

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

30 October 2013

Principal's Report...

2014 Kindergarten Orientation

Last Thursday saw the first of our planned classroom visits for our 2014 Kindergartens. Despite a little trepidation all managed to have a very happy afternoon. The teachers advised me they are looking forward to yet another group of happy and well supported children.

2013 Annual School Report

As previously advised I will be seeking your views on our approach to Mathematics and our money collection procedures. I will also collect information that reflects the level of satisfaction the community has with our school. I find this a mystifying task as I would think astute parents such as I believe you all to be would not have their children attend a school they did not have full satisfaction with. All families will receive the survey type questions by mail, hopefully within the week. The results will be published early next year in the 2013 Annual School Report.

Rain Coats

The commonness of heavy rain falling at 3.00 is a bit eerie. Strange how it always seems to happen. Yesterday was quite extreme and as I stood at the gate yesterday cold and soaked myself I really felt for the children without a raincoat or umbrella. I would like to suggest that you all consider providing the children with a small roll up type raincoat that can live in the bottom of the school bag ready for emergencies like yesterday. I was very relieved to find all had managed to make it home safely albeit wet and cold.

ThinkUKnow

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom. Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **21st November from 6.30 pm** and all parents encouraged to attend. **I am happy for you to bring friends and relatives irrespective of what school their children attend.** This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people **have fun** online, how you can help them to **stay in control** on the net, and how to **report** a problem. For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at www.thinkuknow.org.au. I look forward to seeing you all at the presentation.

Please remember to regularly visit our website.

Have you downloaded our App ?

Steve Purdon

PRINCIPAL

Dates for the Diary

Every Thursday from 24th October to 21 November
Kinder 2014 Orientation
2:15pm - 3pm

Monday 11th November to Friday 22nd November
K-2 Learn to Swim

Thursday 21st November
Think You Know 6.30pm

Wednesday 4th December and Thursday 5th December
School Musical

Wednesday 11th December
Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 12th December
Presentation Day

Monday 16th December
Class Parties

Wednesday 18th December
Students Last Day of Term 4

Friday 20th December
Staff Last Day of Term 4

Tuesday 28th January
Staff First Day of Term 1

Wednesday 29th January
Kinder & Year 6
First Day of Term 1

Thursday 30th January
Years 1-5 First Day of Term 1

Wednesday 5th February
Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6

ASSEMBLY

Assemblies are on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The next assembly day will be **Tuesday 12th November**. The assembly items will be performed by the **Senior Dance Group**.

Office News...

HPS welcomes our newest student!

Our school has been accepted to be part of a program run by Taronga Zoo to raise awareness and support for endangered animals. This year it is the rhinoceros. Being part of this program entitles us to a life sized rhinoceros calf statue that arrived at HPS this week and was unveiled by our very enthusiastic and excited Rhino Creative Crew.



Our task is to paint our rhino calf with a conservation theme relevant to our school.

The calf will then be returned to Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney and early next year he/she will join many other adult and calf statues in an exhibition that will showcase all of the statues along the highway from Sydney to Dubbo. They will be displayed for most of the Term 1 2014, we will advise of the dates and location of our rhino when we are notified. Following the exhibition the rhino will be returned to our school to live in our school grounds. Our rhino calf is currently keeping Mrs Thorn and Mrs House company in the office if you would like to meet him/her!

Emma Stothard

Assistant Principal

P&C News...

Calendars & Cards for Christmas

Last term all students created amazing artworks with a "family" theme. These masterpieces can now be turned into personalized calendars, cards and diaries – the perfect gift for family and friends this Christmas. Further details and order forms have been sent home with the children today. If you wish to view your child's artwork before placing your order, please see the lovely ladies in the office. Orders and payment are due back to the office by **Thursday 31st October**. If you have any other questions please contact Julie Byrne on 0414 434 497.



P&C Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Hillsborough PS P&C will be held on **Monday 4th November 2013** commencing at 6.30pm in the staffroom. This will be followed by the usual P&C meeting at 7pm.

At the AGM, all positions on the P&C and sub-committees will be declared vacant and voting will take place for the 2014 school year. The P&C meet twice a term on a Monday night at 7pm. Membership is open to all parents, carers and community members for a fee of \$2.00 and membership forms are available from the office. Please note, you must be a member of the P&C to participate in any voting at the meetings. As a member of the P&C you will be making a valuable contribution to the school, share your knowledge and ideas, and most importantly help support your child throughout their education. Over the years the P&C has been responsible for various improvements such as air-conditioning, outdoor seating, and interactive whiteboards.

The P&C executive positions are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

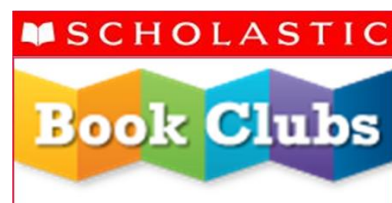
The P&C has three sub-committees:

Canteen
Uniform Shop
Fundraising

These committees cannot operate without volunteers, if you are able to help out, please leave your details at the office. It only requires some of your time and a commitment to a worthwhile cause.

Look forward to seeing you on MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2013.

