

# Hilltop Road Public School Newsletter

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*From the Principal...*



## Classes 2017

Thank you for your patience as we finalised numbers and formed classes. All our staff are looking forward to getting to know your child and family. Please be reminded that it takes some of our students a few weeks to adjust to their new teacher/s and classmates. Please allow your child the opportunity to form new friendships and settle into their new class routine.

## Classes

Class	Teacher/s	Class	Teacher/s
KR	Mrs Ronya Baddour	3HW	Mr Scott Hall-Watson
KH	Miss Emerald Han	3E	Mrs Emily Boustani
KA	Mrs Amada Lawrence	3K	Mrs Gonul Kamas
KG	Mrs Kasandra Goulding	4R	Mrs Cheryl Romer
KP	Mrs Louise Price	4B	Mrs Manju Bansal
1M	Miss Eleni Marketos	4SV	Mrs Joanne Sikorski Mrs Emma Veitch
1A	Mrs Jennifer Attard	4N	Miss Noreen Shabaz
1S	Miss Ilge Sirin	4/5K	Mr Brett Kent
1BC	Mrs Emma Bartlett Mrs Nancy Castillon	5L	Mrs Kate Lavery
1/2R	Miss Sandra Racanelli	5R	Mrs Donna Ryabovitch
2NM	Mrs Mary Nurkic/ Mrs Tara Mirabito	5ZT	Ms Ivana Zekanovic/ Mrs Tamara Turrini
2H	Miss Nicole Harris	6C	Ms Ruth Close
2W	Mr Evan Williamson	6I	Mrs Namita Issar
2S	Mrs Rita Sleiman	6R	Miss Caitlin Crabbe
3R	Mrs Wendy Longe		

## Administration Staff

Thank you to our administration team who worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth beginning to the school year. We appreciate all the extra time and effort that went into this complex time of the year.

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had a great start to school. They have all settled in to their class and school routines very well. The Kindergarten children have enjoyed learning about the characters of Letterland and their relationship to the alphabet through singing, phonic games and listening to stories. It has been pleasing to see the growth and development of the children, after just a couple of weeks at school. The children are beginning to form many friendships across the grade and have had a wonderful time playing in the Secret Garden.

## Year 6 Leadership Training



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Year 6 were involved in a leadership training day in preparation for the Peer Support program being implemented at our school next term. The Year 6 student learnt about leadership qualities and team building through hands on activities.

Cameron Brown from **ExploreDiscoverAct**, conducted the day and his message to the Year 6 students was **“leadership is an action it’s not about position”**.



## Year 6 / Kindergarten Welcome Afternoon Tea

Our Year 6 parents will be hosting a **Welcome Afternoon Tea** for our new Kindergarten families and students. Year 6 families have been asked to donate cakes and fruit platters. Hilltop Road Public School is a very community orientated school and this will be the first community event for the year.



**When : Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Where:** Secret Garden ( playground behind KR & KH )

**Time :** 2.30pm - 3.30pm

## Swimming Carnival



Our Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Merrylands Pool on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. Congratulations to our students who participated in this event. I would like to congratulate all students for their enthusiasm, behaviour and sportsmanship. All students swam to the best of their ability and it was pleasing to see all our students cheering on their fellow competitors.

Thank you to Miss Shabaz, Mrs Boustani and the Sports

Committee, for organising and supporting this important sporting event. Thank you to those parents who attended and assisted with jobs on the day.

### **Swimming Carnival Results**

1<sup>st</sup> Bradman

2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson

3<sup>rd</sup> Mc Kay

4<sup>th</sup> Newcombe



## Meet the Teacher Afternoons



The Meet the Teacher Afternoons will commence on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Families are welcome to book an appointment time to visit their children's teacher between **1.00pm – 6.00pm**. The purpose

of this meeting is to meet the teacher, visit your children's classroom and share information about your child. Please support this event, as it is a valuable opportunity to support the link between home and school.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Kinder and Year 4
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Year 3, 5 & 4/5K
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 6

## School Photos

Our school photos are scheduled for Wednesday **15<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Please find below an overview of the available packages and prices. Photo envelopes will be sent home next week.

