Term 1 Week 3

Principal’s Report...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a busy, yet rewarding week it has been. I have had many meetings this week with educational consultants who support our school and it has made me very proud to have had all of them comment on what a delightful school this is.

This week I have continued to see the high quality work being produced in each and every classroom and as such I have decided to include a section in the newsletter to showcase some of this work. Zoe and Sienna from 4/3F were the first students to bring me some creative artworks for my “Wall of Fame” and KM presented me with the most beautiful and inspirational mural, which is now hanging proudly in my office. I was also lucky enough to see outstanding artworks from Jackson, Ava and Georgia in 3/2S, along with some intricate origami from Charlie. 1P has also been busy showing off their writing skills and it was fantastic to read Isabelle’s and Elle’s compound sentence about their holiday. Look out for High Quality @ Hillsborough in this week’s newsletter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extra work that Mrs Miller has been doing to set up our iPads for the students to use. In this day and age it is so important for children to learn how to engage with technology in a productive way and Mrs Miller, along with all our teaching staff, are providing a vast array of experiences which will help our students adapt to our ever changing society. Remember to keep an eye out for Mrs Miller’s App of the week in our newsletter.

Finally, it was great to see so many parents attending our P&C meeting on Monday night. An active P&C is extremely important to the effective management of a school. We look forward to working closely with the P&C this year to further improve the school grounds, student resources and educational programs offered to the students.

Valentine Quote of the Week

Anyone can catch your eye, but it takes someone special to catch your heart.

B. Thomas
Relieving Principal

Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 12th February
  - Parent Information Sessions (Stage 2, 3/2S & Kinder)
- Thursday 13th February
  - Parent Information Sessions (1R, 1P & 2/1A)
- Friday 14th February
  - Clean up Australia Day
  - Don’t forget your gloves!
- Wednesday 19th March
  - Whole School Photos
- Friday 11th April
  - Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 28th April
  - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 29th April
  - Students First Day of Term 2
- Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th May
  - NAPLAN
- Friday 27th June
  - Last Day of Term 2

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursday
8.30am - 9.30am
Principal's Report...continued...

Drop off and pick up procedures
A reminder to parents about our drop off and pick up procedures. If you are accompanying your child into the school of a morning, could you please assemble with them in the COLA area. Could we also please ask that parents wait in the COLA area to pick up their children of an afternoon and leave walkways clear. This will help us to make drop off and pick up time smoother and safer. Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that we are not to use the carpark or driveway at the back of the school, near the pony club and Newcastle Junior School. We have been informed that council rangers will be patrolling this area. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safer place for the students.

School Uniform
Just a reminder that the girls summer uniform is a tunic or tailored shorts and green button up shirt. Sport shorts and Skorts are for sport days only.

Parent Information Sessions
These are taking place this week. The sessions will run for 30 minutes and will be a chance for you to listen to your child’s class teacher about how their class will operate this year. We look forward to meeting with as many parents as possible. Please see the timetable below for dates and times.

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Uniform Shop News...

The Uniform Shop is opened every Thursday morning between 8:30am – 9:30am. This shop is run purely by the P&C (not by the school). Due to the fact that this is run by parent volunteers the uniforms are able to be sold at a reasonable price, with all proceeds coming back to the school. We understand that only being opened on Thursday mornings doesn’t suit everyone, so if you are unable to make it at this time you can complete an order form (found further in this newsletter) or grab a form from the ladies in the office. We will then fill this order the following Thursday. It would be great if we could follow this procedure as this will reduce the need for double handling of orders. Thank you for your understanding.

P&C News...

We had a great turn out for our meeting on Monday night. Thank you to all who attended. It was great to meet our Relieving Principal and we are looking forward to working with him. The P&C have a Facebook Group called HPS P&C Events, we use this as a reminder for up coming events. Feel free to join this group so you can receive notifications of P&C events. Any questions, comments or suggestions please don’t hesitate to contact me. Danielle Whiting - P&C President dwhiting75@gmail.com

Book Club will be back SOON!

The next P&C meeting will be held Monday 7th April
At 8:30am
In the Library

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 18th February. The item will be performed by 3/2S.

Great KIDS Range
over 50 frames
to choose from + Sunglasses as well.
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Spears Point
Ph.4958 7892
BlinDED
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Available On All Phones
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What Can You Do With It?
Newsletters  Sick Notes
Events Dates  Change of Details
Notes Due  Pop-Up Alerts
Venue Maps  Contact Us

Great for Schools ... Even Better For Parents
My name is Fiona Oosterveen. I am the new Learning and Support Teacher at Hillsborough Public School. I have been teaching throughout the Newcastle region for the past 13 years. I enjoy teaching with all its challenges and rewards, especially seeing students succeed to their best. For the past few years I have been working with students with learning needs. I have taught and worked with students from K-6 in many schools in the region. My partner and I moved to South-West NSW into a small country town and experienced life as teachers in a small community we then moved back to Newcastle for the opportunities is has for our family. Our family consists of two beautiful children, with the eldest starting Kindergarten this year. I’m sure my anxiety and apprehension of this new stage will subside soon. I am excited to be a part of Hillsborough Public School and look forward to getting to know the students and working with the staff and community to uphold the quality of education offered at Hillsborough Public School.

