The Hills Montessori School

Newsletter

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE 2012 NUMBER 10

Diary Dates

THURSDAY – JUNE 21
Class Parent Rep Meeting – 1.30pm held at Wairoa Campus
Gamelan Performance 2pm *(for whole school)*
Cycle 1 & 2 Music Concert – 6.30pm in *Yultiwirra*

FRIDAY – JUNE 22
Coffee morning at **Stirling Cellars Pattiserie** – 9.15am
All welcome!
Bonfire & Soup Night for Cycle 1 & 2 Primary Families

SUNDAY – JUNE 24
Julie's Class Get Together: 2.00 – 4.00pm at
Adelaide Hills Slot Car Racing, Main St. Lobethal

MONDAY – JUNE 25
Parent Education session for Preschool parents
'Transition from Preschool to Cycle 1 Primary'
Held in the Library - 9.15am

TUESDAY – JUNE 26
Expo Management Meeting – 6.30pm
Marketing Meeting – 6.30pm

THURSDAY – JUNE 28
OHS&W Meeting – 3.45pm

FRIDAY – JUNE 29
Last day to return Lottery Books
Sausage Sizzle lunch
Middle School applications due from year 6 students
Last day of term – **2.00pm finish**

Term 3

MONDAY – JULY 16
Pupil Free Day

TUESDAY – JULY 17
Students return to school
Executive Meeting – 6.00pm
Finance Meeting - 7.30pm

The Love of Learning Lasts a Lifetime

TERM DATES 2012:

Term 2:
Friday 29th June
Term 3:
Tuesday 17th July – Friday 21st Sept.
Term 4:
Monday 8th Oct. – Wednesday 12th Dec

INSERTS INCLUDED THIS WEEK

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"We are the sowers ~ our children are those who reap. We labour so that future generations will be better & nobler than we are."
Maria Montessori

The school office will remain open with minimum staff during the school holidays. Please telephone before coming in.

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FROM CATHY

Big News about the Expo!

After much discussion and thought the expo management committee has decided that the Expo will *"go underground for 2012"* whilst we redevelop and renew the Expo concept to better fit the interests of the hills community and attract new visitors to our event. We are cultivating new directions, exploring creative ideas and investigating a new location in the Stirling area.

We are pleased to launch our new logo and name for the Expo…

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THE HILLS GARDEN & ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO

and we look forward to launching the new look Expo in October 2013.

We have decided that the expo will become a biennial event and we hope that you will all be able to be a part of it in 2013.

The Fundraising committee has developed a new idea to try in this 'off year' from the Expo. In Term 4 they would like to hold a babies & kids market in the school hall on a Saturday morning. This event will be for families to buy a trestle to sell their pre-loved baby & kids gear! Alternatively they could donate their "gear" to the school to sell on the school table. We will also hold a sausage sizzle and offer tea, coffee & cake. We will advertise the event widely and put flyers up around the district. We are hoping that there will be many parents who will be able to help us on the day.

Come & let us know in the office if you are interested in being a part of this new venture!
Keep an eye out in the Newsletter for further updates in regard to the 'name of this event', dates, times and where and when you can deposit your "pre-loved stuff" if you want to donate it to the school stall or how you can get your own stall!

Parent Education

Next Monday we are holding a **Parent Education session** for preschool parents on the **Cycle 1 primary classroom** and how the Montessori philosophy and methodology are incorporated into the Cycle 1 primary classes and the differences that children will experience when moving from the preschool to the primary school. Our assistant principal, *Susan Harris Evans* will present some of the Montessori materials that are used in the Cycle 1 primary class and we will tour the two Cycle 1 primary classrooms to witness first hand the learning environments.

In terms 1, 2 & 3 every year we offer parent education sessions on a variety of topics and feel it is important to offer these sessions to help parents gain knowledge and become more informed about their child's education in a Montessori Environment.
If you have any ideas for future parent education sessions we would be happy to hear your ideas and try and incorporate them into our program.

Last Day of Term Details

PLEASE NOTE: School finishes at **2pm NEXT FRIDAY.**

*Please make arrangements to have your child collected at this time or if you require **OSHC** please make a prior booking to help us with staffing arrangements. If you have a permanent booking on Fridays and you don't require care please ensure you cancel your place.*

Bus Students

Please let us know in advance if your child will be catching the bus home after 3:30pm as we will need to make special arrangements for staff supervision.

