



Hill Top Public School

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Term 2 – Week 3

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From the Principal's desk

Whole School Approach to Developing Positive School Culture

We would like to remind **all** parents, the importance of everyone attending a special meeting next **Wednesday 22nd May** in the Year 1 double classroom between 4pm and 6pm. Our wonderful P & C have kindly offered to pay for **free childcare** in the hall for all parents who return the attached slip before or on next Monday 20 May. It is essential to return this slip by Monday so as we can organise the correct ratio for this supervision in advance.

This important meeting is an opportunity as a whole school community to gain information and to collaboratively discuss our existing student welfare policy and plan for updating and improving it. Our dedicated teaching staff will also be attending and will be sharing information and details on Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) that we are currently implementing at Hill Top Public School. Mrs Dawn Schubert our regional Student Welfare Consultant has also accepted an invitation to attend this important meeting. We strongly recommend that at least one parent from each family attend this meeting.

Bowral High School Taster Day

Our Stage Three students (Years 5 & 6) will be attending a fun filled 'taster' day at Bowral High School on Tuesday 21st May. This day, organised by BHS is designed to give our senior students a snapshot of some of the excellent resources and programs that they will experience in years to come in High School.

Loopline Masterminds

We would like to wish some of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students all the very best this Friday when they represent our school at Loopline Masterminds at Mittagong Public School. This involves these students working co-operatively in teams of six to solve a team challenge task. Each team spends the day preparing their team response and then present it to the other students and principals from each school. The day will commence at 9.30 in the Mittagong Public School Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend the final presentation from students in the hall at 1.15pm. The day will conclude at 2.30pm

TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK 3

Wednesday, May 15

NAPLAN

Thursday, May 16

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Friday, May 17

Hindmarsh Cup & Noble Challenge

Tri-Skills

Loopline Masterminds

WEEK 4

Tuesday, May 21

Yr 5/6 Bowral High School Taster Day

Wednesday May 22

Soccer Gala Day

Friday, May 24

Tri-Skills

N.B. As Friday is our Tri Skills day, these students are invited to attend a special early morning Tri Skills session at Hill Top Public School at 8.30am with our students who are going to the Hindmarsh/Noble Cup Challenge before travelling by private transport to their respective destinations.

SRC Pyjama Day

Well done to our Student Representative Council (SRC) for organising a fun fundraiser on Monday. We have included some photos later in this newsletter. They raised \$155.00. They were originally going to use these funds for student books in the classroom but have since decided to use these fundraising efforts to support our World Vision sponsored child, Alpha as we have been told by World Vision that it is Alpha's 16th birthday. Parents may or not be aware that we have been sponsoring Alpha here at Hill Top Public School for many years.

Term Planner and Hill Top Public School Website

In last week's newsletter we provided to all parents a Term Planner for Term 2. An electronic copy of this term planner can also be downloaded on our school website. I have placed an electronic copy of this term planner on both the 'calendar' and the 'news' sections of our website. Please be aware that from time to time there may be amendments to these dates. Simply Google Hill Top Public School to access this website and also electronic copies of our school newsletter.

5/6 Assembly

Our scheduled 5/6 class assembly date has been changed due to a conflict with other events. This class assembly will now be held on Friday 31st May at 11.35 in our school hall. Parents are warmly welcomed to attend. Our Musica Viva performance will also be on this day at 1.45pm in our school hall. Tri Skills has been rescheduled this week to Thursday 30 May.

Musica Viva

We are fortunate enough to be having another visit from the Musica Viva visiting artists this term. An information note went home last week.

Harry Potter Enrichment Day at Bowral Public School

We would like to wish some of our students all the best when attending our up and coming Enrichment Days at Bowral.

Stage 1: Wednesday 5th June
Stage 2: Wednesday 12th June
Stage 3: Wednesday 19th June

Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earns & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to receive new educational resources for our school – and all we need to do is shop for our groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Points. You will be given one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every \$10.00 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sheet and when it is completed, the Point Sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at school or at Mittagong or Bowral Woolworths Stores. Point sheets can be collected from the Front Office or from any Woolworths Store. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to choose some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic supplies for Arts and Crafts, Sport and for our Library. If you would like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Parking and Drop Off and Pick Up Zone

Wingecarribee Council has recently put up a new sign in Linda Street, outside our school. The Drop Off and Pick Up Zone allows parents to drop off and pick up their children safely within a two minute timeframe. Cars are not to be parked and left unattended in this area.

Soccer Gala Day

Next Wednesday, 22nd May some of our students have been selected to attend a Soccer Gala Day involving other local schools at Moss Vale. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to display their soccer skills and to participate as a team to represent our school.