**www.theschoolphotographer.com.au**  
Unit 20, 14-16 Stanton Road  
Sever Hills, NSW 2147  
ABN: 47 083 674 813

enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au  
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1x 18x25cm Group Photo  
Front cover not included

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1x 18x18cm, 2x 6.5x9cm, 4x 4.5x5.5cm  
Does not include portrait download

\*The products below may only be ordered with the purchase of one or more of the above options

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 Mug, 
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 Magnet (Image size: 4.5x6.5cm)

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<b>GREEN</b>	<b>\$37</b>	x	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text"/>
<b>Group Only</b>	<b>\$23</b>	x	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text"/>
<b>Portrait Only</b>	<b>\$23</b>	x	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text"/>

## Morning Assembly

We have recently implemented changes to our morning assembly and appreciate the understanding of our community. Parents and community members are **no longer permitted to stand behind the stage area or block the entrance to the assembly area**. We kindly ask that parents utilise the seating available at the sides of the assembly or stand in the Rose Garden Area. This will allow for a minimum of noise, so that the children can clearly hear and listen to the important messages being read out at assembly. We thank you for your

cooperation.

## High School Open Night / Afternoons

Whilst our school year has just begun it is important for our Year Six families to participate in the High School Open Days/ Nights. This will allow families to make an informed decision regarding choices for high school placement in 2018.

High School	Date
Merrylands High School	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Greystanes High School	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Open Day and Information Night
Holroyd High School	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Parramatta High School	No Open Night scheduled this year

### Emergency Contact Details

All students received a copy of the **emergency contact details**. It is essential that these details are current. Please update and return your details to your child's class teacher ASAP.

### After School Care

We have an increasing number of students who are **NOT** being collected from school at 2.55pm. This is extremely concerning, as students are waiting in locations outside the school to be collected for up to one hour after the bell.

Please be reminded that our school has a Before and After School Care facility onsite.



**Hilltop Road**  
**Before and After School Centre Inc**

As busy working parents or parents just needing a break, before and after school care is a great option to meet your childcare needs.

We provide quality centre based ChildCare exclusively for primary school aged children in a safe and caring environment.

We offer both Before School Care and After School Care and we are located within Hilltop Road Public School.

At the Centre we provide a healthy breakfast and afternoon tea. Children are then offered a range of indoor/outdoor activities.

Before School Care	After School Care
NSW School Terms	
Monday - Friday	Monday - Friday
7:00am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 6:00pm

(Closed public holidays)  
on Childcare benefit approved pages.

To enquire or enrol please visit our website: [www.hilltopbasc.com.au](http://www.hilltopbasc.com.au)

Or Call (02) 9689 1198 or (02) 627 337

We look forward to hearing from you.

We understand parents are occasionally late due to unforeseen circumstances, however, all children who are at school after the bell will be taken to the office and parents will be called to collect them from the office area.

### Farewell Dipak

Farewell to Dipak our school cleaner. Dipak has been a member of our team for 8 years. During this time he has worked tirelessly to ensure our school environment is clean, tidy and ready for our students to learn. On behalf of our school community, I'd like to thank Dipak for his years of service and dedication to our school. We wish Dipak all the best at this new school.



### Thank you from Westmead Children Hospital

Recently, I received a wonderful letter from the Westmead Children's Hospital. The letter thanked our school community for the amazing gifts purchased for the Hilltop Christmas Wishing Tree initiative.

Please find an extract from the letter below:

*Your careful selections and amazing gifts spread a huge amount of joy throughout our hospital. The gifts don't just light up the life of a child, but also their families and our staff. Spreading the gift of joy at Christmas.*

*Your support for the Hospital and its endeavors is also greatly appreciated and gives renewed hope to the sick children and the families we care for.*

Thank you for supporting this wonderful initiative with a special thanks to Mrs Bartlett for coordinating the Hilltop Christmas Wishing Tree.

