

Hilltop Road Public School Newsletter

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Parent Helper Morning Tea



On Wednesday 29th November, we held our annual Parent Helper Morning Tea. Each year we gather to thank our helpers for their contribution to the Hilltop Road School Community. Our school is a very special and unique place. This is due to the strong community partnerships we have with our parents, community groups and organisations. Each year it feels more like a big extended family, all working together to support, share and ensure we provide the very best for each other and most importantly, our children.

To our friends and family who were there for the final time, as your children are officially heading into high school, thank you for your years of dedication to our school. It's been great and we couldn't have done it without you. Please be reminded that you are and always will be, part of our school community.

To Catherine Gregory, our wonderful CLO and Kim Whale, our Student Welfare Worker, so many things would not be possible without your guidance, great ideas, connections and strong relationships you have within the community. Thank you Cath and Kim.

Thank you to Mrs Ryabovitch for coordinating the invitations, the staff for bringing along the amazing spread and our amazing teacher's aides and admin staff for making the morning tea possible.

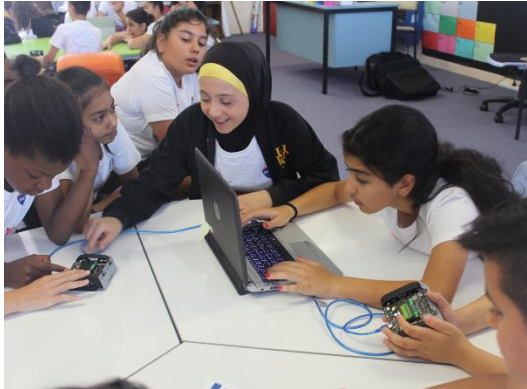


Junior Big Day In



The **Junior Big Day In** is an Information and Communication day designed for students in Year 5 and 6 focused on **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**. On the 23rd November, Hilltop Road Public School hosted the Junior Big Day In. Previously, the day has taken place across the country in high schools and tertiary settings and is an informative and inspirational event for our primary students.

This year, Hilltop Road extended the invitation to 14 other primary schools to take part in this valuable opportunity. Students interacted and gained valuable insight and knowledge from Australia's technology leaders by participating in various workshops.



Students were able to learn about force, aerodynamics and reaction times as they raced their cars with F1 in Schools. They created a virtual world and used their creative thinking skills during Minecraft workshops and used computational thinking and coding as they solved problems. They created an electronic piggybank with Westpac and their own web pages and animations using Adobe software. The Solar Buddy workshop encouraged students to think about those less fortunate as they created solar lights for those in developing countries. Students also programed robots with Digital Careers.

Over all, it was a fantastic day with over 85 contributors committed to creating valuable experiences for students. Thank you to our Year 6 Ambassadors who were mentors and tour guides for our visiting Year 5 and 6 students. Thank you to the Australian Computer Society which secured the presenters, show bags, t-shirts and promotion materials, Miss Cavallo, Mrs Brown, Mr Kent, Miss Rowley and Mrs Turrini for ensuring another successful Jnr Big Day in 2017.



The K-2 Big Day Out

Students in K-2 participated in the **Big Day Out**, on Thursday 23rd November. They travelled to the Holroyd Centre in Merrylands and participated in a live theatrical experience, King Arthur, presented by Alpha Shows. The K-2 students had lunch and completed a variety of sport and fitness experiences.

Thank you to our amazing K-2 staff who worked hard to make the Big Day Out a success.

Yr 3 and Yr 4 STEM Day



On Thursday 23rd November, Year 3 and Year 4 participated in a **Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)** day. Our students had a great time engaging in a variety of experiences and rotating to different classrooms to complete a variety of activities. Year 3 students completed construction inventions, hour of code, ozobots and Breakout EDU.

Year 4 students completed hour of code Minecraft Hero's Journey, breakout EDU based on the book Wonder, Lego We Do and Lego Mind storm and constructing a city with recycled materials to a set criteria.



Thank you to Miss Rowley, Mrs Romer and the Year 3 and 4 staff for organising such a valuable, engaging day for our students.

Qantas Kids Teaching Kids (KTK) Showcase Event 2017



The KTK team are back in the office after an amazing event at the Qantas Headquarters on Friday 24th November. 7 KTK schools (5 Victorian and 2 NSW) travelled to Mascot, NSW to present a range of activities to the Joey Club and each other.

The day saw a wide range of activities being presented on a number of topics, including food chains/ webs, the Helmeted Honeyeater and a puppet show telling the story of Tiddalick the frog. Students heard from Qantas employees about their role at the corporation, as well as being given an exclusive tour of the Qantas control centre and learning about how flight plans are made and monitored.

