

HILLIARD STATE SCHOOL eNEWSLETTER

“ACCEPTANCE IN A CARING COMMUNITY”



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

11 October 2013

Dear Parents

I have recently shared with our staff the need for us to finish the school year off strongly. Please find below some of the text I shared with staff:

‘The old adage ***‘beginners are many, finishers are few’*** is worth remembering. It is important to **finish strong**, just like we started the year! Whilst our reserves may be running low, it is vital to remain focused and finish the year well. Our credibility in the eyes of others is based on results. Not just academic results, but our ability to complete our projects, meet deadlines and follow tasks through to completion.’

Mums and Dads, we ask that you support us and our young people to finish Term Four strongly by keeping them focussed and completing school and home learning tasks to the best of their ability.

School Plan 2013-2016

Our 2013-2016 Plan will be tabled at the P and C meeting on Monday, 14 October.

South East Region Assistant Regional Director, Mr Brian Streatfeild, will visit Hilliard on Wednesday, 16 October to verify our 2013-2016 Plan.

Staffing

Round 1 Transfers were released State wide at the end of Term Three. This information is summarised below:

Teachers transferring out of Hilliard SS

From School	Teachers Name	To School
Hilliard SS	Karen Pownell	Coolnwynpin SS

Hilliard SS	Catherine Wright	Carbrook SS
Hilliard SS	Jenna Hughes	Emerald North SS

Teachers transferring in to Hilliard SS

From School	Teachers Name	To School
Happy Valley SS, Mount Isa	Luke Desborough	Hilliard SS

Teachers returning from leave to Hilliard SS

School	Teachers Name
Hilliard SS	Jennifer Bruce

This means that after 19 years, this term will be Mrs Pownell's last at Hilliard SS. I wish to acknowledge Karen's long standing contribution to the teaching and learning process for hundreds of Hilliard children and parents. Thank you Karen for your dedication to teaching at our school.

Congratulations to Ms Jenna Hughes who has received a permanent teaching appointment to Emerald North SS. Well done Jenna. Thanks for your great work with Prep this year and your great teamwork with our Prep teaching team.

We wish Ms Catherine Wright well in her transfer to Carbrook SS after 8 years at Hilliard.

We welcome Mr Luke Desborough. Luke is looking forward to becoming a part of our team. Welcome back to Ms Jennifer Bruce who is returning from leave.

Staffing Term 4, 2013

We welcome Jacinta Bohlscheid to our teaching team in Term 4. Jacinta will be replacing Mrs Susan Elsmore as History teacher for Years 2 and 4 and support teacher to our composite classes.

Cluster Mathematics Day

On Thursday, 17 October, Hilliard SS will be hosting a Cluster Mathematics Day. Local primary schools will be sending teams to compete in various mathematical challenges. The aim of the day is to provide high ability mathematics students an opportunity to develop their problem solving abilities whilst working within school team, individual and mixed school challenge activities. Our Numeracy Coach, Mrs Kirsty Cutajar and Support Teacher, Ms Jean Richter, will be leading this event. Thank you in advance to both teachers for their work so far towards this exciting initiative.

Instrumental Music

This term will be our busiest yet with the Arts Night coming up (Thursday, 24th October 5pm), Grandparents Day (Tuesday, 29th October), another band workshop day (Friday, 8th November) and a Music Night (date to be confirmed), to showcase our wonderful musical talent at our school. Not to mention the Senior Band who play on parade on Tuesday afternoons.

Instrumental Music will be bigger and better at Hilliard in 2014. We have already commenced our audition process for next year. Year 3 students have been aurally tested in classroom music. This term, students will be mouthpiece tested. After this, music teaching staff will offer instruments to students in two rounds. Please contact Jess Steffen jstef17@eq.edu.au, should you have any queries.

ICAS Mathematics

This year at Hilliard SS, 65 students participated in the ICAS Mathematics competition. This number was bolstered by the fact that ICAS extended testing to include Year 2 students. Hilliard SS achieved its best ever results and has been awarded 7 Distinctions and 16 Credits with these students listed below. These students will be awarded their certificates on parade, Tuesday, 15th October. Congratulations to all the students who participated and the effort you put into your preparation. I am aware of a strong correlation between successful results and Mathletics usage.

Thank you also to parents who supported their children to participate and to our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Sonya Wilson, for her excellent coordination of this initiative.

