

HILLIARD STATE SCHOOL eNEWSLETTER

“ACCEPTANCE IN A CARING COMMUNITY”



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

6 December 2013

Dear Parents

This will be the final edition of our newsletter for 2013. I wish to thank you for partnering with Hilliard State School to educate your son or daughter. It seems like only yesterday that I was commencing as Principal of our school and now 12 months later, the school year is drawing to a close. Thank you to our young people and our staff who have worked hard to make 2013 a productive year of teaching and learning.

Important Dates

Friday, 6 December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2013 Awards Morning 9:15am – 10:15am• Thank you Morning Tea for Parents/Volunteers 10:30am – 11:30am
Wednesday, 11 December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving Day/Preparation for 2014• Graduation Dinner Year 6/7
Thursday, 12 December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break Up Day• Prep Celebration• Semester 2 Student Reports issued
Friday, 13 December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Up Day and Final Day of

Review of 2013 Priorities

Back in February, I advised our school community of three key priorities that we would be focussing on in 2013. How have we gone?

1. The effective teaching of mathematics and improved student learning outcomes. **Significant and encouraging student gain has been made in Mathematics** in 2013. NAPLAN results this year indicated that our Year 3 and Year 5 Mean Scale Scores in Mathematics were our best since 2008. Standardised testing results via Pat Maths also indicates pleasing student growth over 2013, particularly in our junior school. Our whole school Numeracy Action Plan, differentiated mathematics teaching by class teachers, Numeracy Coaching by Mrs Kirsty Cutajar, Balanced Mathematics Lesson Framework, shared criteria for an effective mathematics classroom (developed in January by all staff) with feedback on teacher mathematics practice by Management And Leadership Team members, introduction of Mathletics and more recently Class Numeracy Action Plans, has paid handsome dividends.
2. Review of the Hilliard SS Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Our school has encouraged and rewarded positive behaviours in 2013. Furthermore, we have not tolerated disrespectful or disruptive behaviours. If students have displayed inappropriate behaviours, such students and their parents have been warned, and repeat inappropriate behaviours have resulted in several students receiving formal suspensions according to Section 284 of the Education Act. **We have also reviewed our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students and a new plan has been approved by the P&C and the Assistant Regional Director. A copy will be sent home with each family on Monday 9 December.** This plan will be explained in detail in 2014 and I encourage students and parents to read and discuss the plan prior to the commencement of school next year.
3. Our third priority was feedback. This involved the feedback our teachers provide to our students about their learning and also incorporated the feedback that myself and other members of our school's Management and Leadership Team provided to our teachers about their teaching practice. During 2013, our teachers have been providing verbal and written feedback to students on their learning. Our Management and Leadership Team have worked with teachers during mathematics lessons and provided feedback to them on their teaching practice.

In summary, we have made strong progress on our priorities.

Education at Hilliard State School in 2014

In 2014, our school enters an exciting new era which will feature:

- 2013 -2016 plan focussed on achieving strong student learning outcomes

- Strategic introduction of iPad classes across the school after using this technology successfully for a number of years
- Partnership with Indigiscapes (Redland City Council) to support students in Science and History learning
- Action research project in mathematics and technology to enhance student mathematical learning
- Sporting (including Aerobics) and Cultural programs featuring Instrumental Music and Choirs
- Quality extra-curricular activities available to our students including Photography, Chess, Environment, Young Einsteins

Staffing

Mrs Yvonne Stewart will be taking all of Semester One, 2014 (except for the Jan PFDs) as long service leave and probably retiring at the conclusion of this leave. Mrs Elizabeth Bass has advised that she will be exhausting all of her long service leave next term and then retiring. Both Yvonne and Elizabeth are dedicated and experienced teachers who have taught at our school for many years. We wish them both well and thank them for their professional work with hundreds of Hilliard families.

Last week Ms Belinda Brown from Dunwich State School was transferred to Hilliard State School for 2014. Welcome Belinda.

Similarly, we also welcome Ms Bellettia Jones and Ms Jeanine Piva. Bell will be joining us in 2014 from Alexandra Hills State School. Welcome Bell. Jeanine will be joining us in 2014 from Vienna Woods State School. Welcome Jeanine.

2014 Class Allocation

Parents will be advised of their child's 2014 class via a brief letter enclosed in the Semester Two Report Card envelope. The Semester Two Report will be issued on Thursday 12 December. This letter will advise of the child's 2014 class, teacher and classroom location. Parents of 2014 Prep students will receive this letter in the mail around the same time.

P&C Christmas Disco

A sincere thank you to our P&C for their organisation of an excellent disco on Friday 29 November. Your hard work ensured that the night was a huge success. The disco was well attended and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Steve Pannan who was an excellent DJ. Thank you also to our school's adopted police officer, Senior Constable Deb, for her attendance and assistance on the night.

Christmas Wishes

I wish all Hilliard families a wonderful Christmas and an excellent start to 2014. Enjoy the festive season. We look forward to working with you again in 2014.

