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Term 3 – Week 6

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Wednesday 21 August 2013



From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Hill Top Community members,

Some people have asked me in the past week; 'Where have you been Mr Gardiner?' I want you to know that I had a conference to attend earlier in the term and most recently I have had to take personal sick leave as well. Unfortunately I will need to take leave for some of this week too, but I am confident that after this week, starting Monday 26 August, I will be back at school as soon as possible.

While I am away, I want to also assure you that the executive team covering my absence is fully up to the task of managing the office and they have my full confidence.

Speaking of confidence; it was great to hear of our school's success at the Bowral H.S. National Science Week exhibition. I know that all children who submitted their projects were proud of their achievements and the results speak for themselves. Thanks to all staff for teaching such quality topics and assisting the children of Hill Top P.S. in this engaging key learning area.

Not to be out done, 3/4W preformed equally well at our assembly last Friday. Punk Rock Pigs never looked so good. And on the same day, our chess team rose to new heights with victories in all their games!

Before I sign off today, I want to thanks the 82 families that have already downloaded our school app. Please keep me posted with your thoughts about the app as I am happy to modify when possible and tweak our system as we become more accustomed to this new technology.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gardiner

School Meeting Room and After School Care

Our school would like to confirm that the use of the school meeting room for the purpose of after school care has been put into a temporary recess until the Department of Education and Communities have drafted a tender for the use of the premises. Hill Top Pre School's operations have been adjusted because of this action only.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week 6

Thursday 22 August

P & C Meeting 3.15pm

NAIDOC Celebration

Friday 23 August

Music Viva \$7.50

Final camp payment due \$25.00

Week 7

Wednesday 28 August

Wake up and Read \$4.40

Thursday 29 August

Father's Day Stall

Inclosed Lands Protection Act

Due to an unfortunate incident which occurred on Monday 19 August 2013, we wish to advise all Parents and Caregivers of the following:

In what circumstances can I use the powers available under the Act without prior warning?

Such circumstances include:

- *Actual physical assaults or threatened physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or institute or during the course of school or institute activities.*
- *Inappropriate behaviour in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors that is so serious that it warrants action being taken immediately.*

The department does not expect its staff, students or other visitors to departmental premises to accept such behaviour. Additionally the department has a legal obligation to ensure its premises are safe for staff, students and other visitors and the use of the powers under the Act is an important tool in fulfilling that obligation.

NSW Education & Communities Legal Issues Bulletin No. 31 reviewed July 2012.

Respect

Responsibility

Cooperation

Bronze Award Winners

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

Mia Kerr-Bell Lowe	Celeste Moscrop
Dominic Guido	Luke Johnson
Caitlyn Morris	Dusty Jenkins
Adrian Irwin-Purcell	Kayla Little
Jade Stewart	Nicholas Treloar-McIntosh
Bailey Robert	

Silver Award Winners

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

Jayden Winnel	Ashlee Stewart
Eryn O'Connor	Finn Campion
Maddison Meadows	Violet Jenkins

Merit Awards

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received their Merit Awards at the assembly held on the 16 August.

K	Blair Clifford	Jessie Morris
K/1	Lexton So	Erin Joseph
1L	Shaylee Martin	Bailey Robert
2H	Kyle Johnson	Jade Greenfield
2/3D	Adam Ward	Katlyn Stevenson
3/4W	Emily Cole-Gee	Rachel Moppett
4/5G	Aurey Neuman	Beau Haskins
5/6E	Dylan Harris	Bailey Varga
5/6G	Samantha Ward	Alexander Martin

Chess Success

Our school chess teams were successful in their round of competition last week.



Congratulations to all participants and good luck in the next round.

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.



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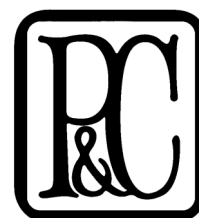
NAIDOC Celebration

Tomorrow, Thursday 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 Yirrkala Bark Petition 1963 to school leaders and Principal.

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



P & C Meeting

The P&C will be meeting tomorrow the 22 August at 3.15pm in the school library. All interested parents and community members are welcome to attend.

If you require supervision for your child while at the meeting, please fill in the registration form below and return to the office ASAP.

P & C MEETING

Childcare Registration Form

Thursday 22 August @ 3.15pm

Yes I will require child care to attend the P & C Meeting . I have _____ child/children.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Year 6 Fair

Our annual Year 6 Fair will be held on
Friday 8 November.

We are running a White Elephant Stall on the day and are asking for donations of second hand goods for the stall. We are looking for books, toys, games, DVDs, homeworks, puzzles etc.



