

Hill Top Public School

Honour 1884 Trust



Term 3—Week 3

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Wednesday 1 August , 2012



From the Principal's Desk

NAIDOC Celebrations

Last Monday we celebrated NAIDOC Day and Public Education Week with a visit from National Parks and Wildlife Aboriginal Rangers. The rangers gave students the chance to experience Aboriginal culture and develop an understanding of the importance of protecting and respecting culture. Activities included bush tucker and medicine, the role of women, face painting, music and dance, men's business (hunting, tools and didgeridoo) and traditional Koori games. The students had great fun participating in all the activities. At the end of recess with the help of the rangers we raised our new Australian and Aboriginal flags. The rangers helped us understand that by learning about and developing an understanding of the past it helps us all create a better future, a future that demonstrates respect for others and celebrates diversity.

District Athletics Carnival

Just a reminder that many of our students are representing our school this Friday August 3 at Eridge Park, Bowral. These students have been notified and given a permission note. This note needs to be returned with \$2 by tomorrow to the front office. Transport to Bowral is by private transport. All attending students are to wear school sports uniform.

P&C Meeting Rescheduled

Due to a clash of dates with our P&C meeting and a Community of Schools after school meeting for staff on Thursday 2 August we have rescheduled our P&C meeting to **Thursday August 9** at 3:15 in our school library. We strongly urge **as many parents as possible** to attend this important P&C meeting as we intend to discuss and gain valuable input from all parents about our proposed student discipline policy which we are currently working on. The P&C provides child care for this meeting from 3:15 to 4:00pm. You simply need to register your child / children on the P&C childcare registration form attached to this newsletter as soon as possible, so that we can make arrangements for this provision. (If you have already provided this slip to the office based on the original P&C date of 2 August this slip will still be valid however, please let us know if you are now unable to attend on 9 August).

Visiting Artist—Brainstorm Productions 'Saving Lil and Archie'

In week 6 of this term Brainstorm productions will be presenting their show 'Saving Lil and Archie' on Friday August 24. This fun play will focus on how students can demonstrate emotions and how to deal with anger and fear. It promotes kindness and forgiveness. The performance also highlights some of the issues children face when they are using technology like the internet and mobile phones. A note will be coming home soon about this performance. The cost of this show is \$5:00 per student.

Stage Three Taster Day at Bowral High School

Next Thursday August 9 all of our Stage Three (Years 5 & 6) students are invited to attend a special day at Bowral High School to experience a snapshot of high school. All students are invited to attend regardless of whether they are intending to enrol at Bowral High School next year or not. **There is no cost for this day.** The students will be transported by bus to and from Bowral High School and accompanied by their teachers Ms Hofman and Mrs Griffiths. They will need to wear full school uniform and pack their recess, lunch, drinks and a hat in a light back pack.

Assembly—1 / 2 Class

Next Friday August 10, 1 / 2 would like to invite all parents and community members to their class assembly. This will be held in our school hall commencing at 12:30pm.

Diary Dates—Term 3 Week 3 August

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| Wednesday | 1 | 3:00pm—4:15pm AASC |
| Friday | 3 | District Athletics—Eridge Park, Bowral |

Term 3— Week 4

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| Monday | 6 | 3:00pm—4:15pm AASC |
| Wednesday | 8 | 3:00pm—4:15pm AASC |
| Thursday | 9 | Yrs 5 & 6 Taster Day at Bowral High School 3:15—4:00pm P & C in school library |
| Friday | 10 | 12:30pm 1 / 2 Assembly |

Term 3— Week 5

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| Monday | 13 | 3:00pm—4:15pm AASC Author Visit \$4 |
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Bowral's Got Talent

On Saturday 11 August at 7pm Bowral High School will be holding a special evening called 'Bowral's Got Talent'. It is to promote Public Education and to showcase talent from all of the schools in our Bowral Learning Community Of Schools, including our school. Each school has been asked to contribute one act to be performed and also art work from each of our classes. Chelsea Alcorn will represent our school by performing a dance on this evening. All parents are invited to attend. The Hon Peter Garrett, Minister for Education and Minister for Early Childhood and Youth, will be present at this evening as a special guest judge. Hospitality students from "Café Bowral" will be catering for the event with gourmet food snacks, delicious desserts and refreshments available for purchase. Doors open at Bowral H.S at 6:30pm and tickets are available only at the door. Ticket prices are: Adults \$10, Child/concession \$5 and Family \$20. Bowral H.S. are also selling raffle tickets with a wonderful prize of an iPad. These tickets will be available to be purchased soon.

