**HILLS HIGHLIGHTS**

**COMING EVENTS**

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**EDUCATION WEEK**

Next week is Education Week. Education Week provides us the opportunity to invite parents and the local community into our school to gain an insight into the variety of learning activities available to today’s students. Each year the NSW Government identifies a theme for Education Week. This year’s theme is NSW Public Schools - *creating the future*. We have quite a number of activities occurring around Education Week and the following week. These include – District Athletics Carnival (2\textsuperscript{nd} - 3\textsuperscript{rd} Aug), Uni English Assessment (4\textsuperscript{th} Aug), Surf Life Saving visit (8\textsuperscript{th} Aug), Choral Festival (8\textsuperscript{th} Aug), Drama Festival (9\textsuperscript{th} Aug), State Futsal Championships (9\textsuperscript{th} Aug), and a special assembly (10\textsuperscript{th} Aug).

As well as the above activities we would like to invite all our families to an ‘open classroom’ open Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} August between 1.45pm and 2.30pm (prior to our normal school assembly). During this time you will be able to look at the things we do in our classrooms and see the different tools we use to engage your children in learning.

**THANK YOU**

On behalf of the school I’d like to publicly thank -

- Our school P&C - Our P&C has just allocated $5000 to the school for the purchase of reading material. This money will help fund much needed reading material for all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6.
- Mr Brad Kendon - Our canteen has needed a platform on which to place the fridges (to meet Council health requirements). Mr Kendon arranged to have this platform constructed and it arrived last week. He has also organised the placing of the fridges on the platform.

Both these parent initiatives are very much appreciated by myself and my staff.
OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM
Following discussions with the P&C, I am reconvening the school Uniform Committee to manage issues relating to our uniform and to consider the possibility of adding additional items to our existing uniform range.
As you would all know, Nareena Hills PS takes great pride in its uniform and it has served us well for more than 10 years. The current uniform still receives praise and comments from members of the community whenever our students undertake excursions and other activities.
Let me stress there is no intention to change the existing uniform. The purpose of re-establishing the Committee is so we can review the suitability of our uniform items and deal with any suggestions or requests.
The Uniform Committee will be made up of representatives of our SRC, staff, the P & C and the wider parent body. I am seeking a nominee from the wider parent body to join the Uniform Committee and I would appreciate anyone who is interested in joining the Committee to contact me through the front office or drop me a note. I intend to convene the first meeting within the next fortnight and I expect we may initially need to meet monthly (depending on the need).

OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2012 PLACEMENT TEST
Applicants for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2012 are required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 11.15am on Wednesday 27 July 2011.
The test centre for students from our school is Smiths Hill High School.
All families who applied for placement were sent a letter advising them about the test centre their child is required to attend. They were also sent a copy of a test information bulletin. If you did not receive this information, can you please contact me ASAP.

RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY
One of the conditions for the funding allocated to our school under the BER program (we were allocated approx $2.125mil) was that we are to hold a special Recognition Ceremony. Now that our classrooms are finally completed (with IWBs recently installed), our ceremony date has been set for Wednesday 10th August. We will be holding a special assembly at 2.00pm to see the official opening of our classrooms. I invite all parents, who are able to attend, along to this special event.

COLES AND WOOLWORTHS INITIATIVES
Over recent weeks the media have publicised promotions from both these organisations regarding the opportunities for families to help schools obtain sporting and other goods. We are aware of these promotions and will look at the viability of them of the next couple of weeks. We will work with our P&C to see if the promotions would be of benefit to us. Stay tuned for more information.

Bob Lang
Principal

What Notes Went Home Last Week (27 June –01 July)

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KINDERGARTEN DANCE FESTIVAL
Congratulations to this group of 21 children who have been nominated to perform at the State Dance Festival on Monday 12 September. This is a most outstanding effort given their young age. The group will need to be at the Seymour Centre in Chippendale at 12.30pm for a rehearsal time slot of 1.30-3.00pm and then a performance at 7.30 pm.
Tickets are available from the Seymour Centre box office 9351 7940 or online at www.sydney.edu.au/seymour from Monday 8 August. More information will be sent home in a separate note.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN:

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
August is the last month for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Please have lists recorded by 22 August so there is time to sort out any problems that may arise. Well done to the students who have already finished! I know that there are some students who are going to have to really get serious if they are going to complete the challenge.

If you need any help please come and see me this week.

BOOK WEEK 22 - 26 AUGUST
The theme for Book Week this year is “One World, Many Stories”. As part of the celebrations there will be a visiting performer from School Performance Tours. The show is called “From halfway around the world” which fits well with the theme.

Time: Thursday 18 August - 2.00 pm in the Hall.
Cost: $4.00 per student
Please pay through the silver money box on any money collection day. Mark clearly student’s name and class as well as the event name.

Please be reminded that all permission notes as to be given directly to the class teacher unless otherwise stated in the note.
A separate permission note will be sent home today.

BOOK FAIR
We will also be hosting a Central Books book fair during Book Week. Exact times will be advertised closer to the date.

AUTHOR VISIT
What a great afternoon we had last Tuesday when Tristan Bancks came to our school! Tristan gave an energy filled presentation that captured the kids and kept their rapt attention from start to the finish. He talked about his books and what inspires him as a writer. He also gave some great ideas for the students’ own writing.

It is always wonderful to hear people from outside our school comment on the wonderful behaviour of our students. I was very proud of our school last Tuesday afternoon. Their behaviour was great and they participated with enthusiasm and respect which was noticed by Tristan and by his staff. If you would still like to order one of the Tristan’s books we are taking orders up until this Friday 29 July.

BOOKCLUB
The July issue of the Scholastic Book Club will be distributed to students this week. Orders can be returned on Friday 29 July and Monday 1 August. 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 27th July: Grace Glinski, Natalie Brunker, Kathy Shipp, Janine Lukasiak
Thursday 28th July: Kristy Clifford, Emma Roberts, Kathryn Watson, Rebecca Daykin

Pre-Loved Uniform Staff
Just a reminder that the Pre-loved Uniform Stall will be outside the Hall after Assembly on
Wednesday 3 August, Wed 7 September, Wed 2 November, Wed 2 December.
For uniforms at other times, please contact Alex in the office. All quality donations of uniforms
gratefully accepted. Our back-friendly back packs are available in medium (for K-2/3) and large
(Yr 3-6) at a very reasonable price and come with a three year guarantee. Also available are
excursion packs which are lightweight and perfect for excursions or use as a library bag. Finally,
we have our book folios which are very sturdy bags for home readers, smaller library books, but
also notes, homework etc. All available at the uniform stall or through the office/canteen.