Principal’s Report

The next few weeks leading up to the end of Term 4, promises to be extremely busy so it is important to keep an eye on the upcoming events and activities as most children will be involved. Thank you for your patience during these final weeks, apart from the huge demands of the day-to-day organisation of the different learning activities within the school, all staff are also involved in finalising assessment and reports, strategic and annual planning, the Annual School Report, and the added on department and regional training sessions that are difficult to pre-plan.

Student Leaders 2017

Well done to all of our Year 5 students who took part in our leadership program over the past few weeks. Students learnt about the skills, qualities and values of being a leader and the roles and responsibilities of leadership. It was wonderful to see so many students put themselves forward and share their applications for a leadership position. Congratulations to Noah, Oscar, Finlay, Ember, Lucy and Eleanor who were voted as our 2017 leaders by their Year 5 peers. Tomorrow they will present their captaincy speeches to K-5 ready for a whole school vote. We will have a brief assembly on Tuesday 6th December to announce the Captains. We wish them the very best and look forward to their leadership journey!

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1st December
Year 5 Leadership Speeches and Voting

Friday 2nd December
Year 6 boys - Walk a Mile Koori Style

Monday 5th December
Hall of Fame and Badges

Tuesday 6th December
Parent Helpers Morning Tea-10.30am
Captains 2017 announcement-11.40am

Thursday 8th December
Carols Concert - 4pm

Friday 9th December
Stage 2 Flipout excursion

Tuesday 13th December
Presentation Day 9.30am at The Grainery
Principal's Report

Outstanding Excursion Payments, School Fees
As we are entering the final few weeks of the 2016 school year, I urge all parents to finalise outstanding payments for excursions, book packs and school fees. Each year, as a school we end up carrying bad debts and then we have difficulty trying to retrieve late payments. At present, the school has covered these costs from our global budget which is affecting our ability to organise other activities. We urgently need to be reimbursed for these amounts. Our budget is designed to be shared equally throughout the entire school population.

Presentation Assembly
This special assembly will be held Tuesday the 13th of December at the Grainery Christian Network in George Street. All children will travel by bus to the venue from school (notes were sent home this week) with their teachers and SLSOs. The assembly will commence at 9.30am and conclude by 11.30am. Parents who wish to take their children home from the Grainery must inform their child’s teacher. We are all looking forward to sharing the children’s achievements with you.

Parent Helper’s Morning Tea
All parent and community members, who have assisted in ANY way, are invited to attend a special Parent Helper’s Morning Tea that will begin at 10.30am on Tuesday 6th December. Invitations were sent out last week but if you did not receive yours please let us know as notes DO get misplaced on the way home and we would hate you to think that you have been overlooked.

Year 6 Farewell
This special evening will be held at Islington Baptist Church hall on Thursday the 15th of December and all Year 5 and 6 children are invited to attend. Ms Armstrong and Miss Drew are working hard preparing for this very special night for Year 6. All the children are asked to wear smart casual and appropriate clothes; the boys need to wear a collared shirt with no inappropriate logos. Girls need to be appropriately dressed with sensible shoes for dancing. All invitations have been sent home. If you have any questions about this event, please see Ms Armstrong or Miss Drew.

School Banking is on WEDNESDAY!

Scholastic Orders
Due in 30th November

Book Clubs
Every Child Deserves a Good Book

School Banking is on WEDNESDAY!

Assemblies
Our assemblies are on Mondays
Hall of Fame & Core Values Badges
Week 9 from 2.00pm
under the COLA
Special performance from our
Year 5/6 Ukulele group

The next P&C meeting will be held
Monday 6th February from 6pm
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Canteen News
Our canteen is currently open every day this term. Menu is on the school website.
Principal’s Report

Year 6 Uniform/Mufti

Year 6 children will be able to wear mufti for the remainder of the year WHEN they donate their uniform to the clothing pool from Wednesday 14th of December. All uniforms can be handed in at the office.

Autographs

I am more than happy for all Year 6 children to collect their friend’s autographs before the end of the year, the only proviso, autographs cannot be collected on any uniform that is being currently worn. Autograph bears, books and uniforms brought to school in a plastic bag are all better options. This can be done in the final week of school.

School Bus Passes

All current Year 2 students who have a school bus opal card, will need to do an update application for eligibility of a bus pass into Year 3 in 2017.

