



# Hill Top Public School

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all students in a caring environment

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Term 1 - Week 6

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## From the Principal's desk

### Moss Vale Show

Most of our Years 3-6 students are looking forward to going to Moss Vale Show this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March as part of an educational experience and to view their own entries in the Moss Vale Art competition. We ask all of these students to represent Hill Top P.S. well in terms of behaviour and manners and we request full school uniform including a Hill Top P.S. broad brimmed hat be worn on the day. We hope the weather forecast will be good for Friday. We suggest that a raincoat and jacket/jumper might be packed in their school bag that day. If as a parent you would like to attend this excursion, please see Mr Egan to express your interest. Alternatively some parents are meeting the students at Moss Vale show grounds on the day.

### Hill Top P.S. School Photo Day

Our school photo day is in about two weeks on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We ask all students to wear full school uniform on this day including appropriate socks and shoes. Order form envelopes were sent home last week. Please see our front office if you did not receive one or you require more e.g. for parents not residing together. These envelopes and payments need to be returned before Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please also see the office if you need a family photo envelope.

### Bowral P.S. Enrichment Days

We wish all of our students attending the various enrichment days at Bowral P.S. this week all the best for fun and enriching learning experiences at these themed days. We are also sending five senior students to another day at Bowral P.S. on the 26<sup>th</sup> March to learn about the skills of debating in preparation for our Premier's Debating challenge this year.

### Academically Gifted Days

We would also like to wish some of our students all of the very best as they embark on their involvement in an AG class at Bowral P. S.

Next week, Alex Martin, Abbie Zwickl, Lachlan Davis and Katie Maddock will attend Bowral P.S. for the whole week as members of this A.G. class. Next term, they will then attend this class one day per week. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to enrich their learning and also to socialise with students from other local Public Schools.

## TERM 1 CALENDAR

### WEEK 6

Thursday, March 7th

SRC Assembly @ 12.45pm

Friday, March 8th

Years 3-6 @ Moss Vale Show

### WEEK 7

Friday, March 15th

Year 1 Assembly @ 12.30pm

### Easter Hat Parade

We will be holding an Easter Hat Parade here at Hill Top P.S. in the morning at our school hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to invite all students with the help of their parents to start creating decorative hats to wear for the parade on this day.

### Assemblies

We will be holding an SRC assembly this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March in our school hall at 12.45pm. It will be a fairly short informal assembly but it will be a great opportunity for all of our SRC to organise and present an assembly. This assembly has been rescheduled from its usual Friday slot due to the excursion to Moss Vale Show this week for Stage Two and Three students.

Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the year One class, led by Mrs Kelly will be holding their class assembly in our school hall at 12.30pm. We would like to invite all parents and grandparents to attend either/both of these assemblies.

### Staff Leave

Mrs Leishman, our SAM is recovering from a back operation she had late last year. She was due to return from sick leave last week however, she has extended this sick leave till May 24<sup>th</sup> to have some further time to recover and rest.

I will be taking some Long Service Leave in the last two weeks of this term to visit a sick relative in the U. K. A principal from Tallong, Ms Sue Matthews will be relieving in this position for some of this time in my absence.

### Wombaroo Leadership Day

Last week our SRC executive went for a fun filled day at Wombaroo to develop their leadership skills. They have written a recount for this week's newsletter to tell you all about the day.

## 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.

## Privacy Information Forms

Early this term a blue note was sent home to all parents requesting signatures to give permission for students to be able to use the internet at school, have their photographs taken, use playground equipment, for child protection lessons, use the Community Centre and for Community Orientation.

We have noted that many parents have not yet sent these back. If you need a new form please see the ladies in the office. It is important that these are returned.

## Community Survey After School Care and Vacation Care

We are sending home an important survey today to gauge your thoughts as parent and community members in relation to after school facility needs in Hill Top. We would really appreciate you taking five minutes or so in completing this survey and returning it to our school office. We also encourage you to share this survey with other community members whose children may not attend Hill Top P.S. but may wish to use this service.

## TENs Training

We were really excited this week to have a regional consultant, Sarah Steele, working in our classrooms with students and staff and providing enriching demonstration numeracy lessons. We really appreciate this training opportunity and feel privileged to have been the only local Public School in this area to be selected to undertake the training for this highly successful program this year. The Southern Highland News visited our school yesterday to take photographs of some of our students participating in these K-2 lessons.

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

## South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival

### at Dapto on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Congratulation

**Alex Martin** who achieved personal best's. He came 22<sup>nd</sup> in the 11 year old boys 50m Backstroke and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 11 year old boys 50m Butterfly

**Abbie Zwickl** who came 10<sup>th</sup> in the Open 100m girls Freestyle, 8<sup>th</sup> in the 11 year old girls 50m Breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 11 year old girls 50m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 11 year old girls 50m Freestyle and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 11 year old girls 50m Butterfly.