Our students heard from the Joey Club about everything they've been doing to promote sustainability at Qantas. This has included running an investigation into how many coffee cups are used by Qantas employees, speaking with the cafes in the building about reusable coffee cups, building a GIANT coffee cup sculpture and even inviting Alan Joyce to their classroom to present their design for a new recycling bin.

It was wonderful for Hilltop Road Public School to participate in this valuable experience with; St Louis de Montfort Primary School, Beaumaris Primary School, Cheltenham Secondary College, North Melbourne Primary School, Wahroonga Preparatory School and Footscray City College. Thank you to Kids Teaching Kids and Qantas for providing such an amazing venue.



Coin Line

On Wednesday 22nd November, the Year 6 Farewell Committee held a coin line fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. Each class had to bring in coins as part of the competition, to see who could make the longest line. Throughout the day all classes went to the area outside the hall to lay their coins in a line and have it officially measured and entered into the competition. Congratulations to

the following classes **4SV and 1M** for having the longest coin line. What a fantastic effort! Both classes will enjoy their prize, a pizza party, before the end of term. Thank you to the Year 6 Farewell Committee for organising such a fun event. The coin line raised **\$2,200** for our school.

Hilltop Road Public School Giving Tree

The S.R.C are running a toy drive for the children at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. If you would like to purchase a toy for our giving tree, it would be greatly appreciated. Gifts will be collected this Friday 1st December.

Thank you to Mrs Bartlett and the S.R.C for organising this valuable initiative.

Milson Island

Two weeks ago, our year 6 students swapped desks and computers for fresh air and a great variety of outdoor activities when they visited Milson Island from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November. The sport and recreational facilities are fantastic and the students had a great time participating in lots of different activities including archery, abseiling, high ropes, bike riding, canoeing, rock climbing and a BBQ cookout, just to name a few. The program is a great opportunity for the kids to challenge their abilities and practice initiative, teamwork and communication and personal care skills



I had the pleasure of visiting the year 6 students on Wednesday and enjoyed watching them canoe and tackle the giant swing.

The students were well behaved and were having a great time. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I am sure one they will always remember.

I would like to give special thanks to the teachers that attended and supervised, at the camp all week. Thank you Ms Close, Miss Crabbe and Mr Anderson. I appreciate the time you gave up, to be away from your own families, to allow our students to

experience this wonderful opportunity.

Sport and Recreation Centres also host family and kids' programs during the school holidays.

www.facebook.com/NSWSportandRecreation.

Hilltop Road Public School

Giving Tree Toy Drive

Friday 1st December

Help us bring a smile to the face of children in hospital this holiday season. Purchase a gift for kids at Westmead Children's Hospital for our Giving Tree Toy Drive.

Red and green
mufti day! Please
bring in your gold
coin donations.



Farmers Market

On Monday 20th November, the Kinder students and teachers did an amazing job hosting a real farmers market at our school. Even though the rain meant there was a change of location and the markets were moved to the morning assembly COLA, this did not stop the enthusiasm of all the students who were busy selling a variety of produce and homemade products. Well done to the kinder teachers for providing such a valuable, real world experience for our students.



Blue Jelly Day

On Tuesday 28th November, the Year 2 students held a blue mufti day and sold blue jelly, as part of their PBL project. They did an amazing job and were able to raise \$1400 to purchase water purifiers. Thank you to the Year 2 teachers who provided such a wonderful opportunity for our students, allowing them to understand that we can make a difference.



Chinese Delegation

On Friday, November 24th, we had a special visit from a group of Chinese teachers. They came to Australia to visit and learn about schooling in Australia. At Hilltop Road Public School, they visited KR, 2S, 4R, 6C and 4B and gained an insight into how we embed technology, student engaged assessment, PBL and a variety of quality practices in our teaching and learning.

They also shared lunch with our school executive. This provided a great opportunity for our visitors to ask and find out more about our school, and for us to find out more about schooling in China.

White Ribbon Breakfast

On Friday 24th November, a team from Hilltop Road attended the White Ribbon Day breakfast at Parramatta Cumberland Family & Domestic Violence Prevention Committee. The breakfast was held to raise awareness and funds to support families in the area who are suffering from domestic violence. Thank you to Catherine Gregory, our Community Liaison Officer, Mr Lavery, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Palmley, Ms Marang, Ms Tetevano, Mrs Isaaka, Ms Hodson, Ms Mahabat and Ms Abdi, who attended this important event on behalf of our school community.



Stan's letter

Recently, after the Year 5 PBL showcase "Pay It Forward" our students received the following letter from Mr Stan Thomas. This letter captures the impact our students PBL projects are making on individuals and the wider community.

Thank you for Mr Thomas for being such an important member of the Hilltop Road School community.