Multicultural Food Festival

Calling all student and parent cooks!!!! We are looking forward to having another **Multicultural Food Festival in week 6** of this term. This is not only a valuable fund raising opportunity (all proceeds go to the Year 6 Fair and Year 6 present for the school) but is also a great opportunity for school community members to get involved in a fun and 'yummy' event. This term the students are learning about different countries in each class in the context of the London based Olympics and so we hope to theme our foods for the Multicultural Food Festival around these countries. K/1 is studying Australia, 1/2 Great Britain, 2/3 Japan, 3/4 USA, 4 Italy and 5/6 France. We are asking all of our parents, students and staff to start thinking about what foods might be suitable to prepare for each of these countries and are asking for expressions of interest from parents to assist with food preparation and the running of food stalls on this day. I will send a more detailed note and expression of interest slip home about this next week.

Rule Breaker Naming Competition

We would like to amend the name 'Rule Breaker' for the form that is currently being used for inappropriate classroom behaviour. We are opening the amendment of this name up to students as a fun competition to rename it. I will arrange a slip for this competition and provide a box in the front office where students can enter and will arrange a small prize for the winner. We will close this competition before the scheduled P&C meeting on Thursday August 9 so that parents and staff can collegially choose the winning entry. I am sure that will be an entertaining process so please come along to that P&C meeting.

Hill Top School's Tree Day

On Thursday August 2 the 1/2 class will be planting trees in our back playground. Wariapendi Nursery have kindly donated 20 trees which include banksias and gum trees. The theme this year is 'Speak for the Trees' with The Lorax from Dr Seuss. The 1/2 class had The Lorax read to them last term and that is why they have been chosen to participate in the planting.

Our New Vegetable Gardens

We would like to thank Bunning's and Mark's Soil very much for donating to our school the resources needed to set up our two new vegetable gardens last Friday. We would also like to thank all of the parents for their wonderful help and Mrs Van der Meer for giving up her own time to coordinate and plan this terrific initiative. I have uploaded some photos from last Friday on our school website.

Kind regards—Mrs S Leicester

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2013

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Names of other siblings presently at school:

P & C Meeting

Thursday August 9, 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: _____

Vegetable Garden with Mrs Van der Meer

Thank you to all the helpers who made the school vegetable gardens a reality last Friday. We now have spinach, broccoli, lettuce, carrots, beetroot and strawberries. A special thank you to Catherine Fardell from Bunning's who led the team. Thank you also to the parents who assisted - Mr Scott, Mrs Malcolm, Mrs Campbell, Mr and Mrs Greenfield and Mark Farrell, our General Assistant. The students involved worked tirelessly from start to finish and gained valuable knowledge from the experience. They were Nicolaas Van Althuis, Rachel Blums, Bradley Malcolm, Clayton O'Maley, Jake Zagoridis, Skye Campbell, Angela Greenfield, Calum Fraser, Kurt Franklin, Kayla Little, Maggie Scott, Tahlia De La Mare, Jack Franklin, Zac Finch and Rebecca Risteska. Our next project will be to build a wire enclosure around and over the gardens to keep out rabbits, possums, rodents, birds and vandals. If anyone knows where we can source the materials, please let me know.

Coming soon..... Making a Scarecrow!



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS TERM 3 WEEK 3

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

Cassie Beasley
Joshua Micallef
Hayley Byrnes
Calum Fraser x 2
Jordan Parker

SILVER AWARD WINNERS TERM 3 WEEK 3

Congratulations and well done to the following students who have received their Silver Certificate.

Bradley Grose
Brent McKeown

GOLD AWARD WINNERS TERM 3 WEEK 3

Congratulations and well done to the following students who have received their Silver Certificate.

Riley McKeown

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| K / 1 | Conner Davis Hayley Wilson Thomas Foster Skyla Ryan |
| 1 / 2 | John-Paul Franklin Koda Finch Ashlee Stewart David Napper |
| 2 / 3 | Angela Greenfield Brooke Maddock |
| 3 / 4 | Bodhie Neal Rachel Moppett |
| 4 | Hollie Smith Jayden Channell-Britten |
| 5 / 6 | Erin Stephens Simon Mitchell Brittany Kelly Liam Cleymans |
| Scripture | Jayden Sherman Brody Gilkes Gracie-Lee Egner Serge Franklin Breanna Martin Katlyn Stevenson Angus Theyers Ashlee McLean |

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