

HILLIARD STATE SCHOOL eNEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

27 February 2015

Dear Parents

Accident Insurance Cover for Students

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training **does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students**. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

2015 Mathletics Fee

Hilliard State School will be continuing to use the software Mathletics in 2015. Parents will be invoiced in the near future when costing is finalised. All students use Mathletics at Hilliard SS to improve their mathematical knowledge and skills.

NAPLAN Parent Information

As stated on the site below, NAPLAN is not about testing content, but is about testing skills in literacy and numeracy. In everyday life these skills are transferred into different situations and contexts. The NAPLAN program explores this further, delving deeply into a child's ability to

critically evaluate and make decisions. If you would like any further information please go to the link below.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

How you can help your child with writing

Everyday tasks such as making a shopping list can help improve your child's writing skills. Our school encourages all parents to help their children with their writing at home.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- ask your child to make a greeting card for a special occasion
- talk about the different ways we use writing (making lists, writing messages or notes)
- make personalised scrap books with your child – glue a photo or picture your child chooses onto a page and ask them to write words or sentences about the picture
- create a special place for your child to write. Providing writing materials, such as an easel or blackboard with scrap paper and pencils, makes a great environment to experiment with writing
- set up some plastic letter tiles or magnets for your child to play with or a keyboard to spell out or type words

For more information and ideas on how you can support your child's writing visit:

www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Prep 2016

Please contact our office for enrolment details for Prep in 2016.

Hilliard Hero's 2015 Launch

The Hilliard Hero's 2015 Launch will be held next Tuesday morning in the Learning Centre. Our special guest, Jharal Yow Yeh, former rugby league Broncos winger, will be visiting our Learning Centre and reading his favourite book to our students at the Hilliard Hero's reading groups.

When: Tuesday, 3 March at 8:30 AM

Where: Hilliard State School Library



[Mrs Trish Senescall - A/Support Teacher](#)

[Asthma Prevention](#)

Our students are currently preparing for our forthcoming cross country and fun run events. Some students suffer from exercise induced asthma. If your child suffers asthma, please ensure he/she comes to school each day with the appropriate inhaler.

Kind Regards

[Andrew Walker- Principal](#)

[QParents](#)

We are pleased to inform you that as part of a pilot program, our school will be providing parents with access to a new, convenient, online parent portal called **QParents**.

The QParents web and mobile application provides an easier way for you to interact with our school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with our school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. It won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us!

Year 2 Parents have already received a letter home and will receive an invitation to register from March 9, after which, we will rollout to remaining year levels, one year level at a time.

[iLearn@HilliardSS Open Day for School Staff](#)

On Thursday, March 12, Hilliard SS will be hosting an Open Day for approximately 50 School Staff to listen to the development and success of our BYO iPad Program and to visit classrooms. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Teachers, and students, to share how they are using their iPad to support their learning.

[Jason Meijboom - Deputy Principal](#)

BRAVEHEARTS' Ditto Education Program

Keeping children safe is one of the most important things we do as parents, educators or other caring adults. To do this, we must equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to avoid risky situations and give them an understanding of their rights to protect their own body.

Bravehearts aims to achieve this through education and prevention shows, bringing one of this country's most innovative and proactive programs to schools across the country including Hilliard SS on the 3 March 2015!!

Teaching children personal safety helps young people learn the skills to identify their vulnerabilities while devising strategies to both protect themselves and get help if unable to cope alone. While talking to children about these issues may be uncomfortable for some parents, personal safety can and should be taught to all children - even preps.

The Braveheart's Show will be here at Hilliard SS on the 3rd March for the Prep and Year 1 students only. Permission letters have been sent home and the cost of the program is \$5.00. Please return permission forms with money to the school payment office as soon as possible. This is a valuable opportunity for ALL of the students and we would appreciate your support in working with us to get everyone along to the show.

Parent Help Needed!

Developing Children's Speaking and Listening Skills tutoring!

Parents who have students in Preschool/Prep programs, Year 1 or 2 are invited to attend a workshop run by our Speech Pathologist - Jennifer Jennings. Completion of this workshop will enable you to volunteer as a tutor for the 'Support-a -Talker" program. This is an oral based language program for lower primary students that will commence at Hilliard State School in Term 2. If you are able to donate some time (approx.1 hour per week) to support children, meet other parents and contribute to our school, this would be greatly appreciated. At this workshop you will learn to support:

- Speech language development (appropriate skills for 3-6 year olds)
- Language in the classroom - (questioning and how to prepare students)
- Strategies for improving speaking and listening skills at home to help with the development of better readers, spellers and writers
- Promoting language through books, games, conversations and following directions

