Dear Parents

Welcome
Welcome to an exciting 2014 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, 31 January, our enrolment currently stands at 700. This is a significant increase on our 2013 Day 8 enrolment of 622. Our school has grown from 25 class units in 2013 to 28 class units in 2014.

2014 classes and their Teachers are:

- Prep A – Mrs Fay Harding
- Prep B – Ms Zoe Davis
- Prep C – Mrs Karryn Gowlett
- Prep D – Ms Jeanine Piva
- Prep/1E – Mrs Belle Jones
- 1A – Ms Caitlin Robinson
- 1B – Ms Jasmine Quinn
- 1C – Ms Chelsea Homewood
- 1D – Mrs Jacqui Hallinan
- 2A – Mrs Tracey Losch
- 2B – Mrs Angela Lloyd-Jones
- 2C – Mr Luke Desborough
- 2D – Ms Carly Franklin
2E – Ms Emma Harris
3A – Mrs Susan Surgenor
3B – Mr David Hunter
3C – Mrs Rowena Parker
3/4D – Ms Belinda Brown
4A – Ms Karen Tebbit
4B – Ms Sarah Shepherd
4C – Mrs Karen Beath and Mrs Fiona Clews
5A – Mrs Kirsty Cutajar and Ms Penny Lee
5B – Mr Chris Smith
5C – Ms Anastasia Kakia
5/6D – Ms Vicki Cowan
6A – Mrs Emily Lawrance
6B – Ms Maria Carbone
6/7C – Mrs Marlene McConnell

Special Education Teachers are:
Mrs Angela Castley, Mrs Chris Lohrisch, Mrs Julie Robinson and Mrs Kim Neville

Our Specialist Staff for 2014 are:

(please note there are some changes to fractions and days from 2014)

- Mrs Kirstie Skerrit (Music) – 1.0
- Mrs Janelle Mills (PE) – 1.0
- Mrs Jennifer Collie (Teacher/Librarian) – 0.4 (Monday and Tuesday)
- Mrs Kirsty Cutajar (Numeracy Coach) – 0.4 (Thursday and Friday)
- Mrs Alla Berg (Languages Other Than English) – 0.4 (Thursday and Friday)
- Ms Jessica Steffan (IM-Woodwind, Brass, Percussion) – 0.5 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday am)
- Ms Jean Richter (Support Teacher Literacy And Numeracy) – 0.8 (Monday to Thursday)
- Ms Jacinta Bohlscheid (History) – 0.4 (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Ms Jocelyn Davis – (Guidance Officer) - 0.3
- Mrs Lyn Keen (Chaplain) Tuesday to Friday.

Our Management and Leadership Team (MALT) comprises:

- Mrs Dee Edwards (Deputy Principal; Prep – 2)
- Mr Jason Meijboom (Deputy Principal; 3 – 7)
- Mrs Cynthia Mangakahia (Head of Special Education Services)
- Mrs Sonya Wilson (Head of Curriculum)
- Mrs Gayle Harris (Business Services Manager)
I will introduce our Administration, Teacher Aide, Cleaning and Schools Officer staff in the next newsletter.

New Initiatives

Learning, leading and succeeding will be at the forefront of our goals at Hilliard State School in 2014. Hilliard staff and parents have strategically planned and prepared for the implementation of several innovative programs this year. These projects will engage Hilliard students and leverage their learning for personal best outcomes.

- In 2014, we have introduced 9 Bring Your Own IPad classes with at least one IPad class in each year level from Prep to Year 6. Please note that our non IPad classes will still have access to Hilliard SS owned IPads and all classes will have access to computers in classrooms and two computer labs.
- To further promote Hilliard’s eLearning agenda, we have entered into an exciting, practitioner-based research partnership with Aarhus University, Copenhagen. This research project, 'Using digital technologies for numeracy teaching and learning at Hilliard SS', will occur during 2014 and 2015. The project will also track our school's use of the online mathematics program Mathletics and provide our teachers with high quality professional development in mathematics teaching and learning, both in the digital and non-digital environment.
- A local partnership with Redland City Council’s Indigiscapes will facilitate real-life and practical learning in Science, History and Geography. Indigiscapes staff will be working closely with Hilliard staff and students in a much anticipated educational partnership.
- A new staffing initiative which is designed to enhance educational leadership density and foster higher student learning outcomes via better curriculum alignment has seen the introduction of Year Level Coordinators. Two significant roles carried out by Year Level Coordinators are: Curriculum leadership of Year levels at planning and moderation meetings (in collaboration with our Head Of Curriculum) and alignment of curriculum and assessment across the year level as well as dissemination of curriculum information across the year level. Year Level Coordinators are: Prep (Mrs Karryn Gowlett); Year One (Ms Jasmine Quinn); Year Two (Mrs Angela Lloyd-Jones); Year Three (Mrs Susan Surgenor); Year Four (Ms Karen Tebbit); Year Five (Mrs Kirsty Cutajar) and Year Six (Ms Maria Carbone).
- 2014 will also see the launch of our new Camping and Excursion Program. This developmental program has been carefully and collaboratively designed to match Year level curriculum expectations. Our Year 6 and 7 students will visit Sydney and Canberra in August in a much anticipated culmination of this program.

Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students

A copy of the new Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students was distributed to parents in December. The plan is now in operation. Our teachers have explained the new plan to their students earlier this week. The plan will be explained to parents at the forthcoming Parent Information Nights.

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.

Parent Information Nights

Our Parent Information Night will be held on Wednesday, 19 February. With the implementation of our new Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students this year, we believe it is important that we explain this plan to our parent body. To facilitate this, we invite our Prep to Year 2 Parents/Carers to the Hall at 6.00pm on this night so that our Management and Leadership Team (MALT) can outline the plan. At 6.30pm, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 parents will move to relevant classrooms for their parent information session with their teacher.

At 7.00pm, MALT will repeat the explanation of the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students for Parents/Carers of Year 3 to Year 7 students. The venue will again be the Hall. At 7.30pm, Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 parents will move to relevant classrooms for their parent information session with their child’s teacher.

These Parent Information sessions are designed for an adult audience. We request that, if possible, your children do not attend and are minded by a relative or friend on this occasion. For those students who are present on the night, it is anticipated that an
appropriate movie will be screened for Prep to Year 2 children from 6.00pm and an appropriate movie will be screened for Year 3 to 7 from 7.00pm. More details will be provided closer to 19 February.

We encourage all parents to participate on the night so that you are informed of operations in your child’s classroom and our school in 2014.

**School Opinion Survey Data**
During the recent Student Free Days I shared data from the 2013 School Opinion Survey with staff. The first percentage is the 2013 result and the figure in brackets is the 2012 result. Our staff were heartened by these results and we aim to continue this positive trajectory for our school in 2014.

**Parent/Caregiver Responses:**

- My child is making good progress at this school = 84.2%(79.4%)
- Student behaviour is well managed at this school = 86.1%(61.1%)
- This school is well organised = 89.5%(74.3%)
- This is a good school = 97.4%(88.9%)

**Student Responses:**

- My school takes students’ opinions seriously = 90.7%(79.6%)
- Student behaviour is well managed at my school = 72.3%(64.4%)
- This is a good school = 86.3%(90.9%)
- Teachers provide me with useful feedback about my schoolwork = 95%(87%)

**Staff Responses:**

- I enjoy working at this school = 97.9%(56.5%)
- I receive useful feedback about my work at this school = 93.6%(44.8%)
- I have access to quality professional development = 83.3%(57.6%)
- Staff at this school have good team spirit = 95.8%(33.9%)

**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 e.g. Cross Country. The table below provides an effective summary of uniform standards at Hilliard.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Student Leadership Selection Process
Hilliard State School encourages students in their final year of primary education to undertake leadership roles in the school.
Whilst all Year 6 & 7 students will be considered school leaders, a small number of students will be elected and receive badges for formal leadership positions.

In 2014, student leadership positions at our school will include:

- School Captains
- House Captains
- Music Captains
- Library Captains
- eLearning Captains
- Student Council President
- Environmental Captains.

It is our expectation that our student leaders are positive role models at all times for all students. In essence, Student Leaders will lead by their example. The wearing of the correct uniform, the use of pleasant speech and the demonstration of mature and responsible behaviour by our student leaders is essential for the positive tone of our school.

All Year 6 and 7 students have received a letter including nomination form, role descriptions and the application process and timeline of activities for the selection of student leaders. We wish our Year 6 and 7 students all the very best for their applications for these positions as well as success with their learning in their final year at Hilliard State School in 2014.

**BYO iPad Classes**

The BYO iPad classes are off to a great start. Although we have experienced some technical issues in some classes, we are working out solutions to these which is great news for the success of this initiative in 2014. Having visited these classrooms this week, I have been amazed at the level of student engagement already encountered using the iPads. A Year 4 student was quoted as saying, “the iPad makes learning fun”. I will endeavour to provide ongoing examples of learning, using the iPads, to our community, throughout 2014.

On Tuesday morning of Week 3, we will be having a visit from Mr Joe Perkins from Apple Education, who will meet with our iPad Teachers before school and then visit classrooms to view our teachers and students in action. Joe has vast experience with both Apple and Educational change around ICT and we are expecting some valuable feedback regarding how our initiative is progressing.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the Parent Information session on Tuesday, 21st January. The slideset that was presented outlines 21 Educational Benefits for ‘Using an iPad @ Hilliard SS’. We are serious about improving student learning outcomes, student engagement and productivity and the introduction of this initiative is one way that we are trying to achieve this.

