

ILEARN@HILLIARDSS

BYO iPad Program | eMag | June 2015

APP OF THE MONTH Skoolbo



Hilliard SS students are strongly encouraged to use Skoolbo (especially years Prep to Year 2 to support early literacy and numeracy).

Teachers may set activities for students or students can select Play for random activities at their level or choose Contents from the bottom right hand corner to choose content they need practise with.

Congratulations to Lexi who is in our PrePrep class, starting Prep at Hilliard SS in 2016. Lexi achieved 3111 correct answers in Skoolbo for the month of April.

Congratulations to Alex from 2C and Nate from 5/6E for achieving the most number of correct answers in Skoolbo for 2015 to date. Alex and Nate were awarded a blow up Skoolbo trophy, to display in their classroom, at our recent assembly.

Skoolbo have now provided us with 7 blow up trophies and we hope to award 1 to a student or class in each year level each month.



Info Session and Q&A for Parents

In our last eMag, we explained the background of our highly successful iLearn@HilliardSS BYO iPad initiative. Hilliard SS Parents/caregivers are invited to attend 1 of 2 scheduled information and Q&A sessions about our BYO iPad Program.

The first will be held at the beginning of our next P&C meeting, from 7-7.30pm, Monday, 15 June in the Learning Centre (we understand that some parents may not be able to stay for the remainder of the P&C meeting).

The second session (which will be a repeat of the first session) will be held the following day during Assembly time, 2.20 - 2.50pm, Tuesday, June 16, also in the Learning Centre. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our exciting initiative, find out about new developments and have any questions you may have, answered.

Parent Feedback Welcome

Thank you to some recent feedback from one of our parents, we have reviewed and refined our Required Apps Selection Criteria which can be found on the iLearn@HilliardSS page on our school website, www.hilliardss.eq.edu.au.

Our updated 2016 BYO iPad Program Charter can also be found here. Both will also be discussed in further detail at our next Information session and Q&A (details above).

Innovative Learning Opportunities

Students in Prep A have been fortunate enough to trial a new gadget called a Sphero. The Sphero is controlled by an iPad app.

Teacher, Fay Harding says, "the Sphero is a great tool to engage children in hands on learning using technology. Ways we have used it are directionality and for sight words and number recognition."



Apple Open Day for School Staff

On June 4, Hilliard SS will welcome school staff from different parts of Australia. They will visit a number of our classrooms and our students and teachers will proudly share their learning and teaching using iPads.

Our next Open Day is on Thursday 27 August in Term 3.

Kind regards

Jason Meijboom, Deputy Principal