Our school newsletter comes out fortnightly on Wednesdays, and is given to the eldest member of the family.

This edition includes:

- Principal’s Report
- P&C Wine & Cheese Invitation
- GOT IT! Parent Invitation

Principals Newsletter Week 6 ~ March 6th 2013

Congratulations to all of our children, I am so very proud of their wonderful behaviour and work attitude in the past 5 weeks and I am also proud of how smart they all look in their school uniforms. We mostly have a settled playground environment as the children are playing games that are inclusive and are showing wonderful social skills. Thank you to all the children who are making great choices.

I want to thank the many families who attended our first “Meet and Greet”. We had a fantastic response and although we would have loved to see many more parents attend, we were very happy with the great interest that all parents displayed in their children’s learning. **What a great message to give to our children**, one of high expectations and that school is important to both teachers and their parents! I am sure that all the information given during these meetings enables you to support your child’s learning throughout this year.

**Kindy Club:** This outstanding program commenced two weeks ago with Ms Holcroft (teacher) and Mrs Crump. We have organised 2 sessions each Monday, for Kindy Club to cater for the growing number of enrolments and to ensure that great individual learning can happen. It was delightful to see so many excited preschoolers and parents. Thank you for supporting our school initiative. Looking forward to getting to know all our new families enrolled.

**Text Book Packs:** Most parents have already purchased their child’s book pack, many have opted for a payment plan. Thank you for assisting your child and teacher in program delivery. If you still haven’t purchased your child’s text books or may have forgotten to send the money to school we need your assistance in finalising this process as soon as possible so that programs can go ahead and your child doesn’t feel left out. Come and see me if you need help with the cost.

**School Fees:** Thank you to all the families who have already paid their school fees. Although this is a voluntary contribution, the money goes towards the growing cost of paper that we use each day in photocopying. School Fees are still only $30 per child and allow us to supplement the school budget that provides resources on a daily basis for the children.
**Band:** The school concert band program has begun and it is delightful to see so many smiling and excited students. Although the initial sounds coming from some of these instruments may sound unrelated I know that very soon recognisable tunes will ring out around the school. We are looking forward to their first performance. Keep practising children. Thank you Mr Gillett and Mr Haug! Children in Years 3-6 can still join the band at any time throughout the year.

**Road and Parking:** Please make sure that you follow the road rules and parking signs when dropping off or picking up students. Although it would be great to be able to park directly outside the school, in reality it is a very dangerous place and can create a difficult situation for our Lolly-pop ladies and the children that they are trying to keep safe. Please make sure that you speak politely to our crossing ladies as they are trying to do a very difficult job safely each day.

**Selective High School Test:** This only involves Year 6 students who applied to sit for the test. Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2014 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 14 March 2013. The test centre for students from Tighes Hill Public School is:
- Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus
- Turton Rd
- WARATAH NSW 2298

**P&C Meeting:** Next Monday week the 11th of March, our second meeting for the year, will be held at 6.00pm. We have 187 families in our school and P&C is often represented by less than 10%. It would be wonderful if more parents were present so that the load could be equitably shared and all children supported. There are a great number of fantastic ideas planned that not only involve fundraising but also community participation. The P&C need support to realise these great plans. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

**Student Representative Council (SRC):** All the newly elected SRC members received their badges at last Monday’s assembly. The SRC are working closely with Mrs Dickson to identify projects around the school that may need to improve and also come up with suggestions to help make our school a better place. Thank you SRC!

**School Representative Council Members:**

- **School Captains** – Heather Wasson, Mitchell Hunt
- **Vice Captains** – Jorji Wilkie, Amber Michie, Allan Parmenter, Chris Falley
- KR – Shaylani Ruru, Aiden Hogbin
- KD – Chloe Whittle, Koby Pascoe
- K/1R – Gus Ellis, Finn Coker
- 1L – Georgia Cheetham, Lachlan Riter
- 1/2E – Dakota Kelly, Tyson McCulloch
- 2G – Mila Pavela-Blackwell, Corey Rutherford
- 3/4W – Phoebe Ellis, Gill Marrable
- 4/5J – Indigo Langford, Codi Michalopoulos
- 5/6I – Lara Bailey, Angus Munday
- 5/6A – Demaris Humphries, Callum Harding

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**Got It! Tip Of The Week**

When your child wants to show you something, stop what you are doing and pay attention to your child. It is important to spend frequent, small amounts of time with your child doing things you both enjoy.
Electronic Newsletter:
There is a large cost involved in producing our school Newsletter every fortnight, so we are requesting as many families as possible to supply their email address so the Newsletter can be sent electronically. Please email the school at tigheshill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you are happy to receive an electronic copy only (a paper copy will no longer be supplied) or alternatively view the newsletter on our school website www.tigheshill-p.school.nsw.edu.au
I thank you in advance for your help.

