



Hill Top Public School

Achieving a quality education for
all students in a caring environment

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From the Principal's desk

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate all of the students, staff and parents on a hugely successful Hill Top P. S. Swimming Carnival at Mittagong Pool last Friday.

SRC Assembly

We would like to invite all parents to our first school assembly for this year this Friday, 15th February at 12.45pm.

Our 2013 SRC Executive, Rebecca Risteska, Dylan Errington, Zoe Cole-Gee and Lachlan McKenzie are looking forward to their first assembly for the year. They are also looking forward to introducing the Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2013 which is comprised of two student representatives from each class this year. Our Hill Top P. S. SRC has an important role in helping us to make important decisions for our school. They will meet regularly to make decisions based on student needs, future directions and will help organise fund raising opportunities.

Meet the Teacher Afternoons

Each class will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon. This is an opportunity for them to outline class routines and expectations and for you as parents, to ask general questions. Each teacher will also send home a detailed information note with all students for parents unable to attend these meetings. If you would like a more individualised meeting to discuss the specific needs of your child we invite you to request a separate interview time with your child's class teacher. We have scheduled these 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons on different days and times to allow parents with more than one child at the school to attend various meetings.

These dates are:

- Thursday 14 February 3:00 – 3:30pm 2H Ms Hofman
- Monday 18 February 2:30-3:00pm 3/4W Mrs Wakeling
- Tuesday 19 February 2:30-3:00pm 2/3D Mrs Doust
- Wednesday 20 February 2:30-3:00pm 5/6G & 5/6E Mrs Gee & Mr Egan
- Thursday 21 February 3:00 – 3:30pm 1K Mrs Kelly
- Thursday 21 February 3:30-4:00pm 4/5G Mrs Griffiths
- Friday 22 February 3:00 – 3:30pm K/1 Mrs Fenn

TERM 1 CALENDAR

WEEK 3

Friday, February 15th SRC Assembly 12:45pm

WEEK 4

Monday, February 18th AASC

Wednesday, February 20th AASC

Thursday, February 21st P & C Meeting 3:15pm
Year 6 parent information session at Bowral HS – 6pm
Academically Gifted class parent information session at Bowral PS – 6pm

New Bell Times

Last week I informed all parents of our new eating arrangements inside for both recess and lunch. As a result of this initiative, our play bell times have changed slightly. They are as follows :

Recess eating : 11:00 – 11:10am

Recess play : 11:10 – 11:35am

Lunch eating : 1:20 – 1:30pm

Lunch play : 1:30 – 1:55pm

P and C Meeting

We will be holding our first P & C meeting **next Thursday afternoon** 21st February at 3:15pm in the library. This first P & C meeting will be our AGM and will involve the election of parents into various roles. Please fill out the attached slip if you require free child care during the meeting and return this to the office by Monday.

Taking Pride in our School

We are extremely pleased with our cleaner school environment at the moment. Eating inside classrooms at both recess and lunch has assisted us in promoting a clean school environment. We encourage our students to take pride in their school. Another way of showing pride in a school is to encourage all students to wear full school uniform to school each day. We have noticed that an increasing number of students are beginning to wear brightly coloured socks, shoes and jewellery to school. We strongly discourage this. Our school uniform looks impressive when worn. A good example of this is our new Kindergarten students. They all look wonderful in their new school uniforms. Kindergarten all had their photograph taken for the local paper, the Southern Highland News today. We will try and let you know when it will be published.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Leicester

Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Swimming Carnival was held last Friday at Mittagong Pool. This was the warmest day we've had for many years for a swimming carnival, making all students eager to get into the water.

Congratulations to the enthusiastic group of competitors and supporters. There were many fine efforts and it was great to see so many young ones having a go. There were many new personal bests made on the day. A special mention to both Katie Maddock and Abbie Zwickl both breaking records in their events. Abbie is now the new record holder of the Girl's Open 100m, 11 years 50m Freestyle, 11 years 50m Breaststroke, 11 years 50m Backstroke, 11 years 50m Butterfly and 4x 50m Medley. Many of these records had held for 14 years or more and were smashed by Abbie. Congratulations, a fabulous result.

