



Hill Top Public School

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From the Principal's desk

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the late delivery of the newsletter this week. It has indeed been a busy week! Our relieving SAM Bronwyn O'Brien has also commenced her long service leave earlier this week. We would like to wish her all the very best as she visits friends and relatives in Canada for the remainder of the term. Secondly, I would like to thank all of the parents and teaching staff who attended an important whole school community meeting on Wednesday afternoon. I hope I speak on behalf of everyone who attended, in saying that it was an extremely productive and rewarding meeting. Lindsey Grenet from the Peer Support Foundation presented an extremely informative session on anti-bullying. The opportunity for parents and staff to engage in productive discussion together to formulate our evolving student welfare policy was extremely rewarding. I know I speak on behalf of the teaching staff when I say that we really appreciated the opportunity to discuss and plan to move forward together with parents in the area of student welfare and discipline. The meeting was also a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about 'Positive Behaviour for Success' (PBS) which we have embarked on in our school this year. We would like to follow up on the progress we have made so far as a whole school community on formulating our student welfare policy at our next P & C meeting, next Thursday 30 May. We warmly welcome all parents to attend our P & C meeting in our school library next Thursday at 3pm. A P & C child care registration form will go home on Monday.

New Principal for Hill Top Public School

The merit selection process to gain a new principal for Hill Top Public School is nearly complete. An integral part of this process is a ten day appeal period after someone has been successfully nominated and offered the position. It has been requested that we (staff and panel representatives) do not disclose details or name the successful applicant until this 10 day period concludes. We ask you to respect us in fulfilling this requirement and responsibility, patiently. I believe this 10 day period concludes next Monday 27th May and so will respond immediately with a mini newsletter home on Monday with students to announce details of this wonderful news to all parents and students at the same time. Thank you for your patience, understanding and co-operation.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK 4

Friday, May 24

TriSkills

WEEK 5

Thursday May 30

TriSkills (variation)

P & C Meeting 3pm

Friday, May 31

Musica Viva 1.45pm

Celtic Connections

Loopline Masterminds

Last Friday afternoon I had the pleasure of 'escaping' the office for a while to attend and be a guest judge at this term's Loopline Mastermind Challenge at Mittagong Public School. Teams of six students from each of Stage 2 and Stage 3 from many of our local public schools had worked in school teams throughout the day on a creative challenge which they presented to the parents, staff and some kindergarten students from Mittagong Public School. Their challenge was to impress publishers and a kindergarten audience with a creative presentation of either a big book (Stage 2) or a stick puppet show (Stage 3). All of the presentations were outstanding. Mrs Amanda Buchanen from Mittagong Public School also highly commended all of our student representatives on their outstanding behaviour and team work on the day. Congratulations to Jessica Howell, Kiara Berriman, Luca Squires, Rebekah Bates, Eryn O'Connor and Lauri Carson from Stage 2 as well as Aleece Amsden, Ashleigh Willebrand, Mackinley Coffey, Rebecca Risteska, Joshua King and Jack Franklin from Stage 3. We have included some photos from the afternoon in this newsletter. Amanda Buchanen has also provided me with a CD-ROM of other photos from the day if parents would like some.

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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Don't forget to keep collecting your Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. Please drop these into our office or Woolworths at either Bowral or Mittagong.

Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday the 22 May Mr Egan and Mrs Wakeling accompanied 63 students from Hill Top Public School to the PSSA Soccer Gala Day at Moss Vale.

Hill Top entered 6 teams. We were lucky enough to have 6 great parents volunteering to be team managers.

The students played between 5 and 6 games and participated in skills sessions. The weather was a little cold, but all the running kept us warm.

The Hill Top Public School students played fairly and displayed great sportsmanship.

Thank you for all the team managers and parents who accompanied us on the day. A great day was had by all.

Chess

Next Wednesday, 29 May some Hill Top Public School students will represent our school in a chess competition at Moss Vale Public School at 11.00am. We wish them all the very best in this chess competition. A note was sent home to these competitors earlier this week.

Peer Support

This term we have begun our whole school Peer Support Program. We are focusing on the "Promoting Values" module which fits in nicely with our PBS values of **respect**, **responsibility** and **co-operation**. This module provides students with opportunities to explore values in the context of their individual school community. It also assists students in defining individual and community values, building relationships and improving decision making skills. Our Hill Top Public School Peer Support Leaders have demonstrated excellent organisational and leadership skills in leading the first two sessions with their K-4 peer support groups. This week they will focus on leading their group through how to be a caring person and what makes a good friend.