Community News...

Fundraising for 2014:
We have an exciting calendar of events planned for 2014, with a few more still to be confirmed (see below). We look forward to your continued support to help raise extra funds for HPS. Last years fundraising efforts enabled the purchase of 16 new notebook computers which will be in classrooms very soon, as well the expansion of wi-fi technology in the school, lots of books and classroom resources, and much more! This year we hope to be able to continue the wi-fi installation and are looking into the purchase of new uniforms for some of our super-talented sports teams.

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Fundraising Committee Meeting:
The first Fundraising Committee meeting for the year is being held next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 2.15pm in the COLA. All welcome. Please come along if you are interested in helping out with any of the events planned for 2014, or just to share your ideas and meet some other mums and dads. It should be a fun year ahead! If you can’t make it to this meeting but would like to be involved in the committee, please contact Julie Byrne on 0414 434 497 or email: julieandmick4@bigpond.com

Disco BBQ:
The first school disco for the year is being held in Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm until 7pm, for all students from K-6. The P&C will be selling sausage sandwiches, drinks and glow products in the COLA from 5pm. If you’re able to help with the BBQ please let Julie know (details above).
One Big Wild! Rhino Update

At the end of 2013 our beloved Rhino "Charge" joined the Taronga and Western Plains Zoo trail of rhino calves. The Rhino Creative Crew did a superb job of our calf and were hesitant to let him go. Charge is on display at Carlingford Court Shopping Centre, Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford NSW until after the Easter holidays when he will return to the grounds of Hillsborough Public School and remain a permanent feature of the school reminding us of the importance of protecting our magnificent wildlife as well as raising awareness for critically endangered species like Charge.

The Wild! Rhino Trail Map is featured in this newsletter and you can see where the rhinos are positioned on the trail. You can also visit the Taronga Zoo Wild! Rhino official website which includes professional photos of all the school calves [http://taronga.org.au/wild-rhinos](http://taronga.org.au/wild-rhinos)

The Wild! Rhinos iPhone app is also available free at the App Store and is available on Android from Google Play. Download the App and you can tag yourself with the Rhinos you encounter on your travels.

After the Trail concludes, the Adult Wild! Rhinos will be auctioned off in a star studded event at The Star Casino on May 14th 2014, with all the proceeds going to Taronga's Rhino Conservation partners overseas. If you think you might like to attend and bid on a rhino – or know anyone who would – save the date and I will keep you informed. The adult sculptures were commissioned by professional artists and can be seen on the website too and are also very impressive!

Well done to all of the students who were involved in this very worthy project.
Isabelle (1P)

On the weekend I went swimming in my pool and my pool has swimming toys.

Excellent writing, Isabelle. Well done! 4½.

Zoe 4/3F

On the weekend I went swimming and I saw a spider and I helped get it out of the pool.

Now! That sounds like a good move. 5½.

Sienna 4/3F

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Elle (1P)
Late Arrival & Early Pick Up of Students

Parents/carers are advised that children who arrive late to school need to come to the office to get a “Late Arrival” note, regardless of whether they are accompanied by an adult.

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. Teachers will not allow your child to accompany you unless you provide them with the Early Leaver note.

Lost Something?

There is a lost property box located in the office in sickbay.

Please remember to label all items that are brought to school so that they can be returned to your child if they go missing.

Don’t forget fruit break!
The NSW Premiers Reading Challenge has released an exciting app which can help HPS students keep an eye on their progress in the challenge. The free app which is currently available on Windows devices, but will be available shortly on Android and Apple devices, will enable students to search books on lists, record the books they have read and also track their progress. What a great idea! Mrs Norton will keep students updated on the upcoming Reading Challenge, and with this great app our students will be well on their way to completing yet another successful year in the challenge.

*If you are not sure of your child’s eligibility or have not received a letter from Medicare you can call them on 132011

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**Warners Bay Football Club**

John Street, Warners Bay -
Rego Sun 9th and 16th Feb
10am-2pm
Phone Andrew - 0402 500 188
For more dates and info see www.warnersbayfc.com.au

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**This Week’s Featured App**

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**STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER**

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the Newcastle area. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account. Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Banking day at Hillsborough PS is every Monday.
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Hillborough Public School P & C Uniform Shop - Order Form