

HILLIARD STATE SCHOOL eNEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

30 January 2015

Dear Parents

Welcome

Welcome to an exciting 2015 school year at Hilliard State School. Our staff are looking forward to providing the best learning and teaching opportunities for your children this year.

Enrolments and Staffing

As of Friday, 30 January, our enrolment currently stands at 710. This is an increase on our 2014 Day 8 enrolment of 700. We have 28 class units at this stage.

We welcome several new staff members in 2015:

- Miss Danielle Upton – Year 1
- Mrs Laura McGhee – Year 3
- Mrs Jane Tognolini – Year 4/5
- Mrs Ros Sharp – Instrumental Music
- Mrs Karen Moss – Master Teacher (see below)
- Ms Sophie Montgomery – Cleaner

and welcome back to Ms Yvonne Stewart – Year 1

Master Teacher

We are fortunate to be one of the schools selected to have a Master Teacher. This \$135 million initiative is part of the Department's Great Teachers = Great Results action plan. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Karen Moss to our school in this role.

Master teachers will have responsibility for leading activities and key tasks in their school. These will include:

- Working with instructional leaders to prioritise the teaching of literacy and numeracy within the school's curriculum and pedagogical framework
- Improving and enhance pedagogical practice for all staff by researching and modelling quality teaching across all year levels
- Providing coaching and guidance to teachers and other staff in delivering quality teaching
- Improving the capacity of school teams to use evidence-based assessment to inform teaching and learning
- Supporting all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systemic and student data

iLearn@Hilliard SS BYO iPad Program

Hilliard State School's *iLearn@HilliardSS BYO iPad Program* is allowing us to provide quality eLearning for our students. In 2014, our school strategically introduced 9 BYO iPad classes. Due to the success of the program, we will be implementing 19 BYO iPad classes this year. This decision has been based on results at the half way point of an exciting, two year, practitioner-based research partnership with Aarhus University, Copenhagen. Our students, parents and teachers have all indicated that the iPad is a key learning tool which has a positive impact on student learning. In 'Digital Leadership: Changing Paradigms for Changing Times' (2014) Eric Sheneringer makes the point that schools need to embrace the technology that is now embedded in our students' lives. It is not going to go away and unless we understand the true value and power of technology, our students will be disenfranchised and deem school irrelevant.

The benefits of our program are:

- Enables personalisation of student learning through access to rich learning resources targeted at the needs of the individual;
- Best facilitates the development of knowledge and skills necessary for the 21st century workforce, including digital-age literacy, innovative and creative thinking, effective communication and high productivity;
- Allows continuous access to educational materials allowing learning efficiency to happen anywhere, anytime;
- Provides an engaging, interactive environment for learning;
- Strengthens links between home and school, giving parents the opportunity to see firsthand, every day, what their child is learning at school and have relevant, timely, accurate and quality conversations around their child's learning and progress.

Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Night

The 2015 Parent Information Evening will occur on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, 11 February. This event will commence with a Welcome BBQ for all new Hilliard families. We look forward to welcoming our new families, not only in Prep, but across the school. An invitation will be issued in the near future. Please note that an RSVP is necessary for the BBQ.

Parent Information Night: Please claim this afternoon/evening on your calendar as we wish for all of our parents/carers to be informed about their child's class and school operations in 2015. Both

the P-2 and Yr 3-6 sessions will commence in the Hall with our Management and Leadership Team (MALT) explaining our goal setting and feedback process. The agenda for the evening is:

5.00pm Welcome BBQ – Hall apron

6.00pm MALT explaining HSS goal setting and feedback process for P-2 parents in Hall

6.30pm P-2 Teachers conduct their PI sessions in their classrooms

7.00pm MALT explaining HSS goal setting and feedback process for Year 3-6 parents in Hall

7.30pm Year 3-6 Teachers conduct their PI sessions in their classrooms

8.30pm Evening concludes

Uniform

At Hilliard State School we encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride. The wearing of correct uniform builds a positive school culture. House Shirts are to be worn on a Thursday or for House competitions eg Cross Country. The table below provides an effective summary of uniform standards at Hilliard.

