Stage Three at Gosford
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last week it was the turn of our Stage Three students to enjoy their camp at Gosford Outdoor Education Centre. The weather was fairly kind and our campers enjoyed activities like archery, rock climbing and abseiling. The Giant Swing was a favourite activity for many. Everyone had a great time and our teachers were very impressed not only with the very high standard of behaviour, but also with the way some children rose to the challenge, conquering their fears and proudly achieving things they hadn’t thought they could. I would like to thank Mr Daniels, Mr Edden and Mrs Ormiston for their time and effort that made this camp such a great experience.

You can catch a glimpse of the fun at camp on our website which now features updated photo galleries of many of this year’s school events. And with so many great photos of our camps it is perhaps timely to mention the ‘netiquette’ involved in posting photos online. We certainly do have students at our school whose parents and carers have requested that their photos not be published on the internet and while I totally understand the desire to share great experiences online I guess the best advice is to avoid group shots or to check first with the parents of any children included in a photo before it is posted.

Our sporting competitions are coming to an end, but we still have several important matches scheduled before the end of term. Our Soccer team playing in the State Knockout has a match scheduled later this week and our Senior Soccer team is due to play in their Semi-Final match on Friday morning before the Grand Final. Our thanks to Belmont Christian College who kindly agreed to reschedule the match due to our camp commitments. While every effort was made to reschedule our Senior Netball team’s Semi-Final we have so far been unsuccessful. Our Junior Netball team will play in their Grand Final on Friday.

You may be aware that just as soon as we thought we had survived the wave of illness that has affected so many this term, another virus is beginning to spread. The Hunter Health Authority has issued a warning regarding an outbreak of the norovirus gastroenteritis that is particularly affecting aged care institutions and child care settings. They advise cases tend to increase in early spring and strongly advise people who are unwell to stay home until symptoms are completely gone. A reminder too, that good hygiene measures like hand washing before eating and after using the toilet helps prevent the spread of the virus. Let’s hope we can avoid this one and stay well for our upcoming holiday break.

Principal’s Report...

Dates for the Diary

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Principal's Report...continued...

Our P&C Spring Fair is edging closer. Classes are beginning preparations for their stalls and notes will be starting to come home asking for donations of small items and/or for parent helpers on the day. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to a very successful Spring Fair.

Finally, our school planning for our next triennial plan is underway and we 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 school’s success. We are looking for the answers to just three simple questions:

What does our school do well?
What could we improve on?
What else could we be doing?

In order to get as many responses as possible we are providing an online survey – follow this link to a survey monkey site http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VLGBGF7 as well as the traditional pen and paper options – found in this newsletter and returned via the Office letterbox.

All surveys are anonymous and will help inform our school planning process.

Lucinda Farrell
Relieving Principal

Parking on Waratah Ave
We have had complaints of parents picking up and dropping off children that are parking in front of residents drive ways. Please be aware where you are parking that you are not blocking a drive way.
Each year, Mrs Hewitt organises the Hillsborough Public School participation in Operation Art. An initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, this program allows schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery in Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Each year 50 works of art are chosen from this gallery to become part of Westmead Children's Hospitals permanent art collection. Over 100,000 sick children and their families are cared for by the Hospital each year. The artwork helps by offering a healing environment where design, decoration, facilities, gardens and art combine with the best possible medical care, helps heal the patients and makes for a more pleasant stay.

This year, three of our student’s artworks were chosen to be displayed in the gallery and those students, Chloe C, Charlie C & Cooper G attended the official opening and got the chance to see their artwork displayed in the Armory Gallery.

This exhibition is on display until 26th October 2014. Open 10.00am to 4.00pm daily.

With thanks to Mrs Castle
In Science lessons this term we have discovered that a magnetic force can be felt when two objects are attracted to each other by magnetism.
SOME OF OUR EXPERIMENTS HAVE BEEN QUITE HAIR RAISING!

THINGS CAN GET VERY STICKY IN 3/2P
Mystery Number is a Mathematics app that can be used to help students develop skills in counting on and off the decade. The app uses hundreds charts that can expand beyond 100, and engages students in finding missing numbers, calculating numbers that are more or less than a given number, using a number line to find numbers and also guess mystery numbers using clues. This is great for Stage 1 and Stage 2 students developing their counting and number skills.

