**HILLS HIGHLIGHTS**

**COMING EVENTS**

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**WELCOME BACK**

We welcome back a familiar face today – Mrs Cameron. Mrs Cameron has been on Long Service Leave and then was heavily involved in ‘Southern Stars Week’. Although she looks a little weary from the heavy schedule of the weekend, all the work was worth it with another group of outstanding performances on Friday and Saturday. Our students who formed part of the audience on Friday saw a fantastic show and I hope now look forward to being involved in future years.

Congratulations to Mrs Cameron, the other teachers from across our region who played their part in this production, and the remarkable students who performed over the weekend (including some of our own students involved in specialist items).

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Our Premier’s Spelling Challenge was held last Thursday. Congratulations to the following students who will now represent our school at the Regional Finals to be held at Fairy Meadow Public School on Friday 16th September

Stage 2 – Amber, Ashley
Stage 3 – Matthew, Annaliese.

**BUS FOR STATE DANCE FESTIVAL**

A couple of weeks ago a note went home to our kindergarten families involved in the NSW State Dance Festival on the 12th September. The note asked for an expression of interest for a bus to transport the children and their parents to and from the Seymour Centre on the day. **Unfortunately the number of parents that indicated that they would like to take up this option was not enough to make the option viable.** Thank you to those parents that returned the note and to Mrs Crowe for undertaking much of the preliminary organisation.
HELP!!!!

We are going to need the help of some parents (mums, dads, grandparents, etc) on the weekend of 17th – 18th September. The carpet in the Library will be replaced early the following week, but we need to move the free standing shelves and books (as well as the computer lab) out of the library so the carpet layers can do their job. If you can give a couple of hours of your time during this weekend, could you please let Mrs Relf know. We will then make up a timetable and let you know when to turn up. I’ve asked for the carpet to be done at this time as we have Stage 3 off at camp the following week and can use the empty classrooms as storage areas (something this school doesn’t normally have).

MONEY COMING INTO THE SCHOOL

With a number of different activities occurring over the coming weeks, it seems very timely to remind you of how we collect money at Nareena Hills. Our major money days for all events, excursions, performances etc are Tuesdays and Thursdays. The only exception to this is money associated with BookClub orders – for these orders we use Fridays and Mondays (orders are then sent quickly away). All money needs to be placed in the special box located near my office (not taken to the class teacher) in clearly marked envelopes (special ‘money’ envelopes are available from Mrs Rickersey – just ask for some).

Unfortunately we are beginning to have money handed in on non-money days. As we have no way of securely keeping this money (it is Government policy to minimise money in a school overnight) and keeping track of money handed in at all times of the week is very difficult, we will be returning any money handed in on non-money days and asking that it be brought in on the correct day(s). I know this may be inconvenient for some people, but in order to ensure the security of collected moneys and minimise problems with money, I must insist that this procedure be adhered to. By all means contact me should you have any concerns.

STOMACH BUG

We, and many other schools in the area, have a nasty, persistent stomach bug going around at the moment. If your child is not feeling too well and complains of an upset tummy, please do not send them to school until they are feeling better. Your family doctor would be able to give advice on how long to keep your child home. I am concerned that we need to break the cycle of ‘re-infection’ with this bug as we have had some children return a little early and then get sick again causing longer time away from school.

ENROLMENTS 2012

Like most schools around this time, we are beginning to examine our enrolments for next year. Already many families have notified us of new enrolments for next year (for Kindergarten and other grades). If you are starting a new child at our school next year, no matter what grade (or know of someone who may wish to start their child at our school) and you have not yet contacted the school, could you please contact the office as soon as possible? Similarly if you know you will not be with us next year, also please let us know.

Bob Lang
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Silver Certificate status –

Dalton          Jonah          Roarke
Ned             Jeremy         Charlotte
Marcus          Grace          Matilda
Lily            Teagan         Hayley
Luke

What Notes Went Home Last Week (22 August - 26 August)

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PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE & BOOKFAIR

Finishes on Wednesday!

Thank you to all the people who supported the Book Fair. It was great to see the excitement of the children choosing their books.

Lost Property – Last week at the Book Fair a size 14 denim jacket was left in the Library.