Abbie is now off to State on the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> April for the 11 year old 50m Freestyle and Backstroke and is also included in the Relay team.

Well done to both of you.

## Head Lice

We currently have an outbreak of head lice at our school at the moment which is affecting both students and staff. We **ALL** need to follow simple procedures to eradicate this problem from our school. This involves every parent checking their child/children's heads and treating if necessary. I have sent home a detailed information note to all parents to help provide more information.

### SILVER AWARD WINNERS

#### TERM 1 WEEK 6

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

Tristen Egner  
Kiara Berriman  
Rebecca Risteska  
Finn Campion  
Chris Waddell  
Jenny Kearnes  
Maggie Scott  
Brooke Maddock  
Lachlan Davis  
Noah Clark x 2  
Heath Jackson  
Aaron Winnel

### GOLD AWARD WINNERS

#### TERM 1 WEEK 6

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

Brooke McKeown  
Jeremy Davis  
David Napper

### BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

#### TERM 1 WEEK 6

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

Chloe Berriman  
Kiara Berriman  
Chris Waddell  
Jenny Kearnes  
Jasmine Schoonenberg  
Damon Borg  
Thye Hamilton  
Connor Davis  
Danielle Alcorn  
David Napper



## District Swimming Carnival

### Reflection/Recount of Wombaroo Leadership Day

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February the four SRC representatives (Rebecca Risteska, Dylan Errington, Lachlan McKenzie and Zoe Cole-Gee) went to Camp Wombaroo for a leadership day.

Firstly we all had to meet at Colo Vale P.S. to get on a bus to Camp Wombaroo.

It took around 40mins to get there.

Finally we arrived and were greeted by all the instructors. We played a game called Heads and Tails, while we waited for the other schools to arrive. We then were split up into a group with Mittagong P.S. and Bowral H.S. We had one instructor each. Our instructor was called Rob.

Rob had many different games lined up to test our ability of cooperation, focus, trust and communication.

At the end of the day it was very muddy and some people slipped over like Rebecca and Dylan.

It was a great opportunity to learn how to become a better leader.

Written by: Rebecca Risteska, Dylan Errington, Lachlan McKenzie and Zoe Cole-Gee.





## K Possums

This week K Possums listened to the Rainbow Fish story and then made their own Rainbow Fish which will be displayed in the classroom.

## K/1 Bilbies

We have been working in groups with Count Me In Too games to help our Mathematical skills. Miss Steele has also visited our classroom to show us some more Mathematic games that we can play. Year 1 are learning to count backwards from 20 and Kindergarten are learning to count backwards from 10. Some of us know how to do this already.

## Year 1 Penguins

Year 1 have been learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have discussed things that are important to our families. We have been very busy learning how to play percussion instruments to the correct beat.

## 2H

This week Year 2 continued their investigations into the world of water. You may see them snooping around the house to report on how water is used at home.

We have started to play games that are especially designed to improve every ones arithmetic strategies.

## 2/3D

This week Year 3 have been busy doing some art work for the Moss Vale Show. They are really looking forward to Friday. In Mathematics we have been learning our tables and looking at patterns in numbers. We are now in our reading groups and will be starting Study Ladder on the computers this week. In computers Mrs Gurner helped us make some great tote tray labels. In writing we are writing an exposition about new toys being better than older day toys.

## 3/4W

This week 3/4 is continuing to focus on exposition writing and are writing some wonderful expositions on toys. The highlight this week is our visit to the Moss Vale Show on Friday. We are so excited.

## 4/5G

In Mathematics 4/5G are focussing on addition strategies. In measurement we are working with angles. In literacy we are working on persuasive writing paying particular attention to editing and proofreading techniques.

## 5/6E & G

This week in English we are continuing to look at 'exposition' texts. We have written drafts on 'Why Hill Top should have a skate park' and are very excited about sending them to Wingecarribee Council. In Maths we are looking at division. This is a nice follow up to our week on multiplication last week. We have entered some fantastic art works in the Moss Vale Show. We are looking forward to our excursion to the show this Friday and hope that we win some prizes! Mrs Gee and Mr Egan

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### Community News

#### CLOSE THE GAP DAY 2013

Please join us for activities including smoking ceremony, health checks and vaccination catch-ups, information stall and a BBQ lunch.

**Bowral Hospital, Milton Park entrance  
10.00am, Tuesday 19 March 2013**

Aboriginal Health staff available.

**Bowral Hospital is committed to helping close the life expectancy gap between  
Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.**