

Hilltop Road Public School Newsletter

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From the Principal....

Carnivale



On Friday 3rd November, we held our bi-annual Carnivale and it was a wonderful success. It was fantastic to see so many people attending and having a fun time. We were really lucky with the rain holding off, allowing for the rides to be truly enjoyed by all members of our community. A big thank you to our past students Jusdys Te Whare, Jenny Milford and Taniko Hata who played the guitar and sang under the COLA area, entertaining the crowds while they sat and had something to eat. A big thank to the P&C, staff and stall holders for working together to provide a great event for our community.

Carnivale really captures all that is great about our school. Thank you for an amazing night of fun for everyone.



Yr 3 PBL



A big congratulations to the year 3 students and teachers for their amazing PBL stall at Carnivale. The stall was the final exhibition for their PBL project as **young entrepreneurs**.

The students of Year 3 prototyped different products, conducted market research, prepared a financial plan, advertised their products and ran the stall on the night.

They successfully sold pet rocks, bracelets, dream catchers, door hangers and squishy wishy balloon balls.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Rowley, Mrs Kamas, Mrs Longe, Mrs Mc Evoy and

Mr Hall-Watson, for providing such an authentic valuable learning experience for our students.



Cumberland Council Garden Awards



On Tuesday 15th November, Mr Balafas and I attended the Cumberland Council Annual Garden Awards at Merrylands Central Gardens. Our school proudly accepted the School/Community Grounds Garden Award. We were joint winners with Auburn Public School and received a certificate, plaque and gift voucher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mr Balafas and Mr Martin for their tireless work ensuring our school has an award winning garden which is maintained to such a high standard.



Elevate Workshop

On Thursday 2nd November, Hilltop Road hosted the final Elevate workshop for over 50 people from a variety of NSW Independent Schools, who have been working with the International Innovation Unit, over the last 3 years.

Elevate supported educators to collaboratively design and implement powerful practices to lift learning outcomes for all high potential learners. The focus was on designing and implementing practices to address the learning needs of high potential learners, including gifted learners.

Elevate supported educators to innovate, redesign learning and create meaningful opportunities that equipped learners to embrace their future with confidence.

Our school was very fortunate to be involved in Elevate and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Romer, Ms Close, Miss Cavallo and Mrs Veitch, for their involvement and commitment to the project.

Grandparents Day

On Wednesday 8th November, Hilltop Road held Grandparents Day in the classrooms and hall for all of our grandparents and community members. It was wonderful to see so many people attend and enjoy the choir and cheer leader performances, fun activity trail and morning tea. I would like to thank Miss Catherine for all of her hard work and organization to make the day a memorable one for our grandparents and community members.



Group Photos

The school photos for all performance groups, sports teams, SRC and the whole school have arrived. All photographs are displayed in the windows of the Special Purpose Room, near the front office, for you to view before ordering.

If you wish to order a photo you can –

- Collect an order envelope from the office, fill out and enclose payment and return to the school
- Visit the website www.the.schoolphotographer.com.au and order/pay online using the School

Online Code : 17S103EL37H

The photo prices are - \$16 each, 2 for \$30, 3 for \$ 42, 4 for \$52 or 5 for \$60.
Any additional photos are \$10 each.

All photo orders and payment are due by **Thursday 30th November 2017.**

Year 5 High School Visit

On Monday 6th November, the Year 5 students attended an open day at Merrylands High School. This program was coordinated by the teachers from Merrylands High School and included an introductory welcome after which students rotated through a series of learning activities that included English, Commerce, Food Tech, Library, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History and PE.

The activities enabled our Year 5 students to participate in the unique experiences that a High School can offer, prior to attending Year 7 in 2019. I would like to thank Merrylands High for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Mufti Day

On Wednesday 8th November, Year 6 organised a mufti day as part of their PBL project. All money raised will go towards the homeless, as the students were researching issues in our society that affected humans.

Library transformation

Recently, the staff assisted with the transformation of the library space for our students. The theme in the library is under the sea and all the wall displays now reflect this. The library will also be used to house our robotics and tech equipment. This will add another dynamic learning space for our students to utilise. A special thank you to Miss Marketos, Mrs Kamas and Mrs Martin for leading this initiative.



Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Sunday, 5th November, I was invited to attend the Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Memorial Service at Charles Mance Reserve. Mrs Romer and I attended the ceremony which included a march from Memorial Ave to the reserve, followed by a formal ceremony. Thank you to Rob, Charlie, Syd and Stan who extended the invitation for Hilltop Road to lay a wreath on behalf of the school and attend the annual luncheon.



Hilltop Road Public School Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Friday 10th November, Hilltop Road students took part in a Remembrance Day service at 11.30am, held at school. It was wonderful to see so many children

bringing floral tributes and being respectful during this meaningful occasion.

Merrylands Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Saturday, 11th November, our Year 6 leaders, Ms Close and I attended the Remembrance Day



ceremony for the Merrylands

RSL- Sub-Branch, at Merrylands Memorial Park. The ceremony was held to honour our service members and to remember the sacrifices they have made of duty, honour and country. There were invited guests, the President of Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch and members of the



Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch and Club Limited, the Mayor of Holroyd, the NSW Police, Fire and Rescue and Holroyd SES, representatives from ten of our local public schools and the community of Merrylands all in attendance. Greystanes Public School hosted the ceremony and did a fantastic job with this special honour.



