Dear parents,

The Annual Athletics Carnival – Track and Field Events Report - Firstly let me begin by saying that as principal, I was very proud to be part of our annual athletics carnival on Tuesday. The carnival track events ran exceptionally well and for this, congratulations go to the marshals, starter and time keepers. The announcing and record keeping also went just as well. Throught the day novelty events ran without any hiccups – for all students K-6- and the teachers have all remarked how they had as enjoyable a time as you can have on such a hectic, busy day. Of utmost importance was the fact that throughout the day the students’ behaviour was superb. Good behaviour of students is a combination of their desire to ‘do the right thing’ and a great testament to the fact that they were being very well catered for through the activities in which they were participating. All of this has happened as a result of staff undertaking their responsibilities in a superb way. Vital to the whole process was the coordination and all of the work undertaken before the carnival. Congratulations especially go to Mr Sundstrom (coordinating Yrs3-6), Mrs Madden (coordinating K-2) and the members of the organising committee – Miss Donovan, Mrs Suri, Mrs Millman, Miss Fenn, Miss Bedwell and Miss Gorman. Thank you also to all of the many parents who came along and supported their children. This year’s carnival was another great success! A copy of the results will be published as soon as possible.

More Future Sports Greats – Well done to Zac Asbury (5K) and Olivia Steele (6D) who represented Western Sydney (and GPS!) at the NSW State Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park.

K-6 Discos – Just a reminder that because this term is an eleven week term, our student discos are next Tuesday afternoon with K-2 being from 4.30-6 and Yrs 3-6 from 6.30-8.

Some end of term reminders –
- **School Cross Country Carnival** – Thursday April 11 in the school playground. We will begin at 9.30am (weather permitting). In the event of a need to postpone the carnival a message will be placed on the school website by 8.30am
- **ANZAC Day Service** – Friday, April 12 at 9.30am – in the COLA area (if it is raining heavily, this will be in the hall and only limited seating for parents will be available)
- **Talent Quest Final** – Friday April 12, beginning at 12.15 in the school hall
- **Peer Support Training** – For Yr 6 students only - Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9
- **PSSA Sport** – is planned to be on this Friday April 5 but not next Friday April 12

All parents and community members are invited to the School Cross Country and the ANZAC Day Service.

Surveys – There are currently a number of online surveys for parents and students to complete to offer their ideas. The current ones cover: Grandparents Day, Easter Hat Parade, Athletics Carnival, Jollybops Science Show. Please try to give us your thoughts – we realise time is precious, but these should be fast to complete. Thank you to those parents who completed their swimming carnival survey.
Seeing What Happens in School – The school website will soon carry photos of students participating in events that include Young Leaders Day, Athletics Carnival and Easter Hat Parade – please have a look at some of these memories!

Special Messages from Miss Bedwell and Miss Gorman

Disco - The next disco will be held Tuesday 9th April. K-2 will be from 4.30pm - 6pm. 3-6 will be from 6.30pm – 8pm. The theme for this term’s disco is ‘Fluoro!’. Please encourage your child to be dressed in their best and brightest! Glow sticks will be available for sale at the staffroom window half an hour before each disco. Chips and drinks will be provided at the end of the disco. Just a reminder to all parents, please wait in the designated area to pick up students after they are dismissed with their chips and drink.

Talent Quest - The Talent Quest has been running for the past three weeks. We’ve had many wonderful and interesting acts for the auditions across all of the grades. Many thanks to all of the students who participated this year. Congratulations to these lucky finalists:
Jasleen Kaur, Armaan Singh, Krishna Cereno, Sarah Monteverde, Tia Trumble, Bianca Cassar, Brianna Knight, Trisha Cunanan, Megan Aquilina, Tarah Thorburn, Kodei Wiggins, Ehsan, Tyrell Gleeson, Jwakeem Hape Va’a, Ryan Steele, Jordan Miller, Keyden Edward, Brodie Still, Ryan Flaxman, Sadaf Gorjei, Tahlya Bush, Tanique King, Maddyson Gafa, Aodhan Staunton, Tyrell Rowe, Rana Singh, Brady Herod and Caelan Schepel. Talent Quest finals will be held Friday 12th April (week 11) 12.20pm – 1.40pm. We invite parents to come and watch the finalists perform on stage in the school hall. Each finalist will receive a prize for participation. We remind all finalists to come prepared with music, props and costumes. Thank you to all who auditioned for the Talent Quest, it was very difficult to select the finalists. Good luck to all of the finalists of 2013 GPS Talent Quest.

