

Hilltop Road Public School Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Christmas Carols



On Friday 1st December, our school hosted Carols by Candlelight. The night was a great success with over 300 people sharing a picnic under the stars, singing carols with Stewart Peters and the K-6 grades. Stewart Peters enjoyed leading the carols singing on the night. He was happy to be involved in such a great event at Hilltop Road once again, as his children are ex-students of our school. The night was a success due to the commitment of the staff and parents, who sold gifts and light-up candles and flashing Christmas hats.

A big thank you to Mr Hall-Watson who got everyone involved and made sure we all had a good time, as he was the compere for the evening. Thank you to Miss Han for her solo performances on the night, she sounded amazing.

It was great to see Howie in his Christmas outfit spreading the Hilltop Christmas cheer.

Thank you to the Yr 6 teachers and parents who cooked and sold sausages, to raise money for the Yr 6 Farewell.

Special thanks to Miss Rowley, Mr Balafas, Mr Martin and the dedicated team, for their organisation and assistance, to ensure everyone had a great night.

Presentation Assemblies



Our K-2 and 3-6 Presentation assemblies were held Tuesday, 5th and Wednesday, 6th December. Both assemblies were of a very high standard and were a true credit to the organising teachers. Congratulations to our students who received class awards, perpetual awards and trophies. This celebration of learning showcases the achievements and high standards of our students and staff. Congratulations to our performance groups who showcased the talent we have in our school.



New School Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their peers as School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2018.

2018 School Leaders

School Captain	School Captain
Helen Macpherson	Alen Kacanic
Girl Vice Captain	Boy Vice Captain
Dilara Elveren	Adam Elwan
Prefects	Prefects
Jenan Ammoun	Jason Dalton
Bianca Brooks	Zac Calleja
Lujane Elwan	Jimmy Masterton
Tiffany Marinc	Zaine Price

Reports

ALL students received their Semester Two reports on **Monday, 11th December**. The report is a snapshot of your child's learning and achievements throughout Semester Two. Please ensure you take the time to discuss the report with your child. Many hours of preparation go into each report. Thank you to our staff who have taken the time and care to write detailed, individualised reports.

Hilltop Idol

The Hilltop Idol final was held on **Friday, 8th December** in the hall and the standard was very high, with a wide range of talented students participating. Well done to all the finalists. We certainly are a very talented school. The winners will be announced at the talent quest on **Friday, 15th December**, the last day of term.

Thank you to Mrs Kamas and Miss Shabaz for organising this fun event.



Greystanes High School Presentation Assembly

On Monday, 11th December, I attended the presentation evening at Greystanes High School. It was wonderful to see past students receiving awards and continuing on with their education in such a positive way.

Transition Assembly

On Thursday, 7th December, I had the pleasure of attending the Transition to School Presentation Assembly. This assembly represents all that is great about our school. It was pleasing to see over 120 preschool age children celebrating the completion of the Ready Set Go 4 Kindy program. This program supports children and families. Thank you Miss Catherine, Mrs Whale, Miss Michelle,



Mrs Leyann, Mrs Milliotis, Mrs Attard, Mrs Stewart, Miss Bessy, Minnie, May & Miss P and the kinder teachers and many families, who supported this great program. We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students into our school in 2018.

Thank you to Claire Cuskelly and Travis Malvicino, ex-students and 2006 graduates of the program, who attended and helped present certificates.

Thank you to Club Merrylands for supporting this wonderful and valuable program.

Movie Day

Our annual end of year celebrations were held on Monday, 11th December for our K-2 students and Tuesday, 12th December for our 3-6 students. All children went to the movies at Auburn Reading Cinemas and had a great time. A big thank you to Miss Rowley who organised this wonderful experience for all of our students.

Year 6 Present

The students of Year 6 2017 presented our school with a cheque for \$1000 during the 3-6 Presentation Day assembly. The money will go towards a Project Based Learning Exhibition kit including 25 easels and 25 tablecloths that can be used by all grades to display work, during PBL exhibitions. Thank you to the year 6 students for this wonderful gift.

Farewell to Mrs Debbie Geribo, Mrs Wendy Longe and Ms Corrine Blake

Mrs Geribo

Mrs Geribo will retire at the end of 2017. Mrs Geribo has been an amazing asset to our team over the past 20 years in her role as a parent and community member, teacher and student support learning officer. Mrs Geribo has worked tirelessly to support our students in a wide number of ways including; a reading recovery teacher, learning support teacher and assisting students with integration needs. Mrs Geribo will be missed as she leaves Hilltop Road Public School. Thank you for your amazing contribution to our community. Enjoy the days ahead.

