

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 3

14 May 2014

Principal's Report...



Our 21st century learners in 1P enjoying the new Netbooks. Using 'Switchzoo', students created their own animal, describing their habitat and diet as part of the Stage One 'Wet and Dry Environments' unit.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Excitement this week as the Netbooks made their first appearance in our classrooms. The Netbooks are a set of 16 laptop computers generously donated by our hard working P&C to enrich the teaching and learning opportunities available for our children. As you may well imagine, the Netbooks are fully timetabled; they are allocated in hour-long blocks to all our classes from Years One to Six. The Netbooks already have many great programs installed and no doubt this list will continue to grow. Moreover, they are able to access the internet through our wifi network which is now school wide; thanks again to our fantastic P&C that contributed substantially to this project.

Our Netbooks will complement the technological learning opportunities provided by our excellent computer lab and the 12 iPads that are used daily by



Dates for the Diary

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

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

Friday 23rd May
Walk to School Safely Day

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

Thursday 12th June
Responsible Pet Show

Tuesday 17th June
Matter of Seconds
Council Water Safety 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

Principal's Report...continued...

classes. These are such powerful and important resources for our children to engage fully with our new curriculums and become confident, creative technology users.



Another source of excitement this past week was the poor bedraggled possum spotted by one of our Kindergarten students, it was laying on top of one of our water tanks looking much worse for wear. It seems our young male possum had ventured out to set up his own home in a drain pipe, which during last Thursday's downpour quickly proved to be a dangerous choice. Having dragged himself from the pipe, it appears he collapsed and fell to where we found him. Fortunately the wonderful volunteers at Hunter Wildlife Rescue were able to nurse him back to health and he is now installed in his own possum box in one of our trees.

We are currently looking to name this new member of our school community. Each class will come up with a suggestion and students will then have an opportunity to vote for their favourite name. Voting papers will also include a drawing competition with a small prize for each Stage. We ask that all entries be accompanied by a gold coin donation to the Hunter Wildlife Rescue.

Voting papers will be distributed later in the week and entries will be returned to a box in the office.

Finally, as I write this our Year Three and Year Five students are in the midst of Naplan testing. We realise this can be a stressful time for some students and we appreciate your support over these days.

Lucinda Farrell

Relieving Principal



DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Lots of opportunities are coming up for students who are interested in Public Speaking and Debating.

This year we have entered two debating competitions, the Premier's Debating Challenge for our more experienced debaters and the 'Train On' competition for those just starting out. All students will be well-supported as they develop their debating skills and we will attempt to provide opportunities for all interested students to participate.

In Public Speaking, some of our classes are already preparing speeches. Two students from each class will be chosen to perform early in Term Three to select our school representatives in the Zone Finals.

We also have a new opportunity for our Public Speakers, this year we have entered the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition. Two students from Stages Two and Three will compete against our neighbouring schools in this highly respected competition run by NSW Debating & Public Speaking. Once again, students will be given plenty of support preparing and rehearsing their speech.

We are looking for interested students to join the Public Speaking and Debating club where these opportunities will be discussed further. Students should listen out at morning assembly for a meeting to be called for lunchtime on Thursday.

**School Banking is on
MONDAY**



**UNIFORM
SHOP
HOURS**

**Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am**

**Don't forget
fruit break!**



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.***



RESERVED CAR PARKS

Just a reminder that the two car parking spaces near our school hall are reserved for the use of the OOSH. It is especially important that these parks are available for their staff, as they finish work after dark and should not have to trek off site to get to their cars of an evening.

STAFF CAR PARK

Just a reminder that parents and caregivers should not use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up children. This raises safety concerns for students crossing the car park and of course the extra congestion with cars moving in and out of the car park and across the foot path ramp morning and afternoons.

Our school has a designated 'Drop-Off Zone' where children can be safely dropped or collected.

P&C News...

Our Mother's day stall was a big success last week and we hope all our fabulous mums were spoilt on Sunday. The kids love the Mother's Day stall and it helped raise another \$1300 for Hillsborough Public School. The final tally for the Easter raffle at the end of Term One was approximately \$1500 and we would like to say a big thank you for your continued support! The money raised from these fundraisers goes directly to the school and has enabled the purchase of 16 new netbook computers for the classrooms, the expansion of wi-fi coverage in the school, uniforms for our school sports teams and it will also supplement the upcoming visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education team. Keep an eye out in the next few weeks for information about our upcoming slice drive.

Just a reminder too that a special meeting is being held on **Monday 26 May at 7pm** in the staffroom to discuss the October cultural day/Spring Fair. If you have any ideas for the event or if you are interested in helping out, please come along.

This Week's Featured App



Magnetic Board is a great app that children of all ages can use to revise their spelling words. This app can be purchased for \$2 but unlike other cheaper apps, this app is designed for older students and students who are working on harder vowel sounds. The app provides students with the option to click and drag single sounds as well as long vowel sounds (oa, ee, and many many more) so they can sound out and create words easily. The app also has silent letter combinations, common letter combinations and even numbers. The graphics replicate actual magnetic letters and emoticons can also be added. This is a great way to revise spelling words for reluctant writers or as a fun activity for homework!

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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MOTHERS DAY

A big thank you to our hard-working P&C and everyone who supported them at last week's Mother's Day stall.

There were lots of lovely gifts and many excited little faces as they shopped to find mum the perfect gift for her special day.



Of course a present made with love always hits the spot. A beautiful gift made by Zachary in 2H.

I hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day



Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country event was held at Barton Oval, Belmont. There were over 20 schools which had 4 kids per age group, which are 80 kids per race. The juniors (8's, 9's & 10's) ran 2km while the seniors ran 3km. During races that weren't our age we would cheer on our other representatives of the school. We performed well on and off the track. Most of us spent most of the time eating and spending money at the canteen. Overall everyone had a good time and everyone did well. Mr D, our Mums, Dads and Grandparents helped out a lot! They encouraged us to do our best and cheered us on as we ran past.

Although no one from our school made it to Regional Cross Country, we all raced hard and did the best we could possibly do.

And that's Zone Cross Country for 2014.

A. Bowditch & R. Tydd

Canteen Roster

TERM 2 ROSTER

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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

Netball Knock Out
(Senior Team)

Sean Tan
(Yrs 5 & 6)

Notes to be
returned:

Sport For Life
(return asap)

Netball Knock Out
(return Tuesday 20th May)

Lazy Town
(return Thursday 22nd May)

Gosford Camp EOI
(return Friday 23rd May)

Sydney Excursion EOI
(return Friday 23rd May)

Senior Dance Group
(return Friday 23rd May)

Life Education Program
(return Monday 2nd June)

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER !

Let's get organised early!

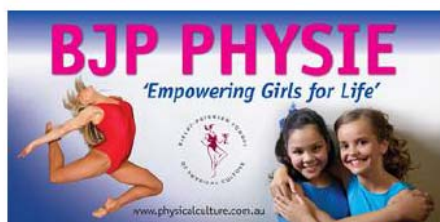
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



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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Wednesday 14th May 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must contact the office and they will give you a form that you will need to complete and return to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards

Lucinda Farrell
Relieving Principal