

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

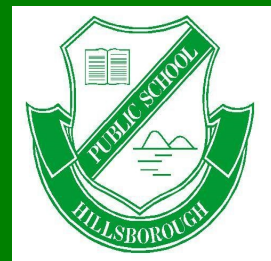
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Term 4 Week 4

28 October 2015

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Thursday night we held our semester two Disco. The miserable weather did not stop us from having a great evening of fun and dancing. Thank you to our P&C helpers who provided a delicious BBQ and the fantastic glow-products that were such a hit on the dance floor. Thank you too, to our dedicated staff who gave up their evenings to be there helping and supervising. Finally a huge thank you to our Year Six leaders who did an amazing job of promoting, decorating, money collection and snacks serving –once again you have shown what a reliable and responsible group of young people you are! The disco raised around \$600 that will go towards our Year Six Farewell and school gift.



There has been much talk in the media of late about the Gonski funding and how important it is for schools. This funding model comes out of the research of David Gonski whose report of Australian schools and education recommended that school funding be closely linked to the needs and complexity of each individual school. This idea was also reflected in the NSW department of education's local Schools Local Decisions model which has worked to empower school communities and enhance their abilities to make plans and allocate resources to best meet the needs of their students. At Hillsborough Public School the funding we have received based on this equity model has been invaluable. Among many other things our equity funding has allowed us to introduce and implement L3 into all our Early Stage One and Stage One classrooms. It has enabled us to reallocate staff so we can use the expertise of Mrs Hanley, our Reading Recovery tutor, to support our stage one children who need further confidence and consolidation in literacy. Our funding meant we could access an occupational therapist to work alongside staff providing professional learning to help us identify and cater for students who would benefit from further development of their fine and gross motor skills. Our equity funding has enabled us to work to develop more meaningful and authentic Personalised Learning Plans for aboriginal students and to purchase resources and staff training to enhance our teaching of aboriginal culture. This funding has had an enormous and very real benefit to our school, in our classrooms and for every student.

Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 28 October, 4th,
11th & 18th November**
Kinder 2016 Orientation - 2:15

Friday 30 October
Fun a thon - 11:45

**Monday 9 November—Friday
20 November**
Swim Scheme

Wednesday 9 December
Year 6 Farewell

Friday 11 December
Presentation Day—9.00

Monday 14 December
Party Day

Wednesday 16 December
Students last day

Thursday 17 & 18 December
Staff Development Day

Thursday 28 January 2016
Years 1-6 return to school

Tuesday 2 February 2016
Kinder First Day

**UNIFORM
SHOP
HOURS**

**Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am**

Principal's Report continued ...

NSW Health has contacted all schools asking that we alert our community to the large increase in Whooping cough diagnoses this year. This outbreak is primarily affecting school aged children and here at Hillsborough we have had several cases. The Whooping cough fact sheet included later in this newsletter, describes the approach to effective treatment and prevention. I would recommend all parents read this carefully and contact their doctor if they have any concerns.

This Friday is our Fun Run, the major P&C fundraiser for the year, it will be a great afternoon for all. The children are very excited and looking forward to running around a fun obstacle course and participating in novelty events. Students will be working in house teams accruing points and having a great time. As we will be working in teams, students can come to school wearing a house coloured t-shirt [please note no singlets or midriff tops]; school sports shorts and running shoes. Parents are very welcome to come and enjoy the day with us –you may like to bring your camp chairs or picnic blankets. Food stalls will be available throughout the afternoon [see later in the newsletter for more information]. I would like to thank Ansley Hood and Amber Hutton whose initiative, creativity and organisation are second to none, and who, supported by a team of fabulous parent volunteers will make this a great day for everyone!

Lucinda Farrell
Principal

Absent Notes

The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act requires you to explain your child's absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. This includes **late arrivals** and **early leavers**.

If your child's absence is not explained within 7 days you may receive a letter from the school outlining the dates and/or times of partial absences requiring an explanation.

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 10 November 2015**. The item will be presented by 2/1S and 1H.