Please note that future reference to our BYO iPad Program will be titled:

iLearn @ Hilliard SS (Tools for the Future - BYO iPad Program)

Our target for 2014 is that every, ‘i’ – individual student in the BYO iPad Program will experience success with their learning at Hilliard State School, thus iLearn @ Hilliard SS.

**Jason Meijboom - Years 3 - 7 Deputy Principal**

**Mrs Edwards News - “You Can Do It”**

We have all heard that “Education” is enhanced when there is a strong partnership between parents and the school. Also, we know that laying good foundations with positive parenting practice early in life ensures that we have insurance when problems arise!

*Did you know however that achieving children think differently from others who are under-achieving?*

Understanding your child’s “Habit’s of the Mind” is essential not only to achievement but to sound emotional well-being!
This year at Hilliard State School we are re-introducing and revitalising the “You Can Do It” Social and Emotion Learning Program by Michael E. Bernard.

It comprehensively looks at and teaches **5 foundation skills – Confidence, Resilience, Getting Along, Persistence and Organisation**. Students will have weekly lessons and our whole school will work to develop a “holistic language” that encourages positive practice through positive achievements. By changing the way we teach, parent and motivate children, we can dramatically influence their enthusiasm and effort in school and help them to achieve to the best of their ability.

Poor self-image, feelings of inferiority, fear of making mistakes and failure, rebelling against limits, poor time management and lack of goal setting can be addressed and rectified through boosting Emotional Health.

Having out of school interests, setting long term goals, and attempting challenges all help to set children on a successful path. Talk to our staff about ways you can get involved and encourage your child. Look out for more information this year about “You Can Do It” and understanding how to help!

*Dee-anne Edwards – Years Prep - 2 Deputy Principal*

**CURRICULUM MATTERS**

Students in Years 6 and 7 will have the opportunity to travel to Sydney/Canberra in August as part of Hilliard State School's Camp Program. As outlined in previous correspondence, a parent meeting is scheduled to communicate travel details. For interested parents, this meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, 5th February 2014**  
7:00 - 7:45pm  
Hilliard State School - Learning Centre

*Sonya Wilson - Head of Curriculum*

**OFFICE NEWS**

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. Please be sure that your child understands this to avoid confusion at the end of the day. **

**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.

**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).

HILLIARD WPHS COMMITTEE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2014

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STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Library

Welcome all to the 2014 school year.

Here are some reasons why you should visit your school Library this year

- the inviting, colourful area has many sections to browse
- there are always new books to explore
- peruse the new LEXILE collection
- the Library is an ideal place in which to escape and relax
- the furniture is comfortable
- parents, come in before school and share a book with your child

…… and most importantly, the Library welcomes all of you.

Happy reading,

Mrs Jennifer Collie - Teacher-Librarian
**Sport**

Redland District Swimming Carnival date - Monday 10th February.

Redland District team selections for many sports, such as netball, rugby league etc. will be held in Term 1. If you wish your child to be considered for selection in any Redland District sports team/s, please contact Mrs Mills via note, phone or in person. Your child needs to display a very high level of skill in the sport to be considered for the trials. Pre-selection trials will be held at school during lunchtimes before any students are sent to Redland District trials. Only a limited number of students are eligible to trial from each school for each sport. More specific information about each sport will be available closer to the date of each trial. Please note that cross country, athletics and swimming trials follow a different format and students are considered for selection from results at school carnivals.

**Janelle Mills - HPE Specialist**

**Music**

Welcome back to our 2014 music students: Please find listed below, times for Choirs and Ensembles Rehearsals for 2014. Please be aware that Junior Choir will be held in the Conference Room under the school hall this year as it is on at the same time as Senior Band rehearsal.

Junior Percussion Ensemble: Monday morning 7.45-8.45am in the music room. Open to all students from Year One to Three.

Senior Percussion Ensemble: Thursday morning 7.45-8.45 am in the music room. Open to all students from Year Four to Seven.

Junior Choir: Wednesday morning 8.00-8.45am in the conference room. Open to all students from Prep to Year Three.

Senior Choir: Friday morning 7.45-8.45am in the music room. Open to all students from Year Four to Seven.

Letters have been sent home this week for interested students to join, extra copies will be available at the school office on Monday. Please note there is a limited number of spaces for percussion ensemble students, please return your permission form as soon as possible.

This year, Hilliard State School will be forming a music support group. It will be a subcommittee of the Hilliard State School P and C. All parents/carers of music groups (bands, choirs, ensembles) are invited to participate. Further information regarding the 2014 Music Support Group will be forthcoming.