ANDREW WALKER - PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

2014 BYO iPad Classes Update

Next Thursday, 12 December, students will bring home information relating to their 2014 class allocation. As well as this, they will be informed in this letter as to whether they will be in a BYO iPad class in 2014. Please note that due to the high level of interest, and the consideration to class composition, a number of students were not able to be placed into a BYO iPad class. For any students who did not express an interest but will be in a BYO iPad class in 2014, these students will have access to a school iPad at times throughout the week to engage in activities where an iPad is necessary, however they will not be afforded an opportunity to take the iPad home.

Please ensure that you like our school Facebook page as we will be posting information relating to the 2014 BYO iPad classes in this space, throughout the holiday period. We are hoping to finalise a time, possibly on Tuesday 21 January, to invite all parents to our school for an introduction to the 2014 BYO iPad classes and then a session with their child's class teacher to finalise the setup of the iPads. We will also offer other opportunities to prepare for using the iPads. Please like our school Facebook page if you haven't already done so.

2013 Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our annual Awards Ceremony this morning and thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend. Just to reiterate that the December 3 date on the certificates relates to the day of printing and was unavoidable due to our decision to record all of these wonderful student achievements in our OneSchool system. Recording in OneSchool will ensure that a record of our students' achievements is captured for the remainder of their schooling, with the capacity for secondary schools to access their historical achievements.

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and students for their efforts in 2013 and our community for their support. I hope that you all have a safe and happy Christmas and break and I look forward to seeing you in 2014.

[Jason Meijboom - Deputy Principal Year 3 - Year 7](#)

I would sincerely like to wish Hilliard State School students, staff and families a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**. Also I would like to thank you for your generous support throughout the year, by attending our special events such as Under 8's Day, Grandparents Day, the Chaplain's High Tea and the Art Exhibition, just to mention a few! I hope you enjoyed them as much as I enjoyed being part of them!

It has been such a pleasure to work with such a professional and warm staff, as we all endeavour to provide holistic outcomes for the Hilliard State School students and our school community! I look forward to welcoming back in 2014, all of our wonderful students and in particular our 100+ prep students who will be beginning their first educational experience here with us!

Have a wonderful and safe school holiday and share special times with your family and friends

Dee-anne Edwards – Junior School Deputy

CURRICULUM MATTERS

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As communicated in the school newsletter dated 22/11/13, Hilliard State School has revised its Camp and Excursion Program. Feedback on this proposed program was sought from the parent community to which 97% of parents indicated their support.

The culmination of the school's developmental camping program would be the involvement of Years 6 and 7 in a major five day and four night camp, the venue for this would be Sydney and Canberra. The survey indicated that 74% supported the proposed Sydney/Canberra Tour.

It is planned that students fly to Sydney, visit Taronga Zoo then travel by coach to Canberra to visit; The Senate, The House of Representatives, The War Memorial, The High Court, Australian Institute of Sport, and take part in an Education Program at the Electoral Education Centre. A visit to the snow fields to experience the snow is also planned. Finally, students travel back to Sydney by coach and fly home.

The cost of this tour is **approximately \$1000**. The total includes all flights and coach travel, all meals, all entrance fees, hire of snow gear (except water proof gloves) and all accommodation. The children will also be permitted to take a little spending money.

To be able to calculate a more precise price for the tour and to make firm bookings, we will need to know how many students would be interested in attending. It is for these reasons that we require you to indicate your intentions by returning the slip below. **Please return the request slip if you haven't already done so (these were due Friday 6th December).**

Early in the new-year, a parent meeting will be held to disseminate all relevant information. At this time, another note will be distributed with the exact amount, dates for payments and permission slip along with an **initial non-refundable deposit**.

If you have any other queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Office on 38201666.

Sonya Wilson - Head of Curriculum

OFFICE NEWS

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on Ph: 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Late Students

From Monday, 25 November 2013, there have been changes to our roll marking procedures for late students.

Before 9:00am - A student will **NOT** be considered late for school prior to 9am, therefore **will not** be required to obtain a late slip from the office.

9:00am and later - A student arriving after 9am will require a late slip from the office; to be signed in the late book and a late slip produced to enter the classroom.

2013 Current Enrolments

Planning for the 2014 school year is completed. If you have not already done so, please advise the school office by Monday, 9 December, if your child is not returning to Hilliard State School in 2014.

2014 New Enrolment

Hilliard State School are still taking enrolments for 2014. If you have a child, or know of a neighbour or friend who would like to enroll their child at Hilliard State School, please advise them to have their enrolment forms to the school office as soon as possible. A copy of the student's birth certificate is also required for Prep students. Prep Packs/Enrolment Forms are available from the school office between 8am and 4pm daily.

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

****Students are required to be prepared each day before entering the classroom.** This includes knowing who and where they will be collected from school each afternoon. Office personal will not forward personal messages to the classroom. **

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please be aware that we have recently had a number of cases of Chicken Pox within the school. Education Queensland recommends that students with Chicken Pox be excluded for at least five days and all blisters have dried. For further information regarding symptoms etc please visit www.health.qld.gov.au

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.

