Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to all our Zone swimmers! Our team were lucky enough to have some pleasant days to spend poolside celebrating excellent performances and personal achievements. We are very proud of all your efforts.

I would also like to congratulate the members of our Student Parliament. Their commitment and motivation has been very evident in the past week through their contributions to our school and its students. For example, members of the Ministry for Values have organised Stage 3 students into a roster to assist younger students in a structured play group at recess times; our Ministry for Sport coordinated a clean-up of the sport equipment and a procedure for lending equipment in the playground; the Ministry for the Environment have done a wonderful job encouraging and organising our paper recycling and will have an important role in Friday's Clean Up Australia Day event; and of course so many have pitched in with the enthusiastic organisation for Thursday's Disco. I am delighted to see how our senior students are embracing these leadership opportunities and know our school will be the richer for it.

Last week our Stage One teachers, Mr Daniels, Mrs Dawes, Mrs Hanley and Mrs Hughes, began Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) Stage One training. Like L3 Kindergarten, which we introduced last year, L3 Stage One is a very highly regarded approach to the teaching of Literacy. L3 is based on the latest research into effective teaching and learning, and has been proven to achieve excellent results for students. L3 focuses on providing rich literacy experiences to assist all children to become successful Readers and Writers. Students are taught in small groups of three to four students with similar learning goals, these groups are extremely flexible and will change very regularly as new skills and strategies are mastered. In this way students are taught the essential skills of Reading and Writing in short lessons that are explicitly focused on their learning needs. The introduction of L3 into our Infants classrooms is a significant feature of our school's 3 year strategic plan and represents a substantial commitment in terms of both teacher’s professional learning and school funds. We are budgeting for this project utilising our school Equity funding that comes to us through the new resource allocation model [RAM] of distributing school funding.

Our Scripture program, [Special Religious Education SRE] has begun for the year. We are currently able to offer Scripture classes to ten of our twelve classes thanks to the generosity and dedication of the team of volunteer Scripture teachers headed by Mrs Marian Joyce. Students’ Scripture attendance will continue in the same arrangement from year to year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change in writing [our Kindergarten students would have indicated their Scripture choice on their enrolment forms]. There is currently no alternative to Scripture lessons at Hillsborough Public and students not attending SRE visit a buddy classroom with readers or similar independent activities.

Finally, a reminder that Friday is our school’s Clean Up Australia event. Classes will work together to clean up an area of our school playground. Students are asked to bring gloves to use during this activity.

Lucinda Farrell, Principal
FRIDAY 13TH OF MARCH

FUNKY HAIR DAY

Wear your hair in a funky style and bring a gold coin donation to support the Leukaemia Foundation.

See the link below or one of the collection boxes at school to get behind Mrs Pike who will be participating the World’s Greatest Shave here at school!!

This year I will be participating in the World’s Greatest Shave to raise much needed fund for the Leukaemia Foundation. One Friday the 13th of March at 2.30pm I will be getting out the clippers at school and parting way with my hair. If you would like to donate to support me and this worthwhile cause, please visit my donation page at http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/wgstawneepike or pop a donation with your name and class on it so I can supply a receipt for tax purposes, into one of the collection box located in our school office. So far I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received towards this and I thank the community for getting behind this event.

Sincerely
Tahnee Pike
SCHOOL BANKING

CBA will be attending K-2 assembly on Friday 13th March and a representative will be here on Monday 16th March 2.30pm to collect applications and ID parents. Information packs at office.

Help Wanted

If you have a little spare time on your hands we are after a new volunteer to do our student banking. It is quite a simple task which can be done here at school on one of our computers or taken home to do at your convenience. Full instructions will be given, please enquire at the office.

SHOES FOR SPORTS DAY

Congratulations for all students who are turning up to school each day looking fabulous in their school uniform.

Our current focus is on encouraging students to be wearing white or predominantly white joggers on Friday as part of the Sports uniform.

NO TRADING CARDS AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that school is not the place to play with your Pokemon, Woolworths Animal or Football cards.

While collecting and trading cards is great fun, the problems that arise from lost cards or unhappy swaps lead to too many unhappy students here at school.

Please leave your trading cards for an after school activity.
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015 YEARS 3-6

Notes for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge are being sent home this week. To win a certificate, students in Years 3-6 need to read 20 books. The titles are divided into lists for Years K-2, Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-9. These lists are available from the library or you can find the lists and more information on the Internet at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Students will need to complete their reading at home. Student Reading Records must be returned to the school library or submitted online by 21 August so that entries can be checked and validated by the closing date, 1 September 2015. Students can enter their books online as they read from 2 March, 2015.

If you have access to the Internet, the following steps can be used to access KidSpace and enter Student Reading Records electronically:

1. Go to www.det.nsw.edu.au and click on the LOGIN - STUDENT link.
2. Type in student’s DET User ID and Password and click LOG IN.
3. On KidSpace click AGREE then + and >>More… on the Learning link.
4. Scroll down and click on PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE.
5. At PRC page, click STUDENT READING RECORDS link.
6. Enter your books by PRC ID Number or Title.

Please Note: Students in Years K-2 complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge in class with their classroom teacher.

P & C News...

DISCO

School disco, for all students K-6, is on this Thursday 26th Feb from 6pm-8pm in the school hall.

$5 entry per student at the door which includes drink and snack.

P&C will be holding a BBQ in the main COLA from 5pm onwards.

Sausage sandwiches $2.50, Drinks $2, Combo $4

Glow products will be for sale $2-$4 each

If there are any mums or dads who could help us out on the BBQ from 4:30pm it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Amber on amberhutton@optusnet.com.au, Thanks.

Easter raffle tickets on sale from disco until drawn at Easter hat parade. Note to be sent home soon. Tickets $1 each.
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 3 March 2015. The item will be performed by 5R.

Next book club will be at a later date during Term 1 2015.

The next P&C meeting will be Monday 23rd March 2015 6.00pm in the Staffroom. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!
When asked their five favourite things, 4/3M were bursting with suggestions!
Here are their top five...

1. **Minecraft**
4/3M can’t get enough of Minecraft. We even made Minecraft portraits in Art!

2. **Reading!**
4/3M are great readers and we love reading in comfort!
3. Technology
4/3M love using the iPads and Netbooks in their learning!

4. Science
We love investigating materials in our ‘Package it Better’ unit!

5. Art
4/3M are great artists. Here are some of our crazy self portraits!
The HPS School Disco is on Thursday, 26th Feb from 6pm to 8pm. Entry is $5 per student at the door.

The P&C will be selling sausage sandwiches, drinks, and glow products from 5pm in the main COLA.

If you are able to assist with the BBQ prep please contact Amber on amberhutton@optusnet.com.au or join the Facebook group "HPS P&C events" to keep up to date with all HPS P&C information.