



Hill Top Public School

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Term 1 - Week 8

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From the Principal's desk

P & C Meeting This Week

Just a reminder that we will be having our second P & C meeting for 2013 this Thursday afternoon in our school library at 3.00pm. 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

Please return the childcare registration form in this newsletter immediately if you require free childcare for the duration of this meeting.

Hill Top P.S. School Photo Day

Our school photo day is on **this Friday 22nd 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 22nd March. Please also see the office if you need a family photo envelope.

Easter Hat Parade

We will be holding an Easter Hat Parade here at Hill Top P.S. in the morning at 9.10am our school hall on Thursday 28th 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.

Scripture Easter Service

Our Easter Service is on Tuesday 26th March 2013. Permission notes were handed out so please sign and return to the office by Friday 22nd 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.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

WEEK 8

Thursday, March 21st

P & C Meeting 3:00 - 4:30

Friday, March 22nd

School Photos

WEEK 9

Tuesday, March 26th

Scripture Service

Thursday, March 28th

Easter Hat Parade

Thursday, March 28th

Jellore House Helper Day

Friday, March 29th

GOOD FRIDAY

WEEK 10

Monday, April 1st

EASTER MONDAY

Staff Leave

Mrs Leishman remains on sick leave as she recovers from her back operation in late last year.

Ms Hofman will be taking Long Service Leave as of next Wednesday 27th March as she needs to travel to Ireland to visit her daughter. She will return at the commencement of next term. Mr Matthew Roberts will be taking 2H in her absence.

I will also commence my Long Service Leave late next week for the remainder of the term. Mrs Sue Matthews will be relieving as principal for the first six days of my leave after Easter and then Mr Egan will jump into the hot seat.

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.

Jellore House Helpers Day

Jellore will be holding their 'House Helper' day on Thursday 28th March at 10.00am after the Easter Hat Parade. This will be a fund raising event to raise money for our vegetable patch. They will be selling green jelly cups, lolly bags, cupcakes. They will also be having a guessing competition and a colouring in competition. We ask all students to bring along a small amount of money on this day to purchase items from the stalls. A green note went home to Jellore students this week. We will send a pricing sheet home early next week.

TENS Training

Our K-2 teachers will be having the second full day of training for the Targeted Early Numeracy program next Wednesday 27th March. We look forward to implementing strategies from this training into our classroom practice. There will be several casual teachers teaching the K-2 classes on this day.

Southern Highlands Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (SHAECG)

Last Tuesday 12th March, the South Highlands Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (SHAECG) held its first meeting for 2013 in which Mr Egan and myself attended. The SHAECG comprises of local Aboriginal community members, Aboriginal parents and educators from within the Southern Highlands. Through regular meetings, the SHAECG is able to collaborate with, consult and advise schools on issues relating to Aboriginal education. The next meeting will be held on April 2nd at 4.00pm at Bowral Public School. All welcome!

Tri Skills Athletics - Term 2

Athletics involves the skills that form the foundation of many sports. If children are good at athletics, it will set them up to be able to tackle many other sports. Often people do not realise that children need to be taught how to run safely, which develops an awareness of themselves in a space and interaction with others and their physical environment such as parks and playgrounds. This is also true of jumping, leaping and throwing.

This year we have decided to provide the students with expert athletics training lessons from the Tri-Skills group in Term 2. There will be 8 athletics lessons and the 9th and final session will be the athletics carnival. The lessons will be held each Friday for a half hour session for each class. Students will focus on how to participate in structured athletic events and associated sports rather than on whether they win or lose. This approach allows students to achieve success in their athletic endeavours, thus building confidence. Tri-Skills provide the skilled athletics staff and age appropriate equipment. A structured approach teaches students from the fundamentals during their kindergarten years through to skills used for athletics event participation in the upper primary school years. A permission note will be sent home soon outlining the program and cost for next term.

Community Survey

After School Care and Vacation Care

We sent home an important survey two weeks ago 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.

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

Cross Country

A detailed note went home last week about our Cross Country on Wednesday 3rd April for all of our students aged 8 years and up. We will also be holding our junior Cross Country from 2.00 – 3.00pm on our back oval on Wednesday 3rd April.