Mrs Longe

Farewell Mrs Longe who has accepted a teaching position at Northmead Public School. Mrs Longe has worked at our school for 7 years, teaching Year One, Year Three, RFF, Reading Recovery and the leading the choir.

Mrs Longe will be missed as she leaves Hilltop Road Public School. Thank you for your amazing contribution to our community. Enjoy your new position at Northmead P.S.

Ms Blake

Farewell Mrs Blake, who has decided to return to New Zealand. Ms Blake has worked at our school for 3 and a half years, teaching RFF and supporting student learning through the Learning Support Teacher role. Ms Blake will be missed as she leaves Hilltop Road Public School. Thank you for your amazing contribution to our community. Enjoy your time back in New Zealand.

PSSA Cricket Grand Final

Congratulations to the Jnr Cricket team who won the 2017 grand final. The students played a great game batting and fielding their way to victory. Thank you to Mr Hall-Watson the coach for his guidance and excellent coaching skills.

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 complete the **Returning to School** form which has been sent home, 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. Copies of the form are also available at the office if needed.

Year Six Farewell Arch

The farewell arch is a school tradition that occurs every year on the final day of primary school, for our year 6 students. The arch takes place at approx. 2.40pm and is a nice send off, with the whole school present, to say goodbye to our year 6 students. We wish them well for the future and their journey into high school.

Farewell Year Six

It has been a great journey filled with milestones, long lasting friendships, knowledge, memorable events, skills, adventures, tears, laughter and most importantly, individual growth. We have enjoyed watching you grow into hard working, sensible, mature students who understand the value of being an individual who can contribute to team work, support others and make a difference. As the graduating class of 2017 we are most proud of your unity as a grade, your strong friendships, your caring nature, your commitment to work and as you begin your next journey into high school, take the lessons learnt here, at Hilltop Road Public School. Remember education is the key to success and opportunities for the future. Embrace the many challenges and opportunities offered to you as they arise, enjoy participating in the full life of your new high school and be the best you can be. Nobody can ask for more and you will have no regrets.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Especially those students that were presented with their awards at our last K-6 Assembly.

Congratulations and well done to the following students:

Student	Awarded
Rhymas Elwan	Gold Award
Danny Koroma	Platinum Award

School Returns for 2018

Important dates that you will need to know for returning to school at the beginning of next year are listed below :

Staff Development Day	Monday 29 th January 2018
Students in Years 1-5 return	Tuesday 30 th January 2018
Kindergarten students start	Monday 5 th February



Toy Drive

A very big thank you to all of the parents and community members who supported our giving tree toy drive for Westmead Children's Hospital. Over 200 presents were generously donated and will make such a big difference to a lot of sick children this Christmas.



A special thank you to Mrs Bartlett for organising this special initiative again year, the staff for wrapping all of the presents and Miss Rowley and the SRC for delivering the presents to the hospital on Monday 11th December.

Thank you for another great year. Have a happy holiday with family and friends. I look forward to our new journey in 2018.

Enjoy the holidays.

Natalie See
Principal

2018 Diary Dates

Term 1		
Students	Event	Date
Staff	Staff Development Day	Mon 29 th Jan
Year 1-6	Term 1 starts – students return	Tues 30 th Jan
Kindergarten	Best Start Interviews	Tues 30 th – Fri 2 Feb
Kindergarten	Kindergarten 2108 start school	Mon 5 th Feb
Year 3-6	Swimming Carnival	Mon 19 th Feb
K-6	P&C Mufti Day	Tues 27 th Feb
K-6	Scripture classes begin	Wed 28 th Feb
Kindergarten	Kinder welcome afternoon tea	Thur 1 st March
K-6	HRPS Clean Up Australia Day	Fri 2 nd March
Selected students	Selective High School Day	Thur 15 th March
K-6	Harmony Day	Wed 21 st March
K-6	Easter Scripture Service	Wed 28 th March
K-6	Easter hat Parade and Crazy Hair Day	Thurs 29 th March
K-6	Term 1 Social Skills report sent home	Fri 13 th April
K-6	Last day for term 1	Fri 13 th April
K-6	Students return – Term 2	Tues 1 st May

*Happy
Holidays*