Traffic Safety

Parents are reminded that the Staff Car Park is not accessible to parents and children before, during and after school hours. Students and Parents are to use one of the four pedestrian gates to enter the school grounds. This is for the safety of all school community members.

Parents are reminded that Traffic Officers are regularly patrolling parking bays outside of our school. Please observe and obey school traffic signs located outside our school. The two minute zone is for waiting in your vehicle for your child. Do not park and leave your vehicle unattended to collect your child. Please move down to the next vacant carpark as traffic leaves the zone. This will allow traffic to flow through the zone.

We are fortunate to have three Crossing Supervisors attached to Hilliard State School. They are trained to assist children and adults to cross the pedestrian crossings to Department of Transport standards. Please assist them by following their directions - do not cross at the intersections, instead utilise the crossing supervisor pedestrian crossings.

Parents please ensure your child/ren exit your car on the kerb side of the road, not onto the centre of the road. This ensures everyone's safety.

Kind Regards

Andrew Walker- Principal

Welcome to Hilliard State School for 2015

For our new parents here are some ideas to help your child to settle in to school and get off to a “flying start”!

- Pick your child up on time. Being late could make your child feel very anxious.
- Try to make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for the two of you to chat.
- Your child might want to blurt out every little detail about school, or clam up completely. Be patient and respect your child’s response to this new experience.
- Your child will probably be famished after school. School is a hungry business! Your child might want to snack after school and perhaps not eat as much dinner as usual.
- Your child might be grumpy and tired for the first few weeks, especially in hot weather. Perhaps aim for early bedtimes for the first few weeks.
- Don’t expect too much too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that’s a real achievement. The rest will come later.
- If your child doesn’t seem to be settling well, or reports teasing or [bullying](#), speak to the teacher or Administration staff.

Settling in and doing well

If you show your child that you think they can manage at school, then they will believe it too. Try not to let your child know about any worries you might have, be positive and interested in their adventures. Talk to other parents in the year levels about how their children are settling in and gauge what is “normal”. Inviting a school friend to play helps strengthen the links between school and home.

You can be an active partner in your child’s education.

At home you can help with reading and any [homework](#) . If possible, try taking part in school social events and getting involved with fundraising or working bees. Make time to get to know your child’s teacher. Show your child you value education and always make school a positive discussion.

In the whole new world that is school, **it will help if your child understands the following:**

- How the school routine operates. For example, that students have to sit on the mat in the morning and come in from play when the bell rings. You could try reminding your child about this routine.
- Discuss listening when the teacher is talking and remembering to put up hands when asking a question.
- Talk about cooperation, sharing and playing fairly with others
- Reiterate that is okay to ask for help from staff at school.

We hope you and your child will enjoy the “Hilliard Experience” and look forward to working with you this year.

OFFICE NEWS

Event	Cost	Payment Due
Voluntary Parent Contribution	\$tba	tba
Mathletics (whole school)	\$tba	tba
Instrumental Music Levy	\$tba	tba
Instrumental Music Instrument Hire	\$tba	tba
District Swimming (selected students)	\$6	due now

Cash Collection Days - payments to the office are: Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to 11am. The cash collection window will be open during these hours for payments of cash, cheque and eftpos.

Other Cash Collections: Money collection bins for Chaplaincy, Bookclub, P & C Fundraising (fete, disco etc.) are available outside the school office Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm when applicable. Please clearly label any payment with your child's name, class and details of payment. Thank you.

Office Hours are: 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday Ph: 3820 1666.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures:

All students arriving late to school or requiring an early departure **MUST** be signed out through the school office. Late/Early slips must be presented to the class teacher as recognition that the absence has been recorded in our roll database.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Medication: Parents and Carers - please be advised that any medication that is to be administered to a student during school hours must have a "Request to Administer Medication at School" form completed and either signed by a Doctor or have a Doctor's letter attached.