**Book Club is due
Friday 25th October**



The next P&C meeting will be held 4th November
from 7pm
AGM from 6.30pm

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

**School Banking is on
MONDAY**



CommonwealthBank



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Great for Schools ... Even Better For Parents

**UNIFORM
SHOP
HOURS**

**Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am**

TERM 4 CANTEEN ROSTER

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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Email: hillsboro-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Lyn Frendo Ph: 0411 129 001

Email: g.frendo@bigpond.com

TERM 4	
<u>Thursday 31st October</u>	<u>Friday 1st November</u>
Heidi Garnett Michelle Reed Rebecca Pasovski	Melanie Arthur Melissa Ward Eleni Zissis Renee Bailey
<u>Thursday 7th November</u>	<u>Friday 8th November</u>
Tracy Wink Margaret Parkes Fiona Freeman	Lidija Pearson Tara Finn Leisa Anderson
<u>Thursday 14th November</u>	<u>Friday 15th November</u>
Melinda Smith Jan Newbold Fiona Freeman	Sally Hinds Lyn Frendo VOLUNTEER NEEDED
<u>Thursday 21st November</u>	<u>Friday 22nd November</u>
Melinda Smith Margaret Parkes Fiona Freeman	Michele Edson Amy Tanchevski VOLUNTEER NEEDED
<u>Thursday 28th November</u>	<u>Friday 29th November</u>
Heidi Garnett Michelle Reed Rebecca Pasovski	Melanie Arthur Melissa Ward Eleni Zissis Renee Bailey
<u>Thursday 5th December</u>	<u>Friday 6th December</u>
Tracy Wink Jan Newbold Fiona Freeman	Lidija Pearson Tara Finn Leisa Anderson
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SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also gets benefits for our school. Every new account opened earns the school \$5 and we also receive commission for every deposit made at school.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day!

School Banking day is Monday.



MERIT AWARDS

KD
Cooper S
Macey B
KH
Lachlan H
Neve K
KM
Flynn C
Trianna O
1A
Eden P
Brock M
1R
Max C
Bailey w
2B
Charlie C
Aleczander T
2P
Ty C
Mia B
3F
Taylah G
Braedon H
4/3A
Jonathan W
Arabella M
4M
Phoebe C
Tom P
6/5D
Abbie B
Sean P
6/5E
Josh C
Ben V

This Week's Featured App



Beat the computer Multiplication is one of many free Literacy and Mathematics apps that are available in iTunes from McGraw-Hill. This app requires students to beat the computer at randomly generated times tables questions. Students have 10 seconds to tap in the answer before the computer 'beats' them. This is a great app for students who are learning, developing as well as confident in their times tables.

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WARNERS BAY PHYSIE AND DANCE
 PHYSIE IS GREAT FUN - WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING NEW?
 'Physie' is a combination of ballet, aerobics, gymnastics and jazz dance all rolled into one!
 Classes range from 3-4 Years through to Ladies.
 Team and individual events available at a low cost.
 Enquiries are welcome to Mandy on [0408 206 349](tel:0408206349).

TENNIS COACHING
 Percy Street Hillsborough
VACANCIES
 Fri- 9am Ladies
 Tues/Thurs/Fri- 4pm Jnr
 Sat- 9am Juniors
 10am Intermediate (Jnr)
OR
 Form a group (Min 3) and arrange a time
 Motto: FUN - FITNESS - SKILLS
 George Williams 4942 1634 (24/7) TCA

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Intention to apply: Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 13 March 2014.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon.

Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit their application online. They will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 15 October 2013 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Online applications close on 18 November 2013.

If parents do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms become available from the school on 22 October 2013. They must be completed and returned to the school by 18 November 2013.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether parents apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

*Note: This is an intention to apply only, **NOT an application**. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.*

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2015: Yes ☐ No ☐

if Yes:

EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form ☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

*Note: This is an intention to apply only, **NOT an application**. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.*

TERM 4 FUNDRAISER: **Calendars/Cards/Diaries**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a scary thought but Christmas is just around the corner and the P&C Committee have a fantastic opportunity for you to purchase some unique gifts for your family and friends and get your Christmas shopping underway!

Last term all the children created amazing artworks with a "FAMILY" theme. These artworks will be turned into masterpieces for all to see in the form of **personalised cards, calendars, and diaries** – the perfect gift for friends, grandparents, aunts & uncles, or even for yourself!

An order form with further details is attached. Prices are as follows:

- **Cards (set of 8, incl. envelopes): \$12**
- **2014 Calendars: \$12 each**
- **2014 Diaries: \$16 each**

All profit from the sale of these items will go to the HPS P&C Committee to fund the purchase of educational resources for your children – a very worthy cause!

ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER (cash or cheque only – cheques to be made payable to HPS P&C Committee).

If you wish to view your child's artwork before you place your order please see the ladies in the office. Orders are expected to arrive back at school by the end of Week 7 – exact date to be advised closer to that time.

For any other enquiries contact Julie Byrne on 0414 434 497.



PARENT ORDER FORM

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING

CALENDARS, CARDS AND DIARIES



I WISH TO ORDER

Child's name: _____
 Parent's name: _____
 Parent's phone: _____
 Classroom name/number: _____
 Return to school with payment by: 31 / 10 / 13

Photo sent via www.submitphoto.com.au

All photos and artwork to be submitted by the due date stated above.
 Please make cheques payable to your school or kindergarten.

	Price per calendar	Quantity	Total Amount \$
Calendars	Art		
	Photo		
	Price per pack of 8 cards	Quantity	Total Amount \$
Cards	Art		
	Photo		
	Price per diary	Quantity	Total Amount \$
Diaries	Art		
	Photo		
			Total amount enclosed:

Please your school/centre if prices above are not stated

Hillsborough PS P&C Association

Nomination Form for 2014 Office-Bearers

I wish to nominate for the position of

.....

Nominated By:.....

Date:.....

I wish to accept / decline the nomination

Signed by:.....

Date:.....

Hillsborough PS P&C Association

2014 Financial Member Details:

Name:.....

.Address:.....

Phone:.....Mobile:.....

Email:.....

Date Paid:.....Amount Paid:.....\$2.00.....

Being For: Membership of Hillsborough Public School P & C Association.

For the period...2013/2014 Financial Year....to...AGM:Nov 2014

Received By:.....

Signature of Applicant:.....

Note: You are the only person eligible to vote – No proxy voting is permitted.