Principals Newsletter Week 8 ~ March 20th 2013

Easter is upon us at the end of next week and this is the first time for many years that Easter hasn’t coincided with Term 1 school holidays. Next Friday is Good Friday 29th March and our school will be closed, students return on Tuesday 2nd April ~ Week 10 of Term 1. Term 1 finishes on Friday 12th April.

This Year Term 2 will commence with **two Staff Development / Pupil Free Days**. Staff will be attending training sessions for the roll-out of the new Curriculum. First day back for students in Term 2 will be Wednesday 1st May.

**Harmony Day:** Our children certainly participated in and enjoyed a feast of activities. I am sure that all children have gained greater knowledge, understanding and tolerance of the many cultures that belong to our school. The food tasting was amazing, thank you mums, dads! Thank You to Miss Beker, Miss Staniland and Mr Britt for organising this wonderful day and to the staff who worked very hard with the children to showcase the talents in our school through our combined performances. Great work everyone!

**Easter Hat Parade:** This event will be held in Week 9, Thursday 28th March 2013. We are giving you plenty of warning so that you have time to plan and construct a truly magnificent hat for yourself and your child. (There will be a special Parents and Pre-Schoolers Parade) You can buy a ticket in the monster Easter egg raffle whilst enjoying all the very many creative hats that the children wear. Don’t forget to invite grandparents, aunts and uncles! (It is a good time to also think about starting to collect and send in, small gifts for the Mothers’ Day stall which will happen early in Term 2. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

**ANZAC Day Service:** 5I6 and 5A6 will be attending the special ANZAC Day service at Civic Theatre on the 11th April 2013. Information and permission notes have been sent home. Our own school Service will be held on the first Friday back in Term 2 - 3/5/13.

**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.


**Attendance:** I am always concerned at the small number of children whose attendance is irregular and without a suitable reason. It is important that your child attends school each and every day, on time, so that all learning opportunities are maximised. In addition a commitment to regular attendance teaches our children the value of strong work ethics that they will need when they eventually enter the workforce. Appropriate leave is only given during illness or family commitments that can’t be scheduled for before/after school hours. Please make sure that each absence is followed up through a note for the classroom teacher.

Our Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will follow up any unexplainable and regular absences. Children who are regularly late arriving to school experience anxiety as they miss out on morning instruction and have difficulty forming peer friendships due to missing out on the 8.45am to 9.10am social interaction time that all children enjoy. We also know that children arriving prior to the bell are safer as they are walking to school with friends and neighbours and not vulnerable to “Stranger Danger” issues that children walking alone can experience.

Let’s give our children the message that being at school is important by making sure they attend regularly and on time.

**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 all 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.

**P&C Meeting:** Thank you to those who attended the second P&C meeting last Monday. I am sure that they are now much more informed about the programs and supports that our school currently has in place. Our P&C are doing a wonderful job and have put together a long list of activities for this calendar year, but they do need your support and involvement to make a success of their plans.

One outcome / decision at last week’s meeting was the banning of dogs being brought into the playground or tied up on the school fence – thank you in advance for following this decision as the dogs were distressing some of our children and community members.

Please get behind the P&C and our school. Next P&C meeting is 8/4/13.

**Electronic Media Policy and Contract:** Most parents have returned the signed contract demonstrating their and their children’s understanding with the use of school media equipment, mobile phones and electronic games. I appreciate your support in this matter; unfortunately a few children have taken to bringing mobile phones, DS and other games to school without leaving them in the front office at the beginning of the day. Further breeches by any student in failing to hand in their electronic equipment will result in it being confiscated.

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**Got It! Tip Of The Week**

Encourage your children to face difficult situations in a gradual, step-by-step manner. Don't help them avoid difficulties, as this will only promote fear.
Parliament House Excursion ~ 5I6 & 5A6: To support their work on State Government, 5I6 and 5A6 will be visiting Parliament House in Sydney on the Wednesday 10th of April.

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

Thank you to the families that have already responded to our request.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS Weeks 7 and 8

KD  Jack Peady, Mia Tonkovic, Koby Pascoe, Zanthe Spratt, Emily Pike, Oliver Collis
KR  Maiya Spoljaric, Bobby Hunter, Arden Saunders Wilcox, Henry Gallacher, Memphis Gill, Sienna Wills
KR1 Rebecca Thomas, Jaxon Legge, Eloise Thomas, Rowan Brown, Gus Ellis, Jemima Kellett
1L  Wyatt Woods, Emily Michie, Sahra Garside, Georgia Cheetham, Isabella Parker, Eli Moon
1E2 Elees McCarroll-Murray, Nas Andrews, Imogen Peady, Dakota Kelly, Asher Thomas, Gemma Davies
2G  Finlay Bawden, Jatali Ale, Olivia Collins, Elke Taylor, Connor Sternbeck, Makaylah Tufi
3W4 Kilala Kiina, Lily Smith, Shannon Badier, Josalyn Doran, Jarvis Tarran-McElhinney, Sophia Tola
4J5 Indigo Langford, Americus Robson, Codi Michalopoulos, Zane Cooper, Eva McInnes, Khobie Hilditch
5I6 Dylan Badier, Kirrah Leslie, Tyler Wakefield, Noah Costello, Bella Dixon, Dorian Wild
5A6 Dayna Garside, Heather Wasson, Cooper Cheetham, Amy Phillips, Liam Badier, Ethan Callingham

Congratulations Everyone! Fantastic Effort!