Medication is to be stored at the school office in the correct chemist container and labelled with name of medication, dosage, times and any other relevant information. Forms are available at the school office.

Asthma medication and epi pens are the exception to the rule - please see the office for further details.

Medical Action Plans: Copies of Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphalaxis, Diabetes etc. or any action plan prepared by an authorised Doctor, should be supplied to the school office for medical details to be recorded on the students file.

ALL MEDICAL FORMS ARE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS ONLY. (New medical forms/doctor letters/ action plans are required at the beginning of each school year).

Please be aware that all hazards found within the school are to be reported using the green hazard form from the office. It is everyone's responsibility to report hazards. Thank you.

Workmen on campus - the school endeavours to keep disruption to our student learning to a minimum during school hours, however, from time to time workmen will require access to areas within the school during the school day. Children are reminded to stay away from work areas during this time. Thank you.

HILLIARD WPHS COMMITTEE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

[For a 2014 Education Queensland School Calendar, please visit:](#)

http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/pdf/2014-school-calendar.pdf

February

09	Bayside District Swimming Carnival
10	P & C Ice Cream day
11	New Hilliard Families BBQ 5pm Hall
11	Parent/Teacher Information Evening - all school 6pm - 9pm (see Principal's news item)
16	P & C - AGM 6:30pm, General Meeting 7pm

20	Student Leader Induction
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March

25	Cross Country/Fun Run
27	Earth Hour for schools
27	School Photographs

STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

SPORT

The Bayside District Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday, 9 February. Hilliard State School is now part of the Bayside District as there is no longer a separate Redland District.

Congratulations to Charlie D. from 5B who represented Queensland at the National Futsal Championships in Sydney recently in the 10 year old boys team, as a result Charlie has been selected in the National Futsal Team to compete in Hawaii in November. Well done Charlie.

Congratulations to Lachlan W, Kyran F, Ethan B and Bailey F. The boys have been selected to represent Redlands Huskies Oztag teams and will be competing in the Junior State Cup tournament on the weekend at Kawana. Best of luck boys and well done!

JANELLE MILLS - PHYSICAL EDUCATION SPECIALIS

STUDENT BANKING - resumes next Wednesday!

Student banking (Commonwealth Dollomite Accounts) occurs each Wednesday morning. Please send along your child's bank book to the class teacher for collection.

New Accounts: You may collect a new application form from the school office or apply online at netbank.com.au. Alternately, you may wish to visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch.

Sarah Stewart - Banking Coordinator

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

Fundraisers:

Election Day Cake Stall: We are calling for donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, patty cakes etc. to sell at our cake stall this Saturday outside the school hall. All donations will be gladly received at the Chappy Room this Friday before 3pm and at the stall on Saturday before 9am. Please call Ph:0438 738 844 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Frosty Fridays: Frosty Fridays will recommence next Friday, 6 February. The Chaplaincy Committee will be selling full fruit icy poles at the school pedestrian gates at 3pm each Friday for 50 cents.

Lyn Keen (Chaplain) and Jo Saul (Treasurer/on behalf of the Chaplaincy committee)

COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C News

Welcome back to all families. I hope the holidays has treated you all well and you are all geared up for a huge 2015!

We have been working over the last couple of weeks getting our fundraising calendar chock full of great events for all Hilliard families. Please keep up to date with the school calendar through the website, QSchools app and of course Facebook as we regularly post information to those portals.

You will see some changes to our Tuckshop menu, Uniform Shop and Fundraising this year. It is going to be an exciting year. These changes of course can't happen without parent support and volunteers. We will be asking throughout the year for different kinds of help and would appreciate your assistance. We cant provide the fun things for your children without help getting them off the ground.

P&C Meetings

Our first meeting and our AGM will be held on Monday, 16th February at 6:30pm in the Learning Centre. All positions will become vacant at this meeting. If you would like any information on any position you can contact us at pandc@hilliardss.eq.edu.au Membership forms will be available in the P&C folder in the School office.