This event is for the students 8 years and younger to learn about participating in a Cross Country. Each of these younger students will receive a participation certificate for participating in this fun event. As emphasis is on participation Kindergarten students will run one lap of the back oval, Year One students will run two laps and Year Two will run three laps.

We would like to warmly welcome all parents and grandparents to come along to watch the K-2 students participate in this fun event at 2.00pm on the back oval.

CANTEEN NEWS

We are now selling

HOT Cross Buns

Large \$1.50

Mini \$1.00



Fruit and Choc Chip

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 1 WEEK 8

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

Kaylee McDonald
Andrea Ayoub
Haylee-Jean McKenzie

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

TERM 1 WEEK 8

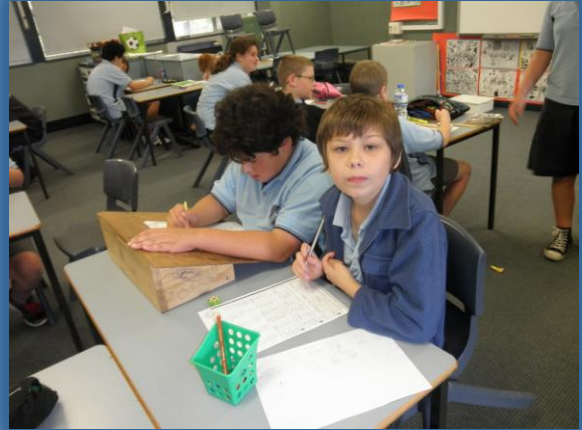
Congratulations and well done to the following students who received their Bronze Certificate recently.

Blake Parker
Jordan Parker
Hayden Willebrand x 2
Luca Squires x 2
David Napper
Riley McKeown
Brooke McKeown
Ashleigh Willebrand x 2

MERIT AWARDS

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

K	Thomas Starling Caitlyn Morris
K/1F	Zoe Shobrook Nicholas Treloar-McIntosh
1L	Finn Champion Cherise Harris
2H	Tyisha Arthur Serge Franklin
2/3D	Ashlee Stewart Bradley Malcolm
3/4W	Heath Jackson Emily Crawford
4/5G	Luca Squires Jayden Britten
5/6E	Dylan Errington Christopher Waddell
5/6G	Joshua King Mackinley Coffey



Around the school this week

P & C Meeting

Thursday 21st 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 K Possums have been learning about syllables and how to learn and how to hear them in words. In ICT we are learning to use the Bee Bot robot and how to give directions. We have been learning new maths games to help us 'count on'.

K/1 Bilbies

This week Year 1 are learning to count by 5's and recognise numbers on the 100's number chart. We all have been working on writing addition sentences using our tens frames as a model. Work in the 'engine room' has been rewarding as many children are achieving success in reading and writing and demonstrating progress in this area.

Year 1 Penguins

We have been learning about measuring. We can place objects end to end to compare and determine lengths. We have created beautiful Penguin artwork to display in our class windows.

2H

This week we are exploring the water cycle and looking at the properties of water in it's different forms. Using the number line for addition and subtraction is an important numbers strategy we are learning this week.

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

This week 2/3 are looking at 2D shapes in mathematics. We are making our art work out of different shapes and angles. In writing we are writing an exposition on wearing helmets - 'No Helmet, No Ride'.

In HSIE we are discussing our childhood memories and interviewing our grandparents and parents about their childhood memories.

In Science we are looking at how to conduct a fair test when experimenting with materials.

3/4W

3/4W have been doing spelling and reading groups every morning. We have been writing reviews about 'Should children wear school uniforms?'. This is still a work in progress. In art we are working on portraits and silhouettes. Our afternoons are spent practising for the Cross Country.

4/5G

We are working on the 'jump', 'split' and 'compensation' strategy when adding and subtracting in Maths. We are finishing our work on angles and will be starting to measure distance and length.

This weeks topic for our persuasive text is 'Fairy tales are not suitable for young children'.

We have started drumming and will be composing our own class drumming piece.

5/6E & G

This week 5/6 have been looking at 24 hour time in Maths. In art we looked at the abstract work of Picasso and created our own Ball Players at Hill Top. We are developing excellent use of persuasive techniques in our writing.

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