Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We may be half way through week 8 but we certainly are not slowing down! What a busy few weeks we have coming up! This Friday we will be celebrating harmony day at Hillsborough PS. This is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. It gives the students a chance to learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Many thanks to Mrs Mills who has been busy coordinating harmony day activities for our classes.

Next Friday 28th March, we will run our Cross Country carnival for all students K-6. This will be held at our school and we invite parents to come along to cheer on their children in this event. Mr Edden and Mr Daniels have nearly finished planning the courses for all our students and more information about approximate times and course distances will come home in a separate note. The Cross Country will be a good warm up for our Athletics Carnival, which will be held on Wednesday 2nd April. Again we would love to see as many parents there as possible to join in the fun on this day.

All classes have had discussions about safety at school recently and we participated in an evacuation drill last week. Students know how to play safely in the playground, move safely around the school and identify safety issues in many places in our surrounding environment. In the ongoing interests of student safety at our school, it seems timely to remind parents of the proper use of the drop off zone, particularly in the afternoons. Please remember that this is not a parking area and help us to keep traffic moving and ultimately keep our students safe.

Finally this week I would like to wish Georgia and Madyson the best of luck for when they attend the Eastlakes Zone Netball Trials tomorrow.

**Quote of the Week**

“Some people dream of success... while others wake up and work hard at it”.

B. Thomas

**Relieving Principal**

**Cross Country**

This year the Eastlakes Zone Cross country is being held in Wk 1 next term. This means that we will have to hold our school cross country before then so we can determine our representatives. The annual school cross country will be held on Friday 28th March at Hillsborough PS. All students K-6 will participate. While the cross country event can be daunting for some students, the main thing is that we encourage participation and ‘having a go’.

Students that are turning 8, 9 or 10yrs this year will run 2km, students that are turning 11 or 12 this year will run 3km. The infants K-2 students will run a smaller course of around 500m.

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**Dates for the Diary**

- **Friday 21st March**: Book club Due
- **Friday 21st March**: Harmony Day
- **Friday 28th March**: Cross Country
- **Wednesday 2nd April**: Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 11th April**: Easter Hat Parade
- **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
Netball
Netball training will start for all players this Friday morning at 8am on the back oval. Players have received information about this in a note last week, but if you have any questions feel free to call me at school.
Alison Miller

Library News...

Book Club Orders close at school on Friday 21st March 2014.
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014 Years 3-6
Registrations for the Premier’s Reading Challenge are now open. It is a condition of entry that all students entering and successfully completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names will appear on the PRC Honour Roll.
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 2014. Students can enter their books online as they read from 3 March, 2014.
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.
Toni Norton
Teacher Librarian

P&C News...

Easter Raffle:
If you like chocolate (and who doesn’t!) this is for you! Our Easter raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1 (Friday 11 April) with several baskets of Easter goodies up for grabs. A sheet of tickets is attached further in the newsletter (tickets just $1 each). All you need to do is sell your tickets to family, friends and neighbours, and return your money and completed tickets in an envelope to the new locked letter box at the office by Tuesday 8th April. Additional tickets can be printed or picked up at the office if needed. We would also greatly appreciate your help in donating items for the prize baskets - Easter eggs or Easter goodies such as craft items etc, or if you would prefer, maybe a children’s book to read during the school holidays. Donations can be left at the office and need to be in by Friday 4th April. All funds raised from the raffle will be used to purchase additional educational and classroom resources for HPS.

Uniform Shop News...

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, all orders have been filled and all UNPAID orders are kept for six weeks only. There are now only five weeks left before these UNPAID orders are put back on the shelf, so please make arrangements to come and pick up your order.
Buttons for the green shirts have arrived, 50c for a pack of four. Also school hats are now available.
**Canteen Roster**

**TERM 1 ROSTER**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

Rebecca Pasovski  Ph: 0412653097  
Email: jrpaz1@bigpond.com

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**This Week's Featured App**

**myBlee**

Telling the time is a difficult task that can easily confuse students. **Telling Time Myblee** is a fantastic app that takes students on a learning journey from o’clock to learning about minutes, seconds and converting time. The app engages students in engaging tutorials and follow-up activities for students to consolidate their new knowledge. This app is currently $4.49 in the app store but often appears free in the app store.

