

Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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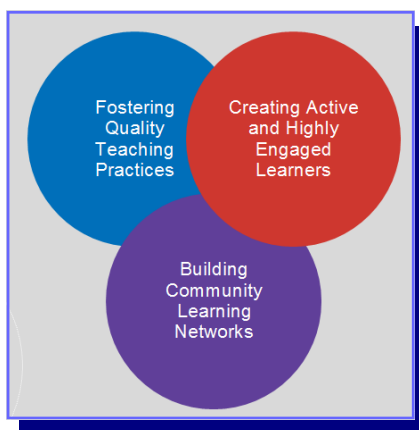
Term 2 Week 4

13 May 2015

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am pleased to let you know that our School Plan 2015-7 has been completed, endorsed and is available on our school website. This plan is the culmination of extensive collaboration between staff, community members and students, and represents our strategic direction for the next three years. I would like to thank all those who worked to help determine school directions whether by working with the planning team or the P&C, contributing feedback or completing our planning survey; your ideas and evaluations make a real difference.



Our three Strategic Directions

It is a busy week for schools all around the country as our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit the NAPLAN tests. The NAPLAN is a powerful way to broadly assess curriculum standards across all schools, moreover, it is a tool schools can use to look at student growth and areas for improvement. As test of individual student achievements what the NAPLAN provides is a snapshot and it is only a small part of the assessment process we use to understand and drive student learning. At Hillsborough we do try to reinforce with students that NAPLAN should not be something they become overly anxious about. And while we do understand that the formal testing process, (which is very unlike most of the formative assessments they complete in class), is liable to produce some concerns, we try to build a balanced approach in our students. We want them to try their best (as we hope they always do) without placing extra stress upon themselves.

I can't say it any better than was expressed by teachers at a Queensland school in a letter to students that has gone viral on the internet in recent days;

"....This test does not assess all of what makes you exceptional and unique. The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program....The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell how amazingly special you are...."

Lucinda Farrell
Principal

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**

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.

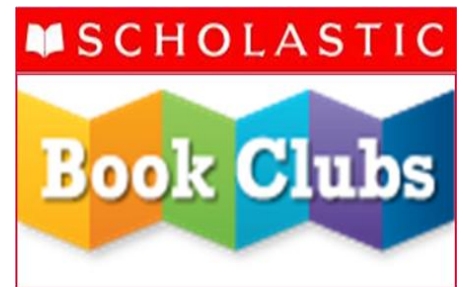
School Banking is on MONDAY



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 26 May 2015.**

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



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](tel:0408206349) or mandy.smith139@gmail.com.

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE Online



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

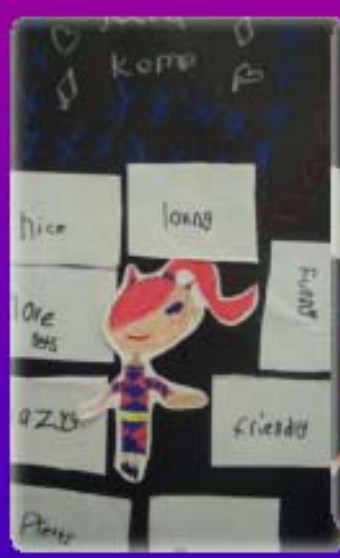
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!



**5/4P'S
AMAZING
CAPA GROUP
PHOTOS**

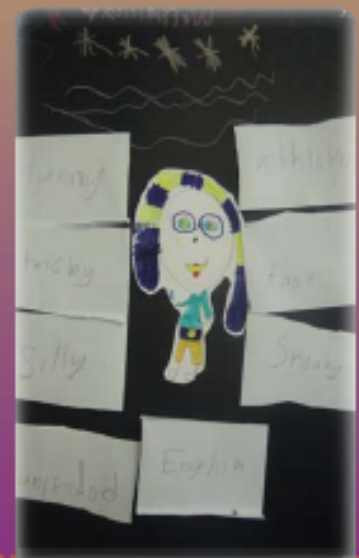
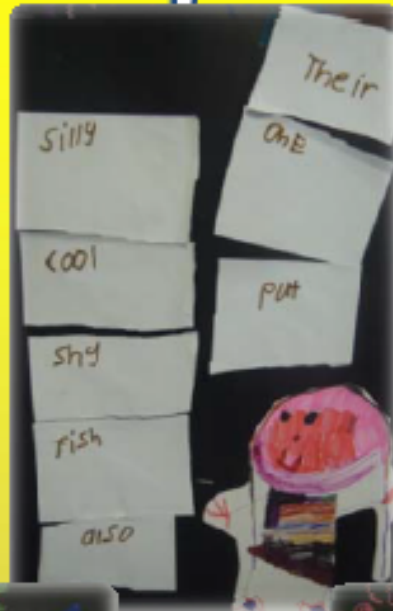


We're Creative Creatures in 2D



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Canteen Roster

TERM 2

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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<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	VOLUNTEER NEEDED 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 VOLUNTEER NEEDED
<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	VOLUNTEER NEEDED 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

MERIT AWARDS

KH
Brodie H
Vylet A
KM
Zara C
Isaac W
1H
Thea C
Kobe W
2/1S
Chloe C
Flynn C
2D
Cooper J
Cody J
2H
Adam T
Alyssa H
3E
Charlize H
Logan W
4/3M
Caitlin P
Abigail B
4A
Jed A
Alexandra A
5/4P
Ethan P
Nick R
5R
Taylah G
6B
Martina A
Daniel A
Library
Jarrah S & Katelyn F

ALL eye examinations
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 Goggles Sunglasses
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 Ph. 4958 7892
 Health Fund Direct Billing
aie optical
 Prescription Eyewear

NEXT P&C MEETING

FRIDAY 15TH MAY
8:30AM IN THE LIBRARY



Everyone is Welcome to attend

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books and digital memberships are for sale for \$60. If you have a book already payment is due now, or the books are due back if you are not wishing to purchase them.



Last year we raised \$1200 from sales. This year the money raised will go towards improving and expanding the fenced playground out the back - this is even more important after the recent storm damage! Ask your family and friends if they would like to purchase one too.

Payments can be made online at the link below, or send cash in to the office with student's name.

One Digital membership can be shared across up to FIVE iOS or android devices. It can also track your savings and means you won't go out for dinner and leave the book behind. New offers are regularly added to your phone through the year.

<http://www.entbook.com.au/346h57>



Planning your finance doesn't have to be a daunting process. In fact, it shouldn't be. Whether you're buying your first home, looking to invest in property, or even searching for ways to reduce your mortgage, we have the people and the tools to help make it easy.

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**Education &
Communities**

May 2015

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: <http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers>

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.



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	9:30 - 10:30		10:00 - 11:00

**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**