**Kirstie Skerritt - Music Specialist**

**Instrumental Music**

Welcome back instrumental music students, and a warm welcome to our new members for 2014. Beginner Band students will commence their first lesson in Week 3 of Term 1. Senior Band members will commence their first lesson in Week 4 of Term 1. Students who have ordered music packs through the school will receive them during their first lesson. Students are reminded to bring to their lessons and rehearsals their instruments, books and equipment.

**Senior Band Rehearsals** will commence in Week 3 - Wednesdays from 8am to 8.45am in the music room. As a contingency, if rehearsals are cancelled e.g. due to illness etc. this will be posted to our HILLIARD FACEBOOK PAGE on the Wednesday morning before band rehearsal is on. If you don't use facebook, please confirm with another band member who does.

**Uniforms:** Senior Band members should have their uniforms, Beginner Band members will not require a band uniform until Term 2. Uniforms consist of a Band polo shirt, black trousers, black socks and black shoes. Hair is tied back, neatly.

**Fees:** Tax Invoices will be sent home shortly for students who are hiring a school instrument, approximate cost is $60. Tax Invoices will also be sent home for instrument music 2014 levy, approximately $50.

**Jessica Steffen**
Greetings from the Chaplaincy Room! Welcome back to all our regular families and a friendly welcome to our new families and children. I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few weeks. Please feel free to drop into the Chappy Room in F Block on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or a Friday.

Students - watch this space for dates for the return of Supa Club and Blast Club in Term 1, 2014.

Mrs Keen & the Chaplaincy Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C COMMITTEE - 2014 P & C Meeting

Just a reminder that the Hilliard State School P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held 17th February at 6.30pm in the Learning Centre followed by a general meeting at 7pm. All position will be vacant so if you feel that you can volunteer in any way possible we would love to see you there. The executive position descriptions are available from the office.

I would personally thank everyone who has helped me in the role of President over the last 7 years. It has been a great experience and I have loved being part of the Hilliard team.

Karen Holmes - President

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 10am in 2014.

2014 Uniform Order Forms are available at the school office and also on the school website www.hilliardss.eq.edu.au or Qschools app for a mobile device.

Please call 3820 1637 during the above hours if you have any queries.

Kathy Oliver - Uniform Convenor

TUCKSHOP

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Tuckshop will be open for sales next Wednesday, 5th February, 2014. Please see below for details on ordering online. If you have any queries about ordering, please see Mrs Mac at the tuckshop.

ONLINE ORDERING @ TUCKSHOP

It's so easy

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click” register now” to create account
- Top-up your balance
- Start ordering immediately

Do you have a birthday coming up?? Tuckshop can supply Quelsh Icy Poles for your child’s birthday at a cost of .40c each. Just write on a paper bag how many you need and enclose the money and we can supply them at big lunch for the class.

Over the Counter Sales: available to Year 1 to Year 7 at Big Lunch (1:40pm to 2:00pm)

2014 new Prices -
PRETZELS $ 1.00
GO COOKIES $ 1.50
RED ROCK CHIPS $ 1.50

**FROZEN**
QUELSH (Fruit Icy pole) .40c
FRUIT CUPS (Orange, Apple/BC) .60c
LEMONADE ICY TWISTS $ 1.00
CALIPPOS (Raspberry/Pine) $ 1.00
HOME ICE CREAMS $ 1.00
(Choc, Vanilla, Banana)
BULLA FROZEN YOGHURT $ 2.00
(Strawberry, Mango, Raspberry)

**DRINKS**
WATER $ 1.50
SLUSHY DRINK $ 1.50
JUST JUICES $ 1.75
PLAIN MILK $ 2.00
FLAVOURED MILKS $ 2.00
FOCUS (Playwater) $ 2.50

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Mandarin Lessons for Kids – A Brighter Future & A Bigger World
Mandarin Chinese culture and language lessons will be introduced in Term 1 in 2014 at our school. Please contact Jun on 0402 799 070 or jun.fan@lcfclubs.com.au if you would like your child/children to participate in the program. Weekly fun and interactive lessons will start at our school from 3.15 - 4.15pm on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons.

Please contact Jun on 0402 799 070 or jun.fan@lcfclubs.com.au for a free trial lesson or details.
BRONCOS JUNIOR SEASON LAUNCH

Sunday 9th February, 2014
10am—12pm
Cost: $10 includes clinic with Broncos Players & NRL Football
Across 4 venues, representing Junior Clubs across Brisbane

You MUST pre register at www.seqdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au
SPOTS ARE LIMITED

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BISHOP PARK
AMELIA ST
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DOLPHIN OVAL
KLINGER AVE
REDCIFFE

WYNNJIN MANLY
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