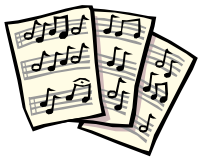
Get your LOTTERY BOOKS in now

Thank you to all of those families who returned their lottery book by last Friday and subsequently went into the lucky draw. *The winner was **the ERCEG family** (Julia – Natalie's Class)* who receive a free book of lottery tickets in their family's name! – an extra 10 tickets in the draw to win a fantastic prize!

All lottery books must be returned by the end of this term please.
- legally every book needs to be accounted for.

Please help us avoid wasting time & money by chasing un-returned books.

Cycle 1 & 2 Music Concert



Tomorrow, **Thursday 21st June** we are holding the **Cycle 1 & 2 Music Concert** in *Yultiwirra.* All school families are invited to attend this concert which will **begin at 6.30pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their learning and have the experience of performance. We encourage you to come along and support the students involved. An invite has been sent home to Cycle 1 & 2 families.

COMPUTERS for SALE

The school has leased a new computer system.

THE END OF LEASE COMPUTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

These computers are 3 years old, are running OSX10.5 and are for sale at cost price.

Laptops:	Macbooks 2Ghz Core 2 Duo, 2GB ram, 120GB	$320 ea
Desktops:	i macs 2.4Ghz Core 2 Duo, 2GB ram, 250GB, sd, 20"	$430 ea
	1 Mac Pro 2 x quad Core Xeon, 2.8 Ghz, 4 GB ram with 2 x ITB HD and Mac Server software. OSX10.5 loaded $915.	

Please see Tony or leave a message at the office if you are interested.

Keep Collecting

We have registered to be a part of the "*Coles **Sports for Schools***" & "*Woolworths **Earn & Learn***"

….. so collect shopping **vouchers from Coles** and **stickers from Woolworths** supermarkets. *(We have sticker cards available at the office).*

For every $10 spent you can get a voucher or a sticker *(given at checkout).* Collect these from family, friends & neighbours and drop them into the collection boxes located in the school office. .

Lucky Squares!

Come into the office and buy a **Lucky Square for $1** to be in the running to win a $20 restaurant voucher to "The Locavore" in Stirling. You've got to be in it to win it!

- **Bakers Delight Stirling** who once again are supporting our end of term Sausage Sizzle which they have done for many, many years & we sincerely appreciate their generosity.
- The school parents who have very kindly volunteered their time this term to collate **lunch orders** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If anyone is available to this on any of these days for next term we'd love to hear from you.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Jess as a Jelly-fish,
Cerys as a Clock and
Mackenzie as a Monkey
at the 'Biggest Breakfast'.

On Thursday 31st May Cycle 3 joined together for a 'Biggest Breakfast' for the Cancer Council's *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea* and it was a WONDERFUL success.

People brought a plate of food that started with the first letter of their name and came dressed as something starting with the first letter of their name! It was really fun for everyone.

The Hills Montessori School 'Biggest Breakfast' raised $270.30 and this, combined with the generous online donations through Mackenzie's webpage, brings the total raised this year to an amazing **$1,477.65**!

A HUGE thanks to everyone who came along and helped make a difference by supporting this event. *Sincerely, Mackenzie Francis-Brown & Bec Francis*

Please Be Aware

There have been several cases of **Conjunctivitus in the Cycle 1 Primary Classes** – this is highly contagious. The infectious period is while the eye discharge is present and therefore the child needs to be excluded from school during this time. Symptoms may include redness in the whites of the eyes, irritation in one or both eyes, discharge – causing the eyelids to stick together in the morning, swelling of the eyelids & sensitivity to light. This can be treated with antibiotic eye drops or ointment.

Library Books

Quite a number of our school library books have been handed in at various libraries in the hills area. If you or your child borrow a library book please make sure you **return it to the correct library** to avoid time & cost involved in getting it back.

A Student Achievement

CONGRATULATIONS go to ***Dante Afnan*** (Cycle 3, Natalie's Class) for making the *SAPSASA 2012 State Cross Country U11 team.* He will be representing SA at the School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships, held in Adelaide in August 24th-27th.

PERFORMANCE

All primary students will attend a live performance ***'Makukuhan'*** being held in *'Yultiwirra'* **tomorrow** (Thurs) afternoon The Indonesian music group will use a variety of musical styles, village songs and a striking Indonesian mask dance. The cost is covered by the composite fee.

