

Hilltop Road Public School Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Education Changemaker Conference EC17



During the last school holidays, Miss Catherine and I attended the EC17 conference in Melbourne. Hilltop Road was invited to present at EC17. It was attended by over 800 educators and Miss Catherine presented Hilltop Road's story about our wonderful school community. Miss Catherine did an amazing job delivering our story and the impact of community partnerships and building high social capital.

Thank you to our community members who featured in our community video, this ensured all voices were heard and shared at the conference.



National Taekwondo Tournament – Congratulations Ethan and Dilan



Recently, **Ethan** and **Dilan** participated in the National 2017 Taekwondo Championships in Bendigo. Congratulations to **Ethan** who received **GOLD** in the U/8-9 division.

Well done to **Dilan** who placed 5th in the U/8-9 division. What a fantastic achievement for Ethan and Dilan at a national level.



The Jnr Big Day In

The **Junior Big Day In** is an Information and Communication careers conference designed for students in years 5-6 focused on **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering** and **Mathematics (STEM)**

It is an informative and inspirational event where students will have the opportunity to interact with Australia's technology leaders and gain valuable knowledge and advice from keynote speakers and industry exhibitors. Students will also explore careers in technology and what the future holds. Hilltop Road PS is looking forward to hosting the **Jnr Big Day In** on **Thursday 23rd November**, for our Year 5 and 6 students, along with 13 other schools attending.

Black and White Mufti Day

On Thursday 12th October, Year 6 organised a mufti day as part of their PBL project, to raise money and awareness for the black and white pandas. A big thank you to all of the students who helped support this initiative by bringing in a gold coin donation, as **\$623** was raised. Well done to the Year 6 students who coordinated this event.

Book Fair



The annual Hilltop Road Book Fair is being held on **Wednesday 18th October**, in the school hall.

Classes will visit the fair throughout the day with their teacher, at their allocated time.

Parents are welcome to attend the book fair with their children after school between 3.00pm-4.00pm.

Book Parade

Have you got your book character dress up costume ready ?

Our annual book parade is being held on **Thursday 19th October**.

Time : 9.30-10.30am

Where : Under the COLA - morning assembly shelter area

This is always a fun event for our school and I am looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up next week.

Selective High School Application 2019

Year 5 parents, if your Year 5 child is intending to apply for a selective high school in year 7, 2019 and sit the placement test, **online applications are now open.**

Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Applications for entry in 2019 can be made online between **10 October and 13 November 2017**. All applicants are required to sit the Selective high School Placement test on Thursday 15 March 2018. For more information please see Miss Cavallo.

Carnivale



Save the Date: Friday, 3rd November 2017

Our biggest event of the year is less than **1 month** away!!
The preparation has begun....



Look forward to 4 hours of carnival rides, super-duper sideshow games, prizes, show bags, exciting entertainment and fantastic food!

As you know, Carnivale is being held at Hilltop Road on **Friday 3rd November 2017**.

It will be a fun community event with carnival rides, super-duper sideshow games, prizes, show bags, exciting entertainment and fantastic food!

To help make Carnivale a success, each grade has been asked to contribute by donating the following items:

Kindergarten - Year 2
filled lolly jars

Years 3-6

cans of drink, small bottles of water or juice and novelty items that can be used for lucky dips

Wristbands will be on sale each morning in the rose garden for \$ 25.

They can also be purchased on the night for \$30.

Social Ventures Australia – Education Dialogue



On Tuesday 3rd October, I had the opportunity to attend the SVA Education Dialogue at the AMP building in the city. This was a valuable conversation involving:

- Andreas Schleicher - Director for Education and Skills, OECD
- Dr Michele Bruniges AM Secretary, Australian Department of Education and Training
- Jan Own AM CEO, Foundation for Young Australians
- Belinda Hutchinson AM – Chancellor, University of Sydney

This rich conversation captured some of the future directions and considerations for education in Australia 2030. Our school is heading in the right direction activating student agency, embedding the general capabilities, building high social capital, community partnerships and ensuring we have a well-trained highly committed teachers.

Middle Schooling

Next week, Year 6 start the Middle Schooling program. This valuable program supports their transition to high school. Our school has developed a program aimed at developing strategies and skills for students to make the transition to high school a positive one.

This program will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays in Week 2,,3,4,5 and 7 and all students in 6C, 6I and 6R will participate in the Middle Schooling program. The program has 10 subject areas

and students move around the school to engage in the different subjects. The program imitates the high school environment.

Thank you to Ms Close, the year 6 teacher and support staff facilitating this valuable program.

Kinder Orientation

Hilltop Road Public School will be holding two orientation sessions for our new 2018 Kinder families.

The dates for Kinder orientation are **Thursday 2nd November and Thursday 9th November**. Both sessions will be held in the school hall for the parents and our new kinder children will visit the classrooms and enjoy their '**big school**' experience. We look forward to welcoming our new families and students into the Hilltop Road community.

PULSE

On Wednesday 11th October, Miss Han accompanied the choir to Jamisontown Public School for the PULSE rehearsal. The PULSE concert at the Opera House is on the night of Thursday 16th November and tickets are on sale. For more information please see Miss Han.

Yr 6 Farewell Committee

The Year 6 Farewell is fast approaching and the first organising committee meeting was held on Monday 9th October in 6C's classroom. If you would like to assist and were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Ms Close on 9635 7722.

Seesaw

Seesaw is a useful way we communicate with our families at Hilltop Road PS. It is important that you check Seesaw daily, as reminders, notes and important message are often posted each day.

Stewart House Fundraising Raffle

Mr Anderson and Mr Kent will be competing in a 120km bike ride in Bowral on the 22nd October, to raise money for Stewart House. To assist with the fundraising, **raffle tickets are being sold for \$1.00** each morning, in the Rose Garden before school. There are bikes and tennis equipment or a week at tennis training camp to choose from. The draw for the raffle will take place on Friday 20th October.

Term 4 Sports In Schools

After the success and feedback from the term 3 program, students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the Sports in Schools program again, for school sport every Friday morning. The cost is \$ 26 per student for the eight week program and payment is due by week 2, Friday 20th October. This is a fantastic program that develops physical education, social skills and hockey skills.

Happy World Teacher's Day

Today Hilltop Road Public School celebrated World Teacher's Day. Thank you to our amazing, dedicated teachers who make a n incredible difference each and every day.

No Hat Play in the Shade

A large percentage of students are **NOT** bringing a school hat to school.
Now that the weather is starting to warm up, please ensure your child has a **school hat**.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Natalie See
Principal

Important dates for your diary...

Term 4		
All Students	Book Fair	Tuesday 18 th October
All Students	Book Parade	Wednesday 19 th October
All Students	6C PBL Clothes Drive Finishes	Friday 20 th October
Year 5	Year 5 PBL Showcase 5.30pm	Tuesday 24 th October
Kinder 2018	Kindergarten Orientation	Thursday 2 nd November
All Students	Carnivale	Friday 3 rd November
Year 5	Merrylands High School Open Day	Monday 6 th November
Selected Students	Fair Education Leadership Day	Tuesday 7 th November
Kinder 2018	Kindergarten Orientation	Thursday 9 th November
Year 6	Year 6 PBL Showcase 5.30pm	Thursday 9 th November
All Students	Remembrance Day Service	Friday 10 th November
Year 6	Year 6 Camp	Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th November
Year 5	School Captain Speeches	Tuesday 14 th November
P & C	P & C Meeting 7.00pm	Tuesday 14 th November
Selected Students	Kmart Wishing Tree Launch	Wednesday 15 th November
Yr 5 and 6 students	Big Day In	Thursday 23 rd November