

# Hillsborough Public School Newsletter

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**Term 2 Week 6**

**27 May 2015**

## Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Grandparent's Day was celebrated in style last week in spite of the torrential rain. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and family members working alongside students in their classrooms and enjoying a taste of school life. The children get so much out of seeing their family at school, in their classrooms and sharing their learning and achievements. Huge thanks go to all our staff and most particularly to Mrs Tahnee Pike for all the work she put into organising and coordinating this special event.



On Thursday last week a group of talented Stage Three students headed to Belmont Court House to participate in the 'Clued Up Kids' Law Week competition. During this term our team, with the guidance of Mr Ross Burke, have been working with a set of clues and witness statements in order to solve a fictitious criminal case. The students created an amazing multimedia presentation that included green screen technology, a guest appearance by local law enforcement and a blooper reel. They performed extremely well and their efforts were very highly praised winning the Nicole Harvey Trophy as Runners Up.



## Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 3 June**

ICAS Science Test

**Monday 15 June—19 June**

ICAS Writing Test

**Tuesday 16 June**

ICAS Spelling Test

**Friday 26 June**

Last day Term 2

**Monday 13 July**

Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 14 July**

First day Term 3

**Tuesday 28 July**

ICAS Spelling Test

**Tuesday 11 August**

ICAS Maths Test

**Tuesday 18—Wed 19 August**

Morriset Camp Years 3/4

**Wednesday 26—Fri 28 August**

Canberra Excursion Years 5/6

**UNIFORM  
SHOP  
HOURS**

**Thursday**

**8.30am - 9.30am**

## Principal's Report continued ...

As part of our involvement in the Premier's Sporting Challenge, a group of our students participated last week in 'Learning to Lead' at Cardiff High School. As a student leadership event with a sporting basis, our students were led by senior high school students and introduced to a range of fun activities. It was a very full and enjoyable day that as well as building confidence, allowed our Stage Three students a taste of high school.

As many parents would already know, our school has been lucky enough to be able to introduce Game Training, a company who provide software and training for school students with an interest in computer gaming technology. Game Training are currently working with a group of our students teaching them how to write computer code and build a commercial grade 3D world from scratch. This is a great extra curricula opportunity and we are looking forward to seeing, and playing, the games our team creates.

On Monday it was the turn of our Boys' Soccer team to emerge the winners from Round 3 of the State Soccer Knockout. Very able led by our coach Mrs Tahnee Pike, the team demonstrated the skill and sportsmanship that we are so proud of. The boys will progress to Round 4 early next term.



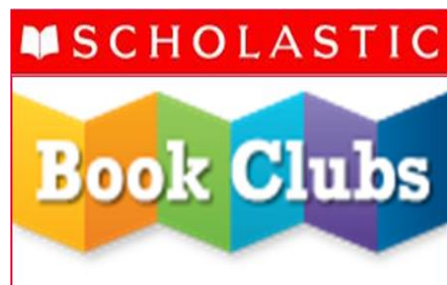
*Our Boys Soccer team at Monday's State Knockout heats*

Yesterday our environmental group, the Hillsborough Harvesters, enjoyed a composting workshop with Simon from Lake Macquarie Council. Simon worked with students to set up a worm farm, teaching them the correct ways to care for the worms and how to compost effectively. We would like to thank Mrs Pike and the Lake Macquarie Council for organising this opportunity and eagerly anticipate the next harvest.

*Worms, making our gardens grow*

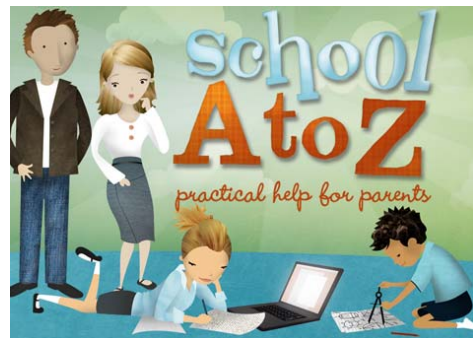


**Book Club orders due by Friday 12 June.**



### 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 9 June 2015**. The item will be performed by 3E.



The next P&C meeting will be Monday 15th June 2015  
6.00pm in the Staffroom.

