Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our P&C we are delighted to have a new Comm Box interactive screen in our technology Lab. The lab previously had only a projector that did not allow for interactive learning and due to its age the image it projected was very hard to see. The new Comm Box is the latest in interactive learning technology, with all the functionality of a Smartboard and the brightness and definition of a HD television. The Comm Box is easily seen in a fully lit classroom and its interactive touch screen is of commercial strength and durability. The installation the Comm Box has allowed for more engaging, student-centred learning in our technology programs and as a resource that is accessed by all of our students K-6 its value is enormous. From all our staff [particularly Mrs Edden] and students we thank our P&C and our school community for your efforts to provide this wonderful addition to our children’s learning.

Next Wednesday will be our School Cross country for students 8 years and older. This event will be run in school grounds beginning at 9am. This year it is Hillsborough’s turn to organise the Zone Cross Country Carnival which will be held on the 24th April at Belmont. We will also have the opportunity to run the canteen on the day with funds raised going towards the Year 6 Farewell, shirts and school gift. Please see Mr Burke if you are available to assist.

Next Thursday is our whole school Easter parade. Students will join with our Easter Bunny and participate in a parade of their hats or Easter models prior to the drawing of the Easter raffle. The parade will begin at 1pm in our top COLA and parents are most welcome to attend. While he is visiting the Easter Bunny is planning to work with our P&C in handing out some Easter treats. A note will go home this week asking for parents of children with special dietary needs to contact the school so appropriate treats can be provided.

The merit selection process for filling the vacant Assistant Principal position in our school is in full swing and I hope to be able to announce the result before the end of term. This position is the one I vacated last year, Mrs Stothard and Mrs Noble retain right of return to their positions at the end of their Instructional Leader secondment.

You will no doubt have noticed our new flagpoles going in at the front of our Office block. These are part of a grant our school received from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. We can expect to see flags flying proudly very soon.
Principal’s Report continued ...

Last week we celebrated ‘Bully No Way’ and Harmony day. There were wonderful activities and thoughtful class conversations going on all over our school. As part of our anti bullying activities, classes created bunting to decorate their rooms. The competition to create the best bunting was fierce and all classes produced very high quality work making the judging very difficult. The Kindergartens were our winners in the end, adding an interactive element to their display, delivering their ‘Don’t be Mean’ message with a song.

Some of the beautiful classroom displays

Kindergarten enjoying their prize

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
Dear Families and friends of HPS,
The new 2015/16 Entertainment Books and Digital Memberships are now available for advance purchase. As a bonus, all orders prior to April 22nd will receive valuable Early Bird bonus offers.
The link below will take you directly to our Payment Page to place your order: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/346h57
The book or a digital membership costs $60 and $12 per purchase will return to our school to fundraise towards our goal of **improving and expanding the shading and fenced area around the enclosed playground**. Last year HPS raised almost $1200 through sales of the entertainment books.

Some advantages of the new Digital membership are:
- You can share ONE membership across up to FIVE devices
- You won't go out for dinner and leave the book at home!!!
- You can track your savings
- New offers are regularly uploaded to your phone
- You can search by location, name, cuisine or type
- All customers who purchase a Digital Membership will receive their Early Bird bonus offers sent directly to their device.

A flyer with more information will be sent out this week for pre-orders including opt-out or preference to order digital membership. Books will be delivered around week 2 of term 2.
For more information contact the office or Amber Hutton on 0402 078691 or HPSfundraising@optusnet.com.au
Kind regards,
P&C Fundraising Committee
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 31 March 2015. The item will be performed by 4A.

