Term 4 Week 9

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Ready for their Performance with NJS
Principal's Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We were very proud to receive a lovely phone call this week, from an elderly lady in our community. She had been shopping at a local supermarket and was approached by a student in Hillsborough Public School uniform who offered her some help. The lady gratefully accepted and was so impressed with the polite, respectful maturity of the student that she said she just had to thank and compliment us! Congratulations and thank you to our lovely mystery helper you have shown real Hillsborough values and been recognised as a fantastic role model in our community. We are always so proud of our respectful, responsible students and it is lovely when others notice how terrific our kids are.

I am excited to share with you some of the wonderful results we have achieved this semester. As part of the DEC reforms to school funding, our school was allocated context funding this year to be used for programs and resources to improve student outcomes. With some of this money we chose to resource and fund Literacy programs within the school. The results our teachers and students have achieved are nothing short of astounding.

Our Kindergarten students have made amazing progress with more than 83% reading above expected kindergarten levels. I can attest to the quality of their independent writing, having had many visitors coming to read me their cracked fairy tales this week. Not only were they writing increasingly lengthy exciting narratives, they were using descriptive language and were beginning to edit their own work.

The ‘Leg Up’ program for Stage One students has proven enormously successful. Targeting students who were underachieving in Literacy, Mrs Hanley has been able to support many students and as a consequence we have around 92% of our Stage One students reading at or above grade expectations. The flow on effect of this intervention cannot be understated and we are looking forward to excellent student literacy outcomes for years to come.

Although not benchmarked in the same fashion, our Primary students have shown similarly commendable achievements. Our Stage Two and Three classes have embraced the ‘Focus on Reading’ professional learning our staff have undertaken this year and we are already seeing the impact of this comprehension focus in our primary classrooms. Moreover the deep understanding of English concepts and Literacy strategies is evident in student achievement, discussion and work samples across a range of Key Learning Areas.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate our quality teachers and their students for the effort and enthusiasm they bring to learning every day at Hillsborough Public.

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 Shop 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, peaked caps, track pants and jazz pants on non-sports days will no longer comply with the new uniform policy.

Don’t forget that all profits from the Uniform Shop are invested back into the school for the benefit of all students.

Thank you.

Uniform Shop Hours

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P&C Fundraising Planning for 2015

The P&C Fundraising Sub-Committee is having a brief meeting next Wednesday December 10th from 2pm to 2:45pm in the library to start planning for next year.

We would like to invite all parents, grandparents, carers and friends of HPS to come along with ideas or suggestions for fundraising for our school in 2015. ALL ideas are very welcome, but we will only be able to use the ideas that have volunteer/s to co-ordinate them. Current suggestions include Easter and Christmas raffle, Pie/slice drive, Calendar, Talent show, Crazy hair day, Carols on the Green, Halloween event, Movie night, Bunnings BBQ, Cookbook, Trivia night, Disco BBQs, March election BBQ. Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls already have volunteers to run them next year.

If you have some ideas or would like to be involved but can’t make the meeting then contact Amber on HPSspringfair@optusnet.com.au or join the facebook group "HPS P&C Events" to join the conversation!
**LATE ARRIVAL & EARLY PICK UP OF STUDENTS**

Parents/carers are advised that children who arrive late to school need to come to the office to get a “Late Arrival” note, regardless of whether they are accompanied by an adult.

If you are picking up your child early from school, parents/carers or a designated person MUST come to the office to get an “Early Leaver” note before collecting their child. Teachers will not allow your child to accompany you unless you provide them with the Early Leaver note.

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**BAD SMELL**

You have no doubt been unfortunate enough to notice the unpleasant odour wafting over our COLA area in the past few weeks. After much investigation we believe the smell is associated with Winding Creek. We have informed the Water Board and they are dealing with the problem.

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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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**KISS AND DROP ZONE**

There are just a few niggly problems with our ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone at the moment. Please ensure that when you drop children in the mornings they are instructed to come straight into school, we have had a few reports of kids playing on the footpath outside the grounds. Please remember the ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone is not a place to park or to stop for extended periods, the idea is to keep the through flow of traffic. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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**Christmas Cards and Candy Canes**

While Christmas cards are fantastic, please remember our school policy is that we do not share foods as we have students with serious food allergies. Please do not include candy canes or Christmas chocolates and lollies in Christmas cards.

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**NO NUTS**

Anaphylaxis Alert
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!

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.

**Grid Lines** is a game to test logical skills as well as coordinates. Similar to the good ol’ game Battleships, Grid Lines is an app where coordinates are visible (ranging from -10 – 10 on each axis) and as many as 8 shapes are also visible. Before playing, a dice is rolled and 4 coordinates are given for players to use to plot onto the grid to fire a laser. When two coordinates are entered (for example -7, 2) a red dot appears. Once all four coordinates are in and the player is satisfied, they press to fire a laser. If the coordinates are correct the shapes will be struck and points will be awarded. However, if the laser misses due to poor coordinates the player loses and has the option to try again or restart. This game can be used as a single player or multiplayer and can be as fun as it is frustrating!! J

**Community News...**

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**LUNCH WALLETS**

Available to order NOW

Now available in more colours!!!

**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**

[www.irlen.com](http://www.irlen.com)  [www.irlendyslexia.com](http://www.irlendyslexia.com)

Suite 3/13 Nelson Street
Wallasey 2287
Phone 49 556904
School Banking is on MONDAY

Sport Report
The pssa knock out team will be receiving their banners on Thursday the 11th of December on presentation day. The K-2 swimming was a great success. They all enjoyed it. Thanks to Mr Burke and Mrs Pike for taking them.

BJS PHYSIE

WARNERS BAY PHYSIE AND DANCE

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.

Christmas Raffle Tickets Return by 10th Dec
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 Surfgroms 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 surfgroms 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

Unifrom Shop
HOURS
Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am

Get The Hillsborough App
Available on all phones

Don't forget fruit break!
Summer holiday activities

Follow our whatsonlakemac Facebook page to hear about even more events we’ll hold throughout the school holidays.

Aquatic skill workshops for School Holiday program with local instructor intervals:

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Learn to swim, gain confidence in the water with our fun-filled Swim School program:

- Monday 5th - Friday 9th
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th
- Monday 19th - Friday 23rd

Booking now through 49441741.

# 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 Scungles $5 (size 12-14, 14-16)
- Hair Pack $2 (green - brush, scrunchie, elastic)
## Vacation Care 2014-2015

### THURS 18th DEC
**KAVON THEATRE!**
Join us at the Kavon Theatre Restaurant for a kids show & party! Dancing, singing, party games & party food! Additional $15.00

### FRI 19th DEC
**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & COOKING!**
Let's get in the Christmas Spirit and create some tree decorations! Then let's make some yummy white Christmas!

### 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!

### 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!

### 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! Twist and swirl down the slide into the dolphin boomnet! 'Arrive by 8:30am' Additional $14.00

### THURS 15th JAN
**DANCING FITNESS!**
Shyamia 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 McDonal's 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!

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### SENIOR EXCURSIONS FOR YEAR 4 AND UP!

### WED 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!
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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