**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



I also need to inform you that Pertussis [whooping cough] is present in our school community with several students diagnosed with the disease. I am informed by NSW Health that it is very prevalent in the Hunter area at the moment. If you have any concerns please contact your GP or NSW Health for more information [fact sheet included in this newsletter].

Finally, I would just like to acknowledge our deep sadness at the loss of our General Assistant, Mr Phil Simpson. Phil was a valued staff member here at Hillsborough; he took great pride in the school, most particularly in his work in our playgrounds. In his eight years at the school Phil made many friends on staff and he will be sorely missed.

Lucinda Farrell

Principal

## P & C News...

The P&C Fundraising committee is having a meeting this Friday 29th May in the library at 9am. We are starting to plan the major fundraising event this year which is a Fun Run in early Term 4. We would love you to come along and join in the brainstorming and planning stage. Everyone is welcome and there will be some younger siblings attending.

Entertainment books are still for sale and we have made over \$800 profit so far towards improving and repairing the fenced playground.

There are still 21 families with an overdue book - please return it to the office or pay for it on

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

Thankyou.

### 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>

## NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING

FRIDAY 29TH MAY  
9AM IN THE LIBRARY



*Everyone is Welcome to attend*

# Canteen Roster

TERM 2

## THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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<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



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AWARDS**

**KH**

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Coen F

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**1H**

Carley

Asher B

**2/1S**

Jake K

Callan P

**2D**

Kaelan N

Cooper S

**2H**

Owen P

Nicholas P

**3E**

Curtis R

Madeleine W

**4/3M**

Abril C

Max C

**4A**

Ty C

Zoe

**5/4P**

Cooper P

Beau

**5R**

Jarrah, Maddison

Katelyn & Izaak

**Clued Up Kids**

Abbie, Jacob, Jono,

Mady, Darcy & Abby

**Library**

## 3E loves art



## 3E's packaging project.







Meet Jimmy Junior, 3E's class pet.



I went to Melbourne with my family in January this year. Melbourne is the capital of Victoria. Melbourne is famous for having many sports and that's why we went there.

We went to the Australian open tennis. I saw Andre Agassi, Sam Stosur and Mark Philippoussis. There are lots of fun activities for kids there too.

We also saw Australia play India in a one day cricket match and went to an Asian Cup quarter final match.

We caught trains and ate yummy food at nice restaurants.

I really like Melbourne because there are lots of fun things to do and see there especially if you love sport.

A happy school from



Joshua Reed from 5R will be representing  
NSW in swimming at the Pacific School  
Games being held in Adelaide in  
November this year.

Please support Josh and the NSW team by  
buying some raffle tickets.

**TICKETS \$2 EACH**

Available at the office

**Good Luck Josh!**

**Prizes**

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|------------|------------------------------------|
| 1st Prize: | 55" Samsung Full HD Smart 3D TV    |
| 2nd Prize: | GoPro HD Hero4 Action Video Camera |
| 3rd Prize: | Apple iPad Mini 32GB Wi-Fi capable |
| 4th Prize: | Olympus TG-3 Waterproof Camera     |
| 5th Prize: | Sony Noise Cancelling Headphones   |



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School Banking is on  
**MONDAY**



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JULIE LOGAN MUSIC PRESENTS

## MINIONS MOVIE FUNRAISER

*Proudly supporting Clown Doctors  
putting a SMILE on the faces of sick children*

Sunday 21st June - TOWER CINEMA

Movie \$10.00

or

Movie / Popcorn / Drink \$20.00

*Includes free raffle entry & music session*

1.45pm - **FREE** Music Fun in Foyer

2.15pm - JOIN US FOR THE MOVIE  
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*Communicable Diseases Factsheet*

*Whooping cough affects people of all ages. It can be especially serious for babies. Vaccination reduces the risk of infection.*

# Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 30 March 2015

## What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

## What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

## How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

## Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

## How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

## Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.
- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby's vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.

## Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School –based Vaccination Program.

## Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- Women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Free vaccine is provided in NSW through Gps and hospital antenatal clinics.
- Other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- Adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

## If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

## How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether there you've had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

## How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

## What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

## Identify - Protect – Prevent

NSW Health whooping cough campaign <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/index.asp>

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)