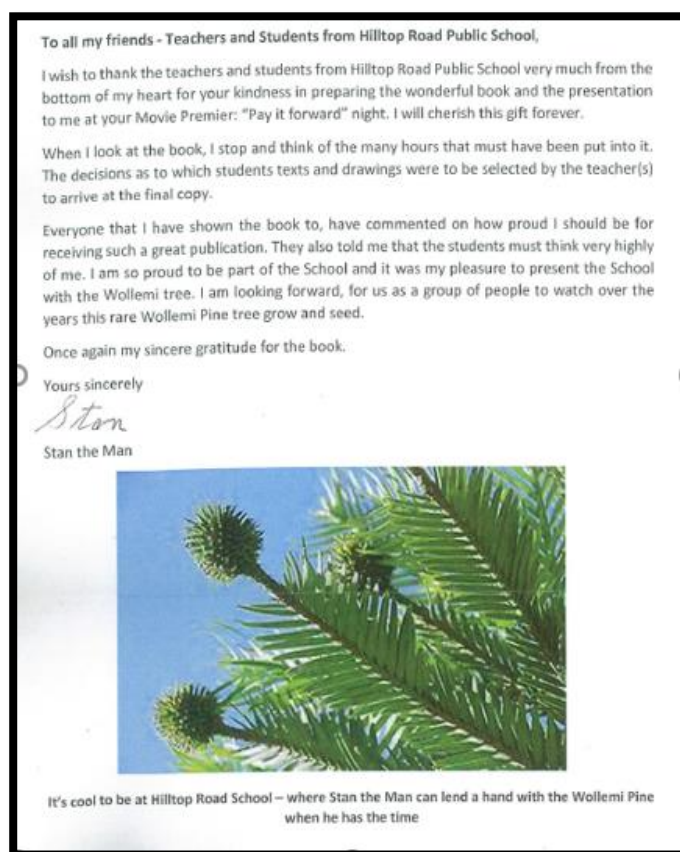


Principal's Morning Tea

Over the last few weeks I have had the great pleasure of having morning tea with over 250 students who have received a Principals Award. Congratulations to these students, who continually follow our school rules, work hard and uphold the Hilltop Road High Five Values.

PULSE concert

On Thursday 16th November, I had the pleasure of attending the PULSE concert at the Sydney Opera House. The concert was a showcase of performing arts within NSW Public Schools. Our school was represented by students who performed as part of the mass choir. I was very proud of our student's performance. I hope performing at the Sydney Opera House will be a lifetime memory for all our students. Thank you to Miss Han and Miss Racanelli for overseeing our schools involvement and supervising our students,





in preparation for their performance. Miss Han has worked tirelessly to inspire and ensure our students were well-prepared for the performance.

Staff Carpark

Just a reminder that parents are **not permitted to enter or park** in the staff car park on Hilltop Road or at the back of the school, on Richmond Street. Parking is for staff members only and coming in to drop off or pick up children is not permitted. We have had a number of families entering the carpark recently and for the safety of everyone concerned, we ask that you use the surrounding streets.

Waiting for your children in the carpark and walking them through to exit the school is not safe either. Please use the small gates at the front and back of the school when you are entering or leaving our grounds.

Christmas Carols tomorrow night

Our annual Carols By Candlelight evening will be held tomorrow, Friday 1st December on the grass area outside the hall.
There will be a sausage sizzle, canteen facilities, glow candles and flashing Santa hats for sale. Bring along a picnic dinner. We look forward to seeing you at **6.30pm** for a great evening.

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!

The school canteen will be open.

Items for Purchase

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

Hilltop Road Public School Giving Tree
 Toy Drive for Westmead Children's Hospital.
 Please bring your toy donations to school on Friday, 1st December.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Natalie See
Principal

Important Diary Dates

Term 4		
Students	Event	Date
Years K - 2	Presentation Day Assembly	Tuesday 5 th December
Year 6	High School Orientation Day	Tuesday 5 th December
Years 3 - 6	Presentation Day Assembly Presentation Day Assembly	Wednesday 6 th December
Kinder 2018	Ready Set Go Transition Assembly	Thursday 7 th December
Years K - 2	K – 2 Movie Day	Monday 11 th December
Years 3 - 6	3 – 6 Movie Day	Tuesday 12 th December
P & C	P & C Meeting 7.00pm	Tuesday 12 th December
Year 6	Year 6 Farewell	Thursday 14 th December
All Students	Talent Quest	Friday 15 th December
All Students	Year 6 Arch	Friday 15 th December

RETURNING TO SCHOOL 2018

If your child **WILL NOT** be returning to Hilltop Road Public School in 2018 or will be returning **AFTER** the first day of school (Tuesday 30th January), please fill out the slip below and return it to the school office **as soon as possible**.

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

My child:

- **will not** be returning to Hilltop Road Public School in 2018.
- **will** return to Hilltop Road Public School after the 30th January, 2018.

S/He will be returning to school on (date)

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____