

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 11

20 December 2013

Principal's Report...

I wish all families a very happy and safe Christmas, New Year and holiday break.

I have decided that I will be taking leave from the commencement of next year, thus I won't be on deck for the start of the school year. My current plan is to continue my leave until my retirement at the end of 2014 thus it is probable my time at Hillsborough has come to an end. Having said that I may change my mind and turn up during 2014 but at the moment I sincerely doubt it.

I would like to say that I have been very privileged, honoured and fortunate to have been associated with your children and you, their families. I thank you all for the support, good humour, friendship and challenges that have come my way since 2003.

Mr Ben Thomas will lead the school next term in a relieving capacity and I feel sure the standards we uphold and value will continue and the school will remain a highly regarded and successful educational institution.

Sadly, at this stage, I do not have any ongoing work available for our long standing temporary teachers being Mrs Pike, Mr Burke and Mrs Dawes. I know you join me in thanking them for their contribution to our school and in wishing them well in their future careers. It is likely you will see them doing day to day fill in type work. The Department will appoint 2 new permanent staff members in early 2014. At this stage I don't know who they are.

We have quite a few families ending their time with us, most of these being those with children from Year 6 who are off to high school next year. I trust all our exiting families will remember Hillsborough Public School fondly. Our best wishes go with you.

Again I wish all well and trust you will enjoy the time with the children during the Christmas break.

Please stay safe.

Fondest regards

Steve Purdon
PRINCIPAL

Dates for the Diary

2013

Friday 20th December
Staff Last Day of Term 4

2014

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

Wednesday 19th March
Whole School Photos

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am

2014

Tues 28th Jan
9-10am

Wed 29th Jan
8.30-9.30am

Thu 30th Jan
8.30-9.30am

Uniform Shop News...

The uniform shop is now able to process EFTPOS transactions for uniform sales including Visa and MasterCard.

Opening hours for the first term first week are as follows:

Tues 28th Jan - 9-10am

Wed 29th Jan - 8.30-9.30am

Thu 30th Jan - 8.30-9.30am

P&C News...

Fundraising Committee

We are looking for some volunteers to form a fundraising committee for 2014. A quick meeting once a month is all it would be and some extra hands to help with our fundraising efforts. If you're interested in helping, or if you have any fundraising ideas or suggestions for next year, please contact Julie Byrne on julieandmick4@bigpond.com or 0414 434 497.

Thanks once again for all your support throughout the year. Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to another great year in 2014!



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E: touchwoodtrees@hotmail.com

Find us on Facebook

Book Club will be back in 2014!



The next P&C meeting will be held Monday 9th December 2013 at 9am

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

School Banking is on MONDAY



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 in 2014.

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.



This Week's Featured App



Quick Maths is a very popular app used on the HPS ipads. Purchased for \$1.99 the app provides students with a range of activities to develop their skills in number. Students use their fingers to write the answer onto the screen while they are timed. Students love to try and beat their personal best times in addition, subtraction, division and multiplication or can challenge themselves with a combination! This great app is a good one for revision over the holidays.



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).





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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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WIN A PROJECTOR FOR YOUR SCHOOL

The school with the most Ollie Kids' Club entries will win a **projector** for their school.

All entries will go into the draw to win an **iPod 16gb Touch**.

Competition 12/12/13-23/01/14

Entrants must be aged between 3-10yrs

Benefits of the Ollie Kids' Club

- It's FREE to join!
- Free Member Pack when joining
- Monthly competitions and prizes
- In-store activities
- Monthly newsletters
- Want to know more about Ollie Kids' Club?

Visit www.officeworks.com.au/olliekidsclub



WARNERS BAY
STORE ONLY



Complete the form below and place it into the drop box provided, or join online at officeworks.com.au/olliekidsclub
An exciting program for children aged between 3 and 10 years old!

Child's details (please print)

First name: * Surname: *

Date of birth: * DD / MM / YYYY Gender: * ☐ Boy ☐ Girl

Email address:

Address: *

Suburb: * State: * Postcode: *

Phone number:

Nearest Officeworks store:

How did you hear about Ollie Kids' Club: ☐ Catalogue ☐ In-store ☐ New Store Opening

☐ Friend ☐ Website ☐ Email

Parent/guardian's details (please print)

Title: * First name: * Surname: *

Email address:

In order to receive your free member pack, participate in the Birthday Club and receive ongoing

Ollie Kids' Club communications, please tick the following:

Opt in for emails: ☐ Opt in for direct mail: ☐

*Mandatory fields. Upon applying if your child is not yet 3 years old, Officeworks will retain your details and on your child's 3rd birthday, you will be invited (either by email or direct mail) to join the club. The Ollie Kids' Club is open to children aged 3-10 years old. Upon registering, the parent and child agree to abide by these, or any amended terms and conditions. Within 21 days of your registration to this program, a communication will be sent to members advising that their pack is ready for collection in-store. Membership and benefits are non-transferable. On a member's 11th birthday, membership will cease. Parents/Guardians must accompany and remain with their children, and are responsible for their supervision at Ollie Kids' Club events and activities. By submitting an application, you agree to all the personal information provided by you being stored and used by Officeworks from the date of the application until the applicant's 12th birthday. This club is managed by Officeworks Superstores Pty Ltd (ABN 36 904 763 526) last amended 29 November 2012. See www.officeworks.com.au/retail/landing/privacy to view our Privacy Policy.