Applications are online - https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses

Assembly Awards ~ Term 4, Week 7 & 8

KD  Soley, Charlie, Leo, Franki
KRD  Maximus, Toby, Matilda
K1D  Evie, Ella, Archie, Isis
1C  Rylan, Amy, Felix, Orla
1E  Emily, Giles, Harper, Hamish
2HE  Sophie, Isabella, Tayla, Rain
2W  Nathan, Jed, Orlando, Mirja
3J  Aiden, Mia, Finn, Jack, Sienna
3P4  Alexis, Issach, Coco, Luisa, Stephanie, Harper
4S  Grayson, Emerson, Georgie, Sam W.
5B  Lloyd, Nyah, Finlay, Imogen
5D6  Phoebe, Flynn, Yasmin, Zion
5A6 OC  Griffin, Noah, Mila, Eleanor

Congratulations to all our children and staff.

Tony Selwood
PRINCIPAL

Chess Coaching Y3-6
Mondays 1.15pm - 1.55pm
Terms 4
provided by the Sydney Academy of Chess. Cost - $63 per term. Please see Ms Armstrong for more details.
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Reports
Our yearly reports will be handed out Wednesday the 14th of December. All teachers have worked extremely hard to ensure that all data entered is a true representation of your child’s learning growth. I am sure that you will be very pleased with the comprehensive assessment information and the clear picture of your child’s progress and achievements that these reports contain. Please let us know if multiple copies need to be sent home. Don’t hesitate to contact teachers if you need any point clarified.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all of our student’s who took part in this year’s PRC. Students have received their certificates and it was great to see so many students receive Gold awards for 5 years of completion. Well done to Freya, Jemima, Noah, Luisa, Zali, Jack, Joey. Shaylani and Seb.

Reconciliation Touch Football Gala Day
Well done to our Year 6 students who braved the heat last fortnight at the Reconciliation Touch Football Gala Day at Wallsend with Mr Slade. Great teamwork and sportsmanship!
School News

Carols
Thank you to Ms Hibbert and all our staff for organising this annual event scheduled for Thursday 8\textsuperscript{rd} Dec 2016. Our carols night is a great way to welcome the Christmas season. The evening is set to begin at 4.15pm. Please bring your picnic, blankets and pillows to sit on so you can listen to the children perform. This year the performances will be on stage under the COLA.

Enrolments 2017
To enable us to correctly estimate enrolments and staff our school appropriately for 2017, I need all parents to please let me know of any neighbours and friends, who may not have children already at this school but will have school age children for 2017, so we can then contact them and include them on our numbers for next year. Thank you to all the parents who are promoting our school in such a positive way and encouraging all local families to enrol in their local school.

CEP Digital Media Festival
Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our school last fortnight at this great community event. Wonderful performances from our school aerobics team, Bandlink students and Indigenous didgeridoo group. If you missed the premiere of our stop motion film MC Squared, you can watch it along with all the others via our blogs and YouTube channel.
School News

Toy Drive

A huge thank you to our wonderful and generous community for supporting our Toy Drive fundraiser last fortnight. Our captains delivered all of the amazing donated toys, games and books to the ABC Giving Tree to support the Combined Charities Christmas Warehouse. Thank you Tighes Hill!
School News

OC Maths Olympiad

Congratulations to the maths superstars of the OC for their excellent participation in this year’s APSMO Maths Games and Maths Olympiads.

Well done to Sachin and Zander who tied for 1st place in the Maths Games competition and achieved within the top 10% of all participants. Terrific achievements from Patrick, Noah and Sam who also placed in the top 10%. Other excellent results from Ember (top 20%), Oscar (top 25%), Layla (top 25%), Liana (top 30%), Duncan (top 30%), Freya (top 40%), Chloe (top 40%), Eleanor (top 40%), Calvin (top 50%) and Vincent (top 50%).

A huge congratulations to Patrick, crowned the winner of this year’s very challenging Maths Olympiad! Well done to Sam who placed 2nd and Noah who placed 3rd (all 3 students placing in the top 10%). Other exemplary results from Zander (top 20%), Oscar (top 40%), Sachin (top 40%), Layla (top 50%), Blade (top 50%) and Calvin (top 50%). A special mention to Sachin who also received an award for his effort and application during the Olympiads. Well done everyone!