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**Notes sent home this week:**

Athletics Carnival $10.00  
Yr 6 Leaving T Shirt $25.00  
Sport For Life $15.00  
University Competition $8.00ea

**School Banking is on MONDAY**

**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.
I have been teaching for 10 years now and have worked at many schools around Newcastle, Maitland and Lake Macquarie. In the ten years that I have been teaching, my long term appointments have been at Tighes Hill, Rutherford and now Hillsborough PS. I am very fortunate to have been teaching at Hillsborough for the past 3 years as not only do I get to work with amazing staff, students and community members, I also have the privilege of watching my own children move through their school years. My husband Ben and I have been living in the Charlestown area for the past 6 years and our two children, Kyah and Callan attend Hillsborough Public School. My interest in teaching began when I was working as a Teacher’s Aide in Special Education. I worked for 5 years in this position and realised then that the classroom was the place for me. I continued working as a Teacher’s Aide while I completed my teaching degree. Prior to my path to the classroom, I actually spent many years travelling around surfing. I have won state and national titles, and was previously ranked 9th in the world. Surfing was an enjoyable part of my life but there came a time when I needed to, in my own words, ‘get a real job’. I find teaching to be truly rewarding. Nothing beats the look on a child’s face when they learn something new and exciting.
High Quality @ Hillsborough
Student work samples - Week 8

Abril 3/2S

Samuel 1P

Tameika 4M

Sariah 6/5E
Children's Dental Benefit Schedule
Helping kids to grow up smiling...

Have you received a letter from Medicare about dental treatment for your child/ren? The **CDBS** is a new dental health program covering most general dental needs for your child/ren capped at $1000 per 24mths.

- Yes we are participating in this fantastic government program!
- Yes we are BULK BILLING for ELIGIBILE children!

Call us now to book your child’s dental check-up and help them to grow up smiling!

*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 PHYSIE AND DANCE**

**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.

Teams and individual events are available at a low cost.

Enquiries are welcome to Mandy on 0408 206 349 or mandy.smith135@gmail.com.

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**HILLSBOROUGH OOSH**

**Fun Friends & Learning**

ACCREDITED BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL & VACATION CARE!

- 6:30AM-9:00AM BSC
- 3:00PM-5:00PM ASC
- 6:30AM-5:00PM VAC

HILLSBOROUGH OOSH IS APPROVED FOR CHILD CARE BENEFIT AND CHILD CARE REBATE FOR QUALITY CARE AT AN AFFORDABLE RATE!

CALL 49478370 OR EMAIL info@hillsboroughoosh.com.au

OR VISIT US AT www.hillsboro-oosh.com.au

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**LUNCH WALLETS**

Re-usable Lunch Order Bags
Insulated All Rounder

Available to order NOW

Available from the office

Now available in more
These are the tickets for our Easter Raffle. Simply write your name and phone number or child’s class on them and return the whole sheet with your money to the locked box in the office. There are several Easter baskets to be won and proceeds will fund the purchase of additional educational resources for HPS. Don’t forget to ask your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family if they would like a ticket!

**Draw date:** Friday 11th April 2014 at the Easter Hat Parade  
**Tickets:** $1 each - $10 per sheet

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Kid's Holiday Fun Club

Wednesday 16 April 2014
(Children in Years K - 6)
All Day 9.30am - 3.30pm
Cost $5
(includes Morning Tea/Lunch/Afternoon Tea)
Registrations & payment essential by 11/4/14
Charlestown Uniting Church
P O Box 449
Charlestown. 2290

All enquiries please phone:
4908 1083 - Cathy
OR 4944 7826 - Laraine

Central Charlestown Junior Rugby League

Seeking Players for 2014
(Boys or Girls)
In the following age groups
Under 6's
Under 7's
Under 8's
Anyone interested please contact Neville Clifford on 0423 427229