



# Hill Top Public School

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all students in a caring environment

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Term 1 - Week 7

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## From the Principal's desk

### Merit Selection for Principal position

Last week we had some good news from the Department of Education and Communities staffing unit. The principal position at Hill Top P.S. will proceed to advertisement and through the merit selection process. We may have a new principal for Hill Top P.S. as early as the beginning of next term. This process involves our School Education Director, Cheryl O'Connor leading a panel team represented by a school community member (Therese Bird), a staff member (Mr Shannon Egan) and possibly a principal from another school. This panel will collaboratively write an advertisement based on our school needs. After a two week period of advertisement the panel will undertake a culling and interview process. We wish our panel all of the very best for this important and detailed process.

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

Our school photo day is 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 if 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.

### Year One Class Assembly

This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March our Year One class led by Mrs Kelly will be having their class assembly in our school hall at 12.30pm. I have heard a whisper that they may be performing an item involving percussion instruments. We would like to warmly welcome all parents and grandparents to attend this assembly.

### Cross Country

We have had to postpone our original Cross Country date for this term for one week due to a clash with a TENS (Targeting Early Numeracy) training date. Our Cross Country will now be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. This will involve Years 3 to 6 competing in their Cross Country down at Boronia Park. We will then hold a K-2 Cross Country on the same day in the afternoon here at school on our back oval. A more detailed information note will come home about this later this week.

### Chess

Chess Club has started for 2013. This week we are having tournaments to select our team players for our interschool competition which begins in Term 2. All players are welcome. We are meeting in the library at lunchtime.

## TERM1 CALENDAR

### WEEK 7

Friday, March 15th

Year 1 Assembly @ 12.30pm

### WEEK 8

Monday, March 18th All parents invited to Fundraising meeting 2pm

Thursday, March 21st

P & C Meeting 3:00 - 4:30

Friday, March 22nd

School Photos

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates our country's diversity and the message in 2013 is 'Many Stories, One Australia'. Harmony Day is on 21<sup>st</sup> March. It is a day of cultural respect of everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The students at Hill Top P.S. will be participating in Harmony Day activities in their classroom so that they can learn more about and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. For more information about Harmony Day please visit [hht://www.harmony.gov.au/](http://www.harmony.gov.au/)

## School A to Z - tools, tips and resources for Parents

We would like to remind all parents of a wonderful site which is full of tips for parents to help with your child's homework, understanding technology, their wellbeing and other needs. There is also a free app that can be downloaded. Simply visit [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/).

## Uniform Survey

As many of you will be aware we have several options for new girl's winter tunics displayed in our front foyer. We have designed an online survey for parents to fill in to provide us with your preferred options. This uniform survey can be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HTPSUniformSurvey>.

Alternatively you may obtain a paper copy at the front office.

## Scripture Easter Service

Our Easter Service is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Permission notes were handed out so please sign and return to the office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. Students will be walking to the Hill Top Church and celebrating Easter with their scripture teachers. They will be given a snack at the end of the service. All students can attend.

## 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.

A reminder that the closing date for the return of entry forms for the ICAS test is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please see your child/children's teacher straight away if you need a note regarding this.

## Community Survey

### After School Care and Vacation Care

We sent home an important survey last week 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 to complete this survey and return 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.

## 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.

## P & C

Next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March we will be having our second P & C meeting for 2013. We strongly encourage new membership and warmly welcome new parents or parents who haven't attended recently to come and join us for this important meeting.

Agenda items for the P&C meeting include:

- School events e.g. Easter Hat Parade, Cross Country, House Helper Days
- After School Care needs in Hill Top
- P&C Disco this term
- Mothers Day Stall
- Fundraising ideas

Kind regards

**Mrs S Leicester**

The Garden Club will be selling organic tomatoes on Thursday afternoon.

5 for \$1.00 - Great value!



## FUNDRAISING

We would like to invite **ALL** interested parents to a special meeting next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March to come along and discuss any fundraising ideas you may have for our school this year.

Please come along at 2.00pm to our cooking room (up near our computer room) for a friendly informal parent meeting. The more parents the 'merrier' as we are sure you all have some wonderful ideas and/or may simply find this to be a fun way to get involved in school community events.

### GOLD AWARD WINNERS

#### TERM 1 WEEK 7

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

Kady Curtain-Wray  
Christopher Waddell  
Jeremy Davis

### SILVER AWARD WINNERS

#### TERM 1 WEEK 7

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

Nicolas Waddell  
Aaron Winnell  
Maggie Scott

### BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

#### TERM 1 WEEK 7

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

Calum Fraser x 2  
Andrea Ayoub  
Kaylee McDonald  
Cassie Beasley  
Haylee-Jean McKenzie x 3  
Maggie Scott

### MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received Merit Awards

K	Delinda Gardner Zane Cassidy
K/1F	Jade Stewart Tristen Egner
1L	Georgia Simpson Hayley Wilson
2H	Kaylee McDonald Akaisha Zagoridis
2/3D	Katlyn Stevenson Celeste Moscrop
3/4W	Charli Meadows Hayden Willebrand
4/5G	Tanish Gounder Kiara Berriman
5/6E	Alicia Borg Bailey Varga
5/6G	Ashleigh Willebrand Lachlan Davis





## Fun at the Moss Vale Show

### P & C Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013 - 3:10pm

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## K Possums

This week in Science, Kindergarten will continue learning about the weather. We will be looking at different clouds and finding out what they do. In Maths we are ordering numbers and learning the days of the week.

## K/1 Bilbies

We have been discussing the roles and responsibilities members in our family have. We have also looked at the facilities our school provides and the people who work in the school and their roles and responsibilities, leading us to reflect on our own responsibilities as a student.

## Year 1 Penguins

We have been learning about the water cycle and looking at how water can change. We have been practicing our assembly item and are looking forward to assembly on Friday.

## 2H

This week we will be doing some water experiments with ice and salt. Lots of children have already bought in there 'Me' boxes. Children need to have a shoe size box with a family picture inside.

## Community News

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



## 2/3D

Year 3 had a great time at the Moss Vale Show on Friday. We had a few prize winners for their artworks. Tahlia Power-Williams received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Dylan Martin, Ashlee Stewart and Kady Curtain-Wray were 'highly commended'. At the Wood turning Stall Gracie-Lee Egner was lucky enough to be given a small wooden bowl. This week in Science we are investigating what gloves are made out of and why. In HSIE we are looking at artefacts and the history behind them. Our museum is set up and we have some great items. Come in and have a look.

## 3/4W

3/4W are still very excited about having seen their artwork on display at the Moss Vale Show. Congratulations to Breanna Martin, Nicholas Waddell and Calum Fraser on receiving 'highly commended' on their artwork. We are writing reviews of the Moss Vale Show as not to forget the fun we had.

## 4/5G

This week we are looking at the structure of our local government and the types of services offered to us. We have been writing persuasive texts. This week we are writing about whether or not hats should be compulsory at school.

## 5/6E & G

This week in Literacy we have been looking at the 'persuasive devices' used in advertising. We have analysed a variety of ads and later in the week will use this knowledge to design our own magazine advertisement. In maths we are looking at perimeter and area. We have had fun using trundle wheels to measure the perimeter of our school buildings. In PDH we have continued learning about 'perseverance'. We have been discussing the traits and qualities of people who have persevered through difficult experiences. We all enjoyed our excursion to the Moss Vale Show. Our artworks looked great on display and we received numerous ribbons and 'highly commended' certificates. Mrs Gee and Mr Egan

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