If you are able to attend this 2 hour workshop - it will be held on Tuesday, 17 March at 9:00 am in the Library. Morning tea will be provided. Please RSVP Mrs Edwards if you would like to come along. dedwa131@eq.edu.au

Dee-Anne Edwards - Deputy Principal

OFFICE NEWS

Event	Cost	Payment Due
Mathletics (whole school)	\$tba	tba
Instrumental Music Levy	\$50	Overdue
Instrumental Music Instrument Hire	\$60	Overdue
Skipping Ropes	\$10	End of Term 1
Bravehearts - Prep/Year 1	\$5	Overdue
Year 5 Gold Rush Excursion (off campus) Tuesday, 31 March (see below)	\$tba	tba
P & C Sausage Sizzle (on campus) Tuesday, 31 March (see above)		Flexischools - see tuckshop item for how to place an order

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.

[Disruption to O.S.H.C. - Jabiru Kids Facility](#)

Work is nearing completion on the OSHC building. Jabiru will continue to use A block for before and after school students. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

Student Absences: Please call 3820 1666, press option 1:

Please leave your child's name, class, reason for absence, duration of absence and contact phone number.

Thank you.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures:

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

Updating your contact details:

Please remember to update your details if they have recently changed, for example, mobile phone numbers, new email addresses etc. You can forward any changes to admin@hilliardss.eq.edu.au

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. (Medical details are made available to ambulance officers if necessary)

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 **and if any changes occur**).

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

March

3	Bravehearts Show Prep and Year 1
8	Sports Karate Open Day Hall 9am-2pm
9	P & C Meeting 7pm Learning Centre
10	Ice Cream Day \$1
17	Support a Talker Parent Workshop 9-11am
25	Cross Country/Fun Run
27	School Photographs
27	P & C Disco - 5pm
31	Year 5 Gold Rush Excursion
31	P & C Sausage Sizzle

STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

You Can Do It Awards

Positive, individual student and House (Aston, Butler, Carlson and Rogers) attitudes and actions will be rewarded in Hilliard's new Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students. A feature of the new plan will be the You Can Do It End of Term Prize. The House scoring the highest average points each Term, based on You Can Do It criteria, will be rewarded with an afternoon celebration during

the last week of each Term. The winning House Captains will be able to negotiate their House's prize with the school administration.

Each week, students who follow the "You Can Do It" philosophy of "Getting Along, Organisation, Resilience, Confidence and Persistence" are awarded a "You Can Do It" token which is placed into a rewards box in the school office. Each week, on assembly, four students, one from each sports house, are chosen from the many who have earned a "You Can Do It" token and are awarded a prize.

We're at the half way mark of Term 1! and the points tally stands at

Rogers on 94, Carlson on 101.5, Aston on 101.5 and Butler on 105 points!

Congratulations to the following students:

WEEK	3	4
ASTON	Keisha H. 2C	Keisha 2A
BUTLER	Hudson M. 2/3 E	Bronson Prep/1E
CARLSON	Nina L. 5A	Darcy C 6A
ROGERS	Olivia H. 5A	Hallie Prep/1E

Hilliard Student Leader Awards

Term 1 Week 4

PA Kyden M

PB Ethan C

PC Harry B

P/1E Neave R and Declan N

1A Holly C

1C Harrison K

1D Kyan K

2A Keisha H

2B Jay E

2C Poppy N

2D Taylah K

2/3E Phillip C

3A Tia B

3B Jordan S

3C Cohen B

3D Lauren R

3/4F Bayli D

4A Kalen O

4B Josh V

4/5D Jordaan M

5A Britnee Mc and J.J. A

5B Brayden C

5C Luke B

5/6E Byron W

6A Calem S

6B Liam W

6C Priya R

SPORT

Girls Cricket

Metropolitan Est School Sport will be hosting a **Girls Cricket Gala Day** on Thursday, 12 March 2015 - 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Kianawah Park, Wynnum Road, Tingalpa. The day is open to all girls aged 10-15 (as at 31 December 2015). The day is designed to promote girls cricket with a 'come and try' afternoon. Numerous skill drills will be offered. Members of the Qld Fire and Qld Cricket will be in attendance as well as Regional Officials from Met West, Met East and Met

North. **Expression of Interest Forms** are available at the school office - RSVP to Met West is due by **6 March 2015**.

Skipping: Rope Skipping commenced last week. Training will be on a Wednesday morning from 7:45am to 8:20am in the Hilliard Hall. Skipping ropes will be available for \$10 per rope. Payment can be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the school office. Students are expected to perform on parade and at various events throughout the year. Thank you to parents who have sent permission forms for their child to attend.

JANELLE MILLS - PHYSICAL EDUCATION SPECIALIS

AEROBICS

Aerobics and Dance has commenced at Hilliard State School for 2015. A detailed letter has been emailed to parents regarding the 2015 calendar of events, as well as student/parent commitment requirements for the year. [Click here](#) to view.

