Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As our school year draws to a close I would like to congratulate everyone on the wonderful year we have had here at Hillsborough Public School. Looking back we have had so many highlights! Our Sports Carnivals and competitions with stellar performances and great sportsmanship were fabulous, and a few awesome achievements were the icing on the cake. We have had several special opportunities this year for groups of students to display their particular skills and abilities including: The Straw Tower Competition, Law Week, Operation Art, Photography and Short Movie Competitions, the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and our Debating Competitions. Our Dance troupe performed beautifully at school events and were stars at the Hunter Dance Festival and we all loved the performances of our senior and junior choirs. Our students enjoyed interesting and exciting school shows including: Lazy Town, the NED show, World’s Apart Book Week performance, a visit from members of the Jets W. League and many more. We recognised our nation’s Aboriginal culture this year with the introduction of the ‘Koori Kids Club’, an amazing whole school NAIDOC Day event and the celebration of our Community of Schools AECG partnership agreement. This year, we really enjoyed the opportunity to invite parents and community into our school to see education in action at our Grandparents Day and especially at Cultural Day. In 2015 we enjoyed some great excursions, Stage Two went to Sydney, Stage Three camped at Gosford and our Infants’ classes visited the Civic Theatre to see Wombat Stew. Our Spring Fair was a huge success! It was an excellent fundraiser but more importantly a wonderful event that involved our whole school community. Another real highlight for us has been the fantastic experiences we gained working alongside students and staff from Newcastle Junior School. And last, but by no means least, has been the amazing, innovative and engaging learning experiences that take place in every classroom every day.

At Hillsborough PS we are so lucky to have had so many people working to make this a great year with lots of amazing experiences for our children. I would like to thank our fabulous parent community for their ongoing support whether it be helping in classrooms or at the canteen, monitoring homework and listening to home readers or providing transport and a cheer squad for sports teams, working with the P&C or supporting P&C events and the many, many other things you do to for your kids and our school. I would like to thank the P&C for their endless support and enthusiasm that provides so much in the way of resources and learning opportunities for our students. I would like to thank our wonderful staff, all of them; administrative staff, support staff, student learning support, teachers and executive; their knowledge, enthusiasm and focus on what is best for our students is inspirational. Finally I would like to thank our students, because they are why we strive to make our school the best it can be.

Finally, with Christmas so rapidly approaching, I would like to wish you and all your families a happy, safe and restful holiday season and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in 2015.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
**Uniform Shop News...**

We have had many families send through their uniform orders, we thank you for getting in early. If you require uniforms, please fill out the attached Uniform Order form and return it to the school. Please check our days/hours of operation as we have added and altered days to allow more opportunities to come in and purchase your uniforms. The Uniform Shop will NOT be opened on Staff Development Day next year.

We have had some families say that they have struggled to find predominantly white shoes for sports day. Here are some suggestions of where to find these for next year: Rebel Sport, Big W, Target, Payless Shoes, Paul's Warehouse, K-Mart, Mathers and Williams.

Just a reminder also, the transition period for the new uniform which was voted in by the school community mid 2012 concludes this year. Uniforms from the old policy are not to be worn next year. Yellow polo shirts and peaked caps will no longer comply with the new uniform policy, neither will the track pants and jazz pants on non sports days. **Don’t forget that all profits from the Uniform Shop are invested back into the school for the benefit of all students.**

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**P&C News...**

Our P&C Annual General Meeting was held on the 24th November. All positions were declared vacant and elections were held, the 2015 Office bearers are as follows;
- President - Nicole Bailey
- Vice President – Danielle Whiting
- Secretary – Kimberley Russell
- Treasurer – Richard Turnbull
- Fundraising Committee Coordinators – Amber Hutton, Julie Byrne, Amii Jones and two more to be appointed
- Media Officer – Mel Arthur
- Uniform Shop – Eleni Zissis
- Canteen Coordinator – Rebecca Pasovski

The P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee members as well as all those who have volunteered during the year whether it be in the canteen, uniform shop or in fundraising events.

