Kindergarten’s Fairy Tale performance
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we heard the speeches from our Year Five students who are keen to become 2015’s Hillsborough Public School Captains and Vice Captains. I would like to congratulate all the students on their presentations, it was lovely to see the thought they had put into their speeches and the way they understood and engaged with the responsibilities of the student leadership roles. Voting has taken place in classrooms across the school this afternoon and the results of the election will be announced on Presentation Day in Week 10.

Today is our last Kindergarten Transition session and it has been a very successful experience. Our new Kindergarten students are amazingly settled and keen to start, their enthusiasm matched only by that of their Year Five [soon to be Year Six] buddies.

We currently have 39 Kindergarten students starting next year which will mean two Kindergarten classrooms. A few changes we have made for next year include adopting the staggered enrolment model used by many local schools. This approach allows the Best Start testing to be carried out by the child’s Kindergarten teacher during the first few days of the year and then for the new Kindies to start the year with their own teachers and settled classes. Next year our new Kindergarten students will begin on Monday 2nd February. Please note also, that the rest of the school [Years 1-6] will begin school on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Our School Planning process is continuing. A big thank-you to our parents and staff who worked together to collate the school planning surveys. We had lots of feedback on a wide variety of issues that will be very useful in determining our strategic directions for the next 3 years.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support, the kind words of so many have been much appreciated. I am honoured to have the opportunity to be working with you all in such a wonderful school.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
Our school gardens are a highly valued addition to our grounds and the learning programs here at Hillsborough Public. In order to make the most of the opportunities for grounds beautification, teaching practical skills and environmental education we are looking for some community mentors to establish a weekly program wherein classes take turns to help out in the gardens around the school. Activities may include planting or weeding, harvesting vegetables, mulching and composting or any of the many other tasks a garden provides. Students will always be accompanied by classroom teachers to manage the class. We are interested in regular sessions of approximately 30 minute one afternoon a week [not Tuesdays because of the clash with Assembly]. Depending on interest we may look at a roster of green thumb mentors or you may prefer to work with a small group of community gardeners. Minimal experience is required and it will be a great way to make a real difference to the learning experiences of our students. Interested? Please see Mrs Farrell or Mr Daniels or leave your name at the Office.

P&C News...

Christmas Raffle

The P&C is running a Christmas Raffle as the final fundraiser for 2014. With over $750 worth of great prizes up for grabs, we hope you are able to support this raffle and perhaps win yourself a few goodies to tick off the Christmas gift list! Prizes include a $150 Woolworths gift card, a family pass to Taronga Western Plains Zoo, a $50 Dan Murphy’s gift card, 4 x Games Shop gift cards, a Skin Juice skin care gift pack, a $25 Smiggle gift card, a Breville jaffle maker and wok set, and 5 x Timezone Super Session double passes for the kids. Raffle tickets can be found further in the newsletter and have been sent home with students last week. Tickets and money will need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 10th December and the winners will be drawn and announced on Thursday 11th December at Presentation Day.
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.

Book Club has been delivered. Next book club will be Term 1 2015.

The next P&C meeting will be Friday 6th February 2015 8.30am in the Library. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Eggy Alphabet is an app developed by Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs is a popular reading program that supports young readers in developing their sounds, sight words and reading skills. This app which can be purchased through iTunes for $2.50 is a great one for students developing the sounds of the alphabet. Students get to choose a focus letter, and the level of difficulty of activities (easy, medium, hard). Activities then range from looking at both the upper and lower case letters and completing engaging activities based on the chosen letter. The animations are cute and fun to play along with and all instructions are read to the user for easier access. This is a great app for students developing their understanding of sounds in order to read and spell.

Community News...

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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 17 February 2015.

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

Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity
Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
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Wallsend 2287
Phone 49 56904

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Contact the Centre:
Ph: 4953 6366 Fax: 4953 6387 www.hsc.org.au
## 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.

## Sport Report

The handball comp was a great success, but we still have to play the Stage 1. They will be played through the week.

Stage 2 boys winner- Darcy T
Stage 3 winner- Tom P
Stage 2 girls winners- Amelia and Arabella
Teacher’s winner- Mrs House

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### Canteen Roster

**TERM 4**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

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## Notes sent home this week:

Christmas Raffle Tickets
K—6

## Notes to be returned:

Christmas Raffle Tickets
Return by 10th Dec

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### School Banking is on MONDAY

### BJP PHYSIE

**Empowering Girls for Life**

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.
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.
Advanced lessons also available, SUP lessons too.
For bookings and enquiries please call 4944 9585 or 0404 83 9585.
Email at miles@learntosurfnewcastle.com or www.learntosurfnewcastle.com
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## VACATION CARE 2014-2015

### MON 5th JAN
**ELECTRONICS & PAMPER DAY!**
Pack your clearly labelled electronics for some fun! Get your hair sprayed in colour, straightened or curled! Then let’s get our nails painted.