Mrs Alison Relf

YEAR 6 PARENT MEETINGS

Last Thursday the Year 6 children should have brought home 2 notes about the exciting events they are involved in, i.e. Market Madness and End of Year Assembly/Farewell.

I will be having Working Bees/Meetings at the following times and hope to see some friendly Year 6 parents there if you are available.

1. Thursday 8th September - 9.00 am in the hall
2. Friday 9th September - 2.10 pm in the staffroom (Year 6 End of Year Activities)
3. Friday 16th September - 11.00 - 2.00 pm (Market Madness Day)

Thank you for your support and for making Year 6 lots of fun for our students.

Mrs Jordan

MUFTI DAY – ODD SOCK ’N’ TIE DAY – THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Year 6 can’t wait to see everyone dressed in odd socks and a tie on Thursday 8 September. Please wear your school uniform but dress it up with the crazy socks and tie. Bring in your Market Madness Day donations and your Year 6 leader will collect it in the hall on the day. If you are making fresh food e.g. cakes, obviously, bring them in on Market Madness Day.

Don’t forget to bring in trash’n’treasure and second hand books too. These can be given to Jonah and John who will store the goodies in 5/6JP’s room.

PAINTING THE GAMES UNDER THE COLA

Dear Parents,

The week commencing Monday 5 September – Friday 9 September I will be staying back for 2 hours from 3.00 - 5.00 pm to repaint the games under the COLA and the lines on the basketball court. I would greatly appreciate any parent who can give an hour of their time to help me. All you need is old clothes. I would prefer that students do not help on these afternoons.

Thank you

Mr Cherubini

SOUTHERN STARS

WOW … what a spectacular arena event many of us had the joy of watching last week. Firstly, I would like to thank our school community for the support that was given by their attendance. It was so wonderful to see so many Nareena Hills parents with their children watching not just the show but also our 8 very talented specialist students. Eliza, Kaiah and Lucy in the ISER Company dancers and Ballet ensemble, Bella in the ISER Company vocalist, Alana in the ISER Drama Company, and Bali, Amber and Samantha in the Ballet Ensemble and Indigenous story item. All of these students represented our school admirably. Regrets that Charlotte had an injury and was unable to perform. To the students who attended the excursion on Friday, your behaviour and theatre etiquette was outstanding. Thank you for the huge cheer and the non-stop waving when I was on the arena.
STATE DANCE FESTIVAL
Tickets can be purchased through the Seymour Centre Box Office or through their online booking site. I have no further information as yet as to where Nareena Hills appear in the program but will inform you ASAP. There are 7 families who have yet to return their “Permission to Perform” information. Could you please send these in tomorrow. This week I will send home the photographer’s information for purchase of photos from the regional festival. This can be either done by mail or online. You can view the photos online or in the catalogue in my classroom.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR REHEARSALS
Dates for your diary ….
Monday 10 October, Tuesday 25 October and Monday 7 November all at Anne Clark Centre, Lidcombe 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.
First combined Dance Rehearsal-Mon 31 October at Sydney Entertainment Centre 8.30–4.00 pm
Opening Rehearsal – Friday 4 November at Anne Clark Centre, Lidcombe 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Mrs Cameron

NOTICEBOARD ITEMS
The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard:
Auditions for Wollongong NRE Hawks Cheerleaders
Wests Illawarra re Cricket Registration

BOOKCLUB
The July issue of the Scholastic Book Club will be distributed to students this week. Orders can be returned on Friday 2 September and Monday 5 September. Orders are to be placed in the Silver Collection Box in the foyer before 9.30 am on these days.
To avoid your child’s disappointment, please ensure the order is in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the child’s name, class and Bookclub on the front, with the correct money, or a cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia Pty Limited’. Credit card payments can now be accepted for any amount. (Fill out the slip on the back page with appropriate details). Orders received accumulate points that go towards new books for our great Library.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 31st August: Rachel Kendon, Di Bowden, Rebecca Gibson, Vicki Belsito, Alison Giobbi
Thursday 1st September: Karmen Bond, Cheree Beattie, Leone Paiola, Karen Gillespie