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From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents, carers and community members of Hill Top,

There has been a lot of positive talk in the past week about our athletics carnival and the efforts of all children on the day last week. Please take a moment when reading through this newsletter to check the names of the children who were selected following our carnival. On behalf of all staff I would like to wish them all the best as they compete later this week at the district PSSA carnival.

Another exciting event to look forward to is our school disco being run after school on Thursday afternoon. Many children have already pre purchased tickets and vouchers and for that I thank them, knowing that in doing so, they will be able to enjoy the afternoon and evening without the hassle of having to line up and purchase on the day. I expect that all children will be well behaved at the disco and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Please bear in mind that as this is an event being run in conjunction with the school and the P&C that we will have many parent volunteers on site helping out. I am hoping that all volunteers will be identifiable by the badges they wear on the day, to help make it easier for you as well. Can I please ask that any children of parents who may be on the school site are kept under supervision by their parents at all time during the disco so that each child's safety can be maintained.



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TERM 3 CALENDAR

WEEK 2

Thursday 25 July

School Disco \$3.00

K-2 5.00pm - 6.00pm

BBQ 6.00pm - 6.30pm

3-6 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 26 July

District Athletics Carnival
Camp payment now due.

WEEK 3

Monday 29 July

Chess - Tudor House

Thursday 1 August

Multicultural Food Fair

Friday 2 August

SRC Assembly 12.45pm

WEEK 4

Wednesday 7 August

ICAS English

Now, if you are interested in volunteering to help at the disco, I would like to encourage you to visit the office and add your name to our volunteer list as well. That way we can have as many supportive Hill Top residents help to make the evening the success for your children that it promises to be.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gardiner

Prohibited Employment Declarations

If you are working at the school or intend to work at our school as a volunteer or in a paid capacity, you will need to complete a prohibited employment declaration form at our front office. Guidelines for this changed in June this year and as such all volunteers are encouraged to visit the front office to complete an updated form as soon as possible.

Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the

Signing in and Visitor's Badges

For the safety of all children at our school, all visitors and parents coming on site after the morning assembly need to sign in at the front office. In the event of an emergency, our visitors log is the best way for the school to keep track of people on site who are not regular staff or students.

SRC Assembly

The first SRC assembly for the term is set for **12.45pm Friday the 2 August**. We look forward to seeing as many of you in attendance as possible.

Multicultural Food Festival

The multicultural food fair planned for Thursday 1 August is shaping up to be a great day during education week. In addition to the food fair, we will be combining Grandparents day activities in the session between recess and lunch as well.

Bronze Award Winners

Congratulations and well done to the following students who will be receiving Bronze Awards

Thye Hamilton
Brooke Maddock
Katie Maddock x 2
Nicholas Waddell
Tristen Egner
Blaise Morris x 2
Mackinley Coffey
Riley Coffey
Jasmine Schoonenberg
Amelia Harris
Ashleigh Willebrand x 2
Kasey Mount
Heath Jackson
Jeremy Davis
Makayla Davis
Luca Squires
Maddison Meadows x 2
Jordan Parker
Gracie-Lee Egner
Joshua Van Eck
Hayley Wilson

Silver Award Winners

Congratulations and well done to the following students who will be receiving Silver Awards

Riley Jackson

K Possums

Kindergarten have been very busy learning about hermit crabs. On Wednesday we made hermit crab art works. In Maths we are learning about 'taking away'

Please return your child's Multicultural Food Festival note. At this time, only seven children have returned.

K/1 Bilbies

In Mathematics we have been placing numbers on a number line and discussing numbers before and after. We have continued reading groups and some children have begun reading contracts.

Last week we looked at specific places in our school environment and then in pairs drew a map of the school. This week we looked at the school on Google maps and also located our houses in Hill Top.

Year 1 Penguins

The 1L Penguins and Mrs Leicester have been very busy in the last week, getting to know each other, rearranging our room and collaboratively participating in communicative activities in literacy and numeracy. We went on a You Tube trip to Italy to prepare ourselves for our up and coming Multicultural Food Festival. We hope many of our parents and grandparents can attend this special event next Thursday, 1 August.

We have also begun our learning unit on 'Minibeasts'.

2H

This term we are studying Shelter and Animals in our backyard. In week 6 we will be making shelters in our classroom. We are collecting small boxes to make these.

There will be a short meeting in the classroom tomorrow after school to discuss the Multicultural Food Festival.

This Week

2/3D

2/3D are discussing transport problems and solutions this week. We will be starting our new theme next week called "The Next for Shelter!" In writing we are learning how to write descriptions. We wrote a great description of the 'Big Bad Wolf'. In music, we have been playing percussion instruments to accompany a song we are learning for our assembly. In Maths, we are learning how to measure accurately using centimetres and metres.

