

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

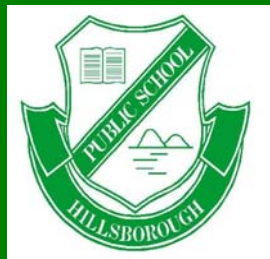
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Term 1 Week 7

12 March 2014

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have had a constant stream of students coming through my office this week and it has been so nice to see the variety of quality work that is being produced in each classroom. Kindergarten has already shown so much development in their first term of school. In KM, Hannah, Kai and Thea showed me some excellent sentences they had written all by themselves and Chloe, Asher and Clara made some clever repeating patterns that they very confidently explained to me. Tom in KH showed off his amazing sentence about the disco and Eithan in 1P wowed me with his expressive reading. I also had the pleasure of seeing Carly from 2H reading her story about a dragon and a princess. The great first sentence made me want to read on to find out what happened next. Outstanding writing skills have also been on display in Stage 2. Darcy from 4M wrote a very persuasive piece which totally convinced me that I need to buy his new brand of fly spray and many Stage 2 students have been writing 'letters to the Principal' about a range of school issues, to practise their persuasive writing techniques. Finally, Kiannah and Jade in 4/3F, totally impressed me with their technology skills when they showed me the creative information report on Tarantulas that they put together using Tellegami on the Ipad. Keep up the great work Hillsborough students!

Our school is looking very bright and inviting at the moment. The playground art was redone last Friday and it looks amazing! Many thanks to the P&C for assisting the school to pay for these. In the coming weeks students will be learning lots of new games that can be played on these playground markings. Mr Edden also spent his weekend preparing the oval and laying seed so the students will have a lush, grassy field to play on within weeks.

In staff news, I would like to announce that our new Assistant Principal has been appointed. Interviews were held this term and school staffing services have now signed off on the successful candidate. Mrs Lisa Noble will begin as Assistant Principal at Hillsborough Public School on the first day back next term. After speaking to Lisa I know that she is extremely excited to be coming to our great school and can't wait to meet the students, parents and staff. Lisa will be a wonderful asset to our school, bringing a vast array of leadership skills and knowledge of a range of the latest literacy and numeracy programs operating in schools. I'm sure you will join me in offering a warm welcome to Lisa next term. Finally this week I would like to congratulate Josh R and Dyllan R. Both boys were successful at the Hunter Swimming Carnival last Thursday and will now represent our school, zone and area at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships in Homebush on 9th & 10th April. A tremendous achievement boys!

Quote of the Week

"If at first you don't succeed, try and try again."

B. Thomas
Relieving Principal

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 19th March
Whole School Photos

Friday 21st March
Book club Due

Friday 21st March
Harmony Day

Friday 28th March
Cross Country

Wednesday 2nd April
Athletics Carnival

Friday 11th April
Easter Hat Parade

Friday 11th April
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 28th April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 29th April
Students First Day of Term 2

**Tuesday 13th to Thursday
15th May**
NAPLAN

Friday 27th June
Last Day of Term 2

**UNIFORM
SHOP
HOURS**

**Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am**

Cross Country

This year the Eastlakes Zone Cross country is being held in Wk 1 next term. This means that we will have to hold our school cross country before then so we can determine our representatives. The annual school cross country will be held on Friday 28th March at Hillsborough PS. All students K-6 will participate. While the cross country event can be daunting for some students, the main thing is that we encourage participation and 'having a go'.

Students that are turning 8, 9 or 10yrs this year will run 2km, students that are turning 11 or 12 this year will run 3km. The infants K-2 students will run a smaller course of around 500m.

Zone Sports Trials

This Wednesday many of our talented senior students will be attending zone sports trials. Tom, Dylan and Riley will be trialling for Boys Soccer. Allannah, Abbey, Pheobe and Madison are going for Girls Soccer. Good luck to these boys and girls and congratulations on being selected to attend these trials.

Hunter PSSA Swimming

By Josh R & Dyllan R

Last Thursday 6th March we represented the school and Eastlakes Zone at the Hunter Area Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool.

Josh placed 1st in Junior Breaststroke, 2nd in 10 years Freestyle, 3rd in Junior Backstroke, Butterfly and the Junior Medley.

Dyllan placed 3rd in the Senior Breaststroke.

The top 3 place getters go on to represent the Hunter Area at the NSW State Carnival. This is going to be held at Sydney Olympic park Aquatic Centre, Homebush in April.

We are both feeling nervous but also very excited about going down to swim at the NSW Championships in Sydney.

Library News...