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

- Fri 12/12/14  8:30-9:30
- Wed 17/12/14  8:30-9:30
- Wed 28/01/15  8:30-10:30
- Thur 29/01/15  8:30-9:30

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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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**The Safety Door is the rear door, closest to the kerb, footpath or gutter and away from the road.**
This Week's Featured App

Division can be quite a complex concept for students of all ages. In younger years division is discussed in terms of sharing; sharing numbers of items equally into groups to find the answer. In later years it can also be seen as the reverse of times tables. **Dynamic Division** is a great app to help support students in developing the early concept of sharing equally to find the total. This cute app has simple and interactive graphics where the user gets to choose a character. Once a character has been chosen, a question is read to the user using appropriate language (share your sweets equally among your two friends). Students then drag items to share equally, while receiving instant feedback and prompts to support. As students complete levels correctly they then engage in new levels increasing in difficulty. This app can be purchased for $6 now available in more colours!!!

**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!**

**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:
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
- Fatigue
- Eye Strain

**Irlen Diagnostic Clinic Newcastle**
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[www.irlenyslexia.com](http://www.irlenyslexia.com)

Suite 3/136 Nelson Street
WallSEND 2287
Phone 49 556904
This week is the last sports report for 2014. This week we will write about all the best sports events that have happened through the year.

First the senior soccer boys, who won the Macquarie cup 4 years in a row including this year. And also came second in PSSA knockout comp 2 years in a row. And the junior boys came 5th, the netball senior girls came 4th, the juniors came a great 2nd and the mixed team came lucky last. Abbey B made state for long jump. Riley T and Dylan N made state soccer. Dylan N made nationals for soccer. The PSSA boy’s cricket team made it to the 2nd round and lost to Caves Beach. The girls PSSA soccer team made it to the 5th round.
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.
Advanced lessons also available, SUP lessons too.
For bookings and enquiries please call 4944 9585 or 0404 83 9585.
Email at miles@learntosurfnnewcastle.com or www.learntosurfnnewcastle.com

Vegemite Surf Groms

Miles Niddrie
Learn to Surf Newcastle

Hillsborough Oosh

ACCREDITED BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL & VACATION CARE!
6:30AM-9:00AM BSC
3:00PM-6:00PM ASC
6:30AM-6:00PM VAC

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OR VISIT US AT www.hillsboro-oosh.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am
# Hillsborough Public School P & C Uniform Shop – Order Form

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Child’s Name:**

**Class:**

**Cash / Cheque / Credit Card**

**Goods Taken / Fill Order**

**Send goods home with Child: Yes / No**

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Also available:
- Green Gloves $4 (one size fits all)
- Girls Green Scungies $5 (size 12-14, 14-16)
- Hair Pack $2 (green - brush, scrunchie, elastic)
**VACATION CARE 2014-2015**