Tony Selwood
Principal

Canteen Roster

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Thurs 21st March
Karen Eastwood
Lisa Fisher

Fri 22nd March
Naomi Isaacs
Kristy Crooks

Fri 29th March
Good Friday
Closed

Fri 5th April
Anna Marrable
Help Needed

Fri 12th April
Melinda Yarnold
Adam Yarnold

You're a Star

Closed
Can you help with the following requests?

- Breakfast Club Volunteer urgently needed for Tuesdays
- Canteen Volunteers needed for Term 2 ~ every Wednesday and some Fridays
- Please return your Community Involvement Survey that was sent home on Monday
- Do you have any uniforms to donate to the P&C Uniform Pool? Supplies are running very low

Tiger Tales – Opportunity Class Blog

Click on the link below or scan the QR code to visit the new Tiger Tales OC blog.
http://tigheshilloc2013.edublogs.org
Subscribe by email to receive the latest news, updates and photos from the OC

Easter Hat Parade Reminder

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

It’s back for another year! Time to get creative and start creating those beautiful Easter hats and bonnets for the Tighes Hill Public School Easter Hat Parade!

- Great Class Prizes!
- $2 Sausage Sizzle!
- Easter Egg Raffle Draw

All students who wear Easter hat attire on the day will enter our special Easter hat draw

An Early lunch will be held from 12.00pm-1.00pm

Celebrations will begin under the COLA at 1.10pm

Please support our school Easter egg raffle!

Tickets are on sale now
50 cents each or 3 for $1.00
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

Relaxation, Pregnancy, Remedial and Aromatherapy Massages are blended together to create the perfect session for you.

Health fund rebates available

0438 916 561
ntpages.com.au/mobilemassageformums
Mayfield Pool Mosaic Unveiled

After 4 years in the planning and creating we have finally installed the Mayfield Pool Mosaic – and we are very excited.

Save Mayfield Swimming Pool Campaign embarked on this project in late 2008 and worked with the local Mayfield community and Newcastle Council for over 2 years in the planning stages. During that time among other things we ran design workshops with local schools, senior citizens and parents of young children and translated those ideas into the final designs for the mosaic. We received a Place Making grant from Newcastle Council which helped us fund the materials required. Then finally by August 2011 we were able to begin creating the mosaic pieces and ran workshops in terms 3 and 4 at Mayfield East Primary School and Callaghan College Waratah campus. We continued the mosaic workshops at the pool from February to April 2012 - we created over 50 mosaic designs. More planning and preparation in the off season of 2012 took place and then finally in September 2012 we began installing the pieces. We have glued, placed and grouted 50 metres of mosaics.

What a journey we have been on: learning from and helping volunteer mosaic artists Lisa Hyde Mills and Angie Parkes weave their magic, as they supported the community to bring the designs to life through colour, texture, style and creativity.

We have been delighted with the interest and support from the local community and from people living outside Mayfield who have discovered the delights of Mayfield Pool: a relaxed, safe, shady, family friendly space. It was fabulous to hear so many positive comments from lifeguards, parents, grandparents, young people and kids. Their interest grew as more and more pieces were completed and we could see the delight on people’s faces as the pieces were installed in full. It has been inspirational.

To share in this significant community event SMSPC would like to invite you to participate in the official opening of the mosaic at the pool on ~ Sunday 24th March at 10am ~
followed by a Community Morning Tea (bring a plate to share)
Music performed by Stephen Clarke & the Giant Inflatable

For more information about SMSPC check out our website www.mayfieldpool.com or contact Denise Witt on 4968 1883
Thank You
Growers Best
Marketown Shopping Centre
Newcastle West

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

Wanderers Juniors Rugby Club
Registrations are still open for 2013
Age Groups U7, U8, U9
For more info call Jeremy Raftos 0418 415 804
or Julian Castaldi 0403 171 405

Coastal Valley Region Girl Guides
If you are aged between 7-18 years and are interested in joining the Girl Guides please email coastalvalleygirlguides@live.com.au or call 1300 447 548 or you can visit the Website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more.

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
School Banking

Monday is school banking day and all students should bring in their weekly deposits.

Thank you to all the new Kindy parents that have started their child's banking. It’s great to see new bank books coming in each week. If you don’t have a bank book, drop into your local Commonwealth Bank and ask to open a school banking account.

Every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmite token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for a range of reward items. As you will notice there are new and cool rewards this year. Don’t miss out when you have collected your 10 tokens, bring them in and get your special gift.