Year Level	Distinction	Credit
Year 2	Nicholas C	Lachlan B
	Rylan W	Isabella C
		Mikayla H
		Mali J
		Jack L
		Natalie Jo
		Harry TB
		Jett T
		Hannah W
		Ella W

Year 3	Nicholas F Patrick C Angus H	Johnathan A Blake D Bella M
Year 4	Charnee M	Elissa F Sharni M
Year 5	Jayden C	Torin W
Year 6		Drew J

ANDREW WALKER - PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

BYO iPad Classes 2014 update

Thank you to the parents who have already submitted their Student Agreement to express interest for their child to be part of an BYO iPad class in 2014. We have already received well over 100 expressions of interest. Our interested teachers are meeting weekly to prepare for this initiative to ensure that our initiative is a successful one from the very start of 2014.

I encourage you to visit the the iPad section on our school website for further information including the iPad program booklet, parent presentation, additional FAQs and background to this exciting initiative at Hilliard SS: <https://hilliardss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Pages/iPads@hilliardss.aspx>

Later this term, we will publish a unique document about what learning will look like in a BYO iPad class at Hilliard SS in 2014 and later in the term, it is our intention to produce a showcase video of what parents and students can expect. We also plan to offer support to our parents in preparation for this initiative in 2014.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Jason Meijboom - Deputy Principal Year 3 - Year 7

CURRICULUM MATTERS

Koala Survey

Redland City Council - Environment and Education Unit would like to invite you to participate in the

annual koala survey which is organised each year by the Koala Action Group . The koala survey is a weekend activity aimed at encouraging the community to explore the great outdoors and participate in the thrill of koala spotting to provide valuable information for koala conservation. This year, as well as having their usual weekend survey, the Koala Action Group are inviting schools to get involved in a special Schools Koala Count-a-thon. This day will be held on Friday, 18 October and all your school has to do is spend some time on the day looking for koalas in your school ground, recording it on the sheet (see below) and returning it to the Redland City Council.

We know that schools provide a safe haven for our koalas as they move about in their homes, but reporting of koalas on school grounds is often missed out during the weekend survey as there are generally no people in the school over the weekend. Koala sighting information is critical in helping to protect our local koalas and we don't want to miss out on recording any koalas found in school grounds. So please help us to help koalas and get your school involved in the first Schools Koala Count-a-thon!

The attached flyer gives you information about the weekend survey.

[Flyer1.pdf](#)

[Record20sheet2.docx](#)

Ruth Vickery

Extension Officer - Community Environmental Education

Redland City Council - Environment and Education Unit

W: www.indigiscapes.com.au

[Sonya Wilson - Head of Curriculum](#)

OFFICE NEWS

[2014 New Enrolments](#)

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

New enrolments will be placed on a new enrolment list and will have information sent to them regarding future events e.g. school tours, information evening, Prep play dates as well as future correspondence such as the 2014 booklist.

[Procedures for cash collection/payments for 2013.](#)

- **By envelope**: All money payable is to be placed in a clearly marked envelope and placed into the **security collection box** held at the school office. No money is to be taken to the classroom teacher.

OR

- **In Person**: Cash/EFTPOS Payments - Cash Collection Days are strictly: Tuesday and Thursday **8 am to 11am** only at the **payment window** in the school office.

Please do not send money to classrooms.

Cash Collection	Cost	Due Date
Voluntary Contribution Scheme	\$80	ASAP
Swim Carnival Yrs 3 - 7 Wed 6/11/13	\$8.00	11 October 2013
Year 4 Stradbroke Island Excursion	\$23.00	31 October 2013
P & C - Little Images Photo Session Saturday, 19 Oct 2013.	\$15.00	14th October - Order form and payment to P & C money container outside office 8:30am to 3:00pm daily.

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

Student Banking Day is: Wednesday - 9am to 10am (Commonwealth Dolomite Accounts)

****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 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.

Cool Lunch Box Owners:

😎 To help avoid lunches from spoiling in the warm weather, place a frozen juice popper into your lunch box. It will slowly defrost during the day and keep lunches cool.

😎 Why not put two water bottles in your lunch bag. One frozen, the other semi frozen to keep drinks and lunches cool throughout the day.

😎 Slice an orange into 8 pieces and wrap in gladwrap. Place into the freezer until frozen, place into lunch box. Orange slices should be defrosted by morning tea and still cool to eat.

