



Hill Top Public School

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Term 1 - Week 5

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From the Principal's desk

We had our first P & C meeting for 2013 last Thursday. It was encouraging to see we attracted some new members. We would like to welcome Mrs Kate Myers, Ms Cheryl Wilson and Mrs Emma Egner.

We would like to encourage even more new or revisiting members at our next meeting in Week 8 later this term. Attending a P & C meeting is a wonderful opportunity to gain information, share ideas or thoughts and help to make important school decisions.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our new P & C executive including:

P & C President 2013: Mrs Barbara Van Eck
Vice President 2013: Mrs Katrina Patterson
Secretary 2013: Mrs Emma Egner
Treasurer 2013: Mrs Carla Simpson

The P & C would also like to form a fundraising team this year. Some of the items we discussed at this meeting included. Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) which we are implementing at Hill Top P. S. this year, computers for our library, the change of bell times, Autism and uniform. The ongoing question was also raised regarding any news on DEC Staffing filling the position of the principal. I appreciate this is a question many school community members have asked, including myself. Unfortunately there is no news I can provide to you as I have not received any. We are awaiting DEC Staffing to make a decision as to whether they will fill the position by merit application or by transfer.

Enrichment Days at Bowral Public School

Some of our students have been nominated to attend some enrichment days at Bowral Public School next week. On Tuesday 5th Marh Bailey Whitton, Hayden Frank and Riley McKeown will be attending a Stage Three day on 'Working Mathematically' On Wednesday 6th March, three of our Stage Two students will attend a fun forensic workshop 'To Catch a Thief'. Some Stage One students will then go to Bowral Public School Thursday 7th March to work on a real palaeontologist for a day on 'Digging Dinosaurs'.

TERM1 CALENDAR

WEEK 5

Thursday, February 28th	Mrs Leicester at SEG meeting Clean Up Day 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Friday, March 1st	K-2 teachers attending TENS training

WEEK 6

Friday, March 8th	Years 3-6 @ Moss Vale Show
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House Helpers

We would like to trial a new initiative this year. We made such a wonderful start last year as a whole school community, on embarking on building vegetable gardens for our students. We are all keen to further develop this community project. To further encourage and utilise our current Flora Houses: Jellore, Nattai, Wollondilly and Flora, we feel we can harness this team spirit to develop the vegetable gardens. The idea is fairly simple. Each term, each Sports House is responsible for organising a small fundraiser to raise financial funds which will go towards the vegetable gardens e.g. to buy seedlings, to purchase protective nets, to build further vegetable gardens. We currently have two fully functional vegetable gardens. We could possibly aim for four by the end of the year, possibly one for each Sport House. A competitive nature to maintaining each garden might ensue? Mr Egan is keen to kick start this idea and organise the first 'House Helper' event for Jellore this term. He will be asking all Jellore students and parents to join him in organising a small event e.g. food stalls for later this term.

Visiting Artists

This year we will once again be asking parents to pay for visiting artists term by term. There are no visiting artists scheduled for this term.

We will send a note home at the end of this term to outline our scheduled visiting artists for next term.

Arriving early at Hill Top P. S.

Please note that there is NO supervision for children arriving at school before 8.30am, If your child does arrive a little before 8.30am, they must sit and wait for the duty teacher to arrive before they commence to play. Thank you for your help with this.

University Tests 2013

We are now taking entries for the 2013 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) supported by the University of New South Wales (UNSW). These University tests will take place between May and August of this year. These curriculum based tests are in the learning areas of Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. If you would like your child/children to sit one or more of these tests we would like your child/children to see their class teachers to ask for a permission note. The class teacher will then tick boxes to indicate to you as parent/s which tests they feel your child is suitable to sit tests for based on observation and assessment based evidence. The note will then go home for you to indicate preferred tests. These are only for Stage Two and Three students. There is a monetary charge for sitting each test. These prices are indicated on the note. Every student who sits a test receives an individual diagnostic report as well as a UNSW certificate acknowledging participation and celebrating achievement.

Hill Top P. S. School Photographs

Our school photographs will be taken by Pixi Photos this year on 22nd March in Week 8. We will be distributing school photo order envelopes. These need to be returned to the office with full payment before the 22nd March.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. It can occur when a susceptible person is exposed to an allergen such as a food or an insect sting. Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to two hours or more. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response. Some students at our school have an adrenaline autoinjector to rapidly reverse the effect of a severe allergy reaction.

