



Hill Top Public School

Achieving a quality education for
all students in a caring environment

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Term 1 - Week 2

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From the Principal's desk

We are all feeling more settled this week as we have moved into our new classes with our teachers for 2013. The students all appear happy, enthusiastic and motivated for the year ahead. We 'hope' to maintain the current class structures and staffing allocations through the maintenance of our student enrolment numbers, particularly in the next few weeks.

We once again would like to welcome all of our new students who appear to have settled into their new school environment extremely well. A special congratulations to our new Kindergarten students who have settled into school life incredibly well. Their behaviour has been beautiful and it is a joy to see them participating in class routines and lessons.

Amended bell times and eating routines

As part of the changes we are currently making at Hill Top P.S as we embark on our path of 'Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)', we have amended some of our school routines. We noted in previous times, that the students were often very unsettled during eating times both at recess and at lunch. This resulted in the students not always eating their food, being unsettled and also in a less than desirable school environment with rubbish and lunch boxes being left in the playground. This year, we have introduced changes to try to address these concerns. The students will now have eating times in their classrooms with a teacher for ten minutes. Appropriate routines for eating their food in a settled manner, rubbish disposal and the packing up and putting away of lunch boxes and drink bottles will be reinforced in the classroom and the level of class supervision will be higher. The students will then be accompanied by their class teacher/s to the playground areas. There will also be a higher level of teacher presence on the playground. Our dedicated teaching staff have been actively discussing ways to avoid inappropriate behaviour on the playground. One area of need we have identified is to keep students actively involved in fun games / activities and to explicitly teach the rules of these games, as well as social skills on the playground. As a result, the teachers will be spending more time on the playground implementing these games and activities. We would like to 'bring back' some of the activities we played ourselves at school e.g. elastics, skipping games, hopscotch, etc. If you as parents have any ideas for such activities / games please let us know. Let us work together as a school community in enhancing our wonderful school. A more detailed information letter about 'Positive Behaviour for Success' outlining the wonderful implications for our school will come home soon.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

WEEK 2

Friday, February 8th Swimming Carnival
Years 2 - 6

WEEK 3

Monday, February 11th AASC
Tuesday, February 12th Scripture Commences
Wednesday, February 13th AASC
Friday, February 15th SRC Assembly 12:45pm

Meet the Teacher Afternoons

Each class will soon have a 'Meet the Teacher/s' afternoon where more specific information will be given to parents about class expectations, routines and procedures. We will send these dates home as soon as we have confirmed them together as a staff.

This is also a great opportunity for parents to ask general questions and gain more information pertinent to that class. If you would like a more individualised conversation about your child / children's needs we would ask you to make an appointment time with your child's teacher/s. This can be done at any time by contacting the front office or speaking directly with the class teacher/s to obtain a suitable time.

Gaining Information About Our School and Community

There are many ways to obtain information about our school events and routines. Each Wednesday a Hill Top Public School newsletter is sent home with the eldest child of a family. This newsletter can alternatively be emailed to you directly if you supply your email address to the front office. An electronic copy of this weekly newsletter is also placed on our school website. This website is worth visiting regularly as it also has a school calendar, a photo gallery and will have soon an updated section for each new class to post information and photos. Simply Google 'Hill Top P.S' or go to www.hilltop-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to visit our Hill Top P.S website.

Book Packs

A note went home yesterday regarding the purchase of book packs. Each child is asked to buy a book pack for use in their classroom which will cover the cost of all exercise books to be used throughout the year, some basic stationery and some photocopying costs. K-2 classes will also receive a home reading diary as in previous years. These reading diaries have not arrived at our school yet but will be distributed on arrival.

The cost of these book packs are:

\$10.00 for one child

\$15.00 for two children

\$20.00 for three or more children

SRC Assembly

Our first school assembly in our school hall for 2013 will be on Friday 15 February at 12.45pm. All parents are welcome to attend. The main purpose of this assembly is to introduce our new 2013 Student Representative Council (SRC) from K-6 and officially welcome our new Kindergarten students.