SUMMER READING CLUB

library.lakemac.com.au

Be a Star reader these holidays. There are some great prizes up for grabs!
Join the Summer Reading Club today.

To register drop this form into any Lake Macquarie City Library branch from
Monday 2 December and collect your free Star Reader Starter pack.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name			
Age	Postcode		
Summer Reading Club Level	Preschool	Primary	Secondary
Library Membership Number			

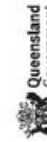
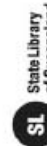
To go into the national SRC registration draw to win an iPod from *Encyclopaedia Britannica* please include:

Postal Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Thanks for registering! Don't forget to check out what's happening at
Lake Macquarie City Library these holidays!



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WARNERS BAY STORE ONLY

Officeworks

Explore the great outdoors

Stacks of activities to enjoy as you discover Lake Mac.
Bookings essential: 4921 0333

Coastal Photography Exhibition: 24 Dec - 16 Jan

All ages | Free | Swansea Library

Take a photographic tour through Lake Macquarie City's beautiful coastal environments.

Cycle Discovery Tour: 6 Jan | 9-10.30am

Ages 7+ | Free | Depart from Swansea

Join other cyclists to explore the unique natural environment of Lake Macquarie.

Rockpool Ramble: 8 Jan | 8-9.30am

All ages | Free | Caves Beach

Join us on an exciting adventure exploring the rich and fascinating world of rockpools.

Fossil Fossicking: 9 Jan | 9-10.30am

All ages | Free | Dudley Beach

Discover plants that grew on the coast 250 million years ago. Learn how to spot fossils.

Ecological Walk: 10 Jan | 5-7pm

All ages | Free | Wangi Wangi

Join lively commentator and expert ecologist John Simpson on a picturesque and educational nature walk.

Beginners Tai Chi: 11 Jan | 9-10am

All ages | Free | Caves Beach

Join us for a tranquil practice on the beachfront. No previous experience required.

Dolphin Solar Sailor Cruise: 11 Jan | 5-6.30pm

All ages | Free | Depart from Speers Point

Learn about the fascinating world of dolphins from the comfort of a solar-powered cruise on the Lake.

Junior Fishing Workshop: 14 Jan | 10am-2pm

Ages 8-14 | Cost: \$40 | Thomas Halton Park, Croudace Bay

Cost includes rod, reel, shirt, hat and tackle box. RSVP directly to jamie.burns@dpr.nsw.gov.au.

Inside Ancient Rivers: 16 Jan | 3.30-5pm

All ages | Free | Caves Beach

Explore sea caves carved into cliffs and learn to decipher the geological history of the area.

Rockpool Ramble: 17 Jan | 4-5.30pm

All ages | Free | Swansea Heads

Come on an exciting adventure into the rich and fascinating world of rockpools.

Beginners Tai Chi: 18 Jan | 9-10am

All ages | Free | Meet at Rotunda, Foreshore Reserve, Toronto

Join us for a tranquil practice on the lakefront. No previous experience required.

Cultural Solar Sailor Cruise: 18 Jan | 11.15am - 12.45pm

All ages | Free | Depart from Wharf at Toronto

Take a solar-powered cruise on the lake and learn about the local Aboriginal culture.

Dolphin Solar Sailor Cruise: 18 Jan | 9-10.30am

All ages | Free | Depart from Speers Point

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Dr Rip presents 'Science of Surf':

20 Jan | 11am-12.30pm

All ages | Free | Caves Beach Surf Lifesaving Club
Learn to read the beach and locate rips. See rips in action through dye released into the surf.

Kayak Discovery Tour: 21 Jan | 8.00-9.30am

or 10-10.30am

Age 8+ | Free | Depart from reserve at end of Ridley St, Edgeworth

Discover Cockle Creek on kayak. Children under 14 need to share a kayak with an adult.

Cycle Discovery Tour: 22 Jan | 9-10.30am

Ages 7+ | Free | Depart from Fassifern Railway Station

Enjoy a leisurely ride with eco-commentary in the beautiful natural environment.

Eco Angel Clean Up Event: 25 Jan | 8.30am-noon

All ages | Free | Caves Beach Surf Club

Be an eco-champion and join other volunteers to clean up our precious coast! Free barbeque after clean up.

