Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we are eagerly awaiting the return of our Stage Two campers who have been having the time of their lives at Morisset Outdoor Education camp. Students have enjoyed amazing adventure activities and from all reports have been having a ball! I am sure there will be lots of great stories to hear over the next few days.

Our School Final for the Premier’s Spelling Bee will be held tomorrow in our School Hall. Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to move the finals forward to 9:15am. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Like the rest of the Newcastle area, Hillsborough PS is being hit very hard by the onslaught of flu and we have several diagnosed cases of the Influenza B virus. Our sick bay has been full and last Friday our sick bay had to send 15 children home. This virus is highly contagious and long lasting; we are therefore advising parents to keep your children off school if they are sick with flu-like symptoms allowing them time to recuperate and to try to stop the spread of the virus.

The ‘H-FACTOR’ is coming!! Our school musical performance the H-FACTOR will hit the stage on the 16th and 17th of September. This year we are having our two night performances and introducing a matinee performance on Thursday 17th September. Tickets are on sale now through the Office. Ticket sales to each session will be limited to 300 in order to ensure adequate seating in the Hall. To ensure all families have an opportunity to attend the show, initially sales will be limited to four tickets per family until Friday 4th September whereupon any remaining tickets will be available for purchase in any amount.

Finally, I would just like to take the opportunity to plug our school App. Available at the iTunes store or on Google-play, the app will keep you up to date with school messages, newsletter and school links. It also provides parents with the ability to submit absence letters or change of details. While previously somewhat glitchy, recent updates have improved the functionality and it is now working perfectly.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
Library News...

Book Parade
We will be celebrating Book Week in Term 3 Week 8. Students will be able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday 3 September, 2015. The parade will begin under the cola at 9:30am, start planning your costume!

Book Fair
The annual Book Fair will be held in the library.
When: Tue 1, Wed 2 & Thur 3 September 2015.
Time: Before School: 8:00am - 9:00am
        After School: 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Cash and credit card payment options available. All purchases benefit our school!

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations Isabella M, Mia B and William Z on completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge closes at school this Friday 21 August 2015. Student Reading Records must be returned to the school library or submitted online by this Friday so that entries can be checked and validated by the closing date 28 August 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.
Keep reading!
Toni Norton
Teacher Librarian

P & C News...

Thank you to all the families who purchased Entertainment books this year. We raised $1224 toward playground restoration.
The P&C will be holding a cake stall at the book week parade in week 8 on Thursday at 11.00 under the Cola. If you would like to donate some goodies to sell or help out on the stall please talk to Briony or Amber, or email HPSfundraising@optusnet.com.au

Father’s Day Stall will be held Wednesday 2nd September. If you have any donations of Brand New gifts laying around the place and would like to donate them, you can drop them off at the office.

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 30TH
OF OCTOBER

This year's major fundraiser will be a Fun-Runathon held on Friday the 30th of October in the school grounds. It will be an exciting event where the children will be encouraged to run, jog or walk around a fun course. All parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to attend. All funds raised will be put towards the construction of a new netball/basketball court. If you would like to get involved in the planning for this event or have any ideas please come along to our fundraising meetings in Term 3 or contact Ansley on HPSfundraising@optusnet.com.au
Uniform Shop News...

Would you like to see a return of the fleecy lined school jumper as an alternative to the bomber jacket? If so, please contact the school office and register your interest or contact Eleni direct: chrisnlen@telstra.com

Also to Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra campers
If you are requiring long grey pants or long green pants or any extra uniforms please fill in an order form and send into the school office or email the form direct to Eleni chrisnlen@telstra.com. If you could have these orders in by Wednesday 19th August so that the orders can be placed in time that would be great.

Thanks
Kindergarten Excursion to Blackbutt Reserve Wednesday 12th August

Our Kindergarten classes had a great day out on their excursion to Blackbutt Reserve. They got to meet with the Rangers to participate in some fun learning activities and enjoyed a yummy BBQ lunch cooked by some parent helpers. It was a fun day!
Hillsborough Public School is considering an exciting new music program to commence in Term 4, 2015.

The Music Bus will be visiting the school weekly to provide lessons in keyboard, guitar, drums, ukulele and singing. For more information on the program visit [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au) or Ph 1300 168 742

To introduce the staff, parents and students to the program, we are holding a demonstration day at school.

**Date: Monday 24th August, 2015 (Week 7, Term 3)**

There will be 2 activities:

1) **Parent Info session** - 8:30am - 9am - parents can visit the bus, meet the teacher and ask questions

2) **Student Tour** - all children will take part in a short interactive session on the bus during the day.

The students will be given an Expression of Interest form to take part in the weekly lessons. This will need to be returned to the school within 7 days of issue.
VACATION CARE  4 – 12yrs
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2015

Come & Join Us These School Holidays, We Will Have You Reaching New Heights Participating In Programs Such As:

◆ obstacle courses  ◆ craft  ◆ gymnastic skills  ◆ cooking  ◆ acro
◆ trampolining  ◆ science  ◆ tumbling  ◆ athletics ... just to name a few

VACATION CARE IS AVAILABLE FROM
MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER - TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER
7.30AM-6PM , MEALS INCLUDED

Child Care Rebate
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The Hunter Sports Centre also runs gymnastics holiday programs and skills clinics each day. For further information visit our website www.hsc.org.au

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SUMMER 6s For
U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12

KEEP YOUR LOVE FOR FOOTBALL ALIVE THROUGH SUMMER

Commencing: Monday 12th October 10 week competition
Days: Monday U10, U11, U12
Tuesday U6, U7, U8, U9
Times: 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Registration Costs: Per Child $35
Game Fees: $40 per team
Number of Players: Minimum 6 Max 10
Location: Eleebana Oval

Summer 6s
Football, Sun and a Whole Lot of Fun
Lazy Summer Afternoons? No Thanks!

To enter your team please complete the attached registration form and return to registrar@vecf.com.au by Monday 21st September
Positions are limited for each age group on receipt of your registration form confirmation details and competition details will be issued