Principals Personal Best Assembly Friday Week 5:
Laura Hill (KD), Shaylani Ruru (KR), Rebecca Thomas (K/1R), Christopher Farthing (1L), Shayla Tonkovic 1/2E, Corey Rutherford (2G), Cate Smith (3/4W), Nelson Gardner 4/5J, Amber Michie (5/6I), Noah Ellis 5/6A

ASSEMBLY AWARDS Weeks 5 and 6

KD
Issach Mann, Emily Pike, Luisa Tola, Chloe Wittle, Coco Rashid, Riley Bawden

KR
Alexis Collins, Aiden Hogbin, Maiya Spoljaric, Harry Novak, Seb Thomas

KR1
Eloise Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, Angelo Iosif, Ruby Luffman, Cody Morgan, Jamie Dear

1L
Mekah Leslie, Lachlan Ritters, Nikolai Sneddon Saanum, Isabella Hebblewhite, Jules Puxty, Chelsea Young

1E2
Keita Besuijen, Sam Howe, Olivia Lewis, Nyah Spratt, Grayson Hall, Edie Isaacs

2G
Mala Blackley, Noah Kellett, Chloe Mann, Ember Garbutt, Jessamy Sewell, Hunter McGregor

3W4
Lilli Cheetham, Sachin Hall, Jaden Hudson-Ross, Rafe Docherty-Harris
Kaylah D’Amico, Lyric Tarawa-Smith,

4J5
Lilly Keegan, Lucas Collins, Jessica McCulloch, Quinn Pomroy, Ameliah Tufi, Louis Rodger

5I6
Jasper Rashid, Lara Bailey, Locklan McInnes, Gemma Gorton, Loren Lazarevic, Lachlan Summers

5A6
Eva Morris, Heather Wasson, Christopher Falley, Jasmine Taranawiwat, Declan Peebles

Congratulations Everyone! Fantastic Effort!

Tony Selwood
Principal

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**Congratulations Dayna Garside:** Last Tuesday Dayna represented Tighes Hill Public School at the Hunter Region Primary School Sports Association Diving Championships held at Lambton Pool. Dayna received a gold medal and will now compete at the NSW All Schools Championships to be held at Sydney on 26th March. **Well done Dayna!**

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**Easter Hat Parade**

The annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on the Thursday 28th of March

It’s back for another year! Time to get creative and start creating those beautiful Easter hats and bonnets! All students who wear Easter hat attire on the day will enter our special Easter hat draw

Raffle tickets that will support our Star Struck performers are on sale NOW!

Please donate some Easter treats and support our Star Struck dancers!

Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1.00

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**Harmony Day Celebrations in Week 8**

Harmony day is a day where the school community celebrates our diversity. Students are encouraged to dress in traditional clothing from another country or wear the colour orange 😊

The day will include:

- Students and class performances at a celebration assembly concert celebrating music and dance from around the world.
- Students are encouraged to bring a traditional dish from another country for shared class lunch.
- Families are encouraged to share their experiences about their travels and experiences overseas during a family share session.
- Inter class sport events
- Cultural art activities

If any students or parents belong to differing out of school cultural groups involved in dance or music and would like to perform please contact Miss Beker in the library 😊

A detailed note went home last week, please note we are celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 20th March
Raising Resilient children & being a Resilient Family

A Parenting Session for:

all Parents, Carers and your child's family support people

Wednesday 13th March: 9.15am - 10.15am
(following BBQ breakfast 8.00am-9.15am)

VENUE: Tighes Hill Public School
Presented by the GOT IT! Team

As part of the GOT IT! Team's work in our school this term they are offering an invitation to all our parents and carers and your child's family support people to find out more about being a nurturing and resilient family.

Parenting is not an easy task for any of us and carries a lot of responsibility with no single right way to be a parent. A challenge of parenting is to raise well-adjusted, healthy children in a loving and predictable environment.

This parenting session will provide an opportunity to help you guide your children and your family in developing emotional resilience, problem-solving skills and enhancing the parent-child relationship through everyday home activities and routines.

Please let us know of your intention to attend:

Tighes Hill Public School Parenting Session - Wednesday 13th March 9.15am - 10.15am

Parent/Carer name(s) .............................................................. will be able to attend

Child's name: ...........................................Class: .............Teacher: ...........................................

Return this slip to class teacher

Thank you, from The GOT IT! Team

The GOT IT! Team is from the local Health Service and is currently working with the school this term to help build the social and emotional skills of our younger children.
All Junior Chess Players are invited to play!

ONE DAY INDIVIDUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

A great way to “warm up” for the school teams tournaments starting in Term 2 but you don’t even have to be in a team to come along and enjoy playing chess.

