Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week I have had the pleasure of attending the Newcastle Junior School Presentation Day assembly. It was a wonderful event full of heartwarming moments as the students so excitedly received their special awards. I was very proud to work alongside our beautiful school captains, Jacob and Abbie and present awards to several NJS and HPS students acknowledging their special efforts in our integration program. I would like to congratulate Cody, Isabella and Bella on their awards.

This Friday is our school Presentation Day Assembly; please note that although it is a Friday, students should wear their formal school uniform rather than their sports uniform. Year Six students are also reminded not to wear their Year 6 shirts on this day. Just a reminder too, that full school uniform includes black school shoes. As a school community we do take pride in presenting ourselves well in our school uniform and this is even more important at these special events.

Following our Presentation Day Assembly we will hold a Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea. Our staff and students are so grateful for all the help and support of our fabulous parent community and would like to take the opportunity to show our appreciation. We hope to see you all there.

On Monday our Stage 3 students enjoyed a fabulous day with the ‘Boys’ Day Out’ and the ‘Girls’ Day In’. Our boys had a great morning at Cardiff High School working with teachers there in the woodworking room and participating in an Archery lesson in PE. Back at school they enjoyed some hands-on work and sporting activities. Our girls in the meantime participated in Yoga and a fabulous visit from Carly and Tresne (of MKR fame) who presented their Girl Power workshop aimed at empowering young women to be their very best. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Stage 3 students and I would like to thank Ms Ridgeway and Mr Burke, who along with the staff of Cardiff High School provided such a great day.
Principal’s Report continued ...

Another great activity coming up for Hillsborough students is our Student Parliament Fun Afternoon. On Monday 14th December our student leaders will be setting up some fun games and activities for classes to participate in. On Monday we are asking all students to come to school in their sports uniform with appropriate running shoes and a school hat in order to enjoy these activities.

Tuesday 15th December will be our class Party Day, this will be an out of uniform day for all students, however please remember appropriate playground wear –covered shoulders (no sleeveless shirts, singlets or midriff tops), joggers or sports shoes and a school hat. Students are encouraged to bring a party treat to school on this day – teachers will let you know of individual class requirements.

Hillsborough Public school has a new app! For the new year we will be moving to a new app that offers more features and greater functionality. The Skoolbag app is available now for android and apple devices and while both apps are being employed at the moment, we will be moving exclusively to the Skoolbag app in the new year.

Finally, just a quick reminder at this festive time of year that 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.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal

Library News...

Library borrowing has now finished for the year. Overdue notices have been sent home this week. Please return any books that you have out on your card.

If you have a book that you are sure you have already returned and it is showing as still on loan, let me know and I will check the shelf at school - it sometimes happens!

Toni Norton
Teacher Librarian
Recently the AGM was held. All positions were declared vacant. As a result of voting the positions are as follows:

**President**  Nicole Bailey  **Uniform Coordinator**  Lidija Pearson

**Vice President**  Danielle Whiting  **Canteen Coordinators**  Rebecca Pasovski, Amy Hill and Lauren Turner

**Secretary**  Kimberley Russell  **Fundraising Coordinator**  Crystal Tindall

**Treasurer**  Richard Turnbull  **Social Media**  Mel Arthur

A memorial plaque has been placed near the ‘H trees’ in front of the office in memory of Phil Simpson who passed away this year.
Please respect this by not allowing your children to run through this garden.

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Stage 3 Girls Day In
FUN RUN-A-THON Wrap-up

The P&C Fundraising team would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the students, and all their family/friends/other sponsors that helped us raise more than twice our original goal. After all expenses, we raised $10,700 towards the construction of the multi-sport court. This was a huge team effort and we appreciate the support from the HPS community.

Last week very excited students chose their fundraising incentive prizes. We would like to acknowledge the support from the businesses listed at the bottom of this page. Together they donated $100’s worth of prizes which assisted us to keep our costs down.

