

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 9

26 March 2014

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9 at Hillsborough Public School. We are in the middle of another busy week with many exciting things happening for our students. This Friday we will hold our annual cross country carnival and we are looking forward to having our K-2 students involved in the event this year. I hope students have been training hard and are ready to compete and have fun on Friday. We also hope to see lots of parents here on the day to support and cheer on the students. The day's timetable is further in.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism and hard work of all our amazing staff at Hillsborough PS. The message we always send to children is that we never stop learning and our staff are continually modelling this philosophy. This Wednesday, staff will be participating in 2 hours professional learning after school, to further educate themselves on identifying specific areas of need for students in Mathematics. This professional learning is ongoing throughout the year and ensures that the lessons our teachers provide for students are of the highest quality and up to date with education in the 21st century.

In staffing news this week, Mrs Raelene Thorn has informed us that she has been asked to stay on in her role for Term 2 to help support 229 schools who are trialling the new LMBR administration system. This is a wonderful opportunity for Raelene and she will help to ensure that when this new school administration system is rolled out to all schools, it is completely working. Not only that, but Hillsborough will be lucky enough to have Raelene and all her knowledge of the system to ensure our school's transition to LMBR is as smooth as possible.

Quote of the Week

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach them to learn by creating curiosity, they will continue the learning process as long as they live". Clay P. Bedford

B. Thomas
Relieving Principal

Athletics Carnival

Next Wednesday 2nd April is our Athletics Carnival. Permission notes have been sent home. Please return notes, payment and your parent helper slip (if you can assist) by Friday 28th March. We hope to see as many parents there as possible to join in the fun on the day at Glendale Athletics Centre.

Student Safety & Stranger Danger!

We were alarmed to discover that a child was approached last week in Hillsborough. All class teachers have since discussed stranger danger with their classes and we urge you to reinforce this with your children at home. Further in is a police media release with more details.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 28th March
Cross Country

Wednesday 2nd April
Athletics Carnival

Friday 11th April
Easter Hat Parade –11.50am

Friday 11th April
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 28th April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 29th April
Students First Day of Term 2

Sport For life Yrs 3-6
Every Friday from 2nd May—
30th May

Tuesday 13th to Thursday
15th May
NAPLAN

Sport For life Yrs K- 2
Thursday 29th May then each
Friday till 27th June.

Friday 27th June
Last Day of Term 2

**UNIFORM
SHOP
HOURS**

Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am

Police appeal for information following child approach - Hillsborough

Friday, 21 March 2014 02:34:05 PM

Police are appealing for public assistance after a child was approached in Hillsborough yesterday evening.

About 7.30pm (Thursday 20 March 2014), a nine-year-old boy was walking his dog along Moody Street, when a white 4WD utility with dark tinted windows stopped nearby.

The male driver spoke with the boy briefly, before a second person opened the passenger's door to get out of the vehicle.

The boy fled the location and informed his grandmother, who contacted police.

Officers attached to Lake Macquarie Local Area Command attended the scene and conducted an extensive search of the surrounding area.

Inquiries into the matter are continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has any information that could assist police is urged to come forward.

Meanwhile, the incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children, including;

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.

- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.

- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.

- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.

- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.

- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.

- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

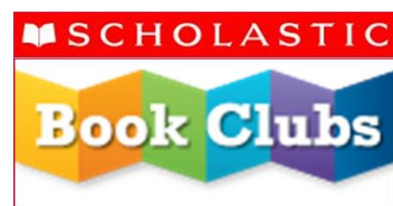
Cross Country Timetable (Please note times are only approximates)

1. 12/13yr Boys - 11:50pm
2. 12/13yr Girls – 12pm
3. Yr 2 Boys – 12:10pm
4. Yr 2 Girls – 12:15pm
5. 8/9yrs Boys – 12:25pm
6. 8/9yrs Girls – 12:40pm
7. Kinder Boys – 12:45pm
8. Kinder Girls – 1pm
9. 11yr Boys – 1:05pm
10. 11yr Girls – 1:20pm
11. Yr 1 Boys – 1:15pm
12. Yr 1 Girls – 1:20pm
13. 10yr Boys – 1:35pm
14. 10yr Girls – 1:40pm

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on our last day of Term 1. The parade will begin after lunch. Lunch time finishes at 11.40am. Students will then return to their classrooms, get themselves prepared for the parade and then assemble in the COLA. We aim to have our first class parading by 11.50am. Don't forget to keep selling your raffle tickets to support our P&C raffle!

