

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 3

6 May 2015

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to begin this week with my somewhat belated congratulations to Mrs Alison Miller who at the end of last term was appointed permanent Assistant Principal through merit selection. Mrs Miller is a very talented and dedicated staff member and an asset to our school and her promotion is well-deserved.

Yesterday we had our Mothers Day stall. The children were all so proud of their presents and I am sure there will be very happy faces on Sunday Morning. A very big thank you to the wonderful ladies who worked so hard to get all the gifts together and make sure that our kids all had the fun of choosing that special gift for mum. The stall raised just over \$1000 that will go towards new Apps for our 22 school iPads to enrich and enhance the learning experiences of all our students.

I am well aware that many, if not most of our Primary aged students are frequently engaging with one form or another of social media, be it Instagram, Facebook, iMessaging, etc including those platforms that are age-restricted 12/13 year plus. And I do completely understand the positives of social media in terms of staying connected and interacting with friends and family, most especially those they may not see on a day to day basis. However, having spent much of the early part of this week dealing with some of the more negative impacts of social media I feel it is important just to share some of the concerns we have relating to social media use and to direct you towards some information and strategies that can be used to address them.

Social media can be a hub for cyberbullying and questionable practices. Often times the conversations that are had on social media include comments that would not be made to a person's face. Recently I have heard of several very negative remarks made between students that have then caused upset that has spilled into school. Cyber bullying is a very real and worrisome issue for our young people and it is very important that if children are allowed access to social media sites that they receive significant guidance and monitoring around what they should and should not do online.

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group. Bullying is repeated behaviour by an individual or group with the intent to harm another person or group. Cyberbullying can involve social, psychological and even, in extreme cases, physical harm. It can cause shame, guilt, fear, withdrawal, loneliness and depression. Because children and young people are often online it can be hard for them to escape cyberbullying. Nasty messages, videos and gossip can spread fast online and are hard to delete. Sometimes the attackers can be anonymous and hard to stop. This can make it harder for adults to see and manage.

Cybersmart.gov.au

Cyber safety is taught regularly in Technology classes at Hillsborough Public, moreover, this term our Stage Three classrooms will receive further education on Cyber safety and Cyberbullying.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 12 May—Thursday 14 May
Naplan test Years 3 & 5

Wednesday 20 May
Little Bad Wolf Performance
K—6

Thursday 21 May
Gaming Session Yrs 4—6

Friday 22 May
Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 22 May
Grandparents Day

Friday 26 June
Last day Term 2

Monday 13 July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14 July
First day Term 3

**UNIFORM
SHOP
HOURS**

**Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am**

Principal's Report continued ...

If you have any concerns around the inappropriate use of social media by students at our school please contact us as soon as possible.

Below please find below some links to further information:

The CyberSmart Guide for parents is an invaluable resource, including 'All that parents need to know about Cyber Safety for kids'.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>

A guide to what parents need to know about Instagram is found in the link below. This includes information around how the platform functions, privacy issues and appropriate use.

<http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com/2012/02/instagram-is-it-okay-for-kids-what-parents-need-to-know/>

This week is Privacy Awareness Week and the message is that regardless of age we should all be aware of the importance of keeping our personal information private and the availability of privacy settings.

<http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/privacy-awareness-week-2015>

Finally just a reminder that if your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

To all our wonderful mums, I wish you a relaxing and very special Mothers' Day.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal

Uniform Shop News...

NEW IN STOCK AVAILABLE NOW!!!

Ready for the winter months we have new boys and girls long ELASTIC WAIST pants.



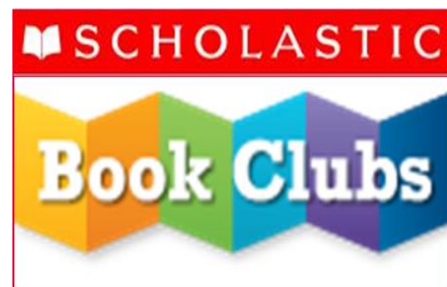
Perfect to fit all sizes!! Grey long pants for the boys and bottle green long pants for the girls to wear Mon-Thur. Sizes 4-16. \$20 each. Great value!!

