Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are just about half way through Term 1 and the children have now settled into their busy school routines. This week I met with leaders of the school's Asset Management Team and discussed some of the issues regarding school properties. It was great to hear back from them yesterday to let us know that a scope of works has been accepted to put a new roof on the toilet block and upgrade the storm water to ensure that we don't have any more leaks and power outages in this area. I will keep you informed of when work will begin. We are hoping to get the majority done in the school holiday period.

The steady stream of high quality work has continued to come through my office and nothing makes me prouder to see the students knock on my door with a smile from ear to ear, full of pride and keen to show off their great work. Carlie in 4M wrote a very persuasive advertisement for bug spray, Jakob and Georgia in 2/1A impressed me with how well they understood a story they read in class and the quality work that went with their response, and Miles from KH has mastered the art of pencil grip and left me awe struck with his fine motor skills.

In the interest of student safety, can I please remind parents of two very important issues this week. Supervision of students begins at 8.30am. If students have to be at school before that time, they must come straight to the COLA area and be seated until the duty teacher arrives. Could we also please be mindful of not parking in the pick-up/drop off zone at the front of the school. I understand parking is a huge issue but student safety is far more important!

Finally this week, I would like to congratulate our Zone swimming representatives. From all accounts, you represented our school with pride and put 100% effort into competing. Special congratulations also to Jessie Strickland, who came in to my office yesterday to show me the silver medal she won in High Jump at the Regional Little Athletics Championships. Jessie will now compete at the NSW championships in Sydney.

Quote of the Week
Writing is art but instead of using a brush, you use a pen to paint images in people’s minds.

B. Thomas
Relieving Principal

Clean up Australia Day
This Friday 28 February is clean up Australia Day, please remember to bring gloves and a plastic bag.

Parents of Kindergarten
Kindergarten parents please be on the lookout for the Best Start Parent feedback letters arriving in the Post this week. These will give you a “snapshot” of your child on entry to school. Over the last four weeks we have been learning so much and we look forward to starting our Literacy Centre groups with Parent Helpers from next week!

Suzanne Mills and Jane Hewitt (Kindergarten Teachers)
Netball
Netball team trials start next week Friday 7 March during sport 10-11am. Both boys and girls can try out in Years 3 - 6.

School Disco
Our first Disco for the year is scheduled for the evening of Thursday 6th March. The Disco will be run in one session for students in Kindergarten through to Year 6. The disco will run from 5.30pm till 7pm. All children are to be delivered to and collected from the hall by a parent or duly appointed adult. There is a cost of $5 per student payable at the door. Don’t forget, the P&C will be running a sausage sizzle before the disco. More details about this are in the newsletter.

P&C News...

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

Disco BBQ:
The first school disco for the year is being held in Thursday 6th 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)
My name is Toni Norton. Being the Teacher Librarian at Hillsborough Public School is incredibly rewarding. I have been teaching K-6 students at many schools throughout the Newcastle region for the past 20 years. Prior to that, I took an opportunity to make a tree change to North West NSW and taught K-6 students in a small, rural community. Personally, I am married with two beautiful children, a son in Year 12 and a daughter in Year 7. I currently coordinate the Premier's Reading Challenge at Hillsborough Public School and am committed to providing a dynamic, vibrant learning environment which ensures that all students are highly motivated, successful learners.
OPERA HUNTER'S
PRODUCTION OF

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THE

AristoCats

KIDS

Music and lyrics by
Richard M Sherman, Robert B Sherman,
Al Rinker, Floyd Huddleston and Terry Gilkyson
Music adapted and arranged and additional music by
Bryan Louiselle
Book adapted and additional lyrics written by
Michael Bernard
Based on the 1970 Disney film "The Aristocats"
By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd
exclusive agent for Music Theatre International.

Tickets: $25 Adults, $15 Concession
$10 Children (15 years and under) $60 Family (2 Adults and 2 Children)
Contact: 02 4943 1672 or email mbuck@exmall.com.au

Lake Macquarie
Performing Arts Centre
Warners Bay
April 22, 23, 24, 26
2pm and 6pm

Wesley Centre
Beaumont St
Hamilton
April 27
2pm and 6pm
Zoe (4/3F)

great, speech
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W.H.HT. This week we are learning about letters that make the lone E sound in words. We are studying words such as bee, deee, eee, here, ree, ent, ree, country, only. Can the end I marry.

Sienna (KH)

I am a reindeer.

Ruby (6/5E)

Carlie (4M)
**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.

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**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.
Math Heroes is a popular Maths app at HPS. Students can choose either a male or female ninja who will help them solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and/or division problems. Levels start out simple and once completed, more complex levels are unlocked for students to tackle. Questions are asked and students tap the answer in which the ninja karate chops and collects different karate materials and objects. This app is $2.99 to purchase in the App store.
# Hillsborough Public School P & C Uniform Shop – Order Form

**Name:** 
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**Also available:**
- Green Gloves $4 (one size fits all)
- Girls Green Scungies $5 (size 12-14, 14-16)
- Hair Pack $2 (green - brush, scrunchie, elastic)

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