Book Club has been ordered and will be back soon.



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 1st April**. The item will be performed by 4M.

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Canteen Roster

TERM 1 ROSTER

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Rebecca Pasovski Ph: 0412653097

Email: jrpaz1@bigpond.com

<u>Thursday 27th March</u>	<u>Friday 28th March</u>
Fiona Freeman Margaret Parkes Michelle Baker Melinda Smith	VOLUNTEER NEEDED Lidija Pearson Narelle Kirsch Brooke Rowland
<u>Thursday 3rd April</u>	<u>Friday 4th April</u>
Jenny Charge Melanie Evans Amiee Buckerfield	Sally Wallace Adam Pirona Helen Singleton Amanda Roundsley
<u>Thursday 10th April</u>	<u>Friday 11th April</u>
Jan Newbold Fiona Freeman Margaret Parkes	Tammy Cooper Lauren Turner Melanie Evans Esther Hampshire

Canteen News...

We would like to open our canteen another day in addition to our Thursday and Friday.

Can you help on either a Tuesday or Wednesday from 9.00—12.00.

Please fill in the form below and return back to the school office "letter box" by Friday 4th April.

We would like to begin in Term 2.

Please circle:

Tuesday or Wednesday

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Notes sent home
this week:

Sport For Life \$15.00

Notes to be
returned:

Athletics Carnival \$10.00
(return by Friday 28th March)

University Competition \$8.00ea
(return by Friday 28th March)

Yr 6 Leaving T Shirt \$25.00
(return asap)

School Banking is on
MONDAY



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.*



Staff Profile



My name is Suzanne Mills. I began teaching in 1996 where I started my first permanent teaching job in the small 'cotton country' town Wee Waa which is in Northwest NSW. My husband and I had 5 fabulous years in the 'country' meeting and making some lifetime friends and I loved my first school. I always promote going to remote or country locations to student teachers as it can be an amazing way to start a teaching career. I came to Hillsborough PS in 2001 to develop and start the very successful 'Young Starters' program. I was very fortunate to be in this wonderful role for 8 years until the Department of Education ceased all Young Starters programs. I then moved to teaching Kindergarten at HPS and anyone who knows me knows I LOVE my job with the youngest students in our wonderful school.

Every day is an adventure in Kindergarten and I feel truly blessed that I am able to be part of a student's start on their journey through school. It still amazes and excites me to witness the moment a child realises they can read or write on their own. I feel so much pride for each and every student when they reach a milestone no matter how big or small.

Kindergarten is a lot of hard work and can be very tiring, but the payoff of being witness to these things is the best part of my job.

If I hadn't trained as a teacher I would have been a graphic artist. I'm glad I went with teaching as I still get to design things and make cool art and get to work with fun little people who amaze me, make me smile and give me lots of inspiration every day. Best job ever!

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.

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER



Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and \$50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the Newcastle area. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two

\$50 credits to their School Banking account. Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