We also have in stock fleecy lined rain jackets reduced for sale \$30!! Not a lot of stock left so get in quick to keep your kids warm this winter!

Also available bottle green gloves, one size fits all for \$4!! Perfect for those cold mornings.



Book Club for Term 2 will be issued later in the term.



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 12 May 2015**. The item will be performed by the Junior Choir.

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE Online



The next P&C meeting will be Friday 15th May 2015
8.30am in the Library.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Parent Helpers Needed



Ms Oosterveen is looking for parent volunteers who can offer some time in our Morning sessions [9-11am] to listen to children read. Practising reading aloud is a very effective strategy in improving literacy levels and we have several students who would greatly benefit from the opportunity to practise more regularly.

If you can help please see Ms Oosterveen or contact the Office.

Regional Football Trials

Last week Three of our Stage 3 students, Luke T, Tom P and Jacob Z were selected to compete in the second phase of the Regional PSSA Football trials. They were selected in the top 23 players in the region, which is a real credit to them, their sportsmanship and skill.



In the final selection process held on Monday at Nelson Bay. Tom P and Jacob Z were selected in the Regional Team and will now go to Bathurst this June for 3 days to compete for a place in the NSW PSSA Football team. Well done and good luck in Bathurst.

We say 'NO'
to nuts
and nut products
at Hillsborough Public School



IMPETIGO

(School Sores)

There has been a reported case of impetigo at the school

Symptoms include small red spots that change into blisters and fill with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a water-tight dressing.

How can I help prevent spread?

Careful hand washing.

Time from exposure to illness:
1 to 2 days.



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.

Canteen Roster

TERM 2

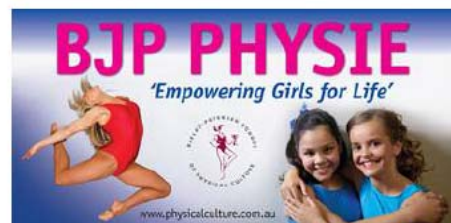
THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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<u>Thursday 7th May</u>	<u>Friday 8th May</u>
Jenny Charge Margaret Parkes Jane Newbold	Lauren Turner Lauren Halloran Teresa Stuart
<u>Thursday 14th May</u>	<u>Friday 15th May</u>
Melinda Smith Teresa Stuart Deanne Poulton	Tara Finn Leisa Anderson Lidjia Pearson
<u>Thursday 21st May</u>	<u>Friday 22nd May</u>
Melinda Smith Sally Wallace Helen Singleton	Laren Turner Kate Nicholls Alison Maher
<u>Thursday 28th May</u>	<u>Friday 29th May</u>
Rebecca Pasovski Michelle Reed Heidi Garnett	Mel Arthur Mel Ward Eleni Zissis
<u>Thursday 4th June</u>	<u>Friday 5th June</u>
Jenny Charge Margaret Parkes Jane Newbold	Lauren Turner Lauren Halloran Teresa Stuart
<u>Thursday 11th June</u>	<u>Friday 12th June</u>
Melinda Smith Teresa Stuart Jenny Valentine	Tara Finn Leisa Anderson Lidjia Pearson
<u>Thursday 18th June</u>	<u>Friday 19th June</u>
Melinda Smith Sally Wallace Helen Singleton	Lauren Turner Kate Nicholls Alison Maher
<u>Thursday 25th June</u>	<u>Friday 26th June</u>
Rebecca Pasovski Michelle Reed Heidi Garnett	Mel Arthur Mel Ward Eleni Zissis

School Banking is on
MONDAY



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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P & C News...

The P & C would like to send out a great big 'thank you' to Crystal at Miss Melons who has donated the fruit for sale in our canteen over the last two weeks. We were also able to use the fruit to sell at the Zone Cross Country canteen.

