



# Hill Top Public School

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Term 3 – Week 5

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Wednesday 14 August 2013



## From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Hill Top Community members,

How do you think we measure up? Half way through the term and I can say that despite the distractions from the wind and cold all week, we have been working increasingly well together as a school community.

Many things have taken place since our last newsletter including; the stage 1 excursion to Sydney last week, our continued fun during break times in our new groups and clubs, preparation for our school's entry in this Thursday's Science Week exhibition at Bowral High School and the creation of our school app for android and iPhones.

Amongst all this, I have been putting together some information for our P&C meeting in the coming week and am looking forward to seeing as many community members in attendance as possible.

I want to take this opportunity as well to thank parents and staff for their patience in the past fortnight as well. It has been a busy time, with excursions, performances and staff, including myself attending training and conferences. I look forward in the second half of the term consolidating at school the good work done to date.

I spoke this morning to staff at this half way point in the term about the need for us to pause in class, reflect and enjoy as much as possible the work we do. When we have fun in our work, and our students have fun and enjoy themselves, learning takes place effortlessly. Good food for thought.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gardiner

**Respect**  
**Responsibility**  
**Cooperation**

## TERM 3 CALENDAR

### WEEK 5

Friday 16 August

3/4 Assembly 12.30pm  
Chess Tournament @ HTPS

### Week 6

Monday 19 August

Tuesday 20 August

Wednesday 21 August

Thursday 22 August

Friday 23 August

Book Fair

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Year 6 Cake Stall

P & C Meeting 3.15pm

Music Viva \$7.50

Final camp payment due \$25.00



Children and parents are encouraged this Thursday evening, 15 August to attend the National Science Week exhibition at Bowral H.S. from 4.30pm - 6.30pm. We hope you enjoy seeing all projects on display, especially those created by our scientists in training.

## Hill Top Public School app



Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name 'Hill Top Public School' in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. For more details, please check out the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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## Bronze Award Winners

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

**Rebekah Bates**  
**Tyson Power-Williams**  
**Georgia Parker**  
**Seamus Campion**  
**Olwyn Schluter**

**Rhys Gilkes**  
**Maggie Scott**  
**Erin O'Connor x 2**  
**Finn Campion**  
**Ashlee Stewart**

## Silver Award Winners

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

**Rebekah Bates**  
**Jasmine Schoonenberg**  
**Blaise Morris**



### Cake Stall

**Wednesday 21 August 2013**

Year 6 will be holding their first fundraiser next Wednesday. They will be selling cakes and goodies from 50c under the COLA at recess.

The canteen will be selling tea and coffee for parents and grandparents who are visiting the book fair.

## NAIDOC Celebration

Next Thursday on the 22 August the school will be hosting a NAIDOC Day for all students to celebrate Indigenous education in the Highlands. On the day, there will be visiting Aboriginal staff from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Children will be involved in rotational activities including bush tucker, totem art, women's and men's business, tools and weapons.

The day will culminate in a presentation of the 2013 NAIDOC Yirrkalá Bark Petition 1963 to school leaders and Principal.

Parents interested in participating in any aspect of the day are encouraged to contact the office.



7 - 14 July

**2013**

We value the vision:  
**YIRRKALA BARK**  
**PETITIONS 1963**



## Student Medical Form

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

All parent's received a copy of the new forms and you will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.



## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will not be opened on Wednesday 21 August. However orders can be filled and left in the front office as per usual.

## Musica Viva

Musica Viva's **Mara!** will be visiting our school on Friday 23 August 2013 to perform their 'Global Song and Dance' show.

The ARIA-award-winning quintet will provide students with an international experience featuring a unique fusion of world music and jazz. Students will see a range of woodwinds, bouzouki, baglama and double bass blend seamlessly with languages from around the world. The cost is \$7.50 per student.

Please send this money to the office before next Tuesday 20 August.



## K Possums

This week in Maths we are revising our understanding of patterns and grouping objects. In Science we are continuing our study of hermit crabs and preparing for our new visiting pets - mice!

We are also learning about 'the five senses', so please discuss this with your child!

## K/1 Bilbies

This week we have been working on the office display. We have been using warm or cool colours to create our work.

We have also been trying very hard in reading groups, with many of us moving up levels.

Remember to keep up with your child's home reading. The more they read the more opportunities they have to practice strategies taught in the classroom.

## Year 1 Penguins

1L have been busy learning about sharing objects into even groups in Mathematics. We read a big book called Pirates Gold. We had to share the gold coins among the pirates evenly.

We are looking forward to our field trip this Friday to Berrima P.S. to meet our buddy class, 1B from Bowral P.S. We will be visiting their vegetable garden to find minibeasts and will be making minibeast food in their Stephanie Alexander kitchen. It should be a fun day.

## 2H

Parents are invited to come and join us on Friday morning after morning assembly to make our shelters. Your child will already know of the items they require from home on the day. We are gathering a good supply of small boxes.

Please remember to include a piece of fruit in your child's lunch box for four morning fruit breaks.

## 2/3D

2/3D are looking at homes around the world and adaptations they use for all types of weather.

In Science, we are doing some hands-on activities to find different ways of grouping animals using observable features.

In Maths we are learning our multiplication tables and how knowing our tables can help us with division. We are building shelters out of recycled materials for our homework.

So far we have a house made from boxes, a birds nest and a motel.

## 3/4W

Our class has been working to complete the Mathematics units of probability and 3D shapes. We are also continuing our work on descriptive writing.

3/4W is very excited about their class assembly this Friday. We have been working hard to put the final touches on our class play. "The Punk Pigs". We look forward to seeing you there.