😎 Wrap frozen water bottles in a face washer, it will take longer to defrost and the cool washer can be used to cool the face and neck. (Please remember to label all items with students name and class).

Suggestions from 'cool lunch box owners' are most welcomed and may be published in this newsletter section to share with the rest of the school. Please send your suggestions to the School Office. Thank you.

HILLIARD WPHS COMMITTEE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

11	Interschool Sport Commences – Week 1
14	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons begin
	P & C Meeting 7pm Learning Centre
16	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
	2014 Prep Information Evening 7pm Hall
16-18	Quandamooka Camp Stradbroke Island
18	Interschool Sport – Week 2
19	P & C Little Images Family Portraits (P & C Room)
21	Pupil Free Day
22	P & C Ice Cream Day
23	Years 3 & 4 Swiming Lessons
23	Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation

24	Art Exhibition 5pm to 8pm
25	Celebrating World Teacher's Day
28	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
29	Celebrating Grandparent's Day
30	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
	2014 Prep School Tour 9am RSVP school office
30	Alexandra Hills State High School Awards Night 7pm

NOVEMBER

2	Glee Competition (to be confirmed)
4	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons (last lesson)
4-8	Bayside Advanced Music Week
6	Swimming Carnival Years 3 - 7
8	Interschool Sport – Week 3
11	P & C Meeting 7pm Learning Centre
13	Year 4 Stradbroke Island Excursion
15	Interschool Sport – Week 4
19	P & C Ice Cream Day
20	2014 Prep School Tour
22	Interschool Sport – Week 5
27	2014 Prep Play Date - bookings essential
29	Interschool Sport – Week 6
	P & C Disco

STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Our next Mufti Day will be next Wednesday, 23 October 2013. Gold Coin Donation. Please ensure your child wears sun safe clothing e.g. T-shirt with sleeves and closed in shoes.

Sarah Shepherd and Anastasia Kikia – Student Council coordinators

[Art Exhibition](#)

The Hilliard State School Art Exhibition will be held on Thursday, 24 October 2013 from 5pm to 8pm. Admission fee will be \$5 per family to be paid on entry at the Hall. Student's artwork will be on display as well as a variety of activities and entertainment on offer including face painting, collage, computer art plus many more activities. A sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on the night.

[Mrs Kirstie Skerritt - "The Arts" Coordinator](#)

[SPORT](#)

Congratulations to Jacinta W who recently competed in the Qld Junior State Titles at Ipswich over the holidays. Out of 126 players, Jacinta was one of 12 selected to play for the Under 10's Qld Indoor Netball Team. Good Luck Jacinta at the Nationals.

Queensland Cricket will soon be commencing the IN2CRICKET program at Hilliard State School from the 24th October. Flyers will soon be available at the Office.

For further information please contact jamesj@qldcricket.com.au

[Mrs Janelle Mills – Physical Education Specialist](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

[P & C COMMITTEE](#)

[Little Images Photo Session – Saturday, 19 October 2013](#)

Little Images are coming to Hilliard State School on Saturday, 19th October offering each family a fantastic deal which includes a family portrait session for just \$15.00 and a free portrait of your choice. Forms have been sent home with your child. Please place completed form and payment in an envelope and return to the P & C collection container outside of the school office Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Extra copies of the form are available at the school office.

[Mrs Loretta Young- Coordinator](#)

Meetings: The next P and C meeting will be held on Monday, 14 October, 2013 at 7pm in the Learning Centre. All welcomed.

[Mrs Karen Holmes P & C President](#)

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[Mrs Kathy Oliver - Uniform Convenor](#)

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<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Michelle</u>	<u>Karen</u> <u>Meegan</u>	<u>Kathy</u> <u>Vanessa</u> <u>Kirsty</u>

Thank you to all my wonderful volunteers!!

Mrs Michelle Mackenzie – Tuckshop Convenor 38201638

Capalaba Oztag has been involved with our School PE classes last term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Oztag – Australia's Fastest Growing Recreational Sport. *OZTAG is a **non-tackling game** and the rules are designed to encourage this. Passing, catching, tagging, evasive and kicking are the skills utilised in OZTAG and is enjoyed by both girls and boys of all ages 6-60+.* Capalaba Oztag's Spring Competition has just started. You can register online at www.capalabaoztag.com or for more information, please call Kellie on 0412 856 520, or email Capalaba@oztag.com or check out the website www.capalabaoztag.com

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