

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

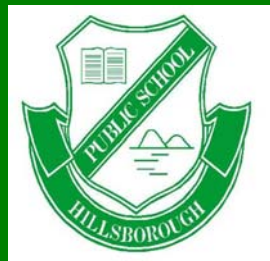
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Term 4 Week 8

26 November 2014



*Kindergarten's
Fairy Tale
performance*

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we heard the speeches from our Year Five students who are keen to become 2015's Hillsborough Public School Captains and Vice Captains. I would like to congratulate all the students on their presentations, it was lovely to see the thought they had put into their speeches and the way they understood and engaged with the responsibilities of the student leadership roles. Voting has taken place in classrooms across the school this afternoon and the results of the election will be announced on Presentation Day in Week 10.

Today is our last Kindergarten Transition session and it has been a very successful experience. Our new Kindergarten students are amazingly settled and keen to start, their enthusiasm matched only by that of their Year Five [soon to be Year Six] buddies.



Buddies working together

We currently have 39 Kindergarten students starting next year which will mean two Kindergarten classrooms. A few changes we have made for next year include adopting the staggered enrolment model used by many local schools. This approach allows the Best Start testing to be carried out by the child's Kindergarten teacher during the first few days of the year and then for the new Kindies to start the year with their own teachers and settled classes. Next year our new Kindergarten students will begin on Monday 2nd February. Please note also, that the rest of the school [Years 1-6] will begin school on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Our School Planning process is continuing. A big thank-you to our parents and staff who worked together to collate the school planning surveys. We had lots of feedback on a wide variety of issues that will be very useful in determining our strategic directions for the next 3 years.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support, the kind words of so many have been much appreciated. I am honoured to have the opportunity to be working with you all in such a wonderful school.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th December
Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 11th December
Presentation Day

Wednesday 17th December
Last day of Term 4

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th December
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 27th January
Staff Development Day

Wednesday 28th January
Years 1—6 First day Term 1

Monday 2nd February
Kindergarten First day Term 1

Wednesday 4th February
Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 25th February
School Photos

Wednesday 18th March
Athletics Carnival

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Our school gardens are a highly valued addition to our grounds and the learning programs here at Hillsborough Public. In order to make the most of the opportunities for grounds beautification, teaching practical skills and environmental education we are looking for some community mentors to establish a weekly program wherein classes take turns to help out in the gardens around the school.

Activities may include planting or weeding, harvesting vegetables, mulching and composting or any of the many other tasks a garden provides. Students will always be accompanied by classroom teachers to manage the class.

We are interested in regular sessions of approximately 30 minute one afternoon a week [not Tuesdays because of the clash with Assembly]. Depending on interest we may look at a roster of green thumb mentors or you may prefer to work with a small group of community gardeners. Minimal experience is required and it will be a great way to make a real difference to the learning experiences of our students.

Interested? Please see Mrs Farrell or Mr Daniels or leave your name at the Office.

P&C News...

Christmas Raffle

The P&C is running a Christmas Raffle as the final fundraiser for 2014. With over \$750 worth of great prizes up for grabs, we hope you are able to support this raffle and perhaps win yourself a few goodies to tick off the Christmas gift list! Prizes include a \$150 Woolworths gift card, a family pass to Taronga Western Plains Zoo, a \$50 Dan Murphy's gift card, 4 x Games Shop gift cards, a Skin Juice skin care gift pack, a \$25 Smiggle gift card, a Breville jaffle maker and wok set, and 5 x Timezone Super Session double passes for the kids. Raffle tickets can be found further in the newsletter and have been sent home with students last week. Tickets and money will need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 10th December and the winners will be drawn and announced on Thursday 11th December at Presentation Day.



MERIT AWARDS

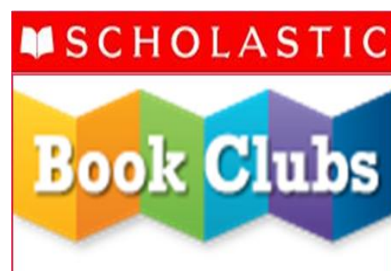
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Emily H
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Lahnaya L
Ryan H
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Jacob S
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Edie F
Nicholas H
2/1A
Bailey W
Jamaine N
2H
Matilda F
Elijah S
3/2P
Charlie C
Nicholas H
3M
Tyler B
Harry W
4/3D
Tai K
Jarrah S
4B
Whole Class
6/5D
Lachlan H
Lily M
6/5E
Alannah R
Ben O

This Week's Featured App



Eggy Alphabet is an app developed by *Reading Eggs*. *Reading Eggs* is a popular reading program that supports young readers in developing their sounds, sight words and reading skills. This app which can be purchased through iTunes for \$2.50 is a great one for students developing the sounds of the alphabet. Students get to choose a focus letter, and the level of difficulty of activities (easy, medium, hard). Activities then range from looking at both the upper and lower case letters and completing engaging activities based on the chosen letter. The animations are cute and fun to play along with and all instructions are read to the user for easier access. This is a great app for students developing their understanding of sounds in order to read and spell.