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<td><strong>CHRISTMAS CRAFTS &amp; COOKING!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Let’s get in the Christmas Spirit and create some tree decorations! Then let’s make some yummy white Christmas!</td>
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<td><strong>ELECTRONICS &amp; PAMPER DAY!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Pack your clearly labelled electronics for some fun! Get your hair sprayed in colour, straightened or curled! Then let’s get our nails painted!</td>
<td><strong>BOWLING!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Let’s head to Warner’s bay Super Strike for some bowling fun! Crafts &amp; group game to follow back at OOSH! <strong>Additional $8.00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>ICE-CREAM DAY!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Join us for ice-Cream day! Choose your mix-ins and smash them on cold rocks! We will then make Giant Dream catchers!</td>
<td><strong>ZONE EMPIRE!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Join us for the much requested Laser Tag at Wallsend! Enjoy 2hrs of unlimited fun! <strong>Arcade games $1 each Additional $12.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>CHARLESTON POOL!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Let’s go to Charlestown pool for some swimming fun! <strong>Pack a rash shirt!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Hot Chips included for lunch! <strong>Additional $5.00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MOVIES!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Join us at Lake Cinemas to see new release movie &quot;Penguins of Madagascar!&quot;&lt;br&gt;Rated G&lt;br&gt;Popcorn included!</td>
<td><strong>WATER FIGHT DAY!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Let’s cool down with some water bomb and water pistol fights! Sponge relays to follow! Then let’s make yummy gummy bear ice-blocks!</td>
<td><strong>DOLPHIN WATCH!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Join us on a Moonshadow Dolphin Cruise! Twist and swirl down the slide into the dolphin boomnet! <strong>Arrive by 8:30am</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Additional $14.00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>DESSERT CLASS!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Pasty Chef Dayman will teach us how to decorate desserts with style!&lt;br&gt;Learn the art of icing and how to make cake toppers!</td>
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<td><strong>LEARN TO FISH!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Young Guns Fishing Adventures will be joining us at Murray’s Beach to teach the children how to fish in a safe environment!</td>
<td><strong>FITNESS MONOPOLY!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Fundamental fitness 4 kids are joining us for a large game of Monopoly using our fitness skills! Race around the board to pass GO!</td>
<td><strong>PARK &amp; MCDONALDS</strong>&lt;br&gt;Join us for the most requested Mcdonalds Happy meal! (Refer to order form)&lt;br&gt;Then let’s go to Richley Reserve Park! <strong>Additional $5.00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SURF ‘N’ SLIDE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Race your friends on the popular Surf ‘n’ Slide! Pack a rash shirt and a towel! Let’s make magic sand for craft! <strong>Additional $7.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>AUSSIE FUN!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Let’s bake some yummy lamingtons and get our faces painted and get Aussie tattoos! Then let’s play a game of thong toss!</td>
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<td><strong>MOUVIES!</strong>&lt;br&gt;‘Night at the Museum 3: The Secret of the Tomb’&lt;br&gt;Rated PG&lt;br&gt;Popcorn included!</td>
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<td><strong>YOGHURT LAND!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Choose your favorite mix-ins and frozen yoghurt! <strong>Max $10 spending money!</strong></td>
<td><strong>WATER PARK FUN!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Let’s go to Water Slide World Central at Salt Ash! <strong>Pack a towel &amp; rash shirt!</strong> <strong>Additional $14.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>ICE-SKATING!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Let’s go to the Warmers Bay Hunter Ice-Skating stadium! <strong>Additional $8.00</strong></td>
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Visit australia.gov.au/mychild or call 132468 for more information.
Junior Ranger Fun Day

The theme of our next free environmental fun day is aquatic action, with fun craft, interactive games, planting activities and critter displays. Kid’s get a free ice block!

9.30am to 11.30am, Tuesday 20 January 2015

Carnley Avenue reserve (off Carnley Ave, Kotara)

For enquiries call 4904 3344 or email blackbuttdadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bush Skills Adventure
Wednesday 14 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Tuesday 20 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

Cost: $20 per child  Bookings Essential  Ph: 02 4951 6466

Wriggly Wetlanders
Wednesday 14 January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years
Monday 19th January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

Cost: $20 per child  Bookings Essential  Ph: 02 4951 6466

Bring the Family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre -
a fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Opened every day
(Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 2014, 1st January 2015)

Access
Car/tram/park available on site. Public Transport: Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station. Bus - 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Morten St & Sandgate Rd.

Cost
$2 per primary school age child (special school holiday rate), $5 general entry

Activities
Watch the Magpie Geese feeding at 10.30am & 2.30pm
Try dipnetting from the jetty
Follow the trail and become a “Wetlands Explorer” - go into the weekly draw for a prize.
Playtime at Discovery Playground
Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre
12 noon - Tank Talk (30-45 minutes) - opportunity for children to learn about reptile behaviour and care and actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.

Facilities
Toilets available in Visitor Centre
Cafe - meals, chips, icecreams, drinks
Undercover picnic tables and shelter
Shop – gift shop

Compulsory parental supervision at all times. Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.

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