MARIA CARBONE - COORDINATOR

LIBRARY

The 2015 school year has kicked off to a busy start for the Library.

I teach on a Monday and Tuesday, Year 3 classes have lessons while most other classes visit the Library each week with their classroom teacher. A relaxing time for a read and borrow.

LIBRARY BAGS – Students in Prep to Year 2 inclusive must use a Library Bag. It helps students keep track of their borrowed book, keeps the book clean and develops another facet of responsibility in our young students. Of course, we encourage all students to use a Library Bag.

OPENING HOURS - Before school - 8.30 a.m .

- Little Lunch - Closed
- Big Lunch – 1.45 p.m. - After eating time

New books are purchased and displayed throughout the year to add to our exciting collection.

The Library Captains for 2015 are Sharnee M and Ariel M. Congratulations girls. You will be busy being involved in many different roles. Supporting them is our team of Library Assistants who work at the Borrowing Desk. Thank you students for your help so far.

Here's to a fruitful year full of interesting reads.

JENNIFER COLLIE - TEACHER -LIBRARIAN

STUDENT BANKING

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.

Rewards

Each week, we randomly draw 5 winners for Rug Rats Icy-poles on behalf of the school's P&C Association. Congratulations to our winners of the last two draws of the year.

Week 4: Sierra G. Prep A, Bronson S. Prep/1E, Piper KP. 1C, Emily A. 1D, and Taylah K. 2D

Week 5: Lily H. 1B, Allison J. 2D, Tom R. 2/3E, Calem S. 6A and Bree P. 6B

Sarah Stewart - Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C News

It was great to see so many parents at our AGM last week. I am pleased to announce the following positions:

PRESIDENT - Storm Clark

VICE PRESIDENT - Vanessa Jackson & Kathy Oliver

SECRETARY - Katrina Holmes

TREASURER - Tracey Hutchison

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in the learning centre.

CRAFT GROUP

Our craft group will be kicking off 2015 with weekly craft making in the P&C room on Thursday afternoons. Our first job for the year is making wonderful Mothers Day presents. All parents are welcome so stop by from 2pm.

FUNDRAISING

At the AGM, two fundraising chairpersons were elected. Mrs Vanessa Jackson and Mrs Amanda Egstorf. You will hear a lot from these ladies this year as we have some fantastic events planned. Please be sure to check for facebook updates. And of course you can contact us at Pandc@hilliardss.eq.edu.au

P&C Meetings

Monday, 9 March 2015 - 7:00PM - Learning Centre

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.

New Hours! The Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesdays 2:15pm - 3:45pm** and Thursdays 8:00am - 9:30am. We accept cash, cheques and eftpos. If you are unable to attend during the above times, you may leave an order with payment at the office for processing between Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm.

WINTER JUMPERS! Order forms will be sent out next week for school winter jumpers. Please complete and return to the Uniform Shop on Tuesday afternoons or Thursday mornings, alternately you can leave your orders with payment at the school office. Orders will close on Friday, 13th March 3pm.

Loretta Young - Uniform Convenors

TUCKSHOP

Parents! Please let your child know if they have not received their tuckshop when it was ordered (morning tea or lunch) they **MUST** tell their teacher or come and see myself, Michelle or any of my lovely helpers so we can find a solution! Sometimes children do not tell anyone until 3pm!

SUSHI - we are excited to announce that we are adding Sushi to our tuckshop menu permanently . Sushi will be available every Wednesday from the 18th February. We have five varieties to chose from. By adding the sushi to our regular flexischools menu, orders will now be able to include drinks and snacks from our everyday items. But please note, all sushi orders will still have to be made by TUESDAYS AT 12 pm MIDDAY.

Thank you for your support of the sushi trial last year. As you can see, we are very keen to expand our menu and provide our students and staff with great food options. If you have any further menu suggestions, please let us know - pandc@hilliardss.eq.edu.au

You can place your orders through flexischools (see below instructions). I would like to thank our new volunteers this year for coming on board, thank you ladies, I will be looking forward to some laughs and stories while we work!

Michelle Mackenzie – Tuckshop Convenor 3820 1638

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Mon 2 Mar	Tues 3 Mar	Wed 4 Mar	Thurs 5 Mar	Fri 6 Mar
CLOSED	CLOSED	Loretta	Eliza Leah	Loretta Priscilla Jodie Jenny
Mon 9 Mar	Tues 10 Mar	Wed 11 Mar	Thurs 12 Mar	Fri 13 Mar
CLOSED	CLOSED	Jasmine Melinda	Carolyn Teresa	Loretta Vanessa

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

[ONLINE ORDERING @ TUCKSHOP](#)

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