Major Prize

Mrs Miller drew the major prize at last weeks assembly - Congratulations to Lachlan P! Thank you again to our three major prize sponsors. We had over 180 students raise $25+ to get an entry in the draw.

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### Summer Vacation Care 2015-2016

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<td>XMAS FUN DAY! Join us for a Christmas fun day! We will make mini ginger bread houses, lots of Christmas crafts and have a Christmas treasure hunt!</td>
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<td>FRI 18th DEC</td>
<td>KAVON THEATRE! Join us for the ultimate kids party and show at the Kavon Theatre! Party food for lunch! Music, dance prizes &amp; games! Additional $13.00</td>
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<td>MON 21st DEC</td>
<td>MAKE-MY-BEAR! Choose your bear with a voice recorder &amp; birth certificate! Please fill out order form! Also pack your labelled electronics Additional $17.00</td>
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<td>TUES 22nd DEC</td>
<td>MAITLAND PARK! Let’s go to Maitland park to play some sport and group games &amp; a play on the equipment! Let’s get an ice-cream cone on the way home!</td>
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<td>WED 23rd DEC</td>
<td>JUMPING CASTLE! We have hired a jumping castle for a whole day of bouncing fun! Let’s make our own pizza for lunch! Additional $5.00</td>
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<td>MON 11th JAN</td>
<td>MOVIES! Let’s have popcorn &amp; a relaxing day at Lake Cinemas to see “Alvin &amp; The Chipmunks 4!” Crafts to follow! Additional $10.00</td>
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<td>TUES 12th JAN</td>
<td>BOXING! Sweat it out with Fundamental Fitness’ popular boxing program! Learn boxing combinations and kicks whilst wearing gloves! Additional $5.00</td>
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<td>WED 13th JAN</td>
<td>UV GLOW DISCO! Join Ruby The Clown for a UV Glow disco! Wear white or fluoro! Schnitzel Lunch! Drink, Ice-Block &amp; prizes! Additional $15.00</td>
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<td>WATER RIGHT DAY! Be prepared to get wet! Water pistols! water bombs! Water sponge relays and a Slip ‘n’ Slide! Pack spare clothes &amp; a towel!</td>
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<td>MON 18th JAN</td>
<td>UKULELE LESSONS! ABC’s Tom The Pom is coming to OOSH to teach the children ukulele! Learn rhythm, harmony &amp; tempo to some tunes! Additional $7.00</td>
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<td>TUES 19th JAN</td>
<td>HUNTER VALLEY ZOO! Meet the cheeky monkeys, farm animals, meerkats koalas, dingos, reptiles and the new lions! Arrive by 8:30am Additional $12.00</td>
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<td>WED 20th JAN</td>
<td>SURF ‘N’ SLIDE! Race your favourite friends on your popular blow up Surf ‘n’ Slide! Pack a rash shirt and a towel! Games and craft to follow! Additional $6.00</td>
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<td>MON 25th JAN</td>
<td>Aussie Day Fun! Join us for a day of Aussie celebrations! Let’s make lamingtons! Get our faces painted! Aussie Tattoos and play thong toss!</td>
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<td>WED 27th JAN</td>
<td>DOLPHIN CRUISE! Let’s go to Nelson Bay for a Dolphin Cruise &amp; a ride in the boom net Arrive by 8:30pm Pack a rash shirt and a towel! Additional $14.00</td>
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<td>THURS 21st JAN</td>
<td>ICE-CREAM DAY! Let’s choose it, mix it and smash it with your favourite mix-ins on our very own cold rocks! Also pack your labelled electronics!</td>
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### Senior Excursions Year 4 and Up!

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<td>SPEED BOAT RIDE! Jetbuzz thrilling boat ride with 360° spins! Yummy hot chips for lunch! Additional $25.00</td>
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<td>LAMBERTO POOL! Let’s go to the pool includes 1hr slide rides! Pack a rash shirt &amp; towel! Additional $10.00</td>
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‘My Time, Our Place’ - Children are connected to and contribute to their world...