### **Crunch & Sip**



Please be reminded that Hilltop Road Public School is a registered Crunch n Sip school. The program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy.

Every day at 10am a bell rings for Crunch n Sip time. This time is a set break to eat a piece of fruit or salad, vegetables and a drink of water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit and vegetables, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the

classroom.

### **School Contributions**



This week, we will send home our School Contribution notes for 2017. Your contribution to your child/children's education will be directed into:

- **Purchasing the new XO Infinity device**

Your 2017 contribution to your child/children's education will be directed into:

- **Digital portfolio Seesaw**

Our school has amazing community partnerships and values your involvement in your child's education. The Seesaw App is a wonderful application that allows you to see what your child has been doing at school. Every class in the school is utilising the Seesaw app and over 63 935 items were uploaded by our teachers in 2016.

At Hilltop Road we spend your contributions wisely, ensuring your child has access to the latest technology resources. I am asking families to assist with what we believe will make an important difference to your child's educational experience. The contribution structure is listed on the back. If you would like to pay your contribution on a fortnightly or monthly basis please approach the front office to make arrangements. Please note you are now able to pay through **EFTPOS, Make a payment online and cash.**

All families who return their School Contribution by the following dates will be placed into a draw to win one of the following gift vouchers. The vouchers will be drawn at the morning assembly.

#### **Draw**

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>
<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>\$50 school (uniform shop, excursion voucher)</b>
<b>Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>\$100 school voucher (uniform shop, excursion voucher)</b>

## School Contribution 2017

<b>One child</b>	School contribution	\$50
	<b>Total = to \$1.22 per week</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Family (two or more children at the school)</b>	School contribution	\$100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100</b>

I am confident all parents would agree we have a great school with excellent teaching and learning programs, outstanding welfare, support and educational programs designed to meet the needs of all our students.

### School Uniform and Hats

It is pleasing to see our students in full school uniform. This clearly indicates a sense of pride and the value of being a student at Hilltop Road Public School.

However, we are asking for **ALL** students to begin wearing the **correct school hat**. Hats are available from the front office or Uniform Shop. We have also noticed an increasing number of students wearing a plain yellow shirt.

ALL students need to wear the **correct school shirt** with the Hilltop Road Public School emblem.

### Community Survey

Our school is currently undertaking a community survey to set directions and establish priorities. Please complete the online survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P7Y5BCL>

### Uniform Shop

Thank you to the dedicated parents who assist with the Uniform Shop. This resource wouldn't be available without the dedication of this team. Thank you to the volunteers who opened the uniform shop for extra days, to ensure all children had the correct uniform for the beginning of the school year. **Thank you Vicki, Sylvia, Mona, Rachele, Leyann, Lianne and Mirvat**

### Muslim Scripture

Our school is looking for Muslim Scripture volunteers. Training is provided including Working with Children Check (WWC), a teaching syllabus, workshops and stickers are provided.

Contact : Auburn and Parramatta Region Muslim Scripture Co-ordinator

**Eva Eid**

0405655065

### Hilltop Road Public School P&C

The Hilltop Road Public School P&C needs your help !

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**For the rest of the year meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.**

## **What is P&C**

The **P**arent & **C**itizen association represents parents and carers of children at school. We work alongside the staff of Hilltop Road Public School on projects that benefit our school and bring our community closer together.

## **Who can join?**

Any parents, caregivers and family members of students attending Hilltop Road Public School.

## **Why join? What's in it for me?**

Research has shown one of the vital ingredients for student learning is parent participation. P&C is the perfect avenue for parent involvement.

## **Will being a member take up lots of time?**

P&C members have different lifestyles and schedules, so we all contribute in different ways. The important thing is that you become involved in any way that you can. We meet once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, but you don't have to attend meetings, many members stay informed via email and social media.