Sunday 17th March 13
Newcastle PCYC
cnr Young Rd & Melbourne Rd Broadmeadow

While you can just turn up on the day, it helps get started on time if you enter in advance by email to david.absalom92@20gmail.com

Entry $8
PCYC members $5
Family discounts available

Registration 9am ~ Play 9.30am to 3pm
All players play all rounds. You do not get knocked out!
Puzzles/Coaching between rounds. Bring your own lunch or use the PCYC canteen

NEWCASTLE JUNIOR CHESS

Newcastle Junior Chess is part of the Newcastle Police & Community Youth Club

The Chess Club meets at the PCYC on Friday Evenings, 6.30pm-9.00pm.

Friday night chess operates on normal school days only:
Not in school holidays, nor on public holidays/Newcastle show days.

Friday nights regularly include friendly games, analysis of games to help improve your chess, tips on various strategies from senior players.

Serious games in a Chess Ladder and Club Championship are rated by the NSW Junior Chess League.

ALL CHESS PLAYERS ARE WELCOME
Do you have any uniforms to donate?

The P&C Uniform Pool is running very low on stock. Please donate your items for other families to purchase at low prices. All profits go towards additional resources for the school.

Uniforms are available to purchase from the canteen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.50-9.20am

P&C welcomes new families

The P&C invites all Tighes Hill parents and carers to join them at a Wine and Cheese night on Friday 8 March 2013 from 6.30 - 8.30pm.

Our friends Emma and Brook at MisKonduct Klotthing, 15 Elizabeth St Tighes Hill have kindly let us use their café and courtyard space (and yes, you can try on dresses too!) and the fabulous, organic Tamburlaine Wines will be back to do a comprehensive tasting.

This will be a relaxed get together and a great opportunity for new parents to meet other parents/carers.

Wines will be available for purchase (no minimum order), with $50 from every dozen ordered coming back to the school.

Please RSVP to tigheshillpc@hotmail.com or via our Facebook page.

NOTE: This event is not suitable for kids, sorry.

Moving into Stillness

Mindfulness - Based Yoga and Meditation

Classes for 2013

113 Albert St, Wickham
Universal T. K. D. Academy

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Term 1 – 6th Feb - 12th April  
Term 2 – 1st May – 28th June

There will be no classes in school holidays or on public holidays

This gentle yoga class is based on mindfulness practices, incorporating the union of breath and movement to prepare the body for meditation and present moment awareness. Yoga improves circulation throughout the body, reducing stiffness and lowering stress. This class is suitable for beginners to experienced practitioners, pre & post natal and those recovering from illness or injury.

Prices: Wednesday & Friday - Casual $18 & $15 concession

Please bring along a yoga mat and wear loose comfortable clothing, which doesn’t restrict your breathing. Yoga mats for sale at the venue $25 each.

Call Lisa if you have any questions about suitability for the above classes or are interested in one on one private yoga sessions to develop your home practice $80/hour.

View www.lisapollard.com for detailed bio on Lisa’s Yoga & Meditation qualifications

lpollard2000@hotmail.com  Ph - 0403 186 146  www.lisapollard.com
Thank You

Growers Best very kindly supply our school with a box of fruit each week for ‘Fruit Break’.

Next time you visit, thank them on behalf of Tighes Hill Public School.

HELEN O’GRADY
Drama Academy
2013

“Increase your child’s communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents.”

(Improvisation, Movement and Scriptwork)

CHARLESTOWN and NEWCASTLE

Drama Classes
Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Primary: 7 – 11 Years
Youth: 11 – 16 Years

Enrolments now being taken for 2013 - Term 1

(CLASSES CONDUCTED IN THE HUNTER FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS)

Principal: Shane Skerly
Ph: 02 49 692338 for details
Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com

Community News

St John Ambulance Australia
If you are interested in becoming a member of St John Ambulance Australia please call 4968 2871 or www.stjohnnsw.com.au
As a member you will learn First Aid and Proficiency Subjects some of which are Home Safety, Fire Safety, Child Care, Animal Care and many others.

Hawks Junior Rugby are looking for players for their U7, U8, U11 & U14 teams.
For more information, contact Ben McMillan (Juniors President) PH: 0421 747 953 or EMAIL: hawksjuniorrugby@gmail.com
Or go to www.hamiltonhawks.com.au

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Student of Nutritional Medicine
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WEA Hunter Academy of Complementary Health offers qualifications in Nutrition, Western Herbal Medicine, Naturopathy and Massage.
Through the Student Clinic, students provide fully supervised clinic consultations at heavily discounted rates in order to complete their clinical component.

If you would like a consultation with me, Kelvyn McCarroll, a final year student of Nutritional Medicine, please contact the clinic on 0425 228 169.