Kinder Orientation

On Thursday, 9th November Hilltop Road Public School held the second Kinder Orientation session for our new Kinder students starting in 2018.

Our new students were in the Kinder classrooms completing activities and experiencing big school all by themselves, while the parents had an information session in the hall.

Our School Ambassadors led parent groups around the school, highlighting some of our school features and talking about our expectations, positive school and learning culture.

Thank you to Mr Balafas and the Yr 3 students who baked fresh muffins to share with our new families. The muffins were delicious and enjoyed by everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Kinder team, Ambassadors and everyone involved for all of their hard work to ensure the success of our orientation program.

Cube Rider Showcase Evening

Four students in Year 5 and 6 have been participating in the Cube Rider Challenge at Casula High School. As part of the project, students have designed and coded experiments that have been tested in space with the help of NASA astronauts, on the International Space Station. Our students attended a **Showcase Night at the Museum of Applied Arts** with other students that have participated in the challenge. The event was held last Friday 11th November and was structured like a science fair, with students showcasing from Year 5 and 6 up to Year 12, their experiments and their results. Our students met Mrs Lucy Turnbull and the Hon Craig Laundy MP. A huge congratulations to the students involved : **Isabelle Phillips, Tom Cromer, Jackson Wood and Oscar Lloyd** and a special thank you to Mr Kent for working with our students throughout this amazing project.



Year 6 PBL Exhibition

On Wednesday 8th November, Year 6 held their PBL exhibition titled *Is the law fair ?*

Each of the classes were open from 5.30pm and family members visited the classrooms to see the work they had been doing. The students researched various issues in our society and the laws associated with them that affect humans, animals and the environment. The project required the students to create a product to generate awareness within the community about these issues. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting their children in the culmination of their learning. Well done to all of the Year 6 students who were able to confidently talk about their journey throughout the project.



Year 5 Leadership Speeches



On Tuesday 14th November, I had the pleasure of listening to the nominated Year 5 students present their leadership speeches in preparation for the 2018 SRC. All of the students who addressed the assembly did an outstanding job and truly understood the importance of what a leadership position entails. All of the students spoke well and did their families proud. After the speeches were completed, students in Year 2-5 returned to class and voted for who they believe will make the best candidate for school captain. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 5 teachers and the nominated staff mentors, for guiding the students through this process.

The 2018 school leaders will be announced at the 3-6 Presentation Day assembly on Wednesday 6th December.



Accessing the school carpark

Please be reminded that under no circumstances are parents permitted to enter the school car parks. In light of the recent tragedy at Banskia Road Public School, it is essential that ALL members of our community follow this rule to ensure the safety of our students and community.

Christmas Carols

Our annual Carols evening is getting closer... Friday 1st December, on the grass area outside the hall. There will be a sausage sizzle, canteen facilities, candles and flashing Santa hats for sale. Bring a picnic dinner and we look forward to seeing you at 6.30pm for a great evening.

Coin Line

Year 6 have organised a **COIN LINE** competition. Students in all classes are asked to donate any type of coins (**5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1 or \$2**) to add to their class collection. The students can donate as many or as few coins as they like. The aim for all classes is to line the coins up and see who has the longest coin line. Please make sure coins are in Australian currency. The coin lines will be measured on Wednesday 22nd November. Money raised will towards the year 6 graduation ceremony and the class with the longest line will receive a lunchtime Pizza Party at the end of the term. Starting collecting now....

Kmart Wishing Tree

On Wednesday, 15th November, our Junior Choir and Junior Dance Group performed at the 2017 launch of the Kmart Wishing Tree at Merrylands. The staff and customers were treated to another fantastic performance by our students, who all had great energy and wide smiles. This opportunity allows our students to shine within the community and to value and understand this important initiative.

Hilltop Road Public School

... invites you and your family
to join us for ...

Carols by Candlelight

When? Friday, 1st December
Where? Hilltop Road Public School
Time? Begins at 6.30pm
Bring a picnic dinner!

Year 6
Sausage Sizzle!!!
Buy a sausage
sandwich & help
raise money for
Year 6!

Items for Purchase

Candles - \$3.00 each
Flashing Santa Hats - \$2.50 each
Combo of Candle and Santa Hat - \$5.00 each

The school
canteen will be
open.

Hilltop Road Public School Giving Tree

Toy Drive for Westmead Children's Hospital.
Please bring your toy donations to school on
Friday, 1st December.





School Enrolments for 2018

Parents, we are busy preparing for 2018. The Department of Education requires the anticipated number of students in our school for next year, so we need to begin planning for our classes. Could you please notify the office or your child’s teacher if you are taking an extended holiday, or you are not returning to our school in 2018. This will greatly assist with our organisational structures.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Natalie See
Principal

Important dates for your diary...

Term 4		
Year 6	Year 6 Camp	Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th November
Year 5	School Captain Speeches	Tuesday 14 th November
Junior choir Junior dance	Launch of the Wishing Tree, K Mart Merrylands	Wed 15 th Nov
Selected students	PULSE concert	Thurs 16 th November
Kinder students	PBL exhibition in the Secret Garden	Monday 20 th November
Selected students	Cool Music end of year recital	Wed 22 nd November
Year 5 and 6 students	Junior Big Day In	Thurs 23 rd November
Selected students	End of year scripture service	Wed 29 th November
Selected guests	Parent helper morning tea	Wed 29 th November
All students	Carols evening	Friday 1 st Dec



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