The next P&C meeting will be Monday 23 November 2015. AGM 6.00pm and general meeting 6.30pm in the Staffroom.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

School Banking is on MONDAY

Last banking day this year is Monday 7th December



A note from School Banking

Please choose one of the following reward items:



Galaxy Glider



Outer Space Savers Money Box



Invisible Ink Martian Pens



Intergalactic Rocket



ET DVD

There is limited stock available of some of the 2014 reward items:



Shark Key Ring



Scented Pencils



Swimming Bag

All reward items are available while stocks last



Name: _____

Class _____

I would like to redeem 10 tokens for a:

- ☐ Galaxy Glider
- ☐ Outer Space Savers Money Box
- ☐ Invisible Ink Martian Pens
- ☐ Intergalactic Rocket
- ☐ ET DVD
- ☐ Shark Key Ring
- ☐ Scented Pencils
- ☐ Swimming Bag

Canteen Roster

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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<u>THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER</u>	<u>FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER</u>
Teresa Stuart Deanne Poulton Melinda Smith	Mel Arthur Mel Ward Eleni Zissis
<u>THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER</u>	<u>FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER</u>
Jenny Charge Margaret Parkes Jan Newbold	Tara Finn Lidjia Pearson Leisa Anderson
<u>THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER</u>	<u>FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER</u>
Rebecca Pasovski Michelle Reed Heidi Garnett	VOLUNTEER NEEDED Margaret Parkes VOLUNTEER NEEDED
<u>THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER</u>	<u>FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER</u>
Sally Wallace Helen Singleton	Kate Nicholls Lauren Turner Alison Maher
<u>THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER</u>	<u>FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER</u>
Teresa Stuart Deanne Poulton Melinda Smith	Melinda Smith VOLUNTEER NEEDED VOLUNTEER NEEDED
<u>THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER</u>	<u>FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER</u>
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**We say 'NO'
to nuts
and nut products
at Hillsborough Public
School**



HEAD LICE NOTIFICATION

There have been several outbreaks of head lice within the school over the last few weeks.

Could **all** families please check their child/rens hair on a regular basis and treat as necessary.



Office News...

School banking at HPS is done by a Parent Volunteer. If you would like to help with this in 2016 please inform the office.

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.

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.



This Friday

Thank you to those families who have returned their envelopes or made online donations. So far we have raised over \$2000 towards our school's new basketball/netball court. Please return envelopes and money to the office by 30th Oct.

ABOUT THE FUN RUN

Students can come to school dressed in their house colours or sports uniform. Please ensure children have their school hat, sunsafe sleeves and are wearing sneakers. The fun run-a-thon will commence after lunch at 11:45am. We have planned an exciting afternoon of events and we would like to invite all parents, grandparents and caregivers to attend and cheer on our kids.



We are going to have two obstacle courses set up, one for K-2 and one for 3-6. Each year group will have two 10 min turns to run or walk as many laps as they can around the fun obstacle course. For every lap they complete, the children will earn a point for their house team. There will also be novelty events and games for the children to participate in, whilst waiting for their turn on the obstacle course.



We need lots of helpers on the day to make this event a success. If you are available to help set up the course, assist with the novelty events, sell the drinks and snacks etc please contact Ansley or Amber on HPSfundraising@optusnet.com.au or let the office know. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

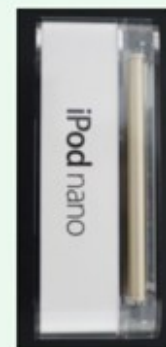
FRIDAY 30TH OCT

Major Prize Draw



Every student who fundraises over \$25 will receive an entry into the major prize draw for a chance to win an iPod nano & UE Boom Bluetooth Speaker (RRP over \$400). The major prize will be drawn at the school assembly on Tuesday 10th October

Good luck everyone!



Online Donations can be made at
<https://chuffed.org/project/hpsfunrun>

All students who raise over \$10 will be able to choose a prize from one of our 4 prize tables. Photos of some of the prizes up for offer are displayed on the P&C notice board. Checkout the prizes next time you visit the office!

Here is a sneak peak:



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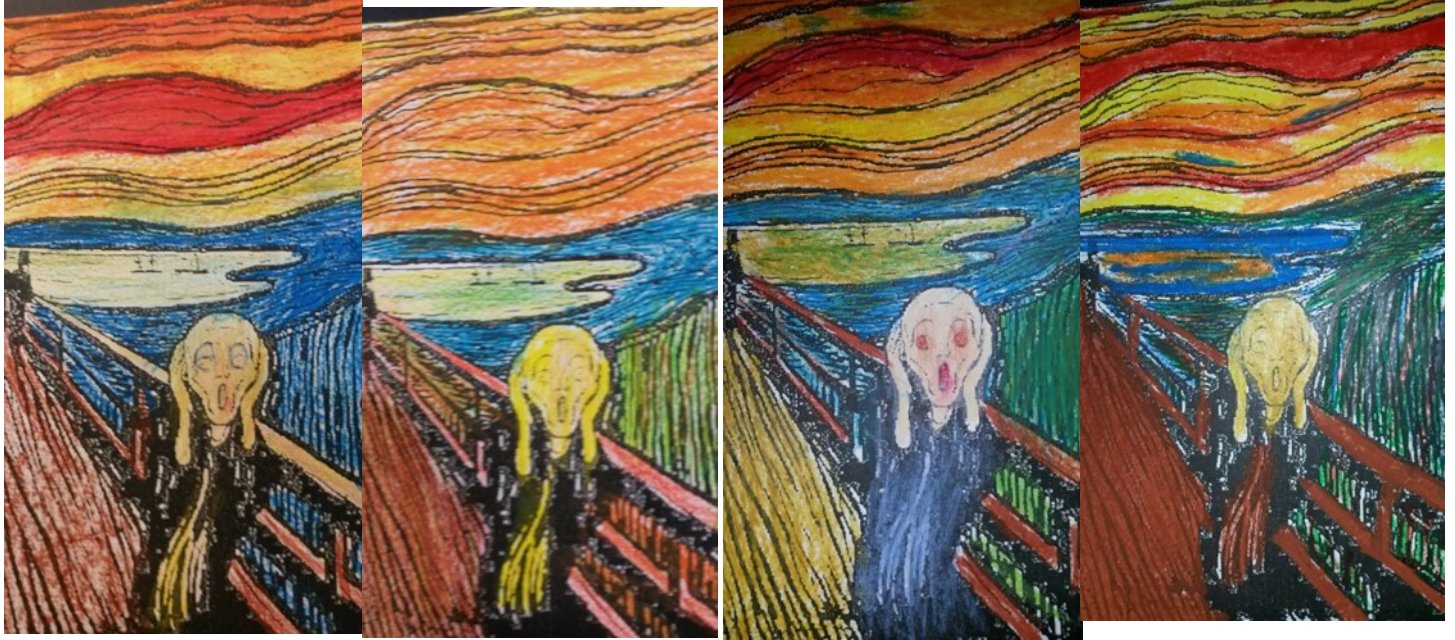
www.missmelons.com.au

FUN RUN FOOD

At the Fun Run the P&C will be selling fresh fruit, cold drinks, ice blocks and snacks during the afternoon. These items will cost between 50c- \$1. There will be soft drinks available for the adults only for \$2.

3E has looked at the artist Edvard Munch and one of his works: 'The Scream'
We also learnt the sky colour may well have been a result of the Krakatoa explosion in 1883.

The original as recreated by 3E:



Our own versions:



Please read our original versions of William Carlos Williams'

'This is Just To Say'

I have eaten
all the ice creams
that were in
the freezer

and which
you were probably
saving
for desert

Forgive me
they were so soft
and so cold.

I have eaten
the Hubba Bubba
that was
in the pantry

and which
you were probably
saving
as a snack

Forgive me
it was so gummy
chewy
and tasty

By Harrison, Tee
I have eaten
the last
drumstick
In the freezer

that you
were saving
for desert.

Forgive me please
they were so
crunchy and
sweet.

I have eaten
The Mango
In the freezer
With the cold


Ice cubes
And that
You
Wanted for desert

Believe me
They were AMAZING!!
SO juicy and
So icy

3E's Colour Poems using metaphors

Red is
My blood that looks disgusting.
My paint on my white paper.
My sweet apple that I ate Today.
My funny book in my beautiful room
My brother's face when he is angry.
The soft beanbag at school.
My beautiful ring that I wear at home.
My comfy pillow at home on the daybed.

Blue is
Lipstick on my dad's dull lips
Nail polish on my stinky brother
R2-D2's spinning head
a small berry that I eat
watery sad on Noah's face
the scary goat out of Pac-man
the old car on the rough road
beautiful fish in a large tank
the front of the Countdown
magazine on my large desk
a lighter on Anikan's Jedi
hands

GREY is

my spinning fan at home.
is mad, very sad, angry
my concert at my home in the backyard.
the paint on my family car.
the outside of the computer in the class.
a massive tall elephant in the zoo.
my next door neighbour's tiny cat.
the big rocks at the long beach.
the cover of this book on my desk.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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Specialty Groups
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30th of October

6:00pm

At Newcastle Supa Putt,
Turton Road,
Broadmeadow
\$15.00 entry fee

*includes unlimited games and a sausage sizzle.



Make a team and register with Kim and Krista on 49471520



Good for Kids good for life

Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own 'ice cream' using mashed up bananas (it's deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!



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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.

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