Please remember to write out the deposit slip, teaching the children how to do it each week is a great way for them to learn what they are doing with their own money. When you need a new redemption card send a note with your child’s bank book and we send one home. Always remember to keep all tokens at home so they are not misplaced or taken out. You will need them to get your gifts, and we cannot replace them if lost.

If a bank book is misplaced just drop into your local branch and a new one can be issued along with account numbers.

If anyone is happy to give up an hour on a Monday to help with school banking, please contact Kristy or Sam. Well done to all students who have been banking regularly this year.

See you all again on Monday for another banking day.

Kristy and Sam

Uniform

One of our new Kindergarten families has relocated to Karuah after only a few weeks with us.

If you are interested in purchasing a school uniform hardly worn please call Hailey on 0401 342 369

- Tunic Size 4
- Polo Shirt Size 4
- Shorts size 4
- Jacket (zip) size 6
- Hat (small)

$100 for the lot

GREEN & GOLD

and not too bold this week

On Sale from Tues 19th - Sun 24th March 2013

- Telegraph Cucumbers ... $1.69 each
- Jap Pumpkin ... 99c kg
- Green Seedless Grapes ... $2.49 kg
- Butternut Pumpkin ... $1.99 kg
- Lettuce ... $1.69 each
- Qld Blue Pumpkin ... $1.99 kg
- Shallots ... 99c bunch

Fill your basket with plenty of other great fresh produce at 40-46 Georgetown Road Georgetown or www.thefreshingredient.com.au

Ph: (02) 49677868

Thank You,
Peter & Mary

The fresh Ingredient
Dear Families,

Thanks to everyone who came along to our Wine & Cheese night on Friday 8 March. It was great to see so many people there and to be able to have a longer chat with everyone. It was lovely to meet so many new families – we look forward to getting to know you all better.

Thanks to all those who purchased Tamburlaine Wines – we raised around $500 for the school, which was a fantastic result.

We’ve had two great P&C meetings this term and our three sub-committees (Canteen, Fundraising and Environment) have all met at least once. New members are always welcome.

There are a few things coming up where extra hands will be needed so if you can spare an hour to help us support the school, please do!

Sarah Nash
President

Support Aussie farmers and they’ll support our school

The P&C has teamed up with our local Aussie Farmers Direct franchisee to raise funds. Many of you will remember Dave from the 2012 fete.

Aussie Farmers Direct provides a free home delivery service of 100% Australian owned and grown produce – every time you shop with Aussie Farmers Direct, Dave will donate 2% of your spend to our P&C.

Conveniently, you can shop online, from the comfort of your own home and wake up to an esky full of fresh produce – no more running out of milk in the morning.

New customers can take up a great starter offer (look out for a flyer next week).

If you are already a customer, you can link your shopping account to the P&C by visiting AussieFarmers.com.au/linkmyaccount

You’ll need to know your customer number.

For further information visit AussieFarmers.com.au or call 1300 654 562 or email the P&C at tigheshillpc@hotmail.com

Coming up…

- Easter Hat Parade
  Sausage Sizzle –
  12noon, Thursday 28 March

- Aussie Farmers’ Direct
  Fruit Box Drive – end of Term 1/early Term 2

- Mothers’ Day Stall –
  10 May 2013

P&C Meets on the
2nd Monday of each month at 6pm
(during term time)

NEXT MEETING
Monday, 11 April 2013
6pm in the staffroom

Stay in touch

Join our email list by emailing us at tigheshillpc@hotmail.com

‘Like’ our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/TigheShillPandC

Watch out for more info about a Fruit Box Drive after Easter

$10 from every order goes to our fundraising effort! $37

P&C UPDATE • March 2013
No more nuts

The P&C will give full support to the school’s transition to ‘nut-free’ in 2013.

We were grateful to one of our parents, who attended the last P&C meeting to speak to us about her son who will start THPS next year.

He has contact anaphylaxis – which means contact with peanuts eg. remnants of peanut butter on someone’s fingers touching his skin, will trigger a severe and life-threatening reaction.

During the course of this year, the school will be implementing the Department of Education’s nut free policy. Please take this matter very seriously.

What can we do?

We ask all parents to be mindful of this situation now, so that by next year we will be well and truly nut free and this family can send their son to our school with full confidence that he will not be at risk.

The P&C will be taking steps to ensure that the canteen and all P&C catered events are completely nut free.

Leave the pooch at home

Before there is any kind of incident involving kids and dogs, the P&C has also asked for a no dog rule in the school grounds.

While we all love our furry friends, we simply place the welfare of the children over the need to bring them onto the school grounds.

Can you help?

We need:

- helpers for the Easter Hat Parade BBQ between 11 – 2pm
- help with a bit of gardening in the holidays (date TBA)

Email your availability to tigheshillpc@hotmail.com or phone/text Sarah on 0417 337 432.

Look forward to seeing you all at the fabulous Easter Hat Parade. Will you be entering the parents’ parade?

Donations for Mothers’ Day Stall

Our much loved Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Friday 10 May – Week 2 of Term 2. We’ll have lots of great pressies for the kids to choose from, but donations of new items as gifts are always welcome.