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

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Safety on Bikes and Scooters

All children are actively discouraged from riding bikes and scooters in the school grounds at all times. This is for the safety of all children and community members on our school site. Please also remember that the staff car park is not a pedestrian access point to the school. Gaining access to and from the school site is best done through our school pedestrian gates.



P & C News

Parent Helpers/Volunteers

Tuesday 27 August - Wrapping Day for Father's Day Stall. Afternoon Tea provided 12.00pm in the Meeting Room.

Thursday 29 August - Father's Day Stall - \$1.00-\$5.00 items to be sold. 9.00am start.

Any parents able to assist on the day please fill in the slip below and return to the school office.

There will also be an Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall on Saturday 7 September. Funds raised will go towards our Smartboard for the school Library.

If there are any Master Chef's for the BBQ or volunteers for the Cake Stall, for an hour or two. Donations of cakes/cup cakes would be greatly appreciated on the day or on Friday.

Start time 7.00am. All welcome. Voting starts 8.00am - 6.00pm.

Please put your names and times available so we can get a roster organised.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Helpers/Volunteers

Wrapping Day - Tuesday 27 August 12.00pm

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Time: _____

Father's Day Stall - Thursday 29 August 9.15am

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Time: _____

Election Day BBQ and - Saturday 7 September 7.00am

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Time: _____

Election Day Cake Donations

Name: _____ Cakes: _____

K Possums

This week we welcomed four mice into our classroom, and have enjoyed watching them and giving them a pat.

In Science we are continuing to learn about the 'five senses'. Please help your child read their spelling words as well as write them.

We are looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC week on Thursday.

K/1 Bilbies

Bilbies are learning about how the vowels make the mouth open when we say and write words.

We are learning about recording information in writing and we enjoyed writing facts about kangaroos. As the students do consistent home reading and homework it is pleasing to see how the home-school partnership is producing results.

Keep it up!

Year 1 Penguins

Last Friday 16 August 1L had an extremely successful joint excursion to Berrima P.S. with 1B from Bowral P.S.

We worked in 'minibeast' groups of four across the two school groups. Firstly we came up with a name for our minibeast group and then we went into the beautiful kitchen at Berrima P.S. and made our group's chosen minibeast out of food items including fruit, vegetables and lollies. Please visit our school website photo gallery to see the photos from the day.

2H

Shelter building will take place this Friday 23 August straight after morning assembly.

We are starting our Science unit of 'Backyard Safari'.

Children will be encouraged to observe creatures in the environment however, the message is to look and not touch.

In Maths we are continuing our activities for multiplication.

In English we are concentrating on Information Reports for the rest of this term. Children will also be presenting a speech on an animal of choice in Weeks 8 & 9.

More information next week.

2/3D

2/3D are learning about weighing in kilograms and grams this week. We have been using an equal arm balance. In music we have been listening to the Musica Viva group Mara. We really like the song called 'Our Corrugated Iron Tank'. It is an Australian poem about a drought.

We are making a castle out of boxes this week and designing a pet shelter.

We are also learning a song about a car and a poem about houses for our assembly next week.

3/4W

3/4 would like to thank their parents and caregivers for their support last Friday at our assembly. We had a great time performing our play.

Our class has completed a descriptive writing task on 'The Thing' and we will now be focusing on text types which involve recording information.

In Mathematics we are starting our study of fractions and decimals.

4/5G

The students have really enjoyed working on their Science projects. We will have our own mini-science fair at school on the 12 September.

This will be an opportunity to see all of the Science projects displayed.

We are now starting a new unit of work on Rain Forests. This will culminate with an excursion on 22 November at Minnamurra Rainforest.

A note will be sent home next week with more information regarding this excursion.

5/6E & 5/6G

In English we are writing information reports on flora and fauna found in Australian rainforests. In Maths we are learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.

In HSIE we have commenced our unit on 'Rainforest'. We have completed 'Y' charts on the sounds, sights and feelings of the rainforest.

Community News

Hill Top Rural Fire Service

Garage Sale

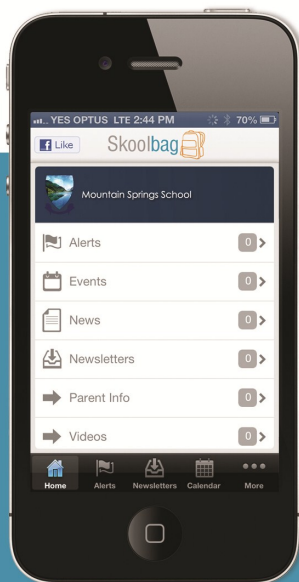
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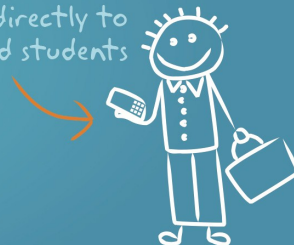


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After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.




Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

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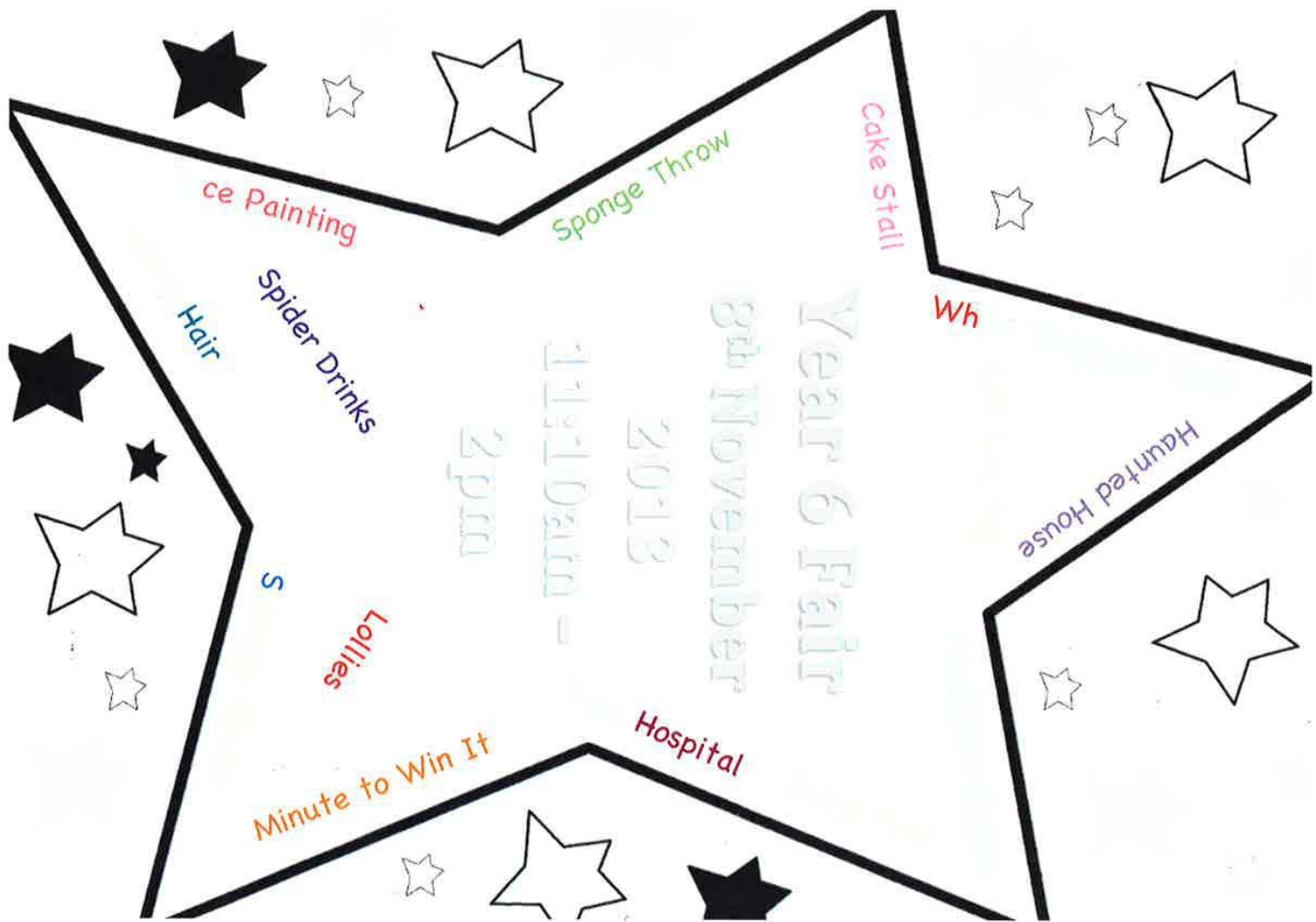
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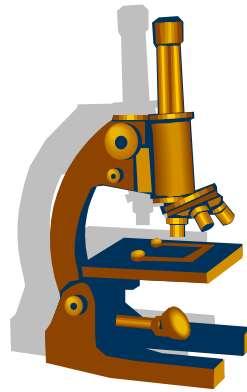
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15th August 2013

Bowral High School Hall

4:30-6:30pm