Remembrance Day
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday we observed Remembrance Day in a simple ceremony run by our School Captains. They did a wonderful job confidently and respectfully leading students in the commemoration of this important event. This year our ceremony was made more special by Toby H’s recital of The Last Post and Rouse. A talented trumpet player, Toby taught himself to play these pieces and his marvellous performance certainly added a special quality to the service.

As you may be aware our NSW Public Schools are driven by governmental policies that guide our processes and performance in all areas of education. Last term the Department released a revised policy for Nutrition in Schools. As part of our implementation of this policy, I am excited to announce that Hillsborough Public School has commenced a partnership with the Good for Kids program and together we will be looking at ways to promote healthy eating and good nutrition across all our school programs and activities that involve food and drink. Over the next 6 months Kathryn Reilly, a Dietician from Good for Kids will be visiting and supporting our school to make some healthy changes. Kathryn has worked in nutrition education and fitness over the last 2 decades and is heavily involved in her own children’s school canteen. All schools in our region are being offered this support and we welcome Kathryn and her expertise.

The Good for Kids program will work with our P&C to review and revise our canteen menu, looking at the foods we are promoting and linking what students are learning in the classroom about healthy eating with what is happening in the canteen. This is a great opportunity for Hillsborough Public School and I very much look forward to seeing some great healthy changes for our school.
Principal’s Report continued ...

We are very lucky at Hillsborough Public to have such a supportive school community and hard-working P&C who are focused on providing and improving schooling for our students. We are especially indebted to our P&C for the financial support they offered for those attending Interrelate last week. We had a wonderful turn-out with over 30 Hillsborough families enjoying this quality personal development program.

Moreover, thanks to P&C funding we have just purchased a MacBook Air capable of running the Configurator program to manage our classroom iPads; a ‘Sync and Charge Cart’ that synchronises and updates apps and recharges up to 30 iPads at a time; and 10 new iPad minis to enhance the learning opportunities for students in our Infants classrooms. This is an enormous boon to our school technology resources and will make a significant difference to the high-quality teaching and learning experiences we can provide for our kids.

Finally, next Monday, the 17th November we join forces with Newcastle Junior School for an Out of Uniform day. Students are invited to wear purple or blue clothing for a gold coin donation for Smith-Magenis-Syndrome (SMS) Awareness Day. This rare syndrome affects children and families in our local school communities and we are delighted to be able to work with our neighbours to support a great cause.

Lucinda Farrell
Relieving Principal

P&C News...

P&C Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 24th November at 6:30pm in the staff room. This will be followed by the usual P&C meeting at 7pm. At the AGM all positions on the P&C and sub-committees will be declared vacant and voting will take place for the 2015 school year. This includes the following positions:

Executive
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

Sub Committees
Canteen
Uniform
Fundraising

If you are interested in being nominated for any of the listed positions please just notify the office. Membership is open to all parents, carers and community members for a fee of $2.00 and membership forms are available from the office. Please note, you must be a member of the P&C to participate in any voting at the meetings. As a member of the P&C you will be making a valuable contribution to the school, share your knowledge, talents, ideas, and most importantly help support your child throughout their education.

Hope to see you there!
$1 CHIPS!!
On Monday’s Out of Uniforms Day, we will have Red Rock and Grain Waves packet chips for sale for only $1 at lunchtime in the top COLA.

Volunteers Wanted.
Mrs Dubojski, is looking for any tilers or handy people who would like to offer their expertise or help in construction for our tile mural. If you would like to volunteer your time and skills please contact Mrs Dubojski through the school office.

Are you looking for some fun activities to run for a party, BBQ, sports team or to pass time on a rainy day? PE Shake is just your app! This great app is a shake it type app, where the user simply shakes the app to refresh. Each shake displays a new game/activity. This app has hundreds of activities which outline equipment needed (often no or very little equipment is required) and if you don’t like the game once you have read how to play it, simply shake for a new one! PE Shake’s games are appropriate for children of all ages and it is also a great way to interact and have some fun!

Book Club has been delivered and will be distributed early next week.

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 25th November. The item will be performed by Kindergarten.

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?
Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by

Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity
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- Spelling
- Writing
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There will be a busy two weeks ahead at H.P.S.
The handball competition will be starting this week and all of next week. This week the Stage 1 and stage 2 girls will be playing and next week whoever we didn’t mention will be playing. The teachers comp will also be later after the kids handball comp.
Also the K—2 swimming will go for the next 2 weeks, everyday from 10—12. To all the kids going make sure you learn something and have fun.
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Come to school dressed in **blue** or **purple** clothes for a gold coin donation towards SMS

Thank you for helping us raise awareness for SMS.

All money raised will be donated to Hunter Genetics research
Learn to Surf Newcastle
Operated/owned by Miles Niddrie, Level 2 Surf Coach, since 2004.

Vegemite Surf Groms is back again.
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.
13yrs-18yrs $165pp welcome too, over 18’s $175pp. Group size 13yrs to Adults are max 10 with 2 coaches.
Single 2hr lessons daily $45pp under 18yrs, $50pp over 18yrs
New 6 week programs at weekends and after school start 3rd November. 1st lesson 2hrs, then 5 x 1.5hr lessons.
$195pp under 18, $215 over 18. Rego fee for surf groms applies.
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