We would like to remind all students that appropriate behaviour at school before this day is a determining factor for them being allowed to represent our school on this day.

Staff Leave

Mrs Doust, our 2/3 class teacher will be taking long service leave for two weeks effective from this Friday due to a need to be with her family. Mrs Vanessa Vecki will be teaching 2/3D in her absence.

Kind regards

Mrs S Leicester

P & C Mother's Day Stall

We would like to say a huge thank you to the mums who volunteered their time for the Mother's Day Stall.

Nicki Cassidy	Skye Middleton
Kate Myers	Lyn Cleave
Pamela Davis	Mel Morris
Melanie Coffey	Louise Haskins
Renee Van Althius	Emma Egner
Katrina Patterson	Colleen McKeown

Thank you for your time, your efforts are greatly appreciated
Barbara Van Eck
P & C President

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

TERM 2 WEEK 2

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

Ryan Myers	Amelia Harris
Emma Sharpe	Danielle Alcorn
Riley McKenzie	Georgia Parker
Makenzie Bishop	Delinda Gardner
Makayla Lotze	Kaitlyn Morris
Aaron Winnel	Christian Winnel
Cherise Harris	Amelia Harris
Elle McDonald	Thomas Starling
Hayley Wilson	Bella VanEck
Makayla Davis	Travis Fenn
Archie Middleton	Zoe Cole-Gee
Nicolaas Van Althius	Jade Grose
Adrian Irwin-Purcell	Jessie Morris
Emily Van Althius	Zane Cassidy
Emily Cole-Gee	Ashlee Stewart
Joshua Van Eck	Adam Ward
Gracie-Lee Egner	Alexa Rochan
Jayden Sherman	

TERM 2 WEEK 3

Luke Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Celeste Moscrop
Deegan French
Campbell Pridgeon x 2
Zali De-Plater

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 2 WEEK 2

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

Tristen Egner
Riley McKeown
Jessica Howell

TERM 2 WEEK 3

Jayden Sherman
Jade Grose
Zole Col-Gee
Nicolaas Van Althius



SRC PYJAMA DAY

K Possums

This week in Maths, KP are learning domino games. Children will be practising their 1 to 1 counting and addition skills.

We are starting writing in the Engine Room, so keep practising your letter formation.

K/1 Bilbies

We had a visit from Miss Steele. She showed us some card games to play to help us with our Maths. Kindergarten have been focusing on sight words and have begun practising their sight and words taught in term one in a booklet with a test of weekly words on Fridays.

Year 1 have continued their spelling program but are working on two word families a week, this term.

Year 1 Penguins

We are learning about Transport. We have been looking at different types of water transport, such as ferries, cruise ships, sailing boats, speed boats, submarines and container ships. We have discussed and analysed the importance of these types of transport.

Year 1 have been enjoying using playing cards to help learn mathematical concepts such as 'friends of ten'.

Community News

Wingecarribee Blue Light

Venue: Mittagong RSL Club
Date: Saturday 25 May 2013
Time: 4.00pm – 6.30pm
for children between the ages of 4 and 14 year olds.

Cost: \$5.00
(parents and children under 4 are free)

2H

This week Year 2 are developing a variety of mental and written strategies in addition and subtraction.

In writing we have been finding words to describe sounds in the environment around them.

As a part of homework, students should be playing 'Friends of Tens' or 'Salute' with their family.

2/3D

This term we are talking about Transport in HSIE. We are making a power point on it, in computer time. We are investigating 'Sound' in science. In Mathematics we are learning about money and time. We have been enjoying Tri-Skills on Fridays. We have learnt to throw a shot put and the skills to be a good runner.

3/4W

This week Year 3 has participated in NAPLAN. Year 4 has completed additional practice for the athletics skills for Tri-Skills. We are completing our work on perimeter and area.

4/5G

This week we are giving our election speeches and holding our election. This will complete our unit on government.

We have started our unit on Bushrangers, looking at the artist Sydney Nolan and his series of paintings of Ned Kelly.

In Maths we have studied perimeter and area of different shapes using different units of measure.

The Hindmarsh Cup and Noble Challenge notes went home on Monday. They need to be returned by Thursday morning so that I can finalise transport. Students are to be at school by 8.30am. They will have their Tri-Skills lesson and then depart school to travel to Moss Vale at 9.00am. We wish our league players all the best in this competition.

5/6E & G

This week all our year 5 class members have been sitting their NAPLAN tests.

In HSIE we have commenced our unit on 'Gold'. We are looking forward to learning as much as we can for our 'Gold Rush' day next term. In Visual Arts we have been looking at the work of Sydney Nolan. Our 'Ned Kelly' inspired artworks look fantastic!

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