Dear Parents, Carers and Hill Top Community members,

Thanks to all students and parents who helped out with our Clean Up Australia Day afternoon last week. It was great to see the community working alongside students to make our great school look neater and tidier than usual.

Also, I want to thank the parents who have supported the school and provided information about the recent vandalism on the school site. A police fingerprint specialist took evidence from the scene today to use in their investigations. All this goes toward making our school a safer place for your children as well.

Did you know that our school also advocates the Department of Education’s policy on no nuts at school? We do this in support of the significant number of students enrolled who can have anaphylactic reactions to nuts. Please consider all students by not including nuts or nut spreads in your children’s lunchboxes.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Gardiner.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Week 6
Thursday 6 March  Bowral HS Parent info night at 6.00pm

Week 9
Wednesday 26 March  Keep Them Safe student talk by NSW police 9.15am

Teacher Profiles—Mrs Vecki

Where have you worked?
Jannali High School, Penshurst PS, Yarrawarrah PS, Bonnyrigg PS, Oyster Bay PS, Cronulla South PS. Before this I worked for Fairfax Newspapers, a Sydney law firm and even at David Jones as a lift lady.

What is the best aspect of working at HTPS?
The great children, parents and teachers. I’ve always wanted to live in a rural area and teach in a country school. The double bonus for me comes from working here in Hill Top. Thank you for welcoming me into your school.

Favourite music?
I am a bit of an opera buff and love Andre Bocelli. I also love pop, rock, top 40 and smooth FM.

Favourite TV show?
Offspring, Escape to the Country. Really like ‘Merlin’ and the Vicar of Dibley

Who would you like to meet and why?
Bill Gates, so that I could tell him that sharing is caring. I would also like to meet the Queen. I am told she gives a wonderful tea party.

Favourite Food?
Chocolate, chocolate and oh more chocolate. Italian is a close hundredth besides chocolate.

Favourite colour?
Blue, no maybe lime green. Oh and I do like pink as well.

P&C Pocket

In the interests of openness and transparency, minutes from P&C executive meetings are made available in the P&C folder located in the front office. Minutes from general P&C meetings held each month will be published on the school app and school webpage.

Skoolbag App available on Web Page

If you do not have a smart phone, you can still access our school app information by clicking the ‘skoolbag’ tab in the middle of our school webpage.
Congratulations to the following students

**Bronze Award Winners**

Noah Clark  
Isabella Van Eck  
Bailey Whittin  
Hollie Ayoub  
Dominic Guido  
Kiara Berriman x 2

Elle McDonald  
Chloe Berriman x 3  
Andrea Ayoub  
Thye Hamilton  
Joshua Van Eck

**Silver Award Winners**

Jessica King  
Christian Winnel  
Lachlan Davis  

Connor Davis  
Rhys Gilkes  
Hayden Willebrand

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations and well done to the following students who received their Merit Awards at the assembly held on 28 February 2014.

**KE**  
Kallan Carson  
Zeke Moscrop

**K/1P**  
Tristan Zantis  
Zoe Van Althuis

**1/2FL**  
Jade Stewart  
Riley McKenzie

**1/2D**  
Jacinta McPake  
Jayden Drosd

**2/3G**  
Munis Zagoridis  
Cherise Harris

**3/4L**  
Brooke McKeown  
Isabella Ibrahim

**3/4V**  
Adam Ward  
Akaisha Zagoridis

**5/6FG**  
Tanish Gounder  
Jordan Parker

**5/6W**  
Andrea Ayoub  
Correy McKell

**SRE**  
Isabella Ibrahim  
Evangeline Theyers

**Library News**

The Premier Reading Challenge personal reading logs are now available online and in the library. If students would like to attempt the challenge, reading logs can be obtained during library lessons. Parents can also record their child’s log online.

There is now a special time for students to borrow library books during class time if they have forgotten their books on their classes’ library lesson day or if they have finished reading their library or Lexile reading books and need to change them. The Open Borrowing time is 9.00am to 9.30am every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Pratts

**3/4V Craft Creations**

Children in 3/4V have enjoyed making hand sock puppets this term. Want to see more? Why not talk to your child and Mrs Vecki to make a time to visit the class.

**Book Pack Update**

By now all book pack materials should have been distributed in each class. Please note that these packs were for exercise books and stationery. The cost did not include textbooks.

**Day For Kids With Leukaemia**

In the spirit of supporting sound community initiatives, Hill Top PS would like to congratulate Margaret Cox, a local resident and former teacher as she prepares to participate in the World’s Greatest Shave on Friday 14 March. Mrs Cox is planning to have her hair cut ‘close to the scalp’ at Hill Top Hair and Beauty at 9.30am on the 14. Donations of support can be made at the hairdressers and also at the school front office.

With our newsletter being produced each fortnight (on a Wednesday) this year we would like to save paper and email as many families as possible.

If you would like to receive your copy this way, please complete the form below.

Eldest Child: ..............................................................  Class: ..................

Email address: .............................................................................