

# Hillsborough Herald



Term 1 Week 5 2013

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## No Show Holiday

Please be aware that there is no show holiday this year. School as normal on Friday.

## New Shirts

I am very pleased to advise that the long awaited consignment of our new shirts has arrived. So all those who have been waiting can now make their way to the Uniform Shop. I take this opportunity to thank you all for the great support you have given our new uniform and for the high standard of uniform that your children present each day.

## Drop Off Zone

Please be reminded that the Drop Off Zone is just that and isn't for parking. I have been told that 2 parents received infringement notices in the mail for parking there. They were both unaware of a photograph being taken. Please consider other parents and your wallet before overstaying your time in the Drop Off Zone.

## High School

Families of Year 6 students will shortly receive information regarding the application process for high school enrolment for 2014. Further, Cardiff High School has sent our Year 6 parents an invitation to attend an information session on the evening of Wednesday 13th March commencing at 7.00pm. Parents of our current Year 5 students who are considering enrolling their children at Cardiff High School in 2015 are also invited and should consider attending. I know you would be most welcome.

## University Competitions

Many would know we have a strong tradition of success in the University of NSW Academic Competitions. I trust this will continue this year. Further in you will see the entry forms for these competitions. For the first time the university is holding competitions in English and Mathematics for Year 2 children. Please see this entry form also further in. I encourage all who believe their child has a talent in an academic area to encourage entry into the appropriate competitions.

## Woolworths

A great truck load of art, craft and sporting resources arrived late last week. My thanks to Woolworths and all those who collected shopping docketts for us last year. We now wait for the COLES shipment.

## Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is on this Friday 1st March. Children are asked to bring a pair of basic gloves.

## Hillsborough App

Our school now has a mobile phone app. Our App is a little application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7. The app gives parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in an absent note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note! We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for **Hillsborough Public School**. Once you have found it press install or download.

## What's Happening at HPS?

To answer this question I have gathered information that explains what is occurring this term at our school. You will see this further in. Please don't restrict your reading to just your child's group. Check out the whole school. It's a pretty busy place.

## School Fees

Correctly called Voluntary Contributions. We ask families for the following contributions. For 1 child \$50 and for a family we ask \$75. These funds are spent directly on the children and contribute to the purchase of the many consumables they use including pencils, books, paper, glitter and so on. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated. Letters were sent home via mail.

## Zone Swimming

On Monday and today our Zone Swimming squad competed at Swansea Pool. I thank all for support in this and I will advise of results next week.

## Please remember to regularly visit our website

## Just a thought

*"Look before you leap only if the fall is worse than being caught."*

*Steve Purdon*  
**Principal**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Thursday 14th March	Selective High Schools Test
Wednesday 20th March	School Photos
Thursday 28th March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29th March	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Friday 5th April	Grandparents Day
Monday 8th April	P&C Meeting 7pm
Friday 12th April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 29th April	School Development Day
Tuesday 30th April	School Development Day
Wednesday 1st May	First Day of Term 2

## ASSEMBLY

Assemblies are on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday at 2.15 in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The next assembly day will be **Tuesday 5th March**.

## LAST WEEK'S ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

KD		Imogen N
KH	Chelsea D	Lachlan H
KM	Abbie M	Samuel I
1A		
1R	Elijah S	Jorja M
2B	Moriah W	Tyler B
2P	Jed A	
3F	Amelia F	Acacia B
4/3A		Hayden B
4M	Ruby C	Samuel W
6/5D	Ben O	Isabella F
6/5E	Sienna S	Logan K

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know our mobile app will let you add Events instantly to your calendar? Just click on the event and look for the + sign in the top right hand corner. Press the + and the Event is automatically added to your phone's calendar. You can then set reminders for yourself. Some phone models may not allow this feature.

## HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – *have you?*

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.



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# Early Stage 1 & Stage 1

## **Early Stage 1 (kindergarten)**

Our three Kindergarten classes have settled well into our school and class routines and are proving to be happy and cooperative learners. We are well into our Jolly Phonics sounds program which all the children are enjoying immensely. You may hear them singing the little tunes along with their funny actions at home. Home readers and homework have been an instant hit. Keep up the enthusiasm and great work. Don't forget parents it is still important for you to be reading to your child each day. The unit we are studying this term is called 'All About Me' which involves looking at ourselves, our families and others. This unit incorporates a science focus learning about our senses. Kindergarten are enjoying our combined 'groovy' dance sessions and getting together for physical activities. The Best Start assessments have been completed and in the coming weeks parents of Kindergarten students should receive a simple report outlining ways to assist your child's progress at school. After such a positive start to the school year we are very much looking forward to a productive and fun term.

## **Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)**

Term one is shaping up to be an exciting term for the students in Stage 1.

Students are already hard at work in English and Mathematics. They have been busy taking part in weekly reading group activities, working hard at learning how to write and understand narratives and poetry and how to write an effective recount. In Mathematics the children busy focussing on learning about measurement, patterns and algebra, number and data.

In HSIE the children are studying the unit 'Identifying Us'. In PDHPE they will be discussing the unit 'There is Only One Me' and in Science and Technology they will be learning all about 'What's for Lunch'.

Year 2 are participating in a virtual excursion called 'Dinosaur Tales' which will run each Wednesday for three weeks. It is a workshop that is presented in our video conferencing room. The workshop has a dinosaur theme and will help children to understand and use effective strategies in their writing. 2P are also booked in for a visual literacy workshop that will teach the students about bringing meaning to story writing through visual elements. They are also busy updating and adding things to their stage one Moodle page.

In the Sport, PE Health arena the children are taking part in weekly sporting activities and on Friday mornings they participate in junior sport. Here they take part in a fun and exciting tabloid sporting activity with the entire junior school.

