

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 10

10 December 2014

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As our school year draws to a close I would like to congratulate everyone on the wonderful year we have had here at Hillsborough Public School.

Looking back we have had so many highlights! Our Sports Carnivals and competitions with stellar performances and great sportsmanship were fabulous, and a few awesome achievements were the icing on the cake. We have had several special opportunities this year for groups of students to display their particular skills and abilities including: The Straw Tower Competition, Law Week, Operation Art, Photography and Short Movie Competitions, the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and our Debating Competitions. Our Dance troupe performed beautifully at school events and were stars at the Hunter Dance Festival and we all loved the performances of our senior and junior choirs. Our students enjoyed interesting and exciting school shows including: Lazy Town, the NED show, World's Apart Book Week performance, a visit from members of the Jets W. League and many more. We recognised our nation's Aboriginal culture this year with the introduction of the 'Koori Kids Club', an amazing whole school NAIDOC Day event and the celebration of our Community of Schools AECG partnership agreement. This year, we really enjoyed the opportunity to invite parents and community into our school to see education in action at our Grandparents Day and especially at Cultural Day. In 2015 we enjoyed some great excursions, Stage Two went to Sydney, Stage Three camped at Gosford and our Infants' classes visited the Civic Theatre to see Wombat Stew. Our Spring Fair was a huge success! It was an excellent fundraiser but more importantly a wonderful event that involved our whole school community. Another real highlight for us has been the fantastic experiences we gained working alongside students and staff from Newcastle Junior School. And last, but by no means least, has been the amazing, innovative and engaging learning experiences that take place in every classroom every day.

At Hillsborough PS we are so lucky to have had so many people working to make this a great year with lots of amazing experiences for our children. I would like to thank our fabulous parent community for their ongoing support whether it be helping in classrooms or at the canteen, monitoring homework and listening to home readers or providing transport and a cheer squad for sports teams, working with the P&C or supporting P&C events and the many, many other things you do to for your kids and our school. I would like to thank the P&C for their endless support and enthusiasm that provides so much in the way of resources and learning opportunities for our students. I would like to thank our wonderful staff, all of them; administrative staff, support staff, student learning support, teachers and executive; their knowledge, enthusiasm and focus on what is best for our students is inspirational. Finally I would like to thank our students, because they are why we strive to make our school the best it can be.

Finally, with Christmas so rapidly approaching, I would like to wish you and all your families a happy, safe and restful holiday season and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in 2015.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th December

Year 6 Farewell 6pm-9pm

Thursday 11th December

Presentation Day
Assembly 9:15am

Wednesday 17th December

Students 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 18th March

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 25th March

School Photos

Wai Yoong Chin
now at SPEERS POINT
ALleye examinations
BULK BILLED to MEDICARE
1/177 Main Road
Speers Point
Ph. 4958 7892

aie optical
Prescription Eyewear

Uniform Shop News...

We have had many families send through their uniform orders, we thank you for getting in early. If you require uniforms, please fill out the attached Uniform Order form and return it to the school.

Please check our days/hours of operation as we have added and altered days to allow more opportunities to come in and purchase your uniforms. The Uniform Shop will NOT be opened on Staff Development Day next year.

We have had some families say that they have struggled to find predominantly white shoes for sports day. Here are some suggestions of where to find these for next year: Rebel Sport, Big W, Target, Payless Shoes, Paul's Warehouse, K-Mart, Mathers and Williams.

Just a reminder also, the transition period for the new uniform which was voted in by the school community mid 2012 concludes this year. Uniforms from the old policy are not to be worn next year. Yellow polo shirts and peaked caps will no longer comply with the new uniform policy, neither will the track pants and jazz pants on non sports days.

Don't forget that all profits from the Uniform Shop are invested back into the school for the benefit of all students.

P&C News...

Our P&C Annual General Meeting was held on the 24th November.

All positions were declared vacant and elections were held, the 2015 Office bearers are as follows;

President - Nicole Bailey

Vice President – Danielle Whiting

Secretary – Kimberley Russell

Treasurer – Richard Turnbull

Fundraising Committee Coordinators – Amber Hutton, Julie Byrne, Amii Jones and two more to be appointed

Media Officer – Mel Arthur

Uniform Shop – Eleni Zissis

Canteen Coordinator – Rebecca Pasovski

The P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee members as well as all those who have volunteered during the year whether it be in the canteen, uniform shop or in fundraising events.

Uniform Shop Hours

Fri 12/12/14 8:30-9:30

Wed 17/12/14 8:30-9:30

Wed 28/01/15 8:30-10:30

Thur 29/01/15 8:30-9:30

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.



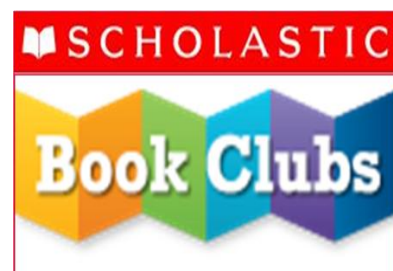
The Safety Door is the rear door, closest to the kerb, footpath or gutter and away from the road.

This Week's Featured App



Division can be quite a complex concept for students of all ages. In younger years division is discussed in terms of sharing; sharing numbers of items equally into groups to find the answer. In later years it can also be seen as the reverse of times tables. **Dynamic Division** is a great app to help support students in developing the early concept of sharing equally to find the total. This cute app has simple and interactive graphics where the user gets to choose a character. Once a character has been chosen, a question is read to the user using appropriate language (share your sweets equally among your two friends). Students then drag items to share equally, while receiving instant feedback and prompts to support. As students complete levels correctly they then engage in new levels increasing in difficulty. This app can be purchased for

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!

