Dear Parents, Carers and Hill Top Community members,

It is with pleasure that I can report that changes to our playground routines this term are resulting in more choice for children and better behaviour by most students. Thanks to all parents for supporting these changes and for encouraging your children to make smart choices and decisions about where they should play, what they can play and who they should play with. Some families have spoken to me directly about their own children’s friendships groups as well and I have been happy to accommodate the requests made.

I would also like to take a moment to remind you about our school’s positive behaviours strategy that was released in the second half of 2013. A PDF copy of this document is available on our app for your reference if you are not familiar with it yet. In the document, we talk a little about behaviour levels and expectations of students. There are tables that describe categories of behaviour and consequences as well. It is this document that staff use as a reference when considering suitability of students to attend excursions as well. With this in mind, I need all students to remember that if they cannot be respectful, responsible and cooperative at all times, then I cannot guarantee that they will be welcome to attend excursion off our school site.

Lastly, I would like to let parents know that tomorrow, May 22nd is Public Education Day. Our school will be celebrating the day and inviting parents to share in the celebration.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Gardiner
Congratulations to the following students

Silver Award Winners
Brooke McKeown  Damon Borg  Tyler Russell
Bradley Malcolm  Gracie-Lee Egner  Finn Campion
Thomas Starling  Campbell Pridgeon  Summer Ryan
Christopher Waddell  Bailey Whitton

Bronze Award Winners
Bailey Whitton  Joshua Van Eck  Gracie-Lee Egner
Nicholas Treloar McIntosh  Dominic Guido
Summer Ryan  Riley Jackson  Sebastian Guido
Blaise Morris  Brody Gilkes  Rhys Gilkes
Damon Borg  Finn Campion  Cherise Harris
Amelia Harris  Lexton So  Cooper Irwin
Georgia Parker  Riley McKeown  Luke Johnson
Campbell Pridgeon

Hill Top Public School Cook Book
Gather up your favourite recipes and email them to our school on hilltop-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or drop in a hard paper copy to the office. We are hoping to collect your recipes to make a Hill Top Public School Cook Book as a Year 6 fundraiser.

Merit Awards
Congratulations and well done to the following students who received their Merit Awards at the assembly held on 8 May 2014.

KE  Dallas Campbell  Thomas O’Connor
K/1P  Georgia Pridgeon  Samantha Gardner
1/2FL  Jessie Morris  Ryan Myers
1/2D  Tasha McKell  Nicholas Treloar-McIntosh
2/3G  Campbell Pridgeon  Finn Campion
3/4L  Haylee-Jean McKenzie  Ethan Shobrook
3/4V  Dylan Martin  Kady Curtain-Wray
5/6FG  Justin Piccicles  Paige Kurovsky
5/6W  Rachel Moppett  Jayden Winnel
1-6W  Travis Perrett

LIVE LIFE WELL - Healthy Snippets
Why is breakfast important?

- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration.
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements.
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese.

Community News
KU Wingecarribee Family Program is a playgroup for families under stress, families of young children with a disability or developmental delay or isolated families. We operate on Thursday’s from 10.00am until noon in the Hill Top Community Centre and there is no cost to the families. We have trained staff including Early Childhood Educators, a Family Counsellor and a Speech Pathologist.

For more information, please contact the Co-ordinator, Jenny Maree, on 0428419024.

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Year 7 Placement Forms for High School in 2015
All students in Year 6 should have by now returned the forms for their expression of interest for high school in 2015. The forms that we have in the front office have been sent to Bowral High school, our feeder school. All forms now must be returned to Bowral High directly so that they can plan classes for 2015.

Toileting Times
We have had a number of children experience toileting accidents in class in the past fortnight. I want to ensure parents that all reasonable requests to use the toilets by children during lesson time are honoured by our teachers. Some classes are even allocating specific times and reminders during lesson time to have a ‘bathroom break’.

Student Assistance 5/6 Excursion
I am aware that there is a limited time frame for payment of the upcoming excursion to Canberra. I am writing to advise that families who are having difficulty budgeting for this cost can organise a time to meet with me to discuss arrangements for limited financial assistance. If you would like to apply for assistance, you will need to meet the Principal prior to the 2nd instalment payment that is due on Friday June 6. Following this date, I will be able to allocate a fair distribution of the school’s financial assistance so that equity is maintained.

Mr Gardiner

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:..................................................................................................................................................