Book Club has been delivered. Next book club will be Term 1 2015.



The next P&C meeting will be
Friday 6th February 2015
8.30am in the Library.
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Community News...

Volunteers Wanted.

Mrs Dubojski, is looking for any tilers or handy people who would like to offer their expertise or help in construction for our tile mural. If you would like to volunteer your time and skills please contact Mrs Dubojski through the school office.

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 17 February 2015.**

VACATION CARE 4-12yrs

December 2014 / January 2015



Child Care Rebate
Helping families with the cost of child care

15 new and exciting programs on offer these school holidays
including obstacle courses and wet and wild water play!

Vacation Care is available from

Mon 22nd December - Tues 27th January, 7.30am - 6pm (all meals included)

**1 HOUR GYMNASTICS BASED HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ALSO
AVAILABLE, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE**



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Contact the Centre:

Ph: 4953 6366 Fax : 4953 6587 www.hsc.org.au

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by

Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause **Dyslexia** and difficulties with:

- Spelling
- Comprehension
- Fatigue
- Writing
- Concentration
- Eye Strain

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Wallsend 2287
Phone 49 556904

Canteen Roster

TERM 4

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Rebecca Pasovski Ph: 0412653097

Email: jrpaz1@bigpond.com

<u>Thursday 27th November</u>	<u>Friday 28th November</u>
Melinda Smith VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Sally Wallace Helen Singleton Amanda Rounsley
<u>Thursday 4th December</u>	<u>Friday 5th December</u>
Jenny Charge Melinda Smith	Mel Arthur Mel Ward Renee Bailey Eleni Zissis
<u>Thursday 11th December</u>	<u>Friday 12th December</u>
Jan Newbold Margaret Parkes	Tara Finn Lidjia Pearson Leisa Anderson Kelly Gibson

Sport Report

The handball comp was a great success, but we still have to play the Stage 1. They will be played through the week.

Stage 2 boys winner- Darcy T

Stage 3 winner- Tom P

Stage 2 girls winners- Amelia and Arabella

Teacher's winner- Mrs House

LOST SOMETHING?

There is a lost property box located in the office in sickbay.

Please remember to label all items that are brought to school so that they can be returned to your child if they go missing.



Notes sent home
this week:

Christmas Raffle Tickets
K—6

Notes to be
returned:

Christmas Raffle Tickets
Return by 10th Dec

School Banking is on
MONDAY



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 or mandy.smith139@gmail.com.

Learn to Surf Newcastle

Operated/owned by Miles Niddrie, Level 2 Surf Coach, since 2004.

Vegetite Surf Groms is back again.

All equipment supplied including winter wetsuits, softboards and rash shirts.

Surf safety education and local beach info taught each lesson.

Age groups are 5-12yrs (max 12 kids/3coaches)

School holiday 4 x 2hr \$165pp (all prices inc GST) plus registration fee for the Surfing gift pack value \$150.

13yrs-18yrs \$165pp welcome too, over 18's \$175pp. Group size 13yrs to Adults are max 10 with 2 coaches.

Single 2hr lessons daily \$45pp under 18yrs, \$50pp over 18yrs

New 6 week programs at weekends and after school start 3rd November . 1st lesson 2hrs, then 5 x 1.5hr lessons.

\$195pp under 18, \$215 over 18. Rego fee for surfing applies.

Advanced lessons also available, SUP lessons too.

For bookings and enquiries please call 4944 9585 or 0404 83 9585.

Email at miles@learntosurfnewcastle.com or www.learntosurfnewcastle.com



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3:00PM-6:00PM ASC
6:30AM-6:00PM VAC

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am



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CONTACT: Amber Hutton or Amii Jones
HPSspringfair@optusnet.com.au



