



# Hill Top Public School

Achieving a quality education for  
all students in a caring environment

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Term 2 - Week 2

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## From the Principal's desk



We have already sent a detailed newsletter home earlier this week however, as it is the beginning of term and there is a lot of planning ahead for the term I thought it best to send home a mini newsletter.

### School Photographs

Yesterday we sent home all student photographs that were taken last term by Pixi Photographers. Please see your class teacher if your child/children were absent from school yesterday afternoon. Please also let our friendly office staff know if there are any errors or concerns you have with your child/children school photographs. A large framed whole school photo was also taken on this day and will be on display soon.

### Tri-Skills

Our weekly Tri-Skills program for each class has commenced last Friday. You have a choice of either paying \$4 per student per week or in bulk for this successful program that explicitly teaches athletic skills by a trained consultant. Please ensure that all payments are paid on the Thursday before each week to ensure your child/children do not miss out on their Tri-Skills lessons.

### Fitness and Sport

Hill Top Public School students also attend weekly fitness and sport lessons with their class teachers.

This term these lesson times are as follows:

Sport: Early Stage 1: Tuesday 2 – 3pm  
Stage 1: Thursday 2–3pm–Dance in Hall  
Stage 2 & 3: Thursday 2–3pm – Outside

Fitness: Early Stage 1: Monday 1pm  
Stage 1: Tuesday and Wednesday  
11.35am  
Stage 2 & 3: Tuesday 1pm in hall

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

### WEEK 2

Thursday, May 9 District Cross Country @ Robertson  
Friday, May 10 TENS Parent Meeting 2.00pm  
Tri-Skills \$4.00

### WEEK 3

Monday, May 13 Pyjama and Soft Toy Day  
Tuesday May 14 NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing  
Wednesday May 15 NAPLAN - Reading  
Thursday May 16 NAPLAN - Numeracy  
Friday May 17 Tri-Skills \$4.00  
Hindmarsh Cup & Noble Challenge  
Loopline Masterminds at Mittagong PS

### Parent Information Session on TENS

Sarah Steele will be running a parent information session on 'Targeting Early Numeracy Strategies' for all interested K-2 parents this Friday 10 May at 2pm in our cooking room. Notes went home to all K – 2 parents about this last week. An RSVP to the front office is essential **before** Friday so Sarah Steele can provide afternoon tea and for parent handouts.

### District Cross Country

We wish all of the students representing Hill Top Public School at the District Cross Country this Thursday all the very best. Key components of representing our school are to try your best, enjoy the day out and to remember to display your very best manners and behaviour at all times.

### Executive Leadership Conference

Mrs Gee, Mr Egan and myself will be attending a leadership conference at Goulburn this Thursday 9 May.

### Year 5 & 6 Camp

A reminder to all students in Years 5 & 6 that another payment of \$50 towards the total payment of your school camp to **Sydney Academy, Narrabeen** is now due to the front office.

## K – 2 TENS Training

Mrs Sarah Steele will be visiting our K – 2 classrooms today to provide these classes with some more demonstration lessons on targeting early numeracy. She will return on Friday for the parent information session at 2pm. She will then be providing all K – 2 teachers with their final day of training on Monday 13 May. There will be casual teachers on all of the K – 2 classes on Monday.

## Peer Support Leaders

We would like to congratulate and warmly welcome all of our new Peer Support Leaders for 2013. All Year 6 Peer Support leaders were presented with their peer support leader badges last week at an assembly. This program will involve our Peer Support leaders in pairs being assigned to a K – 5 student group and providing half hour weekly lessons for them focussing on building resilience anti bullying and developing a stronger understanding of values and beliefs. These lessons will usually be held each Wednesday from 12.30pm to 1pm.

## Musica Viva

We are fortunate enough to be having another visit from the Musica Viva visiting artists this term. An information note will be going home about this today. This term's Musica Viva performance is called 'Celtic Connections' and is a journey through the diverse styles and melodies of Celtic and Anglo folk traditions.

## Congratulations to Dylan Errington and Lachlan McKenzie

Two of our senior students, Dylan Errington and Lachlan McKenzie have been chosen as representatives in Uechi Ryu karate in **Japan** later this year. We are so proud of them and want to support them in any way we can. It will obviously be an expensive adventure for their respective parents to finance. If any parents or community members know of any local businesses who might be able to provide support or sponsorship can you please let me know as we would like to provide support for these students if we can. Our P&C will also be discussing the possibility of holding a school raffle later this term to provide support.

## Wear Your Pyjamas to School Next Monday

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) had a student meeting last week to make student based decisions regarding our school. One decision they made last week was to try and raise funds for more exciting books in their classrooms eg. Paul Jennings and other popular authors.

The SRC would like to invite all students, staff and even parents to wear their pyjamas to school **next Monday 13 May** in exchange for a gold coin donation to raise money for these books. An alternative to wearing pyjamas is also to bring a soft toy for the day for a gold coin donation. (Students may do both at no extra charge!) Please ensure that all pyjamas worn are appropriate and warm enough and

accompanied by appropriate shoes. A dressing gown is always a good idea in this colder weather.

School uniforms may also be packed to be changed into later in the day if students or parents wish. **See you all in your pyjamas on Monday 13 May. Don't forget to bring your gold coin donation.**

## 5/6 Class Assembly

Our next assembly will be a combined 5/6 class assembly. This assembly will be held on **Thursday 23 May in week 4 at 12.30pm.**

**N.B.** Our assemblies this term have been changed from a Friday to a Thursday due to our Tri Skills program and many other events scheduled for Fridays this term.

## Keeping Our Community Safe

It has been reported to me this morning by concerned parents that community members are speeding well above the designated '40' speed zone when driving along Rosina Street, particularly in the mornings when children are walking or riding their bikes to school. I

ensure the safety of all community members and especially our children travelling to and from school.

Kind Regards

Mrs S Leicester

### MERIT AWARDS

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

K	Alexander Savin Bridget Cleary
K/1F	Phoenix Campbell Zali De Plater
1L	Travis Fenn Skyla Ryan
2H	Caleb Campbell Toby Meadows
2/3D	Rachel Blums Jayden Sherman
3/4W	Thye Hamilton Cameron Piccles
4/5G	Correy McKell Rhys Gilkes
5/6E 5/6G	Liam Thompson Bailey Varga Travis Perrett Rebecca Risteska