Welcome back for Term Four! I hope everyone had a relaxing break and enjoyed the beautiful Spring weather! We begin this term with some excellent news, at the end of last term, Abbie S represented Hillsborough Public at the finals of the Hunter-Interschool’s Public Speaking Competition and won! This is a magnificent achievement and was very well deserved as anyone who was lucky enough to see her presentation about life as a very mischievous Scottish hen would agree.

Next Monday our Senior Boys Soccer team will compete in the last leg of the State Knockout competition. As one of the final four, our boys will play in the finals at Speers Point cheered on by some very proud teachers and parents. We wish them the best of luck!

We are all looking forward to our whole school celebration of the Arts, HPS Cultural Day, which will be held next Friday, 17th October. Enjoy the galleries, classroom activities and performances from 10am. Everyone is most welcome to visit and experience our work in the Creative and Practical Arts. Come for a while or come for the day, we hope to see you there!

Interrelate is on again this year and will be held on Wednesday evening 5th November. More information further in.

Coming up very soon is our K-2 Swim School; this is always a very popular program and places are filled quickly. This year our Year 2 students will be given first option at enrolling in the program and their notes will go home next Monday 13th October, as always you need to return the note and deposit to secure a place. Any places not filled will be offered to Year 1 students on Tuesday 14th October. Kindergarten students will be offered any places still remaining on Wednesday 15th October. Please remember we can only send fifty students to Swim School and places are allocated on a first in basis.

Finally, a reminder to have your say in helping plan the future directions for our school by offering your ideas and feedback via the survey attached to this newsletter or by following the survey monkey link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VLGBGF7. All surveys are anonymous and are very important to our whole school planning process.

Lucinda Farrell
Relieving Principal
Friends of Ten is a great app for our younger students who are learning combinations of 10 to support Mathematics skills. The app provides five different learning options for students, using ten frames and counters that can be dragged into place resembling hands on activities enjoyed at school. Friends of ten explores addition and subtraction to ten as well as number recognition. Each instruction is read aloud to students, making it very user friendly for all students. This is a cute and fun app perfect to help young students.

GOOD LUCK to the Senior Boys Soccer Team playing the finals this Monday 13th October at Speers Point!!
## Canteen Roster

**TERM 4**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

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**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.

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**Notes sent home this week:**

Student Invoice/Account sent home via the post.

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**Notes to be returned:**

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Learn to Surf Newcastle
Operated/owned by Miles Niddrie, Level 2 Surf Coach, since 2004.
Vegemite Surf Groms is back again this September School Holidays. All equipment supplied including winter wetsuits, softboards and rash shirts. Surf safety education and local beach info taught each lesson.
Age groups are 5-12yrs (max 12 kids/3coaches)
School holiday 4 x 2hr $165pp (all prices inc GST)
Plus registration fee for the Surf groms gift pack value $150 free.
13yrs-18yrs $165pp welcome too, over 18’s $175pp
Single 2hr lessons daily $45pp under 18yrs, $50pp over 18yrs.
Group size 12yrs to Adults are max 10 with 2 coaches.
For bookings and enquiries please call 4944 9585 or 0404 83 9585.
Email at miles@learntosurfnewcastle.com or www.learntosurfnewcastle.com
Calling all young film makers!
Can you WOW an audience
in two minutes or less?

The theme for your movie
is our school motto
“From Nature We Learn”

First Prize is a Nikon Camera

Entries Close Monday 13th October

Remember
Mum and Dad can help
but it must be your work!

With thanks to the Good Guys at Warners Bay

Photography Competition
Open to K-2, 3-6 Hillsborough PS Students

Theme: ‘From Nature We Learn’
Judges are looking for original works printed onto A4 paper.
Works will be displayed at the HPS Cultural Day, where there will be a
“People’s Choice” Award in the Junior (K-2) and Senior (3-6) categories

Entries Close Monday, 13th October

Smiggle vouchers and Art materials
Market Stalls

We are having around 10 Market stalls at the fair and we are very excited that many of them are either school families or local to our school community. Check out their Facebook pages for a preview of the items you can buy on the day, or find the links on the HPS Spring Fair Facebook page likes. Bring along some extra cash to support these local businesses:

Sally and Jane
www.facebook.com/sallyandjane

Kaf.Tanned
www.facebook.com/kaftanned

3 Little Pork Chops
www.facebook.com/3LittlePorkChops

Floating Lockets Australia
www.facebook.com/FloatingLocketsAustralia

Zack's Hats
www.facebook.com/ZacksHats

Akatonbo
www.facebook.com/akatonbo71

Zarly's Pretty Things
www.facebook.com/myprettythings

Three Little Threads
www.facebook.com/pages/Three-Little-Threads

500 Club Raffles

We have had so many generous business donations with a combined value of over $2000. Please check our sponsor page to see our valued supporters. We are running five 500 club raffles. Each will have 8 prizes, but only 500 tickets - so get in fast! Ticket slips available from office or watch out for a note coming home within the next week with more information. Thankyou for supporting our school fundraiser!

CONTACT: Amber Hutton or Amii Jones
HPSspringfair@optusnet.com.au
HILLSBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR

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Playgroup NSW

Tons of Tiles
Warners Bay

Begin Bright

Charlestown Square

Kotara Homemakers Centre

Aston Life

Part of the Suncorp Group

Howards Storage World

Playgrounds Park

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When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to help break the ice. Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

**Session 1: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, years 3-6)**
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent’s discretion)**
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

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**Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program**

**Family cost**: 1 session $25 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
*GST exclusive – GST is payable / claimable by the school or organising body

**Where**: Hillsborough Public School

**When**: Wednesday 5th November

**Time**: Where did I come from? – **6:00pm sharp** | Preparing for puberty – **7:15pm sharp**
Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

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Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child’s name and class.

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**A Special Evening Program**

**Name of family**: ____________________________________________

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**Amount enclosed**: $_________  |  |  |
|   | Cash | Cheque (payable to school) |

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Tel: (02) 8882 7875  | Fax: (02) 8882 7890
schoolservices@interrelate.org.au
www.interrelate.org.au
SCHOOL PLAN 2015-2017
PARENT AND COMMUNITY SURVEY

We are currently working towards our next triennial school plan and are very keen to get input and ideas from our school community. This is your school and we need and value your feedback in order to continue to build on our success.

We are looking for your response to these three simple questions:

What does our school do well?

What could we improve on?

What else could we be doing?

You can also complete this survey online via the following link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VLBGGF7

Please return surveys via the Office letterbox by Friday 10th October

With thanks,
Lucinda Farrell
Relieving Principal

NSW Public Schools - leading the way