**MOVIES!**
Join us at Lake Cinemas to see new release movie “Penguins of Madagascar”!
Rated G
Popcorn included!
Additional $10.00

### TUES 6th JAN
**BOWLING!**
Let’s head to Warner’s bay Super Strike for some bowling fun!
Crafts & group game to follow back at OOSH!
Additional $8.00

### WED 7th JAN
**ICE-CREAM DAY!**
Join us for ice-cream day! Choose your mix-ins and smash them on cold rocks!
We will then make Giant Dream catchers!
Additional $12.00

### THURS 8th JAN
**ZONE EMPIRE!**
Join us for the much requested Laser Tag at Wallsend! Enjoy 2hrs of unlimited fun!
Arcade games $1 each
Additional $12.00

### FRI 9th JAN
**CHARLESTOWN POOL**
Let’s go to Charlestown pool for some swimming fun!
Pack a rash shirt! 😎
Hot Chips included for lunch!
Additional $5.00

### MON 12th JAN
**MOVIES!**
 Join us at Lake Cinemas to see new release movie “Penguins of Madagascar”!
Rated G
Popcorn included!
Additional $10.00

### TUES 13th JAN
**WATER FIGHT DAY!**
Let’s cool down with some water bomb and water pistol fights!
Sponge relays to follow! Then let’s make yummy yummy bear ice-blocks!

### WED 14th JAN
**DOLPHIN WATCH!**
Join us on a Moonshadow Dolphin Cruise! Twixt and swirl down the slide into the dolphin boomerang!
**Arrive by 8:30am**
Additional $14.00

### THURS 15th JAN
**DANCING FITNESS!**
Shyamala from Young Australia Workshops is coming to teach the children a class of Hip-Hopping from Bollywood to Brazil!
Additional $8.00

### FRI 16th JAN
**DESSERT CLASS!**
Pastry Chef Dayman will teach us how to decorate desserts with style!
Learn the art of icing and how to make cake toppers!
Additional $3.00

### MON 19th JAN
**LEARN TO FISH!**
Young Guns Fishing Adventures will be joining us at Murray’s Beach to teach the children how to fish in a safe environment!
Additional $13.00

### TUES 20th JAN
**FITNESS MONOPOLY!**
Fundamental fitness 4 kids are joining us for a large game of Monopoly using our fitness skills!
Race around the board to pass GO!
Additional $5.00

### WED 21st JAN
**PARK & MCDONALDS**
Join us for the most requested McDonalds Happy meal!
(Refer to order form)
Then let’s go to Richley Reserve Park!
Additional $5.00

### THURS 22nd JAN
**SURF ‘N’ SLIDE**
Race your friends on the popular Surf ‘n’ Slide!
Pack a rash shirt and a towel! Let’s make magic sand for craft!
Additional $7.00

### FRI 23rd JAN
**AUSSIE FUN!**
Let’s bake some yummy lamingtons and get our faces painted and get Aussie tattoos!
Then let’s play a game of thong toss!

### MON 26th JAN
**CLOSED AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

### TUES 27th JAN
**MOVIES!**
Let’s see new release movie “Night at the Museum 3: The Secret of the Tomb”
Rated PG
Popcorn included!
Additional $10.00

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## SENIOR EXCURSIONS FOR YEAR 4 AND UP!

### THURS 7th JAN
**YOUGURT LAND!**
Choose your favorite mix-ins and frozen Yoghurt!
Max $10 spending money!

### TUES 13th JAN
**WATER PARK FUN!**
Let’s go to Water Slide World Central at Salt Ash! Pack a towel & rash shirt!
Additional $14.00

### FRI 23rd JAN
**ICE-SKATING!**
Let’s go to the Warners Bay Hunter Ice-Skating stadium!
Additional $8.00

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**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**
Get ready for school with Red Frog for Families

Group school readiness sessions now available, facilitated by Special Educator and Occupational Therapist

Sessions will focus on core school readiness skills:
- Following classroom routines and transitions
- Attention and organisation skills
- Fine motor skills
- Following instructions
- Communication
- Social skills
- Self help skills
  - Mealtime success
  - Taking care of belongings
- Sensory processing
- Gross motor skills
- Pre-literacy skills

When: 19\textsuperscript{th} – 23\textsuperscript{rd} January 2015
   Monday to Friday
   10 am – 12 noon

Where: Red Frog for Families
   29 Kings Rd
   New Lambton

Who: Group is open to all children entering school in 2015
   Maximum five children per group

Cost: $50 per hour

Earlybird special: Save $100 if you book and pay by December 12\textsuperscript{th} 2014

If your child is new to our clinic, please book in for a one-hour assessment to allow us to best target your child’s needs.

To register your interest, please email info@rf4f.com.au or call 02 8060 6499
HPS 2014 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

These tickets are for the P&C’s Christmas raffle being drawn on Presentation Day (11th Dec). Simply write your name and phone number or child’s class on them and return the whole sheet with your money to the office. There are 15 fantastic prizes to be won and proceeds will fund the purchase of educational and technological resources for HPS classrooms. Don’t forget to ask your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family if they would like a ticket!

Prizes: $150 Woolworths Gift Card, Dubbo Zoo Family Pass, $50 Dan Murphy’s Gift Card, 4 x $50 Games Shop Gift Cards, 5 x Timezone Super Session double passes, $25 Smiggle Gift Card, Skin Juice gift pack, Jaffle Maker/Wok Set

Draw date: Thursday 11th December 2014
Tickets: $1 each - $10 per sheet

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!