VACATION CARE 2014-2015



THURS 18TH DEC KAVON THEATRE!  Join us at the Kavon Theatre Restaurant for a kids show & party! Dancing, singing, party games & party food! Additional \$15.00	FRI 19TH DEC CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & COOKING!  Let's get in the Christmas Spirit and create some tree decorations! Then let's make some yummy white Christmas!	For Enquires Phone: 49478370 Visit www.hillsboro-oosh.com.au Or Email: info@hillsboroughoosh.com.au Depending on your child care percentage you could be paying as little as \$3.00 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		
MON 5TH JAN ELECTRONICS & PAMPER DAY!  Pack your clearly labelled electronics for some fun! Get your hair sprayed in colour, straightened or curled! Then let's get our nails painted!	TUES 6TH JAN BOWLING!  Let's head to Warner's bay Super Strike for some bowling fun! Crafts & group game to follow back at OOSH! Additional \$8.00	WED 7TH JAN ICE-CREAM DAY!  Join us for ice-Cream day! Choose your mix-ins and smash them on cold rocks! We will then make Giant Dream catchers!	THURS 8TH JAN ZONE EMPIRE!  Join us for the much requested Laser Tag at Wallsend! Enjoy 2hrs of unlimited fun! Arcade games \$1 each Additional \$12.00	FRI 9TH JAN CHARLESTOWN POOL  Let's go to Charlestown pool for some swimming fun! Pack a rash shirt! ☺ Hot Chips included for lunch! Additional \$5.00
MON 12TH JAN MOVIES!  Join us at Lake Cinemas to see new release movie 'Penguins of Madagascar' Rated G  Popcorn included! Additional \$10.00	TUES 13TH JAN WATER FIGHT DAY!  Let's cool down with some water bomb and water pistol fights! Sponge relays to follow! Then let's make yummy gummy bear Ice-blocks!	WED 14TH JAN DOLPHIN WATCH!  Join us on a Moonshadow Dolphin Cruise! Twist and swirl down the slide into the dolphin boomnet! 'Arrive by 8:30am' Additional \$14.00	THURS 15TH JAN DANCING FITNESS!  Shyamla from Young Australia Workshops is coming to teach the children a class of Hip-Hopping from Bollywood to Brazil! Additional \$8.00	FRI 16TH JAN DESSERT CLASS! Pastry Chef Dayman will teach us how to decorate desserts with style! Learn the art of icing and how to make cake toppers! Additional \$3.00 
MON 19TH JAN LEARN TO FISH!  Young Guns Fishing Adventures will be joining us at Murray's Beach to teach the children how to fish in a safe environment! Additional \$13.00	TUES 20TH JAN FITNESS MONOPOLY!  Fundamental fitness 4 kids are joining us for a large game of Monopoly using our fitness skills! Race around the board to pass GO! Additional \$5.00 	WED 21ST JAN PARK & MCDONALDS  Join us for the most requested McDonalds Happy meal! (Refer to order form) Then let's go to Richley Reserve Park! Additional \$5.00	THURS 22ND JAN SURF 'N' SLIDE  Race your friends on the popular Surf 'n' Slide! Pack a rash shirt and a towel! Let's make magic sand for craft! Additional \$7.00	FRI 23RD JAN AUSSIE FUN!  Let's bake some yummy lamingtons and get our faces painted and get Aussie tattoos! Then let's play a game of thong toss!
MONDAY 26TH JAN CLOSED AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 	TUESDAY 27TH JAN MOVIES!  Let's see new release movie 'Night at the Museum 3: The Secret of the Tomb' Rated PG  Popcorn included! Additional \$10.00	SENIOR EXCURSIONS FOR YEAR 4 AND UP!		
		WED 7TH JAN YOGHURT LAND! Choose your favorite mix-ins and frozen Yoghurt! Max \$10 spending money!	TUES 13TH JAN WATER PARK FUN! Let's go to Water Slide World Central at Salt Ash! Pack a towel & rash shirt! Additional \$14.00	FRI 23RD JAN ICE-SKATING! Let's go to the Warners Bay Hunter Ice-Skating stadium! Additional \$8.00

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**Group school readiness sessions now available,
facilitated by Special Educator and Occupational Therapist**

Sessions will focus on core school readiness skills:

- Following classroom routines and transitions
- Attention and organisation skills
- Fine motor skills
- Following instructions
- Communication
- Social skills
- Self help skills
 - Mealtime success
 - Taking care of belongings
- Sensory processing
- Gross motor skills
- Pre-literacy skills

When: 19th – 23rd January 2015
Monday to Friday
10 am – 12 noon

Where: Red Frog for Families
29 Kings Rd
New Lambton

Who: Group is open to all children entering school in 2015
Maximum five children per group

Cost: \$50 per hour

Earlybird special: Save \$100 if you book and pay by December 12th 2014

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To register your interest, please email info@rf4f.com.au or call 02 8060 6499





HPS 2014 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

These tickets are for the P&C's Christmas raffle being drawn on Presentation Day (11th Dec). Simply write your name and phone number or child's class on them and return the whole sheet with your money to the office. There are 15 fantastic prizes to be won and proceeds will fund the purchase of educational and technological resources for HPS classrooms. Don't forget to ask your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family if they would like a ticket!

Prizes: \$150 Woolworths Gift Card, Dubbo Zoo Family Pass, \$50 Dan Murphy's Gift Card, 4 x \$50 Games Shop Gift Cards, 5 x Timezone Super Session double passes, \$25 Smiggle Gift Card, Skin Juice gift pack, Jaffle Maker/Wok Set

Draw date: Thursday 11th December 2014

Tickets: \$1 each - \$10 per sheet



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