All students who attended the carnival had a great time participating in the novelty events, evident by all the smiles. I would also like to congratulate Hill Top P.S. students on their cooperative and responsible behaviour. A great fun day.

My sincere thanks to all those who assisted me in some way in the running of the carnival and supported the teachers and students on the day.

Place getters will receive their ribbons this Friday in the SRC assembly.

The squad invited to attend the District Carnival will be announced this week and displayed in 4/5G's classroom window. The District Carnival will be held at Mittagong Pool on Friday 22nd February and will be travelling by private transport.

Regards

Robyn Griffiths

Garden Club News

The Garden Club will be selling jars of homemade plum jam for \$2.00 this week. Proceeds will go to the Garden Club. Thank you Glenda for donating the jam.

Mrs Van der Meer

Learning and Support

If you are interested in being a volunteer, assisting students with reading please contact the front office or Mrs Van der Meer



We are all thinking about you Emily Cole-Gee

We would just like to let a very brave student of ours, Emily Cole-Gee know we are thinking about her. Emily is currently in Westmead Hospital. She had hip surgery earlier this week as she has a medical condition called Bilateral Perthes. I spoke to her mother, Virginia Cole today who has informed me that the surgery went well. We hope you recover quickly Emily! We miss your smiling face here at Hill Top P. S.

Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)

PBS is our school's new behaviour system. It promotes students choosing the appropriate behaviours and explicitly teachers the behaviour expectations of our school.

Our school's core values are respect, responsibility and cooperation. As a school we focus on one area at a time. Currently we are focusing on lines under the COLA and next week we will include the appropriate behaviours when walking to and from class.

Students are rewarded for making the right decisions with purple Catch Me Being Goods, which are placed in the draw. Last term the prize was an iPod.

Congratulations to all students on a great start to the year. Keep up the great work.

Mrs Wakeling

Medical Forms

Unfortunately the back page of the medical form was missing last week. We have attached it to this newsletter. Could you please fill it in and send it back to the office.

Hill Top Coming Events

Clean Up Australia – Sunday 3rd March

Hill Top residents are encouraged to join in the cleanup of the village.

For registration (for insurance) and details please call Paul Tait on 4889 9244 or mob 0407 157 183

Hill Top Expo Day – Sunday 10th March

Fire Station Park from 10.00am

Come and see what your village has to offer. Join the sausage sizzle and have a bit of fun

Contact Shay Byrne 0409 721 400

Community News

Hill Top Soccer Club Registration

Saturday 16th February from 10.00am – 2.00pm

Saturday 23rd February from 10.00am – 2.00pm

Location: Boronia Park

Contact Mark Johnson: 0418 117824 or 4889 9042

for further information

60% Registration fees due when registering.



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. There is a form you may fill out below. The advantage of requesting a newsletter via email, beyond being environmentally friendly, is that you receive a full colour copy and you may save it electronically. We are unfortunately able to photocopy a colour copy on paper each week due to costs of colour ink.

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.

Weekly information is also displayed on our school noticeboard near the front gates in Linda St.

Another important way to gain information and to be actively involved in decision making as school community members, is to come along to our P&C meetings each term. Last year, we held these meetings on a Thursday afternoon at 3pm in our school library and provided free childcare. We are open to suggestion as to the most conducive time for our P&C meetings this year.

Our first P&C meeting for this year will be held on

Thursday, 21st February at 3pm in our school library.

Please come along. We would like to see a lot more parent involvement with some new members at these meetings. This first P&C meeting will be our AGM and will involve the election of parents into various roles. If you require childcare, please fill out and return the form below or in the newsletter and return to the front office by Monday 18 February.

Thank you

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

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

P & C Meeting
Thursday 21 February , 2013 - 3:15pm

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____
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I would like to receive my newsletter by email rather than via paper copy.

My name is _____

My child/ children's name is/are _____

and is/are in class/es _____

My email address is



***Hill Top Public School Swimming
Carnival.
A fantastic day was had by all!***