

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

7 May 2014

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was a chilly start to what has already been a busy week here at Hillsborough.

This week we began an integration activity program with our next door neighbours, Newcastle Junior School. A small group of students, accompanied by their teacher joined with Hillsborough students for recess play on Monday afternoon, the children had a great time playing ball games and getting to know one another. This program also includes some classroom visits and even peer tutoring with Mrs Oosterveen and a small group of senior students joining their peers at NJS for some 'one on one' reading time. We are very excited about the opportunities this



provides for our students, raising their awareness and understanding, and allowing them to learn from others.

Another first this week, Miss Ridgeway and Mrs Miller launched a lunchtime 'Koori Kids Club'. Held on Tuesday lunchtimes every fortnight our aboriginal students and their special friends have fun learning about and celebrating aboriginal culture.

In Sport last week, our netball teams very much enjoyed their first games in the PSSA competition, playing well and showing great sportsmanship. Our Zone Cross Country representatives also performed very well achieving great results and a few personal bests.

With the PSSA soccer competition due to start this week we are proud to unveil our new soccer kit, proudly displaying the green and gold our team spirit will be running high!



Dates for the Diary

Every Friday from 2nd May—
30th May

Sport For life Yrs 3-6

Tuesday 13th to Thursday

15th May

NAPLAN

Monday 26th May

Lazy Town

Thursday 29th May then each
Friday till 27th June.

Sport For life Yrs K- 2

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th,
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday
11th June

Life Education Program

Friday 27th June

Last Day of Term 2

Thursday 31st July

Civic Theatre—Wombat Stew

Wednesday 27th August—

Friday 29th August

Years 3 & 4 Sydney Camp

Wednesday 3rd September—

Friday 5th September

Years 5 & 6 Gosford Camp

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am

Principal's Report...continued...

Once again it is time for students in Years 3 and 5 to participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Every year across Australia students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. Please remember that NAPLAN tests are a 'one-off' test that shows us trends in learning, they are not a definitive assessment and we hope they do not cause any undue stress. Testing will take place on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May with a 'catch up' day on Friday for any student absent during the week.

Finally, with Mother's Day this Sunday I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our mums for the wonderful job they do everyday and wish you all a very Happy Mother's Day.

Lucinda Farrell
Relieving Principal

P&C News...

Mother's Day Stall

HPS kids will be able to spoil their mums (and grandmothers) this Mother's Day by getting a special gift from our Mother's Day stall which is being held next **Thursday 8th May. All gifts will be \$5.**

Special P&C Meeting

Monday 26th May 7pm in the Staff room.

This is a special meeting to finalise plans for the upcoming cultural day on Oct 17th.

Uniform Shop News...

We have had several recent enquiries for baseball caps and wanting to be able to purchase them again, baseball caps and visors are not included in the sun safe hat guidelines from the department, broad brimmed and bucket hats are. We have had only the bucket hat available for sale for the last two years, (We changed hats before our recent uniform change) which is our change over phase and we hope now that most children will be wearing the bucket hats. We have them for sale for \$10 at the uniform shop.

Our Sport Shirt backorder has arrived, those orders are now filled and ready for pick up.

All our winter stock is here and available now, if you can't make it in Thursday mornings please leave an order form with the office and it will be filled by the next Thursday and available for pick up at your convenience.

Just a reminder that unpaid orders will only be held for 6 weeks.

MERIT AWARDS

KH

Tom B

Josie F

KM

Zac S

Nate R

1P

1R

Hannah M

Cooper S

2/1A

Abigail B

Lachlan H

2H

Elijah S

Adam H

3/2S

Elise M

Charlotte B

3M

Madison W

Iziah J

4/3F

Taylah G

4M

Timana Hill

6/5D

Jonathen W

Tahlia M

6/5E

Macquarie Cup Netball 2014

Last Friday saw the debut of our three netball teams at the 2014 Macquarie Cup. Our three teams, made up of a Junior team, a Senior team and a Mixed team represented Hillsborough at the Whitebridge Netball courts for the first game of 2014. All players showed outstanding levels of persistence, sportsmanship and dedication to each other and the game. For some it was their first time ever playing a formal game of



netball, however, all players excelled. Miss Ridgeway and Mrs Miller were very proud of the teams and thank the parents and community for their support. We look forward to a spectacular Netball season at HPS.