Tri Skills and Hill Top Public School Athletics Carnival

Our students are really enjoying their weekly Tri Skills program. This program will culminate this term in us holding our annual Hill Top Public School Athletics Carnival at Boronia Park. Our carnival is currently scheduled to be held on Friday 21 June. An information note regarding this will come home with all students soon.

Equestrian Success at Hill Top

Year 5 student Ashleigh Willebrand is our first equestrian competitor at an Inter-Schools Equestrian Competition. Inter-school competitions are usually conducted on weekends and competitors travel long distances to compete. Success and determination can give students the opportunity to compete at State and National levels. Ashleigh and Cuddles had a successful day competing at Oxley College Junior Equestrian Day in a variety of events from the serious disciplines of show jumping and dressage to the fun of the fancy dress event.

Results for Ashleigh and Cuddles were;
Blue Ribbon -Clear round in Showjumping
Green Ribbon – Participation for Dressage
White Ribbon- Outstanding Effort for Obstacle.

Well done Ashleigh!



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Next **Wednesday 29 May**, we will be fundraising for the Cancer Council. The staff will be having their 'Biggest Morning Tea' at recess.

This year, we have also decided to sell pink iced cupcakes to the students at recess for **50 cents each**, so that the school community is involved in the fundraising as well.

If you can make some cupcakes, please leave them at the canteen next Wednesday prior to recess. Thank you in anticipation of the cupcake donations.

A Big Thank You

A big thank you to Mrs Melanie Coffey, who has covered a mammoth number of new home readers. Hill Top School appreciates your huge effort.

Mrs Van der Meer

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

TERM 2 WEEK 4

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

Riley McKeown
Amy Winnel
Jordan Parker
Sebastian Guido
Dominic Guido
Abbie Zwickl
Lachlan Zwickl
Ashlee Stewart
Dusty Jenkins
Seamus Campion
Cassie Beasley
Rhys Gilkes
Brody Gilkes
Anna-Belle Lacey

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

TERM 2 WEEK 4

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

Emily Cole-Gee
Campbell Pridgeon
Hayley Wilson
Noah Clark



LOOPLINE MASTERMINDS

Veggie Garden – Expression of Interest

We are planning to make our veggie garden bigger and better. We are thinking of relocating the beds to the front of the school (near car park) and building a strong wire fence and cover for it. If anyone would be interested in assisting – maybe a 'Working Bee', could you put your name on the slip so that we have an idea of how many helpers we might have. There is no obligation and we are still in the planning stage. If anyone can assist by donating materials or knows someone with expertise, please let us know.

Thank you

VEGGIE GARDEN RELOCATION

Yes I will help with the relocation of the 'Veggie Garden'

Name: _____ Contact No. _____

My expertise are: _____

K Possums

This week Kindergarten have been learning how to check their writing make sense. We have been trying hard to learn our spelling words. Thank you to all the wonderful mums who have helped us in L3 this week.

K/1 Bilbies

We have been enjoying our dancing on Tuesday afternoons and are learning the Mexican Hat Dance, you may see us practicing this at home. In Computer Time we have been typing sentences and we have written about our

Year 1 Penguins

We have been learning to edit our writing and type our sentences into the computer. We have also been experimenting with colour and learning to use shading and toning to highlight our work.

4/5G

Our Year 5 students had a great day at the Bowral High School 'Taster Day'. Most of our class also attended the Soccer Gala day on Wednesday.

We have been learning how to estimate, measure, compare and record the perimeter and area of a variety of shapes.

We have been writing formal algorithms for addition and subtraction using trading.

2H

Year 2 are creating a Sand table in class. Students are invited to bring from home toys or items that make sound. As part of homework everyone should be playing the card games, Salute or Friends of Tens. Please remember to pack your child's homework on Thursday afternoon. Congratulations to Dominic Guido who has reached 75 nights of reading

2/3D

2/3D have been creating Power Point presentations on Transport. They have learnt how to change backgrounds, text and have inserted pictures with frames. Well done 2/3D.

3/4W

3/4W is happy to return to our class routines. We are excited about our new novels in Reading Groups, Gleitzman has just started Victor's Challenge and Rodda is reading Nim's Island. Klien and Fox are continuing to read the Fourth Grade Nothing and Fantastic Mr Fox. We are also working on fractions in Maths.

5/6E & G

5/6E & 5/6G had a fantastic time at the Bowral High School 'Taster Day' on Tuesday. In English we are looking at descriptive writing and will be creating a class real estate guide. In Maths we are looking at 'Volume' and will be doing lots of hands on activities. In HSIE we have commenced our unit on 'Gold' and are learning about significant events in Australia's Gold Rush History.

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Community News



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THERESE FROM THE HILL TOP SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Cake by Barb's Cakes and Treats.

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 under 4 free)