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- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
# Autumn Vacation Care 2015

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<td>Let’s go to Kids HQ at Wyong to experience the triple lane Super slide, the Mega Maze, The Cannonball Battle and the Sports Zone! Please Pack socks and a drink bottle! Arrive by 8:30am Additional $12.00</td>
<td>‘Pack a white’ cotton shirt, pants or scarf ready for some tie dye fun!</td>
<td>Young Australia Workshops are presenting “The Circus Clowns are coming to Town!” Children will learn slapstick techniques, juggling, comic timing &amp; acrobat pyramids! Additional $12.00</td>
<td>Let’s catch a ferry from Stockton to Newcastle where we will have an ice-cream on the foreshore! We will then return to Stockton for lunch and some group games and sport in the park! Additional $5.00</td>
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<td>We are joining Young Guns Fishing rescheduled from last holidays! Learn how to fish in a safe environment at Speers Point foreshore! Equipment provided! Arrive at 8:45am Additional $13.00</td>
<td>Fundamental Fitness is joining us for a circuit of boxing combinations, kickboxing, cardio drills and games! Boxing is great for hand-eye coordination, balance, stamina and strength!</td>
<td>Let’s head to Newcastle Supa Putt at Broadmeadow where you will score each other in completing 18 holes! You will also receive 1 voucher to use in the game arcade! Additional $10.00</td>
<td>We are very lucky to have a Police Officer come visit us at OOSH! Learn about the importance of the Law! $1.00 Donation Also pack your clearly labelled devices or Wii games for electronic fun! Additional $3.00</td>
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<td>Let’s go to Lake Cinemas at Boolaroo to see new release movie THE SPONGE BOB MOVIE SPONGE OUT OF WATER! Popcorn included! Crafts and games to follow! Additional $10.00</td>
<td>MOVIE DAY!</td>
<td>Let’s go to the new Trampoline centre at Thornton... FLIP OUT! Bounce, flip and dodge your way through the trampoline arena! Let’s then go to the park where we will play sport and eat pizza for lunch! Additional $18 (Lunch included)</td>
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For enquiries Ph: 49478370 Email: info@hillsboroughoosh.com.au or visit us at www.hillsboro-oosh.com.au

Please return booking forms by the 27th of March 2015

Depending on your child care percentage you could be paying as little as $3.00 per day!

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 Banking is on MONDAY

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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.

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BOUNCE!

TeNnis AcaDeMY
Whitebridge Tennis Club

Ever considered learning to play tennis? Now’s the time to start!
- Learn a life-long skill and enjoy the social aspect
- Enhance whole body coordination
- Develop cognitive skills

We provide group and private lessons.
- Hotshots for 4yrs up, plus doubles & singles competition for both juniors & adults

Richard McMurray - 0408 717 199
Anthony Jarvis - 0418 960 131
This year instead of asking for donations from school families, we have been lucky enough to receive many donations from generous local businesses providing the **30 great prizes** listed below. Proceeds from this raffle will fund the purchase, servicing and repair of musical instruments and related accessories that are used by the band and class groups. Ticket sheets are attached and in the newsletter. Simply write the name & phone no or child’s class on them, and return the whole sheet with your money to the locked box in the office. Don’t forget to ask your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family if they would like a ticket too! Thankyou for your support.

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**Prize List**

- Oz Shark & Ray Centre Family Entry $100
- Oakvale Farm family pass $65
- Impressions Hair and Beauty Kahibah $50 voucher
- Charlestown Bowling Club Bar & Grill $50 voucher (2 prizes)
- Easter Basket donated by Hillsborough OOSH
- Newcastle Nappy Cakes Easter hamper
- Hunter Ice Skating Stadium Family Entry pass
- Reading Cinema - 2 movie passes
- Expressi coffee machine and wooden salad tong
- Charlestown Golf Club voucher—18 holes for 2 people
- Hair on Melbourne voucher $40
- Thommo’s Barbers haircut voucher
- Girls pack - Ziggety Snipits “Cute Package” hair voucher, Lunch box, 2 for 1 laser tag
- Boys pack - Allan’s Mens hairdressing voucher, Lunch box, 2 for 1 laser tag
- 2x Strike Laser Tag entries (7 prizes)
- 2x Timezone Supersession passes (5 prizes)
- Playgrounds Park entry pass (2 prizes)
- CommBank kids toys pack
Happy Easter! Thank you for supporting our school. There are 30 great prizes to win in this raffle - please see over for details. The funds raised will purchase, service and repair the musical instruments and related accessories that are used by our School Band and all class groups. Good luck!

Draw date: Thursday, 2nd April 2015 at the Easter Hat Parade
Tickets: $1 each - $10 per sheet

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