Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that 10 weeks of school have passed. Although, after looking through many of the students’ books lately, I can see that they have certainly done 10 weeks’ worth of work. The productivity in each class this term has been outstanding and I know the teachers are most impressed with the progress the students are making.

Term 1 is a long term of 11 weeks and I can see that some of the students are beginning to tire. However, we must ensure that students keep following school rules right up until the holidays. Consistency is most important in the life of every school child. Could we please ask for your assistance in ensuring things like school uniform and behaviour are reinforced at home, particularly over the next 2 weeks.

In staff news, it is with great sadness that I need to inform the community that Mrs Kim Martens will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has accepted a service transfer to Jindabyne Central School and will start there in term 2. Mrs Martens has taught at Hillsborough Public School for 20 years and has made significant contributions to a huge amount of students in our community. I know that this has been a difficult decision for her as she loves everything about Hillsborough PS but it is an opportunity too good to let go. I am awaiting a response from our school staffing unit as to who will be replacing Mrs Martens and I will let the community know as soon as possible. We wish Mrs Martens all the best for this new chapter of her life.

Quote of the Week
“Daily, consistent, focused, faithful expectation raises the miracle power of achieving your dreams”. - John Di Lemme

B. Thomas
Relieving Principal

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade will be held on our last day of Term 1. The parade will begin after lunch. Lunch time finishes at 11.40am. Students will then return to their classrooms, get themselves prepared for the parade and then assemble in the COLA. We aim to have our first class parading by 11.50am. Don’t forget to keep selling your raffle tickets to support our P&C raffle!

EASTER BUNNY VISIT
During our Easter Hat Parade, the Easter Bunny will be paying us a surprise visit. Each student will be making an Easter basket, which will be left on their desk while the parade is on so the Easter bunny can put a treat in it. We understand that some students have allergies or may not be able to eat chocolate so we will ensure that an alternative is available for these students. Could you please let the school know if you would not like your child to receive chocolate. Obviously any student with anaphylaxis would not be receiving normal chocolate eggs.
Cross Country
Due to the wet weather last week, cross country will be on next Wednesday 9th April.

Cross Country Timetable (Please note times are only approximate)

1. 12/13yr Boys - 11:50pm
2. 12/13yr Girls – 12pm
3. Yr 2 Boys – 12:10pm
4. Yr 2 Girls – 12:15pm
5. 8/9yrs Boys – 12:25pm
6. 8/9yrs Girls – 12:40pm
7. Kinder Boys – 12:45pm
8. Kinder Girls – 1pm
9. 11yr Boys – 1:05pm
10. 11yr Girls – 1:20pm
11. Yr 1 Boys – 1:15pm
12. Yr 1 Girls – 1:20pm
13. 10yr Boys – 1:35pm
14. 10yr Girls – 1:40pm

Book Club has been ordered and will be back soon.

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

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 6th May. The item will be performed by 4/3F.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment Books will be sent home again this year in Term 2, one per family. If you do not want an Entertainment Book sent home please fill in the slip below or give us a call in the office on 4943 5695.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
I DO NOT want an Entertainment Book sent home.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: _____________
Parent Name: ____________________________
Canteen News...

We would like to open our canteen another day in addition to our Thursday and Friday. 

Can you help on either a Tuesday or Wednesday from 9.00—12.00.
Please fill in the form below and return back to the school office “letter box” by Friday 4th April.

We would like to begin in Term 2.

Please circle:

Tuesday  or  Wednesday

Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly

Name:___________________________________________
Phone:_________________________________________
Email:_________________________________________
It is with great pleasure that I am writing a Staff Profile for the Hillsborough Public School Newsletter. My name is Lisa Noble and I am very excited to be joining the Hillsborough school community as Assistant Principal. I have worked in the Hunter area for the past 5 and a half years. For approximately 18 months I have relieved as Assistant Principal and also recently relieved as Principal. I have taught all grades from K-6 and have lead a number of best practice literacy and numeracy programs. I am looking forward to working with staff, parents and community at Hillsborough Public School, continuing the high quality education for our students. Personally, I am married with two beautiful girls, my eldest daughter is in Year 9 and youngest daughter is in Year 8 and it seems like only yesterday that they began their schooling journey. In my spare time, I enjoy spending quality time with my family going to the beach, out for dinner, walks and generally exploring our surroundings in the Hunter. I am eager to get to know students, parents, staff and the wider school community and always enjoy having a chat.

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.

P&C News...

$25 UNLIMITED BOWLING & LASER TAG.*

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT STRIKE.

*UNTIL 5PM EVERYDAY 12TH – 27TH APRIL
FOR KIDS UNDER 15 & ACCOMPANYING ADULTS.
See website for terms and conditions.
STRIKEBOWLING.COM.AU

GO PRO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS with the Goldman Academy!

GOALKEEPER COACHING CAMP

Tuesday 22nd April – Thursday 24th April 2014
1:00pm – 4:00pm each day (9 hours total)
$135 per person for 3 days or $60 per day

Please call Mel on 0481 132 797 or email thegoldmanacademy@gmail.com
Azzurri Club Training Ground    16 George Street Highfields NSW
www.newcastlegoalkeepersacademy.com
Thank you to all the students who participated in the 2014 Harmony Day Poster Competition. The many entries I received have been fantastic with a great variety of ideas representing the theme ‘Together We Can’. I can say that without a doubt our students know what Harmony means and why we celebrate this special day each year.

All the entries are being posted off so good luck to everyone who entered. Keep your eye out in the office foyer for some snapshots of the entries designed by our creative students.

Well done H.P.S. A commendable effort!

Mrs Mills
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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**Hillsborough Oosh**

**Fun Friends & Learning**

**ACCREDITED BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL & VACATION CARE!**

- 6:30AM-9:00AM BSC
- 3:00PM-6:00PM 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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**HOLIDAY HELPER NEWCASTLE**

House Sitting and Pet sitting Service available in your area.

- DAILY PET FEEDING
- DAILY 15 MIN DOG WALK
- DAILY YARD/LITTER SCOOP
- GARDEN WATERING
- MAIL COLLECTION
- BIN COLLECTION DAYS

If you would like a longer walk or twice daily visits, I can usually do that for an extra fee, depending on availability.

Email Lauren for your quote!!

holidayhelperlauren@hotmail.com

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**LUNCH WALLET$ $**

Re-usable Lunch Order Bags
Lunch Wallet & 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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In Stage 2 this term students have been learning about Minibeasts and State and National Parks. The free app *Wilderquest* is an excellent app which complements the students learning in these areas. Created by the National Parks and Wildlife Service this app explores a large variety of natural environments in Australia and the animals, plants and creatures that reside there. The incredible graphics and sounds makes you feel as if you are actually there in person. A great one to check out!