Principals Newsletter Week 4, May 22nd, 2013

NO SWEAT: The supervising staff at THPS has been very impressed by the no fuss approach our students have shown towards the NAPLAN tests last week. With all the negative publicity in some media outlets about kids getting stressed, it is nice to know that our students understand that this is an assessment like any other they might do at any other time throughout the year and should be treated accordingly. The data gathered from these assessments can provide valuable information to assist teaching programs. In the writing assessment yesterday, there were many interesting pieces being written. Mothers and fathers were a popular choice of topic, with one of my favourite lines coming from a Year 5 student who wrote, “My mum should get an award because she does her job to look after me… She will work for me forever”. Can you think of a better belated Mother’s Day gift?

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY: We’re taking it in our stride on Friday, 24 May, 2013. Not only is walking to school a wonderful way to get where you want to be but it also helps improve your child’s health. That is why THPS is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, 24 May. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
• walking with them the whole way to school
• if you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from school and walk the rest of the way
• when the children get off the bus, they can walk along Elizabeth Street

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, active kids are healthy kids, so start planning your own “Walk Safely to School Day” journey for Friday, 24 May. For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Sun Safe Hats: Congratulation to most of our children who are now wearing appropriate hats to school each day. I have had many positive comments by a great number of parents and visitors about the children, their wonderful behaviour but most particularly about how smart they look in their uniforms and hats. Well done! If you are experiencing difficulty purchasing a hat, please come and see me and we will make some arrangement. I don’t want a child to miss out on anything because of financial reasons
**PEANUTS/Anaphylactic reaction:** The number of children with allergies to different food products and substances is growing. At this school we have had students with severe (life threatening) reaction to eggs and peanuts enrolled. Each Monday we have a Kindy Club student who has such an allergy to peanuts. To maximize the wellbeing and safety for all students, parents are asked not to pack peanut butter or nut sandwiches for your children and to make sure that you are vigilant in reading labels of all pre-packaged foods. Please let's work together to provide a safe environment for all students.

**Athletics Carnival information**
Please be reminded the THPS Athletics Carnival is on next Tuesday 28th May. Detailed information notes regarding what to bring on the day were sent home on Tuesday.

Please note that all students are to start their day at school to be marked present and accounted for. All students will travel to the venue on the hired buses.

Parents can opt to collect their children at the end of the day from the venue, provided the permission slip stating this is given to their teacher.

**Athletics Carnival Canteen**
A limited canteen will be open on the day providing hot drinks, water and some food. Help is needed to run the canteen on the day – please contact Naomi in the canteen if you can! Thank you.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS Weeks 3 and 4**

**KD**    Emily Pike, Laura Hill, Mia Tonkovic, Laura Hill, Max Baudelaire, Jack Peady

**KR**    Seb Thomas, Maliya Spoljaric, Harry Novak, Sienna Wills, Memphis Gill, Henry Gallacher.

**KR1**  Jemima Kellett, Angelo Iosef, Rowan Brown, Eloise Thomas, Natasha Howell, Jamie Dear.

**1L**    Mekah Leslie, Lachlan Riters, Nikolai Sneddon-Saanum, Wyatt Woods, Tammie Fielding, Emily Michie.

**1E2**  Logan Hutchinson, Indra Gardner, Tyson McCulloch, Grayson Hall, Shayla Tonkovic, Olivia Lewis

**2G**    Corey Rutherford, Hunter McGregor, Olivia Collins, Cooper Rutherford, Ember Garbutt, Lucy Pascoe

**3W4**  Flynn Haug, Ryan Yarnold, Phoebe Ellis, Sachin Hall, Elias Johnson

**4J5**  Cala Jones, Lucas Collins, Khobie Hilditch, Cala Jones, Ameliah Tufi, Nelson Gardner,

**5I6**  Gus Cutts, Angus Munday, Isaiah Robson, Bella Dixon, Ruby Taylor, Lovette Walker,

**5A6**  Oliver Gerard, Allan Parmenter, Katie Kitchingman, Cooper Cheetham, Callum Harding,

Congratulations Everyone! Fantastic Effort!