Doug Meaney
Principal

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TALENT IDENTIFICATION TRIALS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

YEAR 7, 2014

The Hills Sports High School is one of Australia’s leading specialist sports schools offering Talented Sports Program in fifteen sports in 2014 – AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Football, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football (Girls) and Water Polo.

Talented students with a strong interest in a sport are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Talented Sports Program MUST also apply.

The Hills Sports High School is a co-educational high school that values academic excellence and provides a progressive education in a dynamic and caring educational environment. An extremely wide junior and senior curriculum is taught by highly qualified specialist teachers to provide all students with an unrivalled opportunity to achieve their full educational and sporting potential.

The Talented Sports Program is designed to aggregate talented young sportsmen and women from Sydney’s west and north-west in the one school providing them with elite coaching, access to modern sports medicine and special academic programs to assist them in coping with absences caused by their sporting commitments. **No longer does education have to be sacrificed to ensure sporting success.**

The Hills Sports High School again achieved outstanding results on the sporting field in 2012 taking out many NSW and Australian Championships across a wide range of sports.

- **A TSP Information Night** for parents and students seeking 2014 enrolment will be conducted in The Hills Sports High School Assembly Hall on **15 May at 6.30 p.m.**
- **Talent Identification Trials for 2014 Enrolment** will be conducted between **21 May and 11 June 2013.**
- Application Forms can be downloaded from our school website (hillssport-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- **Closing Date** for the Return of Application Forms **21 May 2013.**
  - **Enquiries:** Robert Hawkes, Director of Sport on mobile 0425 288 481.

Yours faithfully

Mitchell Struyve
Principal
14 March 2013

Please Use this Information Sheet for Your Parent Newsletter
REMINDERS

MESSAGES REGARDING LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENT
Please phone before 2.30pm with any messages if you will be late picking up your child.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
The canteen operates on Monday to Friday each week.
Any payments or orders for the canteen should be taken directly to the canteen.

LUNCHES
If parents need to bring lunches to school after 9.00am, we would ask that you wait until 11.15am, when you will be able to gain a pass to your child’s class and then be able to take the lunch to your child.

EARLY LEAVERS
When signing children out early of an afternoon, for appointments etc, parents are asked to do so before 2.45pm. Students will not be signed out after this time.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2012
Mondays: 8.30am to 9.00am
Fridays: 8.30am to 9.30am

SCHOOL CAR PARK
Parents are reminded that the school car park is for STAFF PARKING ONLY.
Parents are asked not to drop children off in the car park, park in or walk through the car park.
There is a gate near the administration office for pedestrian access.

PAYMENTS
When sending payments to school please ensure the CORRECT AMOUNT of money is enclosed in a separate envelope for each activity. (If more than one activity is placed in an envelope your child may miss out on participating).
Clearly mark each envelope with:
- your child/children’s name
- your child/children’s class
- name of activity – (one activity per envelope) & please put the permission note/s inside the envelope.
Please make payments before the due date as paying will result in your child missing an activity.
All money is to be deposited in the payment slot in the door at the Admin Office.
If additional envelopes are required, they are available at a cost of 20cents each.
When sending payments to school, (for excursion, PSSA etc) please ensure Australian coins ONLY are sent. We are unable to accept foreign currency. Please DO NOT use school payment envelopes for anything other than to make a payment.