Book Club Orders close at school on Friday 21st March 2014.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 Years 3-6

Registrations for the Premier's Reading Challenge are now open. It is a condition of entry that all students entering and successfully completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names will appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

Student Reading Records must be returned to the school library or submitted online by 21 August so that entries can be checked and validated by the closing date, 1 September 2014. Students can enter their books online as they read from 3 March, 2014.

If you have access to the Internet, the following steps can be used to **access KIDSPACE** and **enter Student Reading Records** electronically:

1. Go to www.det.nsw.edu.au and click on the LOGIN - STUDENT link.
2. Type in student's DET User ID and Password and click LOG IN.
3. On KIDSPACE click AGREE then + and >>More... on the LEARNING link.
4. Scroll down and click on PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE.
5. At PRC page, click STUDENT READING RECORDS link.
6. Enter your books by PRC ID Number or Title.

Please Note: Students in Years K-2 complete the Premier's Reading Challenge in class with their classroom teacher.

Toni Norton

Teacher Librarian

**Book Club is Due back
at school on
Friday 21st March!**



The next P&C meeting will be
held Monday 7th April
At 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 18th March**. The item will be performed by 6/5E.

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P&C News...

Easter Raffle:

If you like chocolate (and who doesn't!) this is for you! Our Easter raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1 (Friday 11 April) with several baskets of Easter goodies up for grabs. A sheet of tickets is attached further in the newsletter (tickets just \$1 each). All you need to do is sell your tickets to family, friends and neighbours, and return your money and completed tickets in an envelope to the new locked letter box at the office **by Tuesday 8th April**. Additional tickets can be printed or picked up at the office if needed. We would also greatly appreciate your help in donating items for the prize baskets - Easter eggs or Easter goodies such as craft items etc, or if you would prefer, maybe a children's book to read during the school holidays. **Donations can be left at the office and need to be in by Friday 4th April**. All funds raised from the raffle will be used to purchase additional educational and classroom resources for HPS.

Disco Thank You

A big thank you to all the parents and students who supported our BBQ fundraiser before last week's disco, and also to all the wonderful helpers on the night!

Uniform Shop News...

We now have stock of School hats. Orders are filled and ready to be picked up.

Spare buttons for the green shirts will be available in approximately three weeks. When they arrive a note will be put in the newsletter.

All orders have been filled, anyone who has placed orders could you please come and pick them up. Any orders from now on that haven't been paid for will only be kept for a maximum of six weeks from time of filling that order.



School Photos

Our school photos will be on Wednesday 19 March. Envelopes have already been sent home and can be returned to the school office anytime until photo day. There are family envelopes in the office for those wishing to purchase family photos.



2014 HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

The Harmony Day Poster Competition is an annual initiative open to all primary and secondary students across NSW and ACT. Students are encouraged to visually articulate their interpretation of the 2013 theme –

"Together We Can"

Entries should reflect one or more of the following principles:

- Our society is made up of different people from different backgrounds.
- While we are unique, we all share the goal of wanting to live together in harmony, peace and understanding. We must respect others religion, gender and race.
- We must not accept hate, violence or unfair treatment of any person or group.
- We must strive to give all Australians equal opportunities and assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are proud to be Australian.

DESIGN

All entries **MUST** be A3 poster size and any medium is acceptable

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to those students whose posters best illustrate an innovative approach to the "Together We Can" theme. All entrants receive a Certificate of Participation.

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PRIZES

JUNIOR Category
(Kindergarten to Year 6)
STATE Winner - \$500
Regional Winner - \$150
State Winner's School - \$250

SENIOR Category
(Year 7 to Year 12)
STATE Winner - \$500
Regional Winner - \$150
State Winner's School - \$250

ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms and completed posters are required to be

Submitted to Mrs Mills by Friday 28 March.

Staff Profile



Hi from Kim Martens. I have been teaching at Hillsborough Public School for 20 years. I am seeing children of children I have taught coming back to Hillsborough Public School, which tells me one of two things: Hillsborough is a great school or I am very, very, very old. I am not the oldest teacher at the school but I am the only one who is qualified to have a "nanny's nap". I have a gorgeous grandson who is nearly 9 months old. I am very proud of him and his beautiful sister who is 2 years old. I have one son, he is 35 years old. He is a baker so I am never without bread. Also I have a 2 year old staffy, her name is Bella and she is very spoilt and bad mannered.

I have seen many changes over the years at Hillsborough school, but one thing remains constant. The kids are generally good kids and their parents are supportive. The biggest change for me has been technology. I am constantly being challenged by technology and sometimes the kids help me. The changes are exciting and also a bit scary for me. Anyway I think I still have a few good years left in me at Hillsborough School. It has been a pleasure to be part of this school and its community for so long. I have made many good friends.

