Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back for Term Four. I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break and was able to take advantage of the beautiful weather in the second week.

We have started this term running with our senior soccer team making the trip to Armidale to play in the PSSA State Soccer Knockout. The game was played at 10am this morning with a final score of 4 to 1 in our favour. Congratulations to all the students in the team, I believe it was a great match that saw many fine performances and as always excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations also go to our wonderful coaches Mr Daniels, Mrs Pike and Mr Burke who have worked with our team this year. Special thanks go to our amazing parents who have supported the team all year and were on hand to ferry the boys all the way to Armidale – we couldn’t have done it without you. The team will now compete in the state finals to be held in Sydney on Monday 12th October.

More congratulations for sporting successes, this time for Kyah P and Amelia F who went to Raymond Terrace at the end of last term to try out for the Hunter PSSA girls cricket team. Both girls have demonstrated real cricketing talent to reach this round of the selection process. They performed extremely well at the trials with Kyah commended as one of the few year 4 students chosen to try out and Amelia successful in being selected for the Hunter team. Amelia will now play in the State competition in Dubbo in coming weeks.

We are looking towards establishing a multi-purpose outdoor learning area utilising the Junior Landcare Grant awarded to Mrs Pike and her Hillsborough Harvesters. We are planning a native garden set in an Aboriginal design to create a yarning circle, with enough bench seating to accommodate a classful of students. Set on the grassed quadrangle under the flagpoles we hope it will provide an attractive and functional centre point for our school. Our environmental group and senior students will be involved in helping dig and plant out the gardens but we are looking for community support by the way of plants, materials and/or expertise. If you can offer any assistance (or know anyone who can) please contact myself, Mrs Pike or Ms Ridgeway.

The two week intensive Learn to Swim scheme will be held this term from the 9th—20th November. These lessons are held at Charlestown Swim Centre and cater for children from K-2. As always there are very limited places available and our quota is very quickly filled. For this reason, like last year, places will be offered initially to Year 2 students with notes going home with them this Friday. Year 1 students will then receive their notes on Monday 12th October and Kindergarten notes will go home on Tuesday 13th October. While the note will contain finalised details, we anticipate the intensive swimming will cost approximately $100 per child. I encourage everyone to participate in this excellent opportunity for all our students.
Late Arrival & Early Pick Up

Parents/carers are advised that children who arrive late to school need to come to the office to get a “Late Arrival” note. 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.

Principal’s Report continued ...

Finally, as we enter a new term I would like to take the opportunity to revisit our school uniform requirements. In the colder days at the end of last term we began to see a few non-uniform items creeping in. So just a reminder, our girls’ summer school uniform is a sleeved checked dress or green button up shirt with crest and bottle green tailored short with white socks, black school shoes and a bottle green school hat. Our boys’ summer school uniform is a green button up shirt with crest, grey shorts, grey socks, black school shoes and a school hat. Our Sports uniform (for Fridays only) is bottle green shorts, bottle green and yellow sport shirt with crest, white socks, white joggers and a school hat. Please note: coloured socks, boots, slip-on shoes and colourful joggers are not school uniform. Further, our uniform policy states no jewellery is to be worn at school. This includes necklaces, rings and bracelets. Studs and sleepers may be worn but no dangling earrings. I thank you for your help and support in helping us maintain high uniform standards at Hillsborough Public.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
### 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 **Tuesday 13 October 2015**. The item will be performed by 2/1S.

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be **Monday 23 November 2015**. AGM 6.00pm and general meeting 6.30pm in the Staffroom.

**All Welcome To Attend!**
School Musical
Major Prize Draw

Every student that fundraises over $25 for our Fun Run-a-thon will receive an entry into the major prize draw. The prize will be drawn at the first assembly after the event.

Thanks to the Sponsorship of Harvey Norman, Hillsborough OOSH and Miss Melon’s Fruit & Veg we are excited to announce our fantastic major prize package valued at over $400....

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CAN YOUR CHILD WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL?

The Greater Charlestown Sustainable Neighbourhood Group has recently formed a traffic committee to address the community’s traffic concerns. Including motor vehicle, cycling and pedestrian traffic.

The first local issue we are addressing is school children being able to walk to school safely.

Please submit your suggestions and concerns via email or facebook.

Contact Names: Jason Coates and Christine Aus
Email: greatercharlestownsg@gmail.com
Facebook: greatercharlestownsg

http://groupsites.com/GreaterCharlestownSNG/

Sustainable Neighbourhoods is an initiative of Lake Macquarie City Council