## **There are so many ways you can help!**

The following are some things that P&C are involved in and need volunteers for:

- \*Mother's Day Stall
- \*Father's Day Stall
- \*Fundraising BBQs
- \*Carnivale
- \*Walk-a-thon
- \*Grant writing
- \*Pop up Cafes

One big project that our school and the P&C are working on together this year, is the completion and official opening of the new Community Resource Room, that's the room that Miss Catherine works out of. Any ideas/feedback/strategies are more than welcome!!

*If you'd like to be involved you can send your details to our President John 0412 850 724 or Secretary Lianne 0410 814 415 or email [hilltoproad.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:hilltoproad.pandc@gmail.com)*

*Or just show up to our meeting and we'll introduce you to the team.*

## **Stay Connected**

Want to stay in touch and connected to our school.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Twitter</u></b></p> <p>Follow us on Twitter Twitter handle : <b>@hilltoproadps</b> Username: Hilltop Road PS</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Facebook</u></b></p> <p>Follow us on Facebook <b>Hilltop Road Public School</b></p> 
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<p><b><u>Seesaw</u></b></p>  <p>QR student codes obtained from class teachers.</p>	<p><b><u>Visit our school website</u></b></p>  <p><b><a href="http://www.hilltoprd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au">www.hilltoprd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au</a></b></p>
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Please note we have cancelled our subscription to the Hilltop Road APP. The APP is no longer available as all information is communicated through the above social media.

Have a great week.  
Natalie See  
Principal

### ***Important Dates - Term 1 2017***

Please add the following dates to your diaries and schedules to ensure you know what's happening in our school

<b>Students</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Selected students	Year 6 leadership day	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> February
K-6 students	Meet the teacher afternoons	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February
K-6 students	Scripture classes starts	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Yr 6 students	First Foot Forward visit	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
K-6 students	Home reading program to commence	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Yr 1-5 students	Induction ceremony	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 students	Year Six High School Information Night	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Kinder students	Kinder 2017 welcome afternoon tea	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March
K-6 students	Clean up Australia day- HRPS Clean Up day	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Yr 6 students	Merrylands HS Open day visit	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Kinder parents	Parent helper information workshop in KR	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Selected students	Selective High School test day	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March
K-6 students	CBA Start Smart Workshops - Year 1-6	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March
K-6 students	Easter Scripture Service	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April
K-6 students	Easter Hat Parade and Crazy Hair mufti day	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April
K-6 students	Term 1 Social Skills Report sent home	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April
K-6 students	Last day of term 1	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April



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Available for students in years 1-6

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★ 30 minute lessons, once a week

★ Maximum 8 students per class

★ \$12.50 per lesson paid by the term

★ \$10.00 for purchase of own recorder

★ \$20.00 book fee



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**8 Week Courses**

Term 1 ★ School of Rock

Term 2 ★ Ukulele Club

Term 3 ★ Drum Division

Term 4 ★ Christmas Carollers Choir

Available for years 1-6

★ Instruments provided for lessons

★ Each course held only once per year

★ 30 minute lessons, once a week

★ \$8.50 per lesson paid by the term

★ \$10 book fee



If you require any information regarding private tuition or instrument sales, please contact us and we would be glad to point you in the right direction!

**Prep Course**

Designed for Kindergarten

Back due to popular demand

★ \$12.50 per lesson

★ \$10.00 book fee per term

★ \$10.00 to purchase own recorder in Term 3 only

★ Term 2 Program:

Singing + Movement, Melody Bells, Percussion + Rhythm

★ Term 3 Program:

Introduction to Bongos, Ukulele + Recorder

★ Term 4 Program:

Introduction to keyboard + Guitar

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**Storytime with Poppy**

**ALL FREE EVENTS**

Join the Family Day Care Team for a fun evening of craft, stories, songs and special guest - Poppy the Possum.

**Date:** Tuesday 21 February 2017  
**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Domain Community Room and Park, Oakes Street, Westmead.

**Date:** Wednesday 1 March 2017  
**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Dirrabari Reserve, Edwards Drive, Pemulwuy.

**Date:** Tuesday 7 March 2017  
**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Civic Park, Targo Road, Pendle Hill.

For more information please