Overall, this term is looking like a busy term for Stage 1 full of quality teaching and learning and above all lots of fun.

# Stage 2 & Stage 3

## Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

The year has got off to an explosive start in Stage 2 with our new **Science** focus, 'The experiMentals'; where every week our junior scientists conduct real science experiments investigating the properties of matter, chemical reactions and other amazing phenomenon. In our **HSIE and Science and Technology** units we are exploring Australia, its states, cities, rivers and mountains and the unique plants and animals who live there. We are learning about many well-known Australian sites with natural, cultural or historical significance. We sure know how to win an argument with our **literacy** focus on the persuasive text types, Expositions and Discussions. Our reading is remarkable and our **Guided Reading** groups are well underway. We are concentrating on our comprehension skills and are very impressed with the progress being made.

In Mathematics the children have been working on Number, honing skills with addition and subtraction. While in **PE and Sport** the children are learning fundamental game skills and developing sportsmanship. And of course, when you add in all the extracurricular experiences that are available to our Stage 2 students you can see what a busy term it already is!

## Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

Stage 3 are well in the swing of a very busy first term.

The **literacy** focus is on the text type Exposition and the students are busy writing persuasive arguments. They have been encouraged to discuss some of the topics with family members at home to broaden their knowledge on current affairs in order to link factual information with their beliefs. **Language conventions** will complement our text type and factor in the use of adjectives, emotive language and rhetorical questions just to name a few conventions.

In **Mathematics** we are targeting individual specific learning needs in number, patterns and algebra, data, space and measurement and geometry by working with Mr Daniels, Mr Edden and Mrs Stothard in stage maths groups which occur four times a week. Working mathematically (otherwise known as problem solving) is also a focus in these groups.

There are times set aside each week for both grades to work together. That is all Year 5 together and all year 6 together .

Stage 3 Parliament is an excellent opportunity for students to participate in real world talking and listening activities, this occurs every second Tuesday afternoon. It has a formal structure and Ministers oversee an area of need within the school. The Environment Minister for example, is working on the upgrade of our school vegetable garden that will incorporate members from each class K-6 whilst the Minister for Functions and Finance are planning our first out of uniform day to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year.

Various sporting competitions are a regular part of our week and selected students will compete in our interschool competitions ahead.

Discussions amongst the students about the Term 3 **Canberra** excursion are already being overheard. Information and details will be distributed as the time approaches.

**Virtual excursions** in our video conferencing room and NBN weatherman Gavin Morris visiting are also exciting events to look forward to on our Stage 3 calendar this term.

All in all a busy, fun and productive learning term ahead.



# TERM 1 CANTEEN ROSTER

## THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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<u>Thursday 28th Feb</u>	<u>Friday 1st Mar</u>
Heidi Garnett Michelle Reed Rebecca Pasovski	Lidija Pearson Tara Finn Leisa Anderson
<u>Thursday 7th Mar</u>	<u>Friday 8th Mar</u>
Melinda Smith Jenny Charge Margaret Parkes	Michele Edson Liane Hammond Amy Tanchevski
<u>Thursday 14th Mar</u>	<u>Friday 15th Mar</u>
Liane Hammond Margaret Parkes	Melanie Arthur Melissa Ward Eleni Zissis Renee Bailey
<u>Thursday 21st Mar</u>	<u>Friday 22nd Mar</u>
Heidi Garnett Michelle Reed Rebecca Pasovski	Sally Hinds Lyn Frendo <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<u>Thursday 28th Mar</u>	<u>Fri 29th Mar</u>
Tracy Wink Liane Hammond Melinda Smith	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<u>Thursday 4th April</u>	<u>Friday 5th April</u>
Melinda Smith Jenny Charge	Melanie Arthur Melissa Ward Eleni Zissis Renee Bailey
<u>Thursday 11th April</u>	<u>Friday 12th April</u>
Heidi Garnett Michelle Reed Rebecca Pasovski	Michele Edson Liane Hammond Amy Tanchevski



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Dear Parents of Primary Students,

The aim of the Australasian Schools Competition is to:

- provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation;
- monitor individual progress in a range of subject-related skills;
- recognise and reward achievement at all levels;
- provide students, parents and teachers with a comprehensive analysis of student performance

Competitions are specifically designed to test the skills/processes that underpin school curricula in the context of the various subjects.

**Mathematics** Competition tests the skills of estimation, calculation, investigation & interpretation, analysis & comparison – **Competition date 13 August**

**Science** skills tested include – observation, reading and interpreting information, prediction, conclusion, experimental design, reasoning and critical thinking – **Competition date 5 June**

**English** Competition includes questions on vocabulary, language usage, reading comprehension and document data analysis – **Competition date 31 July**

**Spelling Competition date 18 June**

**Computer Studies** lists general computer, software and internet usage, basic understanding of hardware, networks and programming – **Competition date 21 May**

**Writing** Approximately 20 criteria are used to assess the writing. The criteria focus on the characteristics of the genre of the writing task, as well as assess textual characteristics (such as pronouns, conjunctions and tense) and syntax (such as sentence structure and clause pattern). Detailed criteria also measure punctuation and spelling skills.

**Competition 17 June**

Entry fee is **\$8.00 per competition**. Payments may be by cash, cheque (made out to Hillsborough Public School) or EFTPOS.

Hillsborough Public School entries for these competitions will **close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

**Late entries cannot be accepted.**

Steve Purdon  
Principal

Child's Name:		Class:	
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Please tick appropriate boxes and enter amounts in far column	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Amount \$
Science Competition					
Spelling					
Mathematics Competition					
English Competition					
Computer Competition					
Writing Competition					
TOTAL:					

You can make payments by Credit Card. Please fill in you details and return with permission slip.

Students name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /2013



# Year 2

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English Competition		
TOTAL		

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