This Week's Featured App



With the Lego movie being very popular at the moment, why not make your own Lego movie for free with the **Lego Movie Maker** app! This great app is based stop motion techniques, whereby the user takes photographs on the iPad camera showing movement of objects frame by frame. You can use our own Lego characters and props or anything you like! Once you have made your movie, you can edit your movie and publish it just like they do in Hollywood! There is hours of fun to be had here not to mention the endless opportunities for the imagination to run wild!

Book Club has been delivered and ready for pick up.



The next P&C meeting will be held Friday 20th June 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 20th May**. The item will be performed by **3M**.



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THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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<u>Thursday 8th May</u>	<u>Friday 9th May</u>
Melanie Evans	Mel Arthur
Melinda Smith	Mel Ward
Amiee Buckerfield	Renee Bailey
	Eleni Zissis
<u>Thursday 15th May</u>	<u>Friday 16th May</u>
Fiona Freeman	Tammy Cooper
Margaret Parkes	Lauren Turner
Jan Newbold	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Melanie Evans
<u>Thursday 22nd May</u>	<u>Friday 23rd May</u>
Melinda Smith	Sally Wallace
Melanie Evans	Adam Pirona
Michelle Baker	Helen Singleton
	Amanda Roundsley
<u>Thursday 29th May</u>	<u>Friday 30th May</u>
Heidi Garnett	Tara Finn
Michelle Reed	Leisa Anderson
Rebecca Pasovski	Lidjia Pearson
	Kelly Gibson
<u>Thursday 5th June</u>	<u>Friday 6th June</u>
Jenny Charge	Brooke Rowlands
Amiee Buckerfield	Lauren Halloran
Melinda Smith	Narelle Kirsch
	Melanie Evans
<u>Thursday 12th June</u>	<u>Friday 13th June</u>
Jan Newbold	Mel Arthur
Fiona Freeman	Mel Ward
Margaret Parkes	Renee Bailey
	Eleni Zissis
<u>Thursday 19th June</u>	<u>Friday 20th June</u>
Melinda Smith	Sally Wallace
Melanie Evans	Adam Pirona
Michelle Baker	Helen Singleton
	Amanda Roundsley
<u>Thursday 26th June</u>	<u>Friday 27th June</u>
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Michelle Reed	Leisa Anderson
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	Kelly Gibson

Notes sent home
this week:

Student Invoices
Life Education Program
Gosford Camp EOI
(Yr 5 & 6)
Sydney Excursion EOI
(Yr 3 & 4)
Lazy Town (K -2)
Senior Dance Group T 2

Notes to be
returned:

Sport For Life
(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.



Community News...

A local optometrist who is a parent from HPS has been asked to speak about children's vision on the ABC radio at 9.00am Tuesday 13th May. Here are some of the topics that will be discussed:

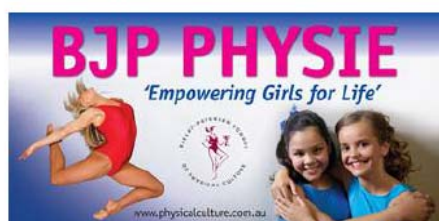
Childrens vision:

- signs for parents and teachers to watch for
 - o in preschool age children who aren't able to tell us what is going on
 - o In school age children and the effect visual trouble can have on reading and learning
 - o What is hyperopia (longsightedness), myopia (short sightedness) and astigmatism. What effect does each play on vision, explained in laymans terms.
 - o Tips to avoid myopia in kids
 - o What role does genes and environment play for myopic kids
 - o Excessive near work, too long on an ipad or computer can make myopia worse in kids
 - o Why is myopia in kids bad? Pathological myopia can lead to eye disease and vision loss.
 - o What can be done for progressing myopia in kids (the latest treatment with scientific research to back it up is orthokeratology)
 - o What age should my child have an eye exam?
- Behavioural optometrists and what they do differently

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.



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.

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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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books will be sent home this week, one per family. If you do not want your Entertainment Book please send the book back to the office or your child's teacher asap.

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Information for parents

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national *Statements of Learning* for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can provide you with more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- visit www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child's school
- contact your state or territory's education authority (details available on the NAP website).

NAPLAN 2014 tests timetable

	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Year 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy Calculator 40 minutes Non-calculator 40 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy Calculator 40 minutes Non-calculator 40 minutes

- Language conventions includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, there is one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.