TO GIVE AWAY to a school family – **an air purifier**, Sunbeam Theraputics with ioniser. *Contact the school office or see Barb C.-*

Words from Wairoa Campus

Middle School CE & PE Term 2 options

In our Wednesday sessions this term we have the groups:

PE- Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is a fun game but requires skill, judgment and vision. The game is played on a field similar to Gridiron but with no goalposts. There is one Frisbee that starts with one team in their own zone and is thrown out to the other side. This team waits until their opponents have got the Frisbee and then comes out of their zone and tries to get it back. A team successfully throwing a Frisbee to a teammate who catches it inside their opponents' zone scores a point. This game is really fun but requires players to be honest, as it does not require a referee of any kind.

PE- Mixed Netball

Mixed netball is a lot of fun; the teams (with both boys and girls) play it off with a 15-minute time limit. The final score in the first week read 3-1 with the Blue team being handed the winning laurels. Currently Green team awaits next Wednesday to seek their revenge. My guess is that the games will get closer and closer yet with more and more goals as the players all develop and hone their skills.

Creative Experiences *(CE)* & Physical Experiences *(PE)*

CE- Clay Work

In the section of the day dedicated to creativity, a small group of eager artists take a small trip down the road to the Barn to work with clay artist Sophie Edhouse. The first day found the students getting to work on clay faces. They made 3D aspects through clay. Once finished, the faces were amazing and the pinnacle of structure.

CE- Calligraphy

Calligraphy: an ancient art form expressed by the structure of each character. The old form of writing is still practiced today. The first week of calligraphy saw guide Stacey Lamb teaching a small group the basic calligraphy letterform. The kids quickly took to it and were constructing their own names and sentences by the end of the session.

CE- Lino Cutting

The students in this particular group each took a small lino tile and carved their initials in almost bubble writing on the tile. They were required to decide which part of the tile to remove, and then carefully gouge out the unwanted lino with the tool. The tools create ridges in the lino creating a regular pattern on the pad. The result was either a ridged background leaving two letters in bubble writing untouched and smooth, or the complete opposite which was ridged initials.

COMMUNITY News

During the holidays

School Holiday Soccer Clinic: at **Oakbank** Area School **2nd – 6th July**. For all levels of players (girls & Boys) aged 6 – 16yrs. The Programs will be conducted by former Socceroo, FFSA Hall of Fame member and Player Life Member – Steve Maxwell.
Further details & registration form visit www.coerversa.com.au or Ph: Steve on 0411 797 227.

NetSetGo School Holiday Clinics at Netball SA Stadium in Mile End on **2nd & 3rd July** - for 5 - 16 yr olds.. Have fun while learning netball skills from SA's elite Netball players & coaches.
Book now – Ph: 8238 0500 or www.netballsa,asn.au

Kids Classes at the local Sticky Rice Cooking School – morning & afternoon class during the school holidays on **Wednesday 4th July and Monday 9th July**. Times: 10am – 12.30pm and 2.30 – 5.00pm for children 10yrs plus. The class covers a broad range of cooking techniques with all equipment, ingredients, tuition and lunch or dinner included.
Book online at www.stickyricecookingschool.com.au or Ph: 8339 1314.

One Point 618 Dance Company School Holiday Dance Program at Bridgewater Hall (opposite Coles) **3rd – 12th July** on Tuesdays & Thursdays for ages 2 – 13yrs. Creative movement classes based on contemporary dance, popular dance styles & theatre skills – all in one class. Inquiries & Bookings Ph: Tess on 0401 048 510 www.onepoint618.com.au

Science Sessions at the Science Education Centre, Hindmarsh – amazing and educational hands-on fun for 5 – 9 yr olds including *Groove Moves, Science Olympics, Young Engineers & Mini Scientists.* Further details www.csiro.au/EducationSA or Ph: 8463 5920.

International Film Festival for Kids 'Little Big Shots' at Space Theatre, Adelaide Festival Theatre **12th –14th July.** The world's best films for kids, about kids to amaze and delight them. Many different sessions to choose from each lasting approx. 1 hour and each designed for different age groups so you can choose. Book at BASS, all tickets $10 for kids aged 2 –15yrs. More info at the school office or www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Also, the **SOMETHING ON SATURDAY PROGRAM** for 3-10 yr olds and their families continues to run every Saturday until 8th September at Festival Theatre.

School Holiday Program at the Adelaide Hills Council Libraries 3rd- 13th July including tin art, sock monsters, decorate a Babushka doll, make wrapping paper & cards & Much more.
Info brochure avail from school office or www.ahc.sa.gov.au