At Hill Top P. S. we aim to minimise risks of student allergic reactions. We seek community support in minimising the risk of exposure to allergens, particularly in avoiding the inclusion of peanut and peanut products at school. We have a new Kindergarten student who is highly allergic to peanuts and peanut products. We ask all parents to try and exclude the use of these products in their child/childrens recess and lunch boxes. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this.

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

HILL TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CLEAN UP DAY

Our Clean up Day is Thursday 28th February
2.00pm - 3.00pm, weather permitting.
Some gloves are available but bringing your
own gloves would be appreciated.



District Swimming Carnival

The District Swimming Carnival took place at Mittagong Pool on Friday 22nd February 2013. All Wingecarribee P.S.S.A. schools were in attendance. Hill Top Public School took a squad of 22 students. Congratulations to all swimmers as Hill Top Public School came 3rd. Two new district records were set on the day by our own Abbie Zwickl 11 years girls 50m backstroke 43.99 taking nearly half a second off the record and 11 years girls 50m freestyle 35.74 smashing the record by 1.5 seconds. Abbie was also the 11 years girl champion and Alexander Martin was the runner up 11years boy champion. Both of these students will go to the Regional Carnival on the 5th March at Dapto Pool.

We wish them well

Robyn Griffiths

Hill Top P. S. Website

Just a reminder that a handy way to gain more information about our school is to visit our school website. We upload all of our weekly newsletters on to this site, photo gallery. Our teachers will also soon be updating class webpage on our school website.

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 1 WEEK 5

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

Ashlee Stewart
Kady Curtain-Wray
Jeremy Davis
Makayla Davis
Cherise Harris
Brooke McKeown
Baden Patterson

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

TERM 1 WEEK 5

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

Danielle Alcorn
Jessica King
Damon Borg
Mia Kerr-Bell Lowe x 2
Connor Davis
Jasmine Schoonenberg x 2
Thye Hamilton

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE And VACATIONAL CARE

7.00am - 9.00am

3.00pm - 6.30pm

Kindy to Year 6

Based on the National School Age Framework

"My Time, Our Place"

Arts/Craft, active play, chilling out.

Child orientated programme

Nutritious afternoon tea supplied





I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE.....

Last week our two office buddies, Violet Jenkins and Joshua King took my camera around the school to find out what the students were doing in class.

K Possums

This week K Possums are learning about weather and symbols we use to represent weather. In reading we are learning to identify and point to individual words. We are working co-operatively in class and learning how to tell interesting news.

K/1

K/1 have been learning to work co-operatively within small groups. We are learning about each other and how to be a good friend. Our class room is being filled with wonderful art work that we have been creating on Monday afternoons.

Year 1 Penguins

This week Year 4 have been focusing on probability, predicting outcomes and deciding on the certainty of events.

Year 4 are also very excited about visiting K/1 to share the Storybooks they have created.

2H

In Maths we are continuing to explore ordinal numbers and graphs. Our unit on families has provided many graphing opportunities. This week in science we will look at water use at school and observe what happens to rain falling on different surfaces.

All 2H students received their reading diaries last week. Diaries need to be signed by the listening parent each night for the reading nights to be valid.

2/3D

2/3D have settled into their routines and are working well. We are talking about artefacts in HSIE and how they help us find out about the past. We are going to set up a museum in our class. Holly brought in some old money and Mrs Doust brought in an old clay bottle. In science we are learning about what things are made of.

3/4W

3/4W is continuing their work on addition and we are completing many fun and educational Maths games with Mrs Gurner. We are learning about Federal/State and Local government. Our highlight this week will be completing our artwork to be entered into the Moss Vale Show.

4/5G

4/5G have been working on a unit titled 'being respectful', where we looked at our rights and responsibilities and how this looks in a variety of situations at school. We are now transitioning into a unit on government where we will look at the 3 levels of government. Library borrowing has started and our library day is Wednesday. Fitness will be happening on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with sport on Friday afternoon. In fitness we are focussing on endurance, linking into our up and coming cross country. In sport we are playing team games. The homework program has commenced running on a fortnightly cycle. Homework is due on 8th March.

5/6E & G

5/6E and 5/6G have made a fantastic start to the New Year. We are all very excited about having the doors open and working together. In Literacy and Numeracy we have started our group rotations. This allows students to work through a variety of differentiated learning activities. In HSIE we have 'A Centenary of Canberra'. We are looking forward to working on our biographies of the significant people in Australia's federation. In visual art we have been looking at the work of Vincent Van Gogh. Our artworks inspired by Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' look amazing. This week we turn our attention to Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'

Have a great week.

Mrs Gee and Mr Egan

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