Swimming Carnival

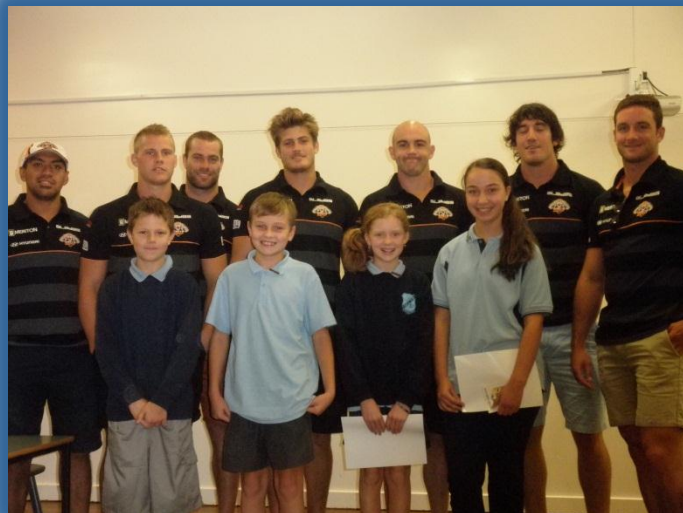
Our Swimming Carnival is this Friday 8 February at Mittagong swimming pool. A note outlining all information went home about this last week from all Year 2 – Year 6 students. Please ensure this note and any payment is returned.

Animals at School

There are specific DEC guidelines for any animals being on school premises. Please speak to your child's class teacher/s before bringing any visiting animals or pets onto school grounds and they will implement procedures from the Animal Welfare Policy.

West Tigers Visit

On Monday, 4 February we all really enjoyed a visit from the West Tigers. We were fortunate to have seven players from the team come and talk to the whole school about their experiences in Rugby League. We also watched a short film about bullying.



Our SRC Executive with West Tigers players

Emergency Contact and Medical Information

Earlier this week we sent home important emergency contact cards and medical information notes. It is important that we keep all of this information up to date and that is why we request for them to be filled out each year. We ask you to please return these to the front office as soon as possible.

Why we like Hill Top Public School

Last week some of our students with Mrs Wakeling compared our school with those in other countries. The students were asked to write about what they like about Hill Top Public School as a comparative piece of writing. We have included a few of these writing samples in this newsletter.

Kind regards

Mrs S. Leicester

Uniforms

Now available through special order only Bomber jacket embroidered with the school emblem \$33.00,

Girls winter pants \$19.00

The existing sports jacket now embroidered with the school emblem \$33.00

Order forms available from the office

Samples of the Bomber jacket and the girls pants are available to try on - Please see office staff

Community News

Hill Top Soccer Club Registration

Saturday 16th February from 10 – 2pm

Saturday 23rd February from 10 – 2pm

Location: Boronia Park

Contact Mark Johnson: 0418117824 for further information

60% Registration fees due when registering.

Hill Top Public School is a small school in Hill Top. It has around 210 students. Each class has about 25 students and has 9 classes. Hill Top Public School is located in Linda Street. It started in 1884. Everybody wears a uniform but not the teachers. There are 2 COLAs, hall, Library, Computer lab, Cooking room and a back playground. We have 2 flags - one Australian flag and one Aboriginal flag. The weather here is sometimes very cold and sometimes it is very hot. There are fans and heaters for that.

By Paige

Hill Top Public School has a back COLA with hand ball squares, basketball hoops and a lot of space to play with anything. Out the back the length is about 12sm with a sand pit. There is a population of 210 kids at the school. Down at the COLA there's a canteen where you can get cheap lunch orders and lots of tasty stuff. Also down there are some more hand ball squares and some bubblers. There are 9 class rooms with about 20 people in it. Our teacher is Mrs Wakeling. The school was made in 1884 and our emblem has a koala on the top and banksia on the bottom. The school motto is Honour and Trust. We have a computer room, a vegie patch, a library, the office, an art room, bathrooms, a cooking room and a staff room. It is better than my old school which was Rosemeadow Public School.

By Mackinley

Why we are so happy and fortunate here at Hill Top Public School

Hill Top Public School is a school where everyone, except teachers wear school uniform. Hill Top School has 10 classrooms with nine classes with about 25 students, both girls and boys get educated together. This school has an air conditioned Library and classrooms with heaters and fans. The school also has new buildings like a cooking room and computer room. The school has beautiful playgrounds with two COLAs, a sandpit and a canteen. The school has a beautiful Library with over 1,000 books. The school also supplies Library bags for whoever wants to buy them.

Hill Top Public School is located on Linda Street, Hill Top NSW. The Southern Highlands Australia

Our school is located in NSW, Hill Top on Linda Street. There is about two hundred people here. We're pretty lucky because we have got 10 classrooms, a computer room, a cooking room, big playground and tons of sports gear.

By Blake

P & C Meeting Thursday 6th December, 2013 - 3:15pm

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

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____