



# Hill Top Public School

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Term 3 – Week 3

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## From the Principal's desk

Dear parents carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best during education week 2013! This week we are celebrating the great job that public schools do in educating your children, helping to prepare them for success in life in our ever changing and diverse society.

The main activity our school is hosting this week is our multicultural food fair and grandparents day. Please make sure you check the detail about this event in the following pages. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event tomorrow. I have been told that this is a highlight on the school calendar.

As the term progresses, there are other happenings that I want the community to be involved in as well and in doing so, I trust they will also be a highlight. Among these is the next session planned at our upcoming P&C meeting where I will talk about positive behaviours, school expectations and values. This session builds on the input made by you at the parent workshop in term2.

Another positive this term is the upcoming launch of our school app, available on trial already on iPhone and soon to be available on android phones as well. Testing to date has been a success, with staff and parent feedback showing unanimous support for such technology in our school.

I am developing protocols for the use of this app in the office as we speak and as soon as I have secured the contract with 'SkoolBag' I will communicate to the wider school community how you can log on to you app store and download this free application to each of your phones.

Lastly, I want to thank the parents who have met me in the playground in the past few days to give me feedback on the disco and the way that our term has started. I agree with your sentiments that there is a positive feel at our school this term. It makes me happy to see children talking to their parents and careers about what is happening in class and I am equally impressed by the two communication between teachers and parents about the progress being made by your children already this term. Building on this partnership and openness is what I am in favour of and look forward to continuing this week and as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gardiner

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Responsibility  
Cooperation

## TERM 3 CALENDAR

### WEEK 3

Thursday 1 August      Multicultural Food Festival  
Friday 2 August      SRC Assembly 12.45pm

### WEEK 4

Wednesday 7 August      ICAS English  
Thursday 8 August      Stage 1 Excursion to Sydney

### WEEK 5

Tuesday 13 August      ICAS Maths  
Friday 16 August      3/4W Assembly 12.45pm

## Bomber Jackets

In the last week, a bomber jacket on display in the front office has gone missing. So that the uniform shop can keep these un-purchased items safe, they will be kept in storage until purchased. The uniform shop is in operation every Wednesday, from 8.45 until 9.30am.

## Re-heating Food in the Canteen from home

Food service guidelines under which our canteen operates do not allow for food stuffs not prepared by our canteen to be re-heated. In practice this means that any food brought to school by students needs to be consumed by them as it was when packed at home.

## Bronze Award Winners

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

Brooke McKeown  
Cassie Beasley  
David Napper  
Deegan French  
Anna-Belle Lacey

## Silver Award Winners

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

Mackinley Coffey  
Amelia Harris  
Hayden Willebrand  
Ashleigh Willebrand

## Gold Award Winners

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

Luca Squires

### **Premiers Reading Challenge**

We are entering the last few weeks of the challenge. Please return all reading records to the library before the end of Week 5 **16 August** so details can be entered online. You may enter your child's records on line if you wish on the Premiers Reading challenge site.

# **Book Week 2013**



## **Read Across the Universe**

Our Book Week theme this year is **Read Across the Universe** and we will begin our celebrations in Week 6. A **book fair** will be held during the week and buying day will be Wednesday 21 August. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend on this day with their child's class. Each class will have a time allotted during the morning to purchase books. The winners of the Childrens' Book Council Book Week awards will be announced on this day.

Continuing our celebrations the following week, a visiting performer will present a show called **Wake Up and Read** on Wednesday 28 August. The show uses a combination of drama, puppetry, music and mime to promote the magical world of books and the knowledge they contain. The cost of the performance is \$4.40 which can be paid using the Money Mouth at the office.

Also on that day students will be engaged in a **Read across the School** activity in their Peer Support groups.

Mrs Prattis

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### **Wake Up and Read – Hill Top Public School**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission for my child  
\_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Wake Up  
and Read performance on 28 August at school.

I understand that this school event has the approval of the principal.

I enclose the cost of \$4.40

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed Parent/Carer)



## K Possums

Kindergarten will be very busy this week, finishing our Hermit Crab art and preparing for the Multicultural Food Festival.

Thank you in advance to all parents who were kind enough to volunteer your time, helping run our stall on Thursday.

## K/1 Bilbies

This week we have been busy painting the flag of Thailand for our food stall. We have also learnt about an artist called Vincent Van Gogh and looked at his bedroom that he painted 150 years ago. We then drew our own bedrooms.

DANCE GROUP K-2 children have enjoyed learning to dance to a song during Tuesdays lunchtime. In the coming weeks we will be performing our dance. Please check the following newsletters for where and when.

## Year 1 Penguins

1L had a lot of fun last Friday afternoon making either a model aeroplane or a paper mache hot air balloon. Mrs Leicester has put up the photos of us making these in the gallery on the school website. We are looking forward to our grandparents visiting our classrooms on Thursday. Our class is doing Italian food for the Multicultural Food Festival so we will be making some Venetian type masks with our grandparents in the classroom.

## 2H

In Maths Year 2 have been concentrating on addition and subtraction strategies.

Mrs Gurner has started a unit of 3D and 2D shapes.

Could parents please ensure that your child has lead pencils, a rubber and glue stick for personal use.

Please remember to pack your child's reader daily for changing. Homework is due on Friday.

## GARDEN CLUB

On Thursdays at lunchtime a few interested students from a class are given the opportunity to participate in the Garden Club. Last week, six students from Kinder Possums planted a 'Grevillea-Robyn Gordon' and a 'Westringia' in the front garden.

### SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS

Last week we started Social Skills Groups at recess time. We have been taking a few children to the park each day. We are looking at the skills of "taking turns", making friends and cooperating.

Mrs Van der Meer and Mrs Lesslie

## 2/3D

Our class is learning about volume this week. We have been measuring things in litres and millilitres. In Science we are learning how to distinguish between living and non-living things with some hands-on activities. In HSIE we are looking at shelters all around the world. In Coober Pedy in south Australia they live under ground to shelter from the sun and dust. It can reach 55C. we have been making Mexican flags for the Multicultural food festival on Thursday.

## 3/4W

3/4W have been concentrating on using personification in their descriptive writing and will be looking at identifying Hyperboles and how they can be used effectively.

In Maths the students have been learning about three dimensional shapes and their properties.

We are continuing our work on National and State Parks and readying ourselves for the Multicultural food Festival and grandparents day on Thursday.

Please bring any French food to the hall at 9.00am on the morning. If you are able to assist it would be greatly appreciated.

## 4/5G

We are looking forward to the Multicultural Food Festival on Thursday. Please remember to bring all food to the hall Thursday morning. All helpers are most welcome as many hands make light work. Remember your money for the tokens.

Science project log books are due next Monday.

We are busy in class refining and publishing our projects. Projects will be on display at the Bowral High School Science Fair on Thursday 15 August 2013.

## 5/6E & G

In English we are writing Information Reports on towns of the Australian gold rush. We are really enjoying our reading group rotations and are having lots of fun with our spelling contracts.

In Maths we are learning about improper fractions, the area of triangles and measuring capacity.

In HSIE, we are continuing work on our group assignments. We have enjoyed using our new iPads to search the internet for information. We are all very excited about the Multicultural Food Festival tomorrow. We would love to see as many parents and grandparents as possible visit our school and share in this fun day.

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