HILLIARD WPHS COMMITTEE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

6	2013 Student Awards Ceremony 9:15am to 10:15am Hilliard Hall
6	Thank You to HSS 2013 Volunteers - morning tea: 10:30am to 11:30am (RSVP by Fri 29 Nov 13 to admin@hilliardss.eq.edu.au)
10	P & C Sausage Sizzle 10:50am-11:30am (pre-orders only)
11	Year 6/7 Graduation Evening
12	Report Cards sent home with students - if you are unable to collect your child's report card on this day, you may leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with your child's teacher for posting during the school holidays.
13	Last Day for Term 4

JANUARY

School will commence on Tuesday, 28 January 2014. For a 2014 Education Queensland School Calendar, please visit http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/pdf/2014-school-calendar.pdf

STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

You Can Do It Awards

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 are chosen from the many who have earned a "You Can Do It" token.

Week 8 - Charlotte N Prep B, Jett RW Prep B, Ethan B 4B, Alex F 5B

Week 9 - Jessica S Prep D, Anna D Prep 1/E, Madelyn S 5B and Talia K 6A

Congratulations!

STUDENT CLASS AWARDS FROM PARADE Week 8 - Term 4

Prep A		3A	
Prep B		3B	Toby H
Prep C		3C	Tahlia MW
Prep D		3/4D	Isaac S
P/1E	Patrick M		

		4A	
1A		4B	Sharni M
1B	Michael McA	4C	Lucy O
1C	Lucas R, Nicholas L		
1D		5A	
1/2F	Ella R	5B	
		5C	
2A	Emily R		
2B	Kalen O'S	6/7AB	
2C	Montana K		

Sport

Thank you to everyone who has supported the community sports fundraising programs over the past few years. The Coles sports for schools program, Amart All Sports community kickback program and Pauls milk bottle caps program have earned the school a large amount of equipment, such as

- Tennis net, pop up goals, volleyball net, tee-ball kit, cricket bats
- Soft volleyballs, netballs, soccer balls, basketballs, tennis balls
- Vortex balls, spyda balls, playballs, egg and spoon set
- Foam tee-ball bat, foam polo hockey sticks, foam frisbee
- Oztag kit, speed ladder, basketball post pads, ball pump

The students have already started having fun using this fabulous equipment. Purchasing of this equipment would not have been possible without your fantastic support of these programs.

Janelle Mills - HPE Specialist

Aerobics

Wishing our talented 2013 Hip Hop, Aerobics and Dance teams, a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holidays. See you in 2014!

Maria Carbone - Coordinator

Music

Could all Instrumental Music offer letters for 2014 please be returned to Mrs Skerrit by Tuesday, 10 December, including book pack order forms.

We would like to thank Choirs, Percussion Ensembles and Instrumental Music families and students for their hard work and commitments throughout the year and we look forward to working with you again next year.

Exciting News! – Parents and Carers we need you! In 2014, The Music Department is seeking assistance in creating a new music support group for choirs, bands and other ensembles in the new year. More information will be available in 2014 newsletters.

On behalf of Miss Jessica Steffan and myself, we would like to wish the Hilliard State School Music students and families a very happy holiday.

[Kirstie Skerritt - Music Specialist](#)

[Chaplaincy](#)

A big thank you to all our Chappy helper's for this year. We certainly appreciate all your time and help.

We would like to wish our Year 6 and 7 students starting High School in 2014 the best of luck in their future ventures.

The Chaplaincy Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Your invited!

To: Family Christmas Celebration!

When: Saturday, 14 December from 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Where: The Rock Christian Church, 37 Neumann Road, Capalaba.

Carol Singing, Young Adults Skits, Sausage Sizzle/Salads/Soft Drinks, Free Glosticks, Illusionist
Hope to see your there!

[Mrs Keen & the Chaplaincy Committee](#)

[STUDENT BANKING](#)

Student Banking has now closed for the school year. We will recommence on Wednesday, 29 January, 2014.

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 8: Owen F.S. Prep B, Tyler C. Prep/1E, Claire J. Prep/1E, Kira S. 1/2F and Jordan V. 1A

Week 9: Elana L. 3A, Molly S. 3B, Patrick C. 3/4D, Teagan L. 5C and Ryan M. 5C

Thank you to our students (and parents) for your continued support throughout the year.

Merry Christmas!

[Sarah Stewart - Banking Coordinator](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C COMMITTEE

P & C Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the P and C will be held on Monday, 17 February, 2014 at 6:30pm followed by the first general meeting of the new year at 7:00 pm.

All Welcome!

Karen Holmes - President

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays up until the last week of school (12th December) from 8am to 10am. 2014 Uniform Order Forms are available at the school office.

The Uniform Shop will be open the week prior to school returning - on Thursday, 23 January and Friday, 24 January 2014 from 9am to 12 noon approximately. Please call 3820 1637 during the above hours if you have any queries.

Normal hours of trade will re-commence on Tuesday, 28 January, 2014 (first day of school).

Kathy Oliver - Uniform Convenor

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Mon 9 Dec	Tues 10 Dec	Wed 11 Dec	Thurs 12 Dec	Fri 13 Dec
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