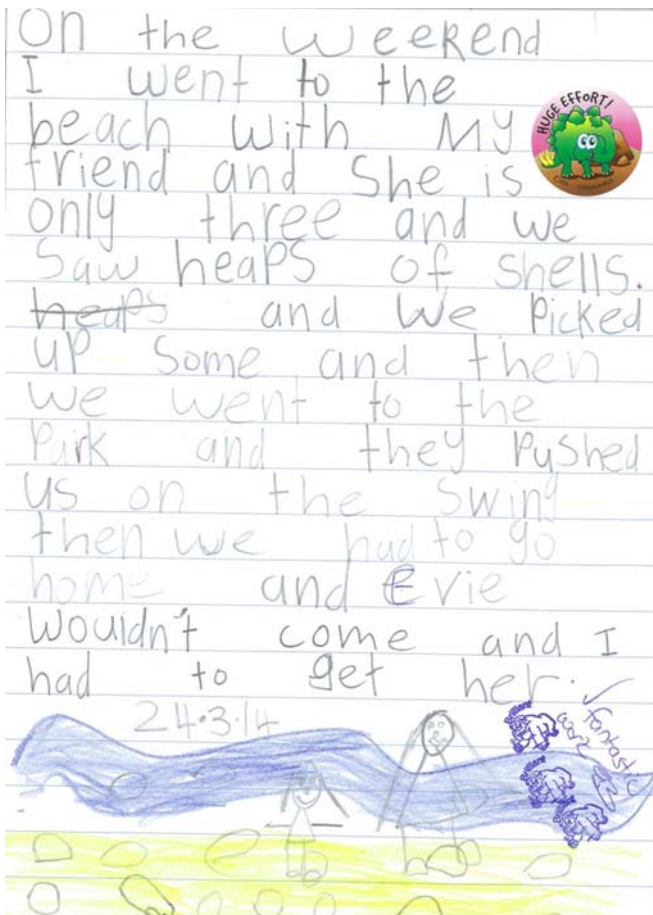
Banking day at Hillsborough PS is every Monday

High Quality @ Hillsborough

Student work samples- Week 9

7.3.14

Stage 2 Writing Groups
HPS-Waratah AVE
Charlestown NSW 2290



Imogen 1P

Dear Mr Thomas,

School pets are positively, definitely a sensational idea to start at school. Kids won't be lonely and they would learn responsibility and this would encourage hard work.

The first reason, Hillsborough Public School SHOULD have school pets is because students won't get bored at lunch or recess. Would you prefer the company of a furry friend or spend your school breaks alone? A lot of the time at school students are by themselves, some find it hard to make friends or their friends might be away for the day. A pet would give them company and something to talk about with other people which may then make them friends.

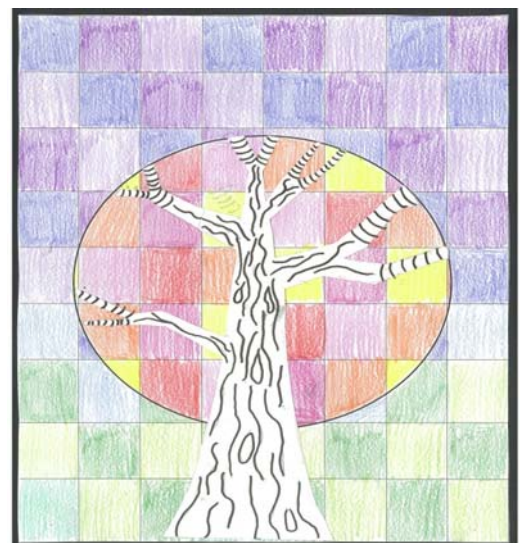
Pursuing this further, this is an exceptional opportunity for students to demonstrate responsibility. It would definitely teach kids how to love and care. For example if a bully took home the school pet and actually showed some empathy. Wouldn't that be great! The child would certainly learn how to do chores like feed them and care for them, therefore becoming more responsible. It would also teach them how to be on time, for example feeding time at exactly 9:00am. That would be amazing, turning a bully into a caring friend, wouldn't you like more friendships Mr Thomas?

One last reason why is that it encourages hard work because kids will challenge themselves so they can learn new skills to reward themselves. They will have something to look forward to after working hard during class time.

Taja, Tamieka & Jacob
Stage 2



Thea KM



Abbie 6/5D

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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.



Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger Fun Day

A great opportunity to have an exciting learning experience at Blackbutt Reserve where children can participate in fun and educational activities.

When: 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 15 April 2014

Where: Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg St)

Free Sausage sandwich for children only, \$1 each for adults.
Drinks available for purchase.

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

Blackbutt Reserve Office: 4904 3344
Email: blackbuttadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au



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3:00PM-6:00PM ASC

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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

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This Week's Featured App



This fun Disney app is sure to engage young students in learning about shapes and patterns. **Jake's Neverland Shapes and Patterns** engages students in a fun journey with Jake and his friends where students have to answer questions about different 2D shapes and simple patterns in order to move through the story. Students trace shapes with glow in the dark butterflies and make puppets along the way in this cute app which is sure to bring smiles to young faces while learning great Mathematical skills..

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