Tony Selwood
Principal

Congratulations to Miss Beker for the excellent work with our students on the mural project that’s decorating the front of our school and a thank you to our GA Russell Burgess for helping to install.

**ADFAS (Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society) sponsored “Echoes of Tighes” mural piece**

Over the last term of 2012 and term one 2013 the students embarked on creating a tiled mural piece that would represent the uniqueness of our city and suburb. As part of looking at Newcastle icons the students then created mini tile pieces that represented their own personalities, creating images of favourite things, and aspirations. The pieces were then glued onto the chosen icons, a waratah, a coal ship, the Newcastle knight’s motif, a surfboard and a kookaburra.

The students did a fantastic job and learnt the process of clay making, firing clay and creating murals.

The students worked very hard on tiling and grouting and have produced lovely images. The last step is polishing and painting the exposed poles.

A big thankyou to all the parent and student helpers that have put their own time into the process and finishing touches.
SCHOOL PHOTOS TOMORROW (THURSDAY)

School photos will be taken on Thursday 23rd May, envelopes need to be completed with your photo requirements for each child and returned to the office by TOMORROW.

Only PRE PAID photos will be taken. Don’t miss out on this wonderful memento of your child’s time at school. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please see the Principal.

Class photo plus individual packages cost from $25 to $35.

Photo envelopes for family or other group photos (eg. Captains, SRC, kindy club and sporting teams) are available from the office, all these photos cost from $12 - $20 each.

All children are asked to wear full school summer uniform for their photos.

GIRLS’ SUMMER UNIFORM
Blue checked dress. White socks (not anklet) and black shoes.

BOYS’ SUMMER UNIFORM
Grey gabardine shorts and school blue polo shirt. Grey socks (not anklet) and black shoes.

Come One, Come All !!!!

Junior Choir to Perform at the Principals Personal Best assembly
Next Monday (wk 5) 27th May
At 2.15pm, upper Hall.
Mrs Behsman & Ms Ragan
School News

Red Shield Appeal - Red Threads Day
Friday 24th May
Wear RED to school for a gold coin donation to support the Red Shield Appeal.

Entertainment Books ~ are on sale in the office for $60.00. They are full of discounts and special offers for families, you would recoup your outlay very quickly. Entertainment Books are a great fundraiser for the school so let you relatives, friends and neighbours know they can pick one up from Tighes Hill Public School.

Sport News

Mitchell Hunt

Congratulations to Mitchell Hunt from the O.C for his efforts at the recent Regional Cross Country. He’s off to the state event next term. Can Mitchell go one better than last year!? Go for it!

Mr Gillett

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Canteen News

***Volunteers needed for canteen on Thursdays.***
The next Canteen Meeting is Monday 27th May 6pm at Tighes Hill Public School, Community room. Come along and share your ideas and help with the running of our school canteen.

Got It!  Tip Of The Week
Talk to your child about things he/she is interested in and share aspects of your day with your child.
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:  Sunday 23rd June- a fun family afternoon at The Movies.  
“Monsters University”. Lucky Door Prizes and much more!  
More information and tickets on sale soon!  Watch this space!!!!!
The Association has set up an online forum www.fcansw.org.au for registered carers in NSW. Here foster carers can register, access vital information and come together in a secure online environment to share advice, links.

How to Join FCANSW
Go to our membership application link on our website: www.fcansw.org.au.
Or to be posted a membership form contact us on (02) 4987 1847 or email admin@fcansw.org.au

TIGHES HILL PS
SCHOOL AND HOME PARTNERSHIPS
Introducing Term 2 Workshop Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to help your child become literate?

Come along to an interactive workshop held in Tighes Hill PS library. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat while you discover effective ways to make learning fun at home.