## 4/5G

We have been working very hard on our Science investigation projects for the Bowral High School Science Fair. Projects will be on display at the fair and back at school in the coming weeks.

We have written poems about our grandparents and have them on display in the front office.

## 5/6E & 5/6G

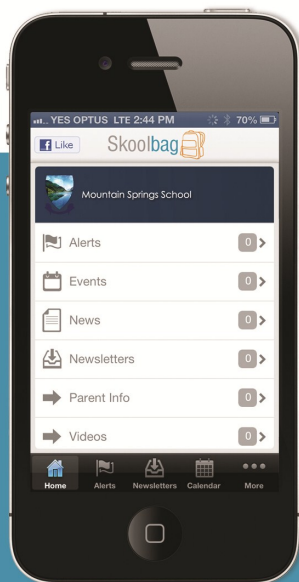
This week in English we are commencing work on Information Reports. We are looking forward to writing about a range of wonderful topics.

In Maths we are learning about angles and how to use a protractor to measure and draw different angles and triangles.

In HSIE we are Learning about rainforests. We are looking forward to transforming our classrooms into a forest.

# This Week





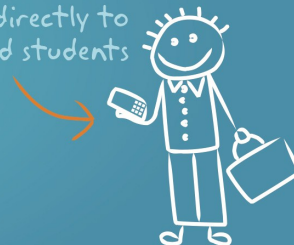
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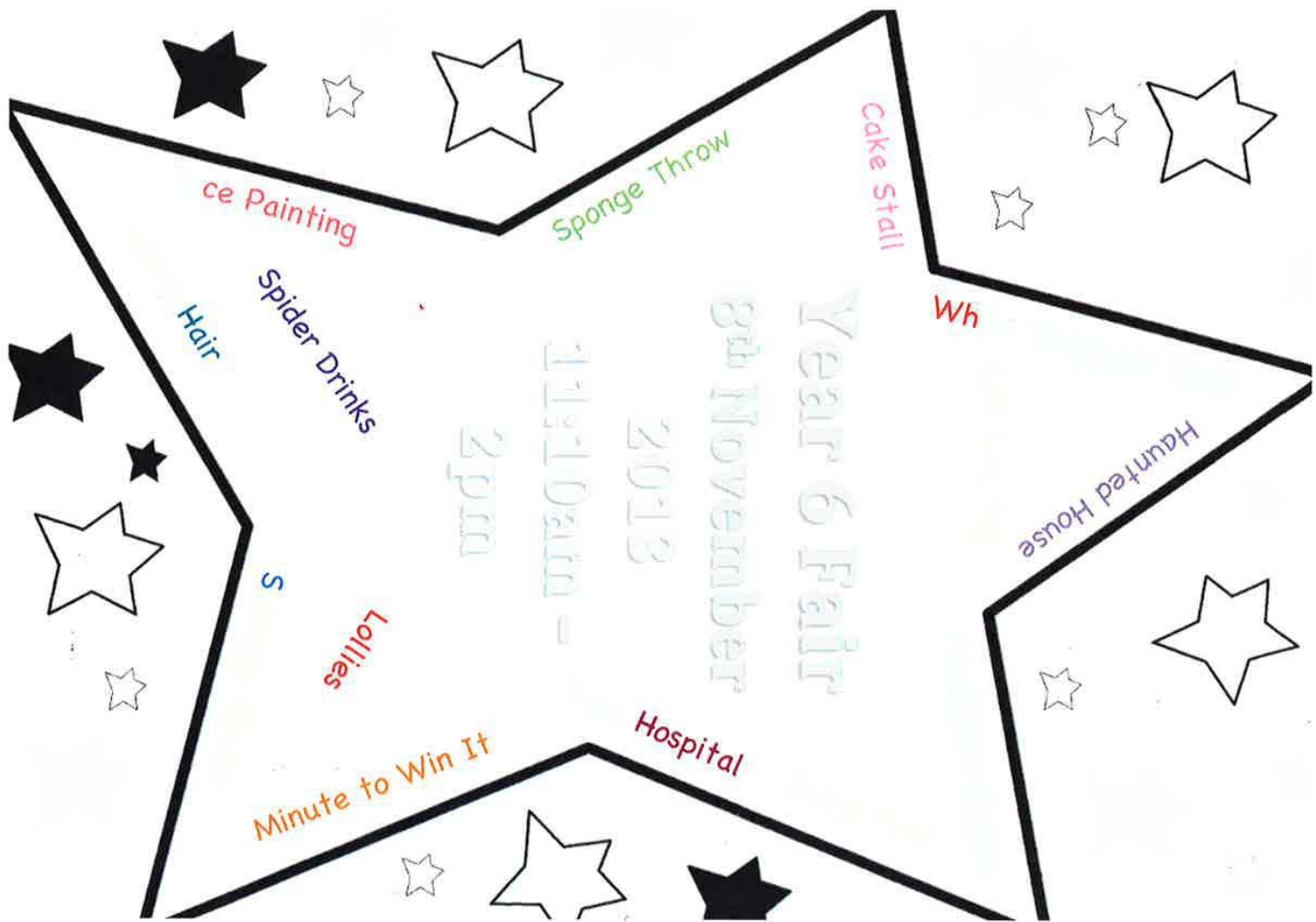
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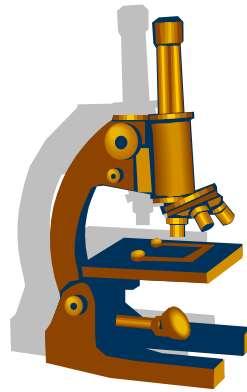
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# Science Spectacular 2013



15<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Bowral High School Hall

**4:30-6:30pm**