Oodles of fun at your Library

Learn, play and have fun at Lake Mac Libraries.
Bookings essential: 4945 2452

Investigate Journalism: Ages 12-16 | \$20

Learn how to investigate and write news stories like a reporter.

7 Jan | 10am-noon | Cardiff Library

Puppet Show & Storytime: Ages 2-6 | Free

7 Jan | 10.30-11am | Speers Point Library

15 Jan | 10.30-11am | Swansea Library

20 Jan | 2.30-3pm | Wangi Wangi Library

Learn to Knit: Ages 10+ | \$5

Learn the basics with members of Wangi Library Knitting Club and take home a beginners knitting pack.

8 Jan | 11.30am-12.30pm | Wangi Wangi Library

Under the Sea Storytime: Ages 3-8 | Free

8 Jan | 10.30-11.15am | Swansea Library

22 Jan | 2.30-3.15pm | Mobile Library Stop, Cowlshaw St, Redhead (outside Bowling Club).

Pirate Storytime: Ages 3-8 | Free

9 Jan | 10.30-11.15am | Morisset Library

14 Jan | 11-11.45am | Edgeworth Library

Online Cartoons: Ages 7-12 | Free

Learn how to make animated movies using online computer programs.

9 Jan | 10-11.30am | Toronto Library

Design-a Shirt: Ages 6-10 | \$5

Design your own fashion t-shirt using simple techniques. Bring a plain white t-shirt.

10 Jan | 10.30-11.30am | Belmont Library

20 Jan | 10.30-11.30am | Charlestown Library

Wheeler Things Science Workshop: Ages 5-12 | \$8

Make a toy dragster to take home, race tornadoes in bottles and more. Presented by Scienza Viva.

13 Jan | 11am-noon | Charlestown Library

Forensic Investigation Science Workshop:

Ages 11-15 | \$12

Solve the murder of Professor Henry Slugg. Presented by Scienza Viva.

13 Jan | 1-2.30pm | Charlestown Library

It's Electric Science Workshop: Ages 11-15 | \$8

Examine solar panels and electronic circuits plus much more at our hands-on workshop. Presented by Scienza Viva.

14 Jan | 11am-noon | Belmont Library

Science Using Food Workshop: Ages 5-12 | \$8

Perform chemical experiments and "explode" mini volcanoes. Presented by Scienza Viva.

14 Jan | 1-2pm | Belmont Library

Creating Picture Books with Narelle Oliver:

Ages 15 to adult | \$10

Are you a budding author or wanting to get published? Narelle Oliver will discuss the process of creating a picture book, from idea to publication.

15 Jan | 5.30-6.30pm | Belmont Library

Creating Collages with Narelle Oliver: \$20

Enjoy a story, learn how to create illustrations from collage and make your own collage to take home.

16 Jan | 9.30-10.30am | Toronto Library | Ages 4-7

16 Jan | 11am-12.30pm | Toronto Library | Ages 8-12

16 Jan | 4.30-6pm | Charlestown Library | Ages 13+

Printmaking with Narelle Oliver: Ages 7-12 | \$25

Learn how to create illustrations using print. Everyone will make their own dense foam print to take home.

17 Jan | 11am-1pm | Charlestown Library

I Spy Storytime: Ages 3-8 | free

17 Jan | 11-11.45am | Cardiff Library

21 Jan | 2-2.45pm | Windale Library

Pirate Treasure Craft: Ages 4-8 | \$5

Decorate a treasure chest and make your own pirate accessories ready for your next pirate adventure.

21 Jan | 10.30-11.30am | Morisset Library

JD's World of Magic: All ages | \$8

Family Fun! Adult's at children's price.

22 Jan | 10.30-11.15am | Charlestown Library

Balloon Twisting Workshop: Ages 6+ | \$10

With Joel from JD's World of Magic

23 Jan | 2-3pm | Toronto Library

Dr Who Party: Ages 9-14 | \$5 |

Test your knowledge and meet other fans.