OC Thinkfest

Congratulations to the OC who did a wonderful job at our Thinkfest event last fortnight. Excellent performances, team work and enthusiasm from all groups and lots of awards! Visit our class blog for more photos!
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CAROLS CONCERT

Join us for a magical evening of Christmas Carols under the COLA!

Thursday, December 8th - 4pm to 6:30

BYO picnic from 4:15 - Performances begin at 5pm

Please bring food for a picnic, picnic chairs or a rug!
Happy Holidays!
The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 6th February 2017.

The P&C would like to thank every person who has contributed to our school in 2016. To the teachers and staff, the kids and of course all the fabulous and wonderful volunteers! Its been a big and productive year.

We encourage you to join us and come along to our meetings in 2017.

At our last meeting, the discussions continued about many ways the Parents and Citizens of our community can influence the positive experiences our kids have at Tighes Hill Public School.

Some of the items we are keen to discuss and investigate in 2017 include:

- The possible involvement of our school in the Newcastle City Farmers Markets at the Tighes Hill Tafe Campus for fund raising (and FUN raising)
- The purchase of additional shading to compensate for the loss of trees
- The pros and cons grassed areas vs artificial turf
- A priority list for our fund raising money allocation
- Mothers Day Stall, Bunnings BBQ, Movie Day etc
- Establishing a Grant Writing committee to investigate ways of securing funds for big projects
- A framework for ethical considerations when seeking funding

If you have an opinion on any of these things, then we ask you to become involved and help the dedicated group who keep the P&C going. Nothing is achieved without a little work, and together, we can achieve so much!

We hope you have a happy and safe break and look forward to another great year in 2017.

Contact The P&C: tigheshillpc@hotmail.com or via Facebook
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Carols in the Park

This year’s Carols in Islington Park will be held on Sunday, 4th December. The programme is as follows:

4.00pm – 6.00pm music will be played, and there will be a jumping castle, face painting, free gift bags and balloons for the children.

There will be a free BBQ from 4.45pm.

6pm – 8pm there will be Carols and Puppet shows.

Come along and enjoy the lead up to Christmas.

School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours Term 4, 2016

Thursday 1st Dec 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Monday 5th Dec 8.30am to 9.30am
Tuesday 13th Dec 8.30am to 9.30am

Hi from your School Banking Co-ordinators,

Just to let you know that if you have 10 tokens or more, you can request a reward.

Next time you bank, just request your chosen reward and send in 10 tokens. It’s okay to write your chosen reward on a note with your name and class on it.

We have the following supplies left in stock:

1 x Skipping rope
1 x Wildlife Writer Set
1 x Eraser Pen
1 x Whale Pencil Case (from 2015)
1 x Plush Penguin Keyring (from 2015)
1 x Deep Sea Diver’s Money Box

The following is still available but stock is running out so be quick:

Wriggly Glow Worm
Outbag Pat Bag Tag
ET DVD
Outer Space Savers Money Box
Dollarmites Money Box

Our last school banking day is Wednesday 14 December
The last day you can order rewards so they are back before school holidays is Wednesday 7 December

Happy Saving and have a very Merry Christmas
Nicole & Jodie
Community News

**CHRISTMAS at Stockton Centre**

**CAROLS BY GLOWSTICK**

*Wednesday 14th December 2016*

- Live music followed by spectacular fireworks display!
- Bring the family and picnic
- Fun starts at 5:30pm

**SANTA ON THE OVAL**

*Wednesday 7th December 2016*

- Come along to see Santa arrive by helicopter!
- An experience not to be missed!
- Fun starts at 10:45am

**All Welcome!**

Norfolk Drive, Stockton, use the visitors carpark on your left.

Catch 136 from Stkn Ferry Wharf

StocktonFete
BE BUS AWARE
Reduce speed to 40 when lights are flashing

Good for Kids good for life
WATERMELON ICEBLOCKS

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METHOD
1. Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth
2. Pour into ice block moulds
3. Freeze until hard
4. Enjoy on a sunny summer day!

The Benefits of Limits
Small screen entertainment can be convenient; however Australian children are spending more time than recommended watching screens. Excessive screen time can reduce both physical activity levels and concentration levels and contributes to increased weight gain.

Here are some tips on ways to reduce screen time in your household:

- Set limits on the duration of screen time in one sitting, 20mins is a good place to start.
- Only switch the TV on for specific shows, do not leave it on in the background.
- Role model the behaviour that you would like to see in your child – there is no better example than YOU!