**Workshop 1**
Thursday 30th May
6:30 - 8:00pm

K-2 Literacy
Supporting reading and writing at home

**Workshop 2**
Wednesday 5th June
6:30 - 8:00pm

K-6 Numeracy games at home

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Return to Center
Embracing Yoga, Mindfulness & Meditation

Saturday 9:30am - 4pm June 22nd, 2013
Sunday 9:30am - 4pm June 23rd, 2013
113 Albert St, Wickham, 2293 (Universal T.K.D Academy)

This mindfulness-based weekend is suitable for students wishing to deepen their practice and explore the interconnectedness of yoga & mindfulness. The attitudes of mindfulness, non-judgment, patience, non-striving, curiosity & letting be, will be explored. Come home to the body, mind & heart through these gentle nurturing practices, opening to the wisdom of your own body. Restorative yoga, fluid sequencing, walking meditation, guided sitting meditation, lying down body scan & silence. Suitable for beginners to experienced practitioners, pre & post natal or those recovering from illness or injury. Please bring along your own yoga mat, lunch & drinks; and wear loose comfortable clothing, which doesn’t restrict your breathing or your movement.

All yoga and meditation props provided.

Price - $235 & $185 Concession

Bookings essential, contact Lisa Pollard Ph: 0403 186 146
enrolment and payment by 14th of June 2013. Call Lisa if you have any questions about suitability for this weekend. To learn more about Lisa’s experience & training see website or PTO page

Lpollar2000@hotmail.com www.lisapollard.com

ENTERTAINMENT ON THE MOVE!!!

Love music?
Want to play in a band that tours nationally and internationally?
The Marching Koalas regularly perform around NSW and tour overseas every 2 years.
We are always welcoming new members so come along on a Tuesday night at Callaghan College Bini Shell, Jesmond and see if performing with us is right for you!
Check out our website marchingkoalas.org.au or contact Geoff Lynch on 0413186711 for more information

We don’t just rehearse - we perform!
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.

1st Mayfield Scout Group

Scouting is an all year round activity.
Try Scouting, it’s great!

Do you enjoy the outdoors & having fun?

Activities we do are; social outings, explore the community, hiking, canoeing, caving, construction, abseiling, youth section camps, arts & craft. Group outings, camps & more, encourage team support and individual self-development and skills.

The above varies in each section. Earn badges while you learn.
The Scouting aims are: build self - life values & skills, self-esteem & co-operation. These are learnt through activities and games.

Joeys: 6 - 8 years Tuesday 5 - 6pm
Cubs: 8-11 years Wednesday 5 - 6.30pm
Scouts: 11-15 years Thursday 6pm - 8pm
Leaders: 18 Years + qualified certificates when training complete


Phong Jean 0409522615 or 49677156

Some fees apply. Check fees are paid with this form.
Welcome back to Term 2 of School Banking

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

Thanks to all the new bankers and also all those who bank each week.

A few banking tips that need to be remembered:

- Please make sure all tokens are kept at home in a safe place, if they are stored in the bank book and get misplaced, they can’t be used to redeem when it is time.
- Please make sure that all bank book deposit slips are completed with details of deposit and the right money is put in the pocket.
- All books are returned to the class by mid Monday morning, so please make sure you remind your child to pick this up and any important info or prizes that may be in the banking bag.

Sam and I are still in need of another helper to do banking with us each Monday morning for about 2 hours. Very simple work and won’t take much time out of your Mondays, so if you would like to be of help, please come see either Samantha Rutherford or Kristy Wakefield Monday mornings before school starts.

On the 6th of May we had a number of student banking deposit slips not completed and money loose in the book instead of sealed in the pockets, as a result of this money was loose in the bottom of the class banking bag. As there was no way of knowing whose money it was, it has not been banked. So please check bank books and double check payments have gone in, if you think that there is some missing money from banking on Monday the 6th of May, please send in a note with your child’s next banking, with how much was meant to be banked on that day. We will then make sure this money is put into the right accounts.

Great news for all the siblings and new pre-school children, you can now bank with our school as well. All you will need to do is go to the bank and open an account, bring in your banking books each Monday and leave them in the banking bag at the office. We will collect it from there, and also return it once we are done. It will be your job to collect the bank books again before the next week. This way the younger ones are now able to learn to save and also collect the cool toys their siblings are bringing home.

We apologise for the delay in the rewards, we have been told they will be out in the next week, so please hang in there everyone.

Thank you, it is great to see so many kids banking and saving money.

Kristy & Sam