Follow the link to miss melon's fruit & veg home delivery
<http://miss-melons.myshopify.com/>

**MISS MELON'S FRUIT & VEG
HOME DELIVERY**

servicing NEWCASTLE &
THE HUNTER VALLEY

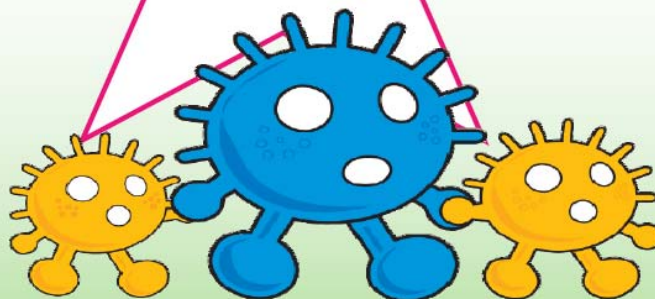


Grandparents' Day and Walk Safely to School Day Friday 22nd of May 2015

Open Classrooms
between
9.30 and 10.30

Enjoy a healthy morning tea
at 10.30am under the cola for
a gold coin donation

Grab a coffee from our
coffee cart



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Let's look after the environment
while being healthy and safe

NATURAL DISASTERS



This term, 6B will be looking at Natural Disasters and major weather events. This includes the storms our own area has just experienced.

We divided ourselves into groups and composed a one page information report on the recent history of natural disasters in the local area.

Here are just a couple of examples of the quality work we have produced.

NEWCASTLE NATURAL DISASTERS

By Scott, Blake, Noah and Matt

The *Newcastle Earthquake* in 1989 occurred on Thursday, 28th December. The shock was 5.6 on the Richter Scale and was Australia's most serious earthquake, killing 13 people and injuring over 150.



Newcastle, NSW Australia
Earthquake 1989



The Pasha Bulker on Nobbys

PASHA BULKER STORM – In June 2007, storms commenced on Friday, 8 following the creation of intense east coast low pressure system during night. Over the next three days the Hunter Region and Central Coast were battered by the system's strong winds and heavy rain, which caused flooding and loss of life. The Bulk carrier *PASHA BULKER* washed up on Nobbys Beach.

Four lives were lost during the APRIL 2015 STORM in the Hunter Valley. The famous "V-tree" at Hillsborough School was knocked over by strong winds and 6B's investigation into it found that a 25m tree doesn't have to have a big root system. This is probably why the tree had fallen over.



The Infant Playground at H.P.S had collapsed under strong winds and torrential rains during Storm.

Newcastle's Natural Disasters

This information report is about Newcastle's natural disasters from 1989 to 2015. There will be information on the Newcastle Earthquake, the Pasha Bulker storm, and the 2015 April storm.

Newcastle Earthquake

The Newcastle Earthquake occurred on the 28th of December 1989. 13 lives were lost and 160 people were injured during the earthquake. Lives were lost by crumbling buildings, 3500 homes were destroyed which cost a 4 million dollar damage bill and 50 thousand buildings were damaged with 300 being demolished. It was one of Australia's worst natural disasters.



The Pasha Bulker on Nobbys

The Pasha bulker storm

The Pasha Bulker storm occurred on the 8th of June 2007. The Pasha Bulker washed up on Nobbys Beach Newcastle. It was moved to a safe location on 2nd July 2007 at 9:48pm and was towed to Japan for major repairs on the 26th of July 2007. This storm also cost lives and many millions of dollars in our local area.

2015 April Storm

The April 2015 storm occurred late in the afternoon it brought down trees and damaged many homes. 4 people died from the flooding. Lots of schools had to be closed for two days and some even for the rest of the week. Eight trees fell over at Hillsborough Public School and there was other damage.



BY REBECCA, SARAH, SARIAH, GEORGIA, PHOEBE, ALANNAH

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WE ♥ PARENT HELPERS

Volunteers are needed daily to read one-to-one with students in Years 3-6. I currently need volunteers during the times 9:00am - 11:00am. If you are interested I would love your help. Please fill out the days you are available and send it to the office. I would like to start this program in week 5. If you have any questions please come and see me.

Many Thanks

Fiona Oosterveen

Learning and Support Teacher

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Times Available:	9:00-10:00	9:00-10:00	9:30 - 10:30	10:00 - 11:00	