3/4W

Mrs Vecki will be teaching 3/4W for the next two weeks in Mrs Wakeling's absence. During this time the class will be 'virtually' exploring State and National Parks and discover how precious they are!

Year 4/5G

We have learnt about personification this week. This is when a writer gives an object the qualities of a person.

In Maths we have been looking at the various ways to write division algorithms.

We are working with short division understanding that the zero does an important job of keeping numbers in their right place.

5/6E & G

In English we are continuing with 'descriptive' writing. We are having fun learning about figurative language. In Maths we are looking at decimals, volume and 2 dimensional shapes.

For the Multicultural Food Festival next week, we are selling food from the 'USA'. Please let Mr Egan and Mrs Gee know if you can help by preparing food to sell.

Our Stage 3 Camp is now only a little over 6 weeks away so please keep a look out for information coming home.



WANTED

Volunteers to cover our new guided reading books. Please see Mrs Van der Meer.

District PSSA Athletics Carnival Competitors

100m	8 Yrs	Girls	1 st Evangeline Theyers 2 nd Molly Brennan 3 rd Brooke Haskins	Boys	1 st Koda Finch 2 nd Riley Jackson 3 rd Serge Franklin
	9 Yrs	Girls	1 st Gracie-Lee Egner 2 nd Jade Grose 3 rd Rachel Moppett	Boys	1 st Thye Hamilton 2 nd Hayden Willebrand 3 rd John-Paul Franklin
	10 Yrs	Girls	1 st Jasmine Moscrop 2 nd Rebekah Bates 3 rd Jordan Parker	Boys	1 st Bodhie Neal 2 nd Beau Haskins 3 rd Brody Finch
	11 Yrs	Girls	1 st Paige Kurovsky 2 nd Maddison Meadows 3 rd Abbie Zwickl	Boys	1 st Dylan Harris 2 nd Hayden Frank 3 rd Bailey Varga
	12 Yrs	Girls	1 st Amy Winnel 2 nd Violet Jenkins 3 rd Samantha Ward	Boys	1 st Kaleb Bell 2 nd Zac Short 3 rd Dylan Errington
200m	Jun	Girls	1 st Gracie-Lee Egner 2 nd Jade Grose	Boys	1 st Bodhie Neal 2 nd Thye Hamilton 3 rd Hayden Willebrand
	11 Yrs	Girls	1 st Maddison Meadows 2 nd Paige Kurovsky 3 rd Ashleigh Willebrand	Boys	1 st Bailey Varga 2 nd Dylan Harris 3 rd Bradley Grose
	Sen	Girls	1 st Amy Winnel 2 nd Violet Jenkins 3 rd Samantha Ward	Boys	1 st Kaleb Bell 2 nd Dylan Errington 3 rd Zac Short
800m	Jun	Girls	1 st Gracie-Lee Egner 2 nd Jordan Parker	Boys	1 st Hayden Willebrand 2 nd Koda Finch
	11 Yrs	Girls	1 st Abbie Zwickl 2 nd Ashleigh Willebrand	Boys	1 st Alexander Martin 2 nd Bradley Grose
	Sen	Girls	1 st Amy Winnel	Boys	1 st Kaleb Bell 2 nd Zac Finch
HIGH JUMP	Jun	Girls	1 st Jasmine Moscrop 2 nd Aleece Amsden	Boys	1 st Jayden Winnel 2 nd Calum Fraser
	11 Yrs	Girls	1 st Maddison Meadows 2 nd Abbie Zwickl	Boys	1 st Bailey Varga 2 nd Bradley Grose
	Sen	Girls	1 st Violet Jenkins 2 nd Samantha Ward	Boys	1 st Kaleb Bell 2 nd Dylan Errington
LONG JUMP	Jun	Girls	1 st Gracie-Lee Egner 2 nd Jade Grose	Boys	1 st Hayden Willebrand 2 nd Thye Hamilton
	11 Yrs	Girls	1 st Abbie Zwickl 2 nd Maddison Meadows	Boys	1 st Bradley Grose 2 nd Bailey Varga
	Sen	Girls	1 st Violet Jenkins 2 nd Amy Winnel	Boys	1 st Liam Thompson 2 nd Dylan Errington
SHOT PUT	Jun	Girls	1 st Aleece Amsden 2 nd Brooke Maddock	Boys	1 st Justin Piccles 2 nd Kurt Franklin
	11 Yrs	Girls	1 st Katie Maddock 2 nd Maddison Meadows	Boys	1 st Alexander Martin 2 nd Chris Waddell
	Sen	Girls	1 st Amy Winnel 2 nd Samantha Ward	Boys	1 st Kaleb Bell 2 nd Liam Thompson