24 Jan | 10am-11am | Swansea Library



VACATION CARE 2013-2014



THURS 19TH DEC DJ DISCO 🎵🎵 DJ Chris will play the latest tunes and party games as we dance the day away! Hot lunch provided! Additional \$6.00		FRI 20TH DEC CHRISTMAS PARTY! 🎄 Christmas Cooking! Christmas Crafts! McDonalds Ice-cream Cone! And a visit from Santa!			<div>For Enquires Phone: 49478370 Or Email: info@hillsboroughoosh.com.au</div> <div>Depending on your child care percentage you could be paying as little as \$3.30 per day! Most working, studying or training families may be entitled up to 50% CCTR. This even includes your extra charges such as compulsory excursion fees! Visit australia.gov.au/mychild or call 132468 for more information</div>				
MON 6TH JAN MOVIES! 🎬 Let's go see new release movie FROZEN! Popcorn included! Additional \$10.00		TUES 7TH JAN YOGA! 🧘 Join Mel here at OOSH as she teaches us about yoga. Combine imagination, stretching, relaxation fun and fitness! Additional \$5.00		WED 8TH JAN SPORTS CENTRE DAY! ⚽ Let's head off to Gateshead Sports Centre for gymnastics, Soccer, Netball & the super slide! Additional \$12.00		THURS 9TH JAN ICE CREAM DAY! 🍦 Let's go shopping to buy our own ingredients to mix, smash and create our ice cream using cold rock! What mix ins will you choose? Additional \$5.00		FRI 10TH JAN CHARLESTOWN POOL! 🏊 Pack your Rash shirts and floaties ready for some pool fun! Hot chips for lunch included! Additional \$5.00	
MON 13TH JAN BLACKBUTT RESERVE Let's visit the birds, reptiles and Australian Animals! Then Let's have a BBQ lunch! 🍖 Additional \$2.00		TUES 14TH JAN BOWLING! 🎳 Let's head off to Super Strike for some bowling fun! Craft and group games to follow! Additional \$9.00		WED 15TH JAN SURVIVOR DAY! 🔥 Let's put our war paint on ready to verse each other in survivor challenges! What will you name your tribe!?		THURS 16TH JAN MOVIES! 🎬 Sit back and relax with your popcorn as we watch FREE BIRDS! Additional \$10.00		FRI 17TH JAN SURF N SLIDE! 🏄 Pack your swimmers, rash shirts and towels ready for the blow up Surf N Slide! Additional \$7.00	
MON 20TH JAN TAT ME UP! 🖌️💖 Choose an air brush tattoo, design your own tat comp, craft & cooking! Additional \$5.00		TUES 21ST JAN PUTT PUTT GOLF! ⛳️ Let's go to Newcastle Super Putt for a round of 18 holes! Additional \$8.00		WED 22ND JAN DEVIN ART! 🎨 Join Andy Devine as he teaches us sculpture, painting, drawing and more! Additional \$7.00		THURS 23RD JAN ZUMBA! 🕺 Join Aleisha for a Zumba dance fitness workout set to hip-hop, salsa, raggaeton and more! Additional \$5.00		FRI 24TH JAN ZONE EMPIRE 🏹 Back by popular demand! 2 hours worth of unlimited Laser Tag in the 3 level Arena! Additional \$13.00	
MONDAY 27TH JAN SORRY WE ARE CLOSED 🇦🇺 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		TUESDAY 28TH JAN JUMPING CASTLE! 🏰 Let's celebrate the last day of the holidays with a Jumping Castle & Australia Day crafts! Additional \$6.00		<div>Craft, Games and Sport are offered every day. (Note: toys and electronics are not permitted at OOSH except when programmed) Closed in shoes, covered shoulders and hats must be worn in according to our Sun Safety Policy. Drink bottles are strongly encouraged. Please pack fruit break, lunch and afternoon tea. Hot or reheatable food is <u>not</u> permitted. Drink bottles are a must for excursions.</div>					



SENIOR EXCURSIONS 10YRS AND UP



TUESDAY 7TH JAN YOGHURT LAND Let's head to Glendale for some frozen Yoghurt! Max \$10.00 spending money	WEDNESDAY 15TH JAN EASTERN TIGER BUFFET Let's go to Cardiff RSL for a yummy all you can eat buffet! Additional \$12.00	THURSDAY 23RD JAN NEWCASTLE CANOE POOL Pack your swimmers for a swim followed by ice-cream! Additional \$6.00
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SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

Helping everyone at school find their fit



\$5 from every pair of school shoes purchased at The Athlete's Foot Charlestown Square is **DONATED BACK TO** our local Schools!

Your child will be expertly fitted by our qualified Fit Technicians and \$5 from every shoe purchased at The Athlete's Foot Charlestown Square is donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family!

The Athlete's Foot Charlestown can help prevent problems caused by badly fitting or poor quality shoes. Using Fitzi, staff are trained to analyse your child's feet and recommend the best shoe to fit their individual needs.

Plus the 5 schools that purchase the most shoes and joggers at The Athlete's Foot Charlestown Square store in December and January will receive the following prizes for their schools:

- 1st = \$500 GPT/Charlestown Square Gift Card
- 2nd = \$300 GPT/Charlestown Square Gift Card
- 3rd = \$200 GPT/Charlestown Square Gift Card
- 4th = \$100 GPT/Charlestown Square Gift Card
- 5th = \$100 GPT/Charlestown Square Gift Card

For more information please call The Athlete's Foot on. Ph: 4942 1848