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.**

LUNCH WALLETS

\$6

Re-usable Lunch Order Bags

Lunch Wallet &
Insulated All Rounder



Available to order NOW

Available from the office

Now available in more colours!!!

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:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| • Spelling | Writing |
| • Comprehension | Concentration |
| • Fatigue | 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 11th December</u>	<u>Friday 12th December</u>
Jan Newbold Margaret Parkes	Tara Finn Lidjia Pearson Leisa Anderson Kelly Gibson

Sport Report

This week is the last sports report for 2014.

This week we will write about all the best sports events that have happened through the year.

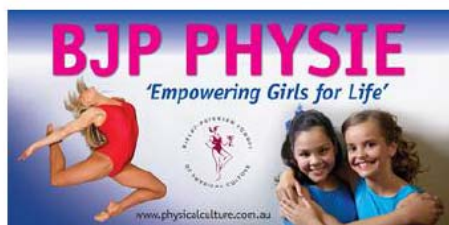
First the senior soccer boys, who won the Macquarie cup 4 years in a row including this year. And also came second in PSSA knockout comp 2 years in a row. And the junior boys came 5th, the netball senior girls came 4th, the juniors came a great 2nd and the mixed team came lucky last. Abbey B made state for long jump. Riley T and Dylan N made state soccer. Dylan N made nationals for soccer. The PSSA boy's cricket team made it to the 2nd round and lost to Caves Beach. The girls PSSA soccer team made it to the 5th round.

Notes sent home
this week:

Stage 2
Party Day
Kindergarten
Party Day

Notes to be
returned:

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.

KEEP YOUR **KIDS**
SAFE Online



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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What Can You Do With It?

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

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Don't forget fruit break!



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HILLSBOROUGH OOSH
Fun Friends & Learning

ACCREDITED BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL & VACATION CARE!

6:30AM-9:00AM BSC
3:00PM-6:00PM ASC
6:30AM-6:00PM VAC

HILLSBOROUGH OOSH IS APPROVED FOR CHILD CARE BENEFIT AND CHILD CARE REBATE FOR QUALITY CARE AT AN AFFORDABLE RATE!

CALL 49478370 OR EMAIL info@hillsboroughoosh.com.au

OR VIST US AT www.hillsboro-oosh.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am

Hillsborough Public School P & C Uniform Shop – Order Form

Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Child's Name: _____
 Class: _____

Cash / Cheque / Credit Card
 Goods Taken / Fill Order
 Send goods home with Child: Yes / No

PLEASE SPECIFY QUANTITY REQUIRED

ITEM	Price	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	S	M	L	TOTAL
Girls Tunic/Dress	\$50											
Girls Green Tailored Pants	\$35											
Girls Green Tailored Shorts	\$20											
Girls Green Jazz Pants	\$20											
Girls Green Sports Skirt	\$20											
Green Button Up Shirt	\$25											
Green Sports Shorts	\$18											
Sports Shirt	\$30											
Green Tracksuit Pants	\$15											
Green Bomber Jacket	\$38											
Green Fleece-Lined Raincoat	\$35											
Green Bucket Hat	\$10	size	51-55cm	53-57cm	55-59cm	57-61cm						
Boys Socks	\$8.50	size	5-8	9-12	13-3	2-8						
TOTAL COST OF ORDER												

Also available:
 Green Gloves \$4 (one size fits all)
 Girls Green Socks \$5 (size 12-14, 14-16)
 Hair Pack \$2 (green - brush, scrunchie, elastic)





You can now make payments with a credit card.

Student Name: _____
 Cardholder Name: _____
 Card Number: _____
 Expiry Date: _____ / _____
 Amount: \$ _____
 Date: _____
 Signature: _____



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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Junior Ranger Fun Day

The theme of our next free environmental fun day is **aquatic action**, with fun craft, interactive games, planting activities and critter displays. **Kid's get a free ice block!**



9.30am to 11.30am,

Tuesday 20 January 2015

Carnley Avenue reserve
(off Carnley Ave, Kotara)

For enquiries

call 4904 3344 or email
blackbuttadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au

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Compulsory parental supervision at all times.
Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bush Skills Adventure

Wednesday 14 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Tuesday 20 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466



Wriggly Wetlanders

Wednesday 14 January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years
Monday 19th January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.



Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466

Bring the Family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre - a fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Opened every day

(Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 2014, 1st January 2015)

Access

Car/mini-bus parking available onsite. Public Transport: Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station. Bus - 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd

Cost

\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry

Activities

Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm

Try dipnetting from the jetty

Follow the trail and become a "Wetlands Explorer" - go into the weekly draw for a prize.

Playtime at Discovery Playground

Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre

12 noon - Tank Talk (30-45 minutes) - opportunity for children to learn about reptile behaviour and care and actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.

Facilities

Toilets available in Visitor Centre

Cafe - meals, chips, icecreams, drinks

Undercover picnic tables and shelter

Shop - gift shop



Hunter Wetlands Centre Off the roundabout, 1 Wetlands Pl, SHORTLAND NSW 2307
Phone 02 4951 6466 Email hwc@wetlands.org.au Web www.wetlands.org.au