HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS

An issue occurred last week that requires me to remind families of our policy regarding the use of mobile phones by students (the issue was minor and innocent but had the potential to be very serious). A number of families equip their children with mobile phones to ensure their children can contact them before and after school, should there be a need. I have no problem with this and can see this as a reasonable strategy (obviously depending on the ability of the child to use the phone sensibly). However, while at school no child is to have a mobile phone in their possession. The reasons for this stance revolves around security and safety of the phone as well as the possibility of inappropriate use. Should any child have a mobile phone at school they are to hand the phone in to the Office (before 9.00am) for safe keeping during the day and pick it up from the Office at 3.00pm. If any parent believes their child needs a mobile phone during the day, please contact me.

GAS HEATERS FOR NEW CLASSROOMS

I received some very good news last week. Our new rooms will be fitted with new flued gas heaters over the next couple of months. Due to the possible health risks using unflued heaters (all-be-it a very small risk) we will use our reverse cycle air-conditioners as our primary heating device in our existing rooms when the weather becomes cold enough.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SWIMMERS

Congratulations to our swimming squad at the District Swimming carnival. The District team for the regional carnival has now been finalised and we have 11 swimmers representing our District, including two relay teams – Junior Girls and Senior Boys. All the best for these great swimmers on Thursday at Dapto pool.
OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

One of the many great things about our school is the support our families give us in the wearing of our school uniform. Our students always look outstanding wearing our uniform and very rarely do we have children not wearing our uniform.

We have both a recommended summer and winter uniform, but these are a recommendation. The exact make-up of, for example, our winter uniform is not compulsory. Some children/families feel more comfortable wearing some summer items as their winter uniform and vice-versa. What I ask is that we encourage all children to wear a Nareena Hills PS uniform.

RESPECT FOR ALL

Communities work very well together when mutual respect occurs. To support this we have a ‘code of conduct’ for our students (Our School Values which is a component of our Welfare Policy) and all teachers are governed by a Teachers’ Code of Conduct (determined by NSW Dept of Education and Training). Parents also have a responsibility to model respectful strategies when interacting with parents and teachers on matters dealing with this school. The communication we have with our parents is usually fantastic and rewarding for all parties. However, every now and then, emotions can cloud the way we talk with each other (face-to-face, electronically etc). Please remember that teachers are professionals who act in the best interests of children. I ask that this is respected by parents when meeting with my staff. Should you have a continuing issue, by all means contact me.

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Information packages are available for Yr 6 students seeking placement at Wollongong HS as a performing arts or visual arts student in 2012. If you are contemplating this school for your child, please contact us and we can arrange a package for you. Applications need to be returned to the High School by 16th March.

Bob Long
Principal

What Notes Went Home Last Week (21 February –25 February)

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NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard: Grandparents Picnic - Botanic Gardens on Friday 11 March

SRC ELECTIONS

Apologies to Hayley, her name was omitted in the Newsletter last week as a Class Representative for 1/2HB.

P&C NEWS 28.2.11

Wednesday 2nd March 2.45 – 3.15 pm.
2nds uniforms and new school bags SOLD AT BARGAIN RATES outside hall. Items can also be purchased through the canteen Wednesdays and Thursdays or on other days by arrangement with Alex at the office. Uniform donations gratefully accepted. Further stalls - 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 3 August, 7 September, 2 November, 7th December.
**Munch & Crunch Canteen open Wed & Thurs.**

The ladies working in canteen **this week** are:

**WED 2-Mar.** Paula Moss, Sylvia Williams, Elizabeth Barron, Susie Caroutas.

**THUR 3-Mar.** Kelly Lazicic, Cindy Churchin and Maree Muller.

Thank you again to the 6 great women on the canteen committee for making sure everything runs smoothly in canteen. Your commitment is appreciated very much.

*By Wednesday 9th March*

**Email Agenda items for P&C /AGM meeting - nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com.**

**Wednesday 16th March – 7 pm**

**P&C AGM in the staff room.**

**Vacancies on P&C Executive Committee**

You are most welcome to come to the AGM on 16th March or the following meeting on 6th April. Minutes of meetings are on the noticeboard near the office and they can be emailed if you leave your address - nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com. At the AGM, parents on the P&C executive committee vacate their position to allow nominees to join the new committee. Any parents can be nominated to fill the positions which are President, Vice President (2 positions), Secretary and Treasurer. During the AGM, sub-committees are also endorsed and they are Fundraising and Canteen. The P&C Treasurer and the Canteen Sub-committee would be happy to continue in their current roles if unopposed but there are other members of the P&C committee who do not wish to be nominated again including President, Vice President (1 to 2 positions), Secretary and the Coordinator of the Fundraising Committee. Anyone interested in filling a position can contact us for more information at nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com or 0418 163 002. We are happy to share our knowledge and experience.

Please note future meeting dates for your diary: 6th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sep, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 7th Dec.

With thanks,

P&C

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**EXPO NIGHT**

**FIGTREE HIGH**

Where:
Figtree High Auditorium.

When:
Tues.15th March, 6:30pm

Parents and Yr6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Yr 7 2012 are invited to the annual FHS Expo Night.

♦ School Tours  
♦ Classroom Displays  
♦ Games  
♦ Student guides  
♦ Technology

For further information telephone: 42712787.