Spring Fair
Spring Fair tickets are now on sale in the office.
TERM 3 ROSTER
THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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**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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**LUNCH WALLETS**
Re-usable Lunch Order Bags
Lunch Wallet & Insulated All Rounder
Available to order NOW

**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.

**Available from the office**
Now available in more colours!!!
Pink, Blue, Green, Grey, Yellow, Red and Purple.

**Notes sent home this week:**
Spring Fair
2H Parents
PSSA KNOCKOUT Soccer
Senior Boys
Macquarie Cup Soccer
Junior and Senior Teams
Spring Fair
3M Parents/Families
Class Information note
3M Parents/Families

**Notes to be returned:**
PSSA KNOCKOUT Soccer
Return 11th September

Macquarie Cup Soccer
Return by 12th September

LOST SOMETHING?
Now available in more colours!!!
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**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also gets benefits for our school. Every new account opened earns the school $5 and we also receive commission for every deposit made at school.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day!

*School Banking day is Monday.*

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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

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**HILLSBOROUGH OOSH**

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- 6:30AM-9:00AM BSC
- 3:00PM-6:00PM ASC
- 6:30AM-6:00PM V/A/C

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**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

*Thursday*

8.30am - 9.30am

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**BJP PHYSIE**

**Empowering Girls for Life**

**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.smith199@gmail.com.
Photography Competition

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

Prizes: Smiggle vouchers and Art materials

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

First Prize is a Nikon Camera

With thanks to the Good Guys at Warners Bay

Entries Close Monday 13th October

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

SPRING FAIR

We have had some very generous donations from local businesses that we are going to raffle in Five 500 clubs. If we sell all the tickets we will raise $4000 towards improving the school grounds, gardens and sporting fields! Each club will have 8 prizes and a limit of 500 tickets—So get in quick! That’s one prize for around every 63 tickets—which are great odds for a raffle. First in, first served. Don’t miss out!

We are still confirming the final prizes in each category—but here is a sneak peek of what you can win...

Printed tickets slips available from office near printed newsletters, or print below and return to office

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

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion
Wednesday 5th November

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
## VACATION CARE 2014

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<td>Let’s go to Oakvale Farm and Fauna World! Enjoy a tractor ride of the farm &amp; we will bottle feed the baby animals, milk a cow, Pat the Koalas, feed the ducks &amp; Geese &amp; visit the Alligator Enclosure! Additional $12.00</td>
<td>Bring you scooter, Roller Blades and skateboards for some wheel day fun! You must have a helmet to ride! We will then cook milk carton smores for a fun science experiment snack! Crafts to follow!</td>
<td>Roll up! Roll up! We have hired a jumping castle here at OOSH! Have a guess in our Lolly Guessing Competition! It’s then time for some carnival games with Prizes to be won! A fun day! Additional $6.00</td>
<td>Sit back and relax at Lake Cinemas for new release ‘Planes 2: Fire &amp; Rescue!’ Movie Rated PG! Yummy Popcorn included! We will then create some plane crafts and do some cooking! Additional $10.00</td>
<td>Let’s go to Howzat Health and Fitness in Newcastle for 2hrs of rotational sports! You will play Soccer, Cricket, Netball and even Beach Volleyball! Join us for a fun way to stay fit! Additional $7.00</td>
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<td>Much requested Penny’s Ponies are joining us again at OOSH! Experience riding a horse and a pony around the Pony Club! We will also have Face painting! Then let’s make our own balloon animals! Additional $9.00</td>
<td>Come join us at Mattara Fair for the themed ‘Environment &amp; Greening day!’ Enjoy the included unlimited rides! Or upgrade to 2 side show games, Hot chips &amp; a drink for only an extra $10.00! (refer to booking form) Additional $12.00</td>
<td>Get your teams ready for the OOSH Amazing race! There will be puzzles, sport challenges, food challenges, creative and survivor challenges! Prizes to be won! Who will be first to the finish line?</td>
<td>Join us for a guided tour of the Hunter Wetlands! You will experience dip netting, damper making, bush tucker, shelter building, knot tying and a reptile talk! A sausage sizzle for lunch included! Additional $12.00</td>
<td>Let’s enjoy a fun filled day at Speers Point Park! Race down the spiral and double slides! Try the flying fox, explore the musical play elements and a range of swings! Then let’s cool off with an ice-cream cone! Additional $2.00</td>
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### SENIOR EXCURSIONS! YEAR 4 AND UP!

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<td>Let’s go to Gateshead Sports Centre to Spring Loaded Trampoline Park! Verse your friends in a game of dodge ball &amp; practice your flips into the foam pit! Then have some wheel fun back at OOSH! Additional $12.00</td>
<td>Senior’s have requested an outing to Charlestown Max Brenner Cafe! What will you choose from the yummy menu? We will then return to OOSH to participate in the OOSH Amazing Race! Maximum $15.00 spending money</td>
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Most working, studying or training families may be entitled up to 50% CCTR. This even includes your extra charges such as compulsory excursion fees! Visit australia.gov.au/mychild or call 132468 for more information
SCHOOL PLAN 2015-2017
PARENT AND COMMUNITY SURVEY

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