

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 1

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Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to 2014! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

First of all I would like to introduce myself to the community. My name is Ben Thomas and I have been appointed Relieving Principal for Term 1. I have worked in this Hunter area for the past 3 years, as a Best Start Literacy Numeracy Leader for 25 schools and as an Instructional Leader for a community of schools group. Previous to that, I have relieved for 2 years as a Principal on the Central Coast. One year was at a larger school than Hillsborough and the other year at a small rural school.

Personally, I am married and have 3 beautiful children, who all attend school on the Central Coast. I am very excited about having the opportunity to lead Hillsborough PS. Since I found out about the position, I have heard nothing but positive things about the talented students, expert teachers and supportive community at this school.

I understand Hillsborough PS is in a time of significant change and I aim to make that change as smooth as possible. I look forward to getting to know the children and working with the teachers and community to ensure the high quality educational experiences offered to the students of Hillsborough PS continues on strongly into the future.

In other staff news, we welcome Mrs Fiona Oosterveen, who has been selected on merit to fill the position of Learning and Support Teacher. Mrs Oosterveen will be at HPS 3 days per week (Wed - Fri). We also welcome Mrs Clare Pratten who will be relieving as our school counsellor for Term 1. Mrs Pratten will be at the school every Wednesday. Mrs Tahnee Pike will be returning to take a Year 1 class until the position of Assistant Principal is filled through the merit selection process. We are also very lucky to have kept Mrs Anne-Marie Ayliffe at our school. Mrs Ayliffe relinquished her position as Assistant Principal due to family reasons but she has now been appointed to Hillsborough PS as a classroom teacher. It surely is wonderful to have a leader of this calibre, remaining a teacher at our school.

Coming up next week is our Swimming Carnival for students in Yrs 3 -6. Hopefully I will get to meet lots of parents at this event. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to pop in, say hi and introduce yourself to me if you get the chance.

Quote of the Week

"It is not the strongest of species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change." Charles Darwin

B. Thomas

Relieving Principal

Dates for the Diary

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

Friday 11th April

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 28th April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 29th April

Students First Day of Term 2

**UNIFORM
SHOP
HOURS**

**Thursday
8.30am - 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

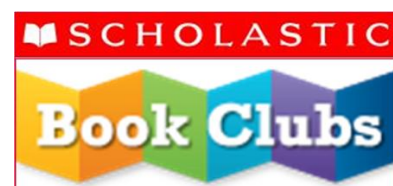
We are looking for some volunteers to form a fundraising committee for 2014. A quick meeting once a month is all it would be and some extra hands to help with our fundraising efforts. If you're interested in helping, or if you have any fundraising ideas or suggestions for next year, please contact Julie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

Canteen News...

A Canteen Supervisor has been appointed.

We are now doing a "**BIG SHOUT OUT**" for volunteers to work in the canteen. The canteen will **NOT** be open until we have sufficient volunteers to work the canteen for at least 2 days per week. This does not have to be a big commitment for any one person. You can work weekly, fortnightly or monthly. If you can spare one day per month and would like to help keep our canteen open, please fill in the form overleaf and return it to the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Raelene in the office on 4943 5695.

**Book Club will be back
SOON!**



The next P&C meeting will be held Monday 10th February At 7pm

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 on **Tuesday 4th February**. School captains will be inducted. There will be no item.



Kindly recommended by one of our wonderful HPS parents, **ColAR Mix** brings colouring in on the iPad to life! This free app can be used to create student's colouring in to a moving 3D image with sound effects! Using creative technology, this app works by students printing off a picture of their choice off the ColAR Mix website at <http://colarapp.com/>. Students then simply colour, download the free app, hover the open app over the coloured picture and wow! The picture comes to life in many different ways and forms! So much fun to be had!

**Get The
Hillsborough
App
Available
On All Phones**

The logo for the Hillsborough Public School app, featuring a green shield with a white border and the school's name inside.

Available on the Google play and App Store

Search for Hillsborough in your favourite app store



What Can You Do With It?

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Events Dates	Change of Details
Notes Due	Pop-Up Alerts
Venue Maps	Contact Us



Great for Schools ... Even Better For Parents

To Families and Friends of Hillsborough PS

Volunteer Work Available
Employment Guaranteed

- Where:** Hillsborough Public School Canteen
- When:** Weekly Fortnightly Monthly
- Hours:** 9am to 12pm
- Experience:** Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.
- Salary:** "A La Carte" lunch (healthy sandwich), plenty of tea or coffee and best of all friendship.
- Bonus:** Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place - school. You get to spoil them by spending a little extra money (all for a good cause) and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

Applications close: NEVER

Please fill in the form below and send it back to school as soon as possible. Thanking you in anticipation.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email Address: _____

Childs Name/class: _____

Please nominate: [day which you prefer to work]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday | |

If possible I would like to work with _____.

Volunteers are needed next year. Volunteers can be mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends or neighbours. If you can spare any time, please complete the information above and return to school as soon as possible.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please call
Raelene Thorn in the office on 4943 5695

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

