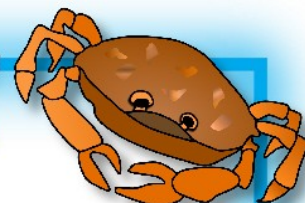
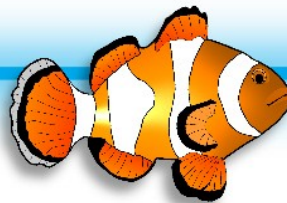
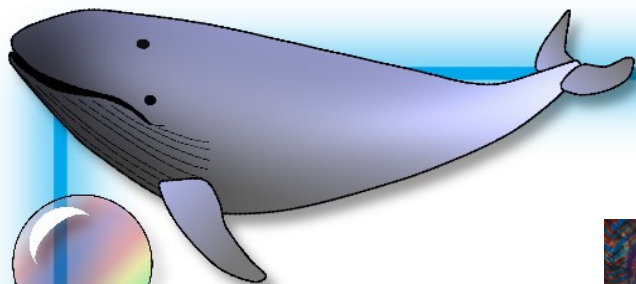


K/1 and 1/2 are looking forward to seeing all different types of ocean animals at the Sydney Aquarium later this term.

All students will receive a note about the excursion later this week.



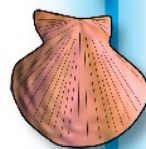
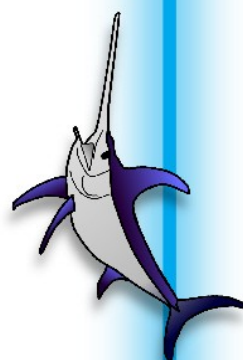
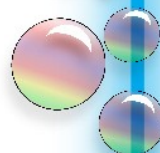




Fish live in fish tanks and they also live in the ocean. They use their fins to move around in the water. When fish have babies they lay eggs.

They look pretty in a shell. Fish eat eggs and prawns.

Ashlee M, Year 2



There are lots of fish and one of them is called a Clown Fish and another one is called an Angel Fish.

They use their fins to move. They lay eggs at the bottom of the ocean.

They live in the ocean, creeks, seas and lakes. Some live in coral. Fish have gills and fins and scales. They eat other fish and algae.

Celeste M, Year 1



Fish live in lots of kinds of water. They are cold-blooded and some live in warm water and others in cold water. They move using their tails. Fish lay eggs at the bottom of the sea. They eat green stuff like algae.

Fish are all different colours like white, red and yellow. Fish have scales, gills and fins. Some live in fish tanks and others live in the sea.

Kady C, Year 1





## Gallery – A visit to the Year 1/2 Classroom

In Science 1/2 are learning about water with Mrs Lesslie. In HSIE we are learning all about different environments.



What does water look like and feel like?



Does water have a smell?



Enjoying doing different experiments outside



Learning about Seahorses



1 / 2 hard at work



The beginning of our Under The Sea display