Our meetings are generally held on the first Monday night each month at 7:00 pm. All dates for the year will be loaded onto the school calendar.

Uniform Shop News

I would like to welcome Loretta Young as our new Uniform Shop Convenor. Loretta has taken over the reigns from this week so please take the time to welcome her to the role. Along with the change in convenor, we will also be changing the opening hours of the uniform shop to better cater to our parents. You can find more information in Loretta's post in the newsletter.

On behalf of the entire School community and the P&C, I would like to thank Mrs Kathy Oliver for the outstanding job she has done for the past many years in her role as Uniform Shop Convenor. Kathy has been such an amazing asset to the P&C. Its a job that goes relatively un-noticed but a huge amount of work goes into making sure the shop is stocked and up to date. From the bottom of our hearts, Thank you Kath!!!!

Position Vacant - Tuckshop Assistant

The tuckshop has a position vacant for an assistant for 8 hours per week on a casual basis. The role will be to assist Mrs Mac in the day to day running of the tuckshop but mostly to provide help on key days to allow the tuckshop to expand its menu. You can find details on the position attached to this newsletter. Application packs are available from the School office or [click here](#) to download. Applications close on Friday, 6th February.

Thank you

Storm Clark - P & C President

UNIFORM SHOP Ph: 3820 1637

2015 Uniform Order Forms are available at the school office and also on the school website www.hilliardss.eq.edu.au or via the **Qschools** app.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 10am.

Kathy Oliver/Loretta Young - Uniform Convenors

TUCKSHOP

Welcome back students! Tuckshop will resume next Wednesday, 4 February. You can place your orders through flexischools (see below instructions). This year we are excited to announce that sushi will soon be on the menu (watch this space for dates). I would like to welcome our new volunteers this year, thank you ladies, I will be looking forward to some laughs and stories while we work!

Michelle Mackenzie – Tuckshop Convenor 3820 1638

Mon 2 Feb	Tues 3 Feb	Wed 4 Feb	Thurs 5 Feb	Fri 6 Feb
CLOSED	CLOSED	Sarah	Eliza	Kathy Priscilla Jodie Jenny
Mon 9 Feb	Tues 10 Feb	Wed 11 Feb	Thurs 12 Feb	Fri 13 Feb
CLOSED	CLOSED	Jasmine Melinda	Carolyn Terissa	Kathy Vanessa Tracey L

Please see details below for ordering online. If you have any queries about ordering, please see Mrs Mac at the tuckshop.

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Jabiru Kids introduces Emma

Jabiru Kids outside school hours' care at Hilliard State School will have a new manager this year.

From Monday 2 February, Long-term manager Sonya will move to Alexandra Hills State School, and Emma Thurlow will replace her at Hilliard.

Emma is experienced in outside school hours care and long day care, and has qualifications including a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and a Certificate III in Children's Services. Many Hilliard children will have met her at vacation care.

Sonya is not going far – just to our service at Alexandra Hills State School – and will continue to see children from Hilliard State School at vacation care.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Emma and wishing Sonya well.

Drop in to the Jabiru Kids cottage on the Alexandra Circuit side of the school, call us on 3824 7182 or 0407 764 526, or email hilliard@jabiru.org.au to find out more about our friendly, affordable school age care service.

Cleveland Thornlands Junior Cricket Club Milo T20 Blast Program

When: 6th Feb – 27th March - FIRST WEEK FREE COME AND TRY!

Time: Fridays 5.15pm – 6.45pm

Cost: \$99.00 per participant incl. sessions and Milo T20 Blast Pack!

Who: Boys and Girls aged 8-12

Milo in2CRICKET also available for 5-10 year old boys and girls from 4.30pm!

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Contact: Lauren MacNair - ctccregistrar@gmail.com 3821 4166



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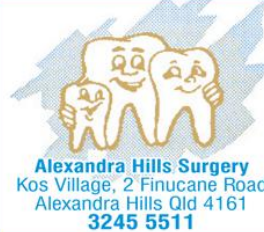
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