

Hilltop Road Public School Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Book Fair

On Wednesday 18th October, we held our annual Book Fair in the hall. It was wonderful to see so many students supporting the fair and buying a book or novelty item. Our school raised over **\$5500** and will receive a percentage of the total amount sold, to purchase new resources for our library. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Martin and Mrs Bennett, from our office, who organised and coordinated the Book Fair this year.

Special thanks to the parent helpers who gave up their time to assist throughout the day: Fatma Elwan, Sylvia Phillips, Sharon Alheit, Sarah Marang and Fidi Yap.

Book Parade

On Thursday, 19th October, we held our annual Book Week parade. The parade was a wonderful success with students and teachers enjoying the spirit of dressing up and celebrating the joy of reading. Book Week is a valuable week, which is run by the Children's Book Council of Australia and aims to promote the importance and enjoyment of reading among young Australians. Congratulations to the students who received book prizes and thank you to our families who spent hours preparing costumes. A special note of thanks to Miss Rowley for purchasing the book prizes and Mr Hall-Watson who was an amazing MC, always ensuring the Book Week parade is lots of fun.



Bowral 120km Classic

On Sunday 22nd October, Mr Anderson and Mr Kent participated in the Bowral Classic – a one-day 120Km bike ride, held in the Southern Highlands, around Bowral. Competitors were able to choose their own charity to donate to and Mr Anderson and Mr Kent chose Stewart House. In the fortnight leading up to the race, raffle tickets were sold here at school to raise extra money and the raffle was drawn on Monday 23rd October.

Raffle winners - listed below are the prize winners and the prize they chose :



- 1st - Sebastian Marinc – a new bike
- 2nd – Vanessa Ibrahim – a new bike
- 3rd – Mathew Moseley - tennis gear and equipment
- 4th - Jamie Lia Bou Mina – free tennis coaching for a week

A big thank you to Mr Anderson and Mr Kent for organising the raffle and providing such great prize for our students.

Principals Morning Tea

On Tuesday 24th October, I had the pleasure of attending a Principal's Morning Tea in the library with an exemplary group of students who received their 30 merit Principal's Award. It is moments like these that make me proud to be the principal of such a wonderful school. More morning teas have been scheduled between now and the end of term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for following our rules and being good citizens and role models.

Cube Rider Program



Over the past two terms, **Isabelle Phillips, Tom Cromer, Oscar Lloyd & Jackson Wood** have been attending the Cube Rider Program at Casula High School and wrote the following article –

We have design coded our project using Python computer code language, working with other schools and being split up into separate groups. Cube Rider is a program that lets children design and code their own project. Then the projects are launched into space and tested by astronauts. We are the first lucky primary students to get an opportunity

to do the Cube Rider program and interact with the international space station. During the Cube Rider program, we had to learn how to code using Python and a Raspberry Pi. The first actual coding thing we had to do was to code a light to turn on and off. Then we had to write or find a code to complete our experiment. We also had to decide on what our experiments were going to be. We had to learn how to work as a team with students from other schools so we could get the project done.

One of the groups, including students from Elderslie Public School, decided that we were going to see the temperature in the vacuum of space. However, instead of the results we expected to see from outer space, we got the temperature of the ISS (International Space Station) interior. We were surprised at the results. Inside the ISS where the astronauts live, it was Max 32 Degrees Celsius & Min 31 Degrees Celsius.

It is basically like standing in front of the sun on a very hot day !

The other group that Hilltop Students were involved with was students from Granville East Public School. We wanted to find out how dark it was in space but, then we found out, it was actually tested in the ISS (International Space Station) this is not what we wanted but.... It was more interesting than we thought because they never turn off the lights in there. We thought that they might have turned off the lights but they do not.

Yr 5 Project Based Learning



Year 5 have been learning about the importance of community and kindness. On Tuesday 24 of October, Year 5 hosted their PBL exhibition in the school hall. They presented a movie titled *Pay It Forward*. The movie highlighted all of the hard work and creative thinking our Year 5 students have shown during PBL. It featured all PBL groups and demonstrates how small acts of kindness can have a huge impact on others. Year 5 hope to inspire others to give back to their community and be active members of our society. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, family members and special guests that

attended the night. Thank you to Mayor Cummings for attending the night and Stanley Thomas, who generously donated the Wollemi Pine to Hilltop Road Public School. Year 5 hope to inspire those that watched the movie to make a difference in their own community by 'Paying It Forward'. Year 5 raised \$82 through the sale of drinks and popcorn and will donate this money to The Fred Hollows foundation.



Carnivale



Rides

Food

Prizes

Games

Stalls

Fun

It only happens every 2 years and Carnivale is on ***next Friday, 3rd November 2017.***

Our biggest event of the year is less than **10 days** away !!

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

Have you purchased your wrist band yet ?

Wristbands are on sale each morning in the Rose Garden for \$ 25.

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

Selective High School Applications Reminder

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.

Kindergarten 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.

Grandparents Day

We are really excited to announce our upcoming Grandparents Day celebration. The event will be full of activities; entertainment and an opportunity to visit your grandchild's classroom, to experience life at school in 2017.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 9.15am – 11.15am

Venue: Hilltop Road Public School (Classrooms & School Hall)
:Grandparents and Grand friends of students of Hilltop Road

Grandparents Day Event Details:

9.15am – Open classroom visit, make your way to your grandchild's classroom

9.45am – Opening and Welcome to Country in the school hall

9.50am - Performance by Hilltop Road Cheerleaders & Yr 5 PBL Choir

10am - Activity trail

10.45am - Morning tea

11.15am - Close and students return to class

We hope to see you there..

Front Carpark

This week we have had an incident where the closed gates were opened by a community member so they could enter the carpark and in doing so, our security lighting has been smashed.

Just a reminder to all parents and community members that the **staff car park is out of bounds** and the gates are locked for the safety of our children.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Natalie See
Principal

Important dates for your diary...

Term 4		
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
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
Junior Choir and Junior dance	Kmart Merrylands Wishing Tree Launch	Wednesday 15 th November
Yr 5 and 6 students	Big Day In	Thursday 23 rd November