Families tagged with Charge

Hillsborough Public School families visit Charge on duty for the rhino trail at Carlingford Court in Sydney. Don't forget to download the Wild!Rhino App and you can tag yourself with any of the rhinos you meet on the trail. Let's continue to raise awareness of the possible extinction that this magnificent species faces.



Hot Dog Mufti Day





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THE Aristocats KIDS

Music and lyrics by

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Book adapted and additional lyrics written by

Michael Bernard

Based on the 1970 Disney film "The Aristocats"

By arrangement with **Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd**
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Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$15 Concession

\$10 Children (15 years and under) \$60 Family (2 Adults and 2 Children)
Contact: 02 4943 1672 or email mbuck@exemail.com.au

**Lake Macquarie
Performing Arts Centre**

Warners Bay

April 22, 23, 24, 26

2pm and 6pm

Wesley Centre

Beaumont St

Hamilton

April 27

2pm and 6pm

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you
missed out
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of dollars?

ACT NOW!
DEADLINE
JUNE 2014

In 2001 the Government introduced the
'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly
many Australians did not know about it
and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have **ANY** child that was born between
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The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please
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THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Rebecca Pasovski Ph: 0412653097

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<u>Thursday 13th March</u>	<u>Friday 14th March</u>
Jan Newbold	Tara Finn
Melinda Smith	Leisa Anderson
Margaret Parkes	Kelly Gibson
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
<u>Thursday 20th March</u>	<u>Friday 21st March</u>
Rebecca Pasovski	Mel Arthur
Michelle Reed	Eleni Zissis
Heidi Garnett	Melissa Ward
	Renee Bailey
<u>Thursday 27th March</u>	<u>Friday 28th March</u>
Fiona Freeman	Wendy st-cyr
Margaret Parkes	Lidija Pearson
Michelle Baker	Narelle Kirsch
Melinda Smith	Brooke Rowland
<u>Thursday 3rd April</u>	<u>Friday 4th April</u>
Jenny Charge	Sally Wallace
Sally Rich	Adam Pirona
Amiee Buckerfield	Helen Singleton
	Amanda Roundsley
<u>Thursday 10th April</u>	<u>Friday 11th April</u>
Jan Newbold	Tammy Cooper
Fiona Freeman	Lauren Turner
Margaret Parkes	Melanie Evans
	Esther Hampshire

School Banking is on
MONDAY



Late Arrival & Early Pick Up of Students

Parents/carers are advised that children who arrive late to school need to come to the office to get a "Late Arrival" note, regardless of whether they are accompanied by an adult.

If you are picking up your child early from school, parents/carers or a designated person **MUST** come to the office to get an "Early Leaver" note before collecting their child. Teachers will not allow your child to accompany you unless you provide them with the Early Leaver note.



**Don't forget
fruit break!**



ACCREDITED BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL & VACATION CARE!

6:30AM-9:00AM BSC

3:00PM-6:00PM ASC

6:30AM-6:00PM VAC

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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.**



Children's Dental Benefit Schedule

Helping kids to grow up smiling....



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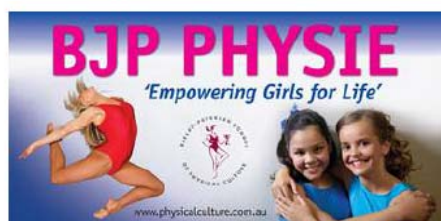
Have you received a letter from Medicare about dental treatment for your child/ren? The **CDBS** is a new dental health program covering most general dental needs for your child/ren capped at \$1000 per 24mths.

Call us on
4948 7651

- **Yes we are participating in this fantastic government program!**
- **Yes we are BULK BILLING for ELIGIBLE children!**

Call us now to book your child's dental check-up and help them to grow up smiling!

**If you are not sure of your child's eligibility or have not received a letter from Medicare you can call them on 132011*



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.

This Week's Featured App



This week's app is a very valuable one for all students K-6. **Zippep's Astro Circus** is a free app created by *cybersmart* to help support students when interacting online. The cute graphics and lovable characters take students on a playful journey through an astro circus to learn about cyber bullying, staying safe on the Internet and how to protect their personal information online. More information about themes and issues discussed in the app can be located on the Zippep's Astro Circus website which can be found on the app.



P&C EASTER RAFFLE



These are the tickets for our **Easter Raffle**. Simply write your name and phone number or child's class on them and return the whole sheet with your money to the locked box in the office. There are several Easter baskets to be won and proceeds will fund the purchase of additional educational resources for HPS. Don't forget to ask your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family if they would like a ticket!

Draw date: Friday 11th April 2014 at the Easter Hat Parade

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

<p style="text-align: right;">\$1 per ticket</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Class / Phone:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$1 per ticket</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Class / Phone:</p>
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