



# Hill Top Public School

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Term 3 – Week 8

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### From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Hill Top Community members,

I trust those of you have sent your children away on camp today are enjoying a few quieter moments today and look forward to another settled day or two while our staff take care of your children at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp.

For many children, this is the first time that they are away from home and away from their families. I want to encourage you to make the time when your children get home to ask them about what they enjoyed most about camp. To get an idea about some of the activities, try logging onto: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sydneyacademy/>

As a Sea Eagles fan, (brave to admit I know) I was happy to be able to see my team in training the last time I was at Narrabeen. Rest assured though, the activities are so many and so much fun, that seeing football heroes is probably low on the list for our students this week.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff involved in the camp for their patience in organising the camp and in also giving up the time this week to be away from their own families so that they can provide this opportunity for your children. If you see these staff, feel free to thank them as well!

Also worth recognising is the large number of parent volunteers who went to camp today. Without their support, the excursion would not be possible. I would like to thank them for this sacrifice in time and energy. It shows me that our school in your community is valued.

Lastly, when you are voting this weekend, don't forget to buy a sausage sandwich or two at our P&C BBQ being run on the school site during the election. I hope to be around for some of the day and look forward to seeing some of you then.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gardiner

### TERM 3 CALENDAR

#### Week 8

Thursday 5 September

Friday 6 September

#### Week 9

Wednesday 11 September

Thursday 12 September

Friday 13 September

#### Week 10

Thursday 19 September

Friday 20 September

Stage 3 Camp

Stage 3 Camp

Flora House Helper 2.00 - 3.00pm

EXPO DAY 1.00pm

League Tag @ Moss Vale

P & C Meeting 3.15pm

Last day of term

### Positive Behaviours Forum app

Yesterday afternoon we were fortunate enough to meet 9 parents and interested community members while we hosted our Positive Behaviours feedback forum. I was happy with the effective communication between the parents and staff as we discussed what we saw as the issues and values most important in our school community. It is my intention to make the agreed changes to this document so that when it is tabled at our P&C meeting on Thursday September 19, we may have a chance to ratify it together as a whole school community.



### Keeping safe at school

In the past week, we have had more than 5 children sent home for accidental bumps to the head and body. With this spike in accidents, I would like to remind children of the importance of walking on hard surfaces. Further, it is important that entering and leaving the school that all people use pedestrian exits and entrances, in order to minimise the risk of accidents between people and vehicles.

### Picking up children after school

Please ensure that when waiting for your child after school that you consider the location for picking them up. Is it safe? Am I inadvertently encouraging my child to leave the school through an unsafe route (staff car park for example)? If so, I would like to encourage you to choose a safe location as close to pedestrian access gates as possible, as this will help ensure that we keep our school safe at all times.

Respect  
Responsibility  
Cooperation

# 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, homewares, puzzles etc.



## Security and Privacy

I would like to remind students and community members about the need to maintain the rights to privacy and security of all people at school. In particular, the school needs to ensure that only authorised people walk through the administration building. All visitors and students need to enter and leave the admin building through the front foyer so that you can be assisted and guided to the correct part of this building or the rest of the school.



## Merit Awards

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received their Merit Awards at the assembly held on the 30 August.

<b>K</b>	<b>Elle McDonald</b>	<b>Riley Coffey</b>
<b>K/1</b>	<b>Arwen Cleary</b>	<b>Jacinta McPake</b>
<b>1L</b>	<b>Georgia Parker</b>	<b>Finn Campion</b>
<b>2H</b>	<b>Emma Sharpe</b>	<b>Riley Jackson</b>
<b>2/3D</b>	<b>Dusty Jenkins</b>	<b>Dylan Martin</b>
<b>3/4W</b>	<b>Brooke McKeown</b>	<b>Nicholas Waddell</b>
	<b>David Napper</b>	
<b>4/5G</b>	<b>Jayden Winnel</b>	<b>Jeremy Davis</b>
<b>5/6E</b>	<b>Lachlan McKenzie</b>	<b>Violet Jenkins</b>
<b>5/6G</b>	<b>Andrea Ayoub</b>	<b>Blake Parker</b>



## P & C News Parent Helpers/Volunteers

There will 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

**Election Day BBQ and - Saturday 7 September 7.00am**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Election Day Cake Donations**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cakes: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Community News

### Breakfast with Santa

The 'Friends of Hill Top War Memorials' are planning on a 'Breakfast with Santa'. On Saturday 7 December, from 8.30am - 12.00 noon Breakfast, photo with Santa, a Christmas craft, clown and face painting etc. The cost, per child is \$10.00

Sausage sandwich (\$2.00) tea/coffee (\$1.00) available for adults. Contact Ian & Mary on 4889 8549 asap.

### Cricket Practise and Registration

#### Hill Top Northern Villages Cricket Club

Registration (Seniors and Juniors)

Saturday 7, 14, 21 September 2013

Sunday 8, 15, 22 September 2013

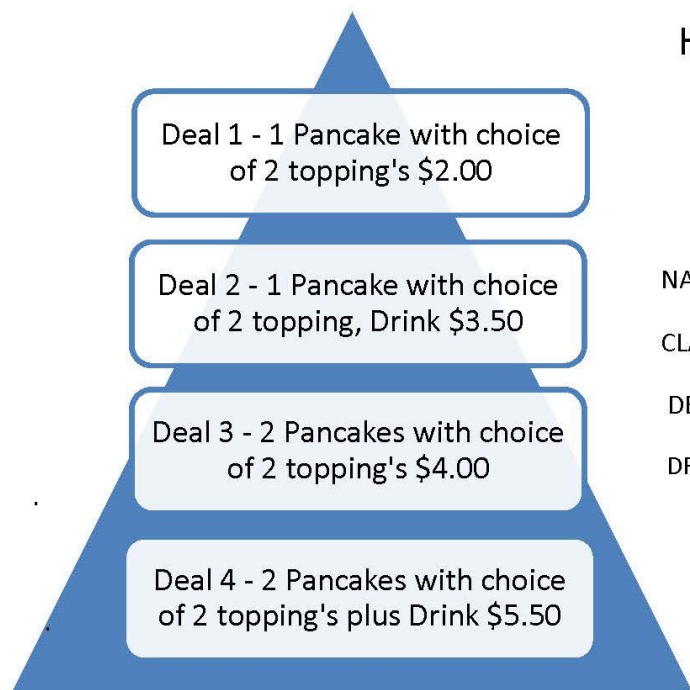
Practice on Sundays from 15 September 1.00pm Juniors 3.00pm Seniors

Phone Simon 0429 373 496 or Andy 0420 870 391

## PANCAKE DAY

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013

When ordering can you please place on your order form what toppings you would like. The topping's will include ice cream, maple syrup, lemon, sugar, icing sugar, jam, chocolate topping, strawberry topping, 100's and 1000's and butter. The drinks that will be available will be chocolate, strawberry and vanilla malt milk, apple and orange juice and water. So make sure you get your orders in by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September and join in on having yummy pancakes for lunch!! **Please note that I will not be excepting any orders after the 16<sup>th</sup> September..**



### HILL TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN

#### PANCAKE DAY ORDER FORM

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

DEAL : \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

DRINK: \_\_\_\_\_ TOPPING'S: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders need to be returned to Therese in the canteen by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Please note the pancakes must be ordered as there will be no extra pancakes on the day.

## K Possums

This week KP are practicing telling the time on the hour. We are getting very good at this, so please ask us at home.

In writing, KP are learning how to write an Information Report.

## K/1 Bilbies

We have been looking at Australian animals found in the Hill Top environment. We have painted pictures of them and brainstormed adjectives to describe their appearance.

We are also writing information reports about them focusing on their habitat, reproduction and diet.

## Year 1 Penguins

This week the 1L students have been asked to keep a food diary for the week to track what they eat as part of our "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" learning experiences. We have started learning new songs and dances from the Vocal Ease music program.

We are about to start on some minibeast science projects for the Science expo in our school hall next Thursday 12 September 2013.

## 2H

Class Dojo is our new class, behaviour monitoring program. It is internet based and parents are able to check their child's day when their child logs on.

Every child bought home a log in code.

The idea of the program is our class is to enable parents to have a conversation about their child's play. Please make sure you have the notes that have come home already.

Every child should be working on their speeches that are starting next week.

## 5/6E & 5/6G

We are away at camp Wednesday, Thursday and Friday having a great time. More news next week.

## 2/3D

This week we are classifying animals in Science. What are they? A mammal, a reptile or a marsupial. In writing we are learning how to write a report. We are going to present our reports to the class.

In Maths we are learning about fractions and Year 3 are doing decimals. In HSIE we are looking at National Parks in Australia. Year 3 are presenting a talk on a National Park in Week 10.

## 3/4W

Our class continues to work on information Reports. We are now studying 2 Dimensional shapes and their properties. See if you can trick them and ask them questions about 2D shapes.

3/4W is also looking forward to our Science Fair next Thursday.

## 4/5G

We continue to look at fractions. We are learning to recognise equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed fractions.

We are learning to show these numbers on a number line.

Year 5 are off on camp and we hope they have a great time.

## Garden Club News

Hill Top Public School applied for a grant through the Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants.

On Monday we learned that we were successful in obtaining \$797.50 towards a Bush Tucker Garden project.

The money will be used to purchase 20 'bush tucker' plants, mulch, a worm farm and more. The garden will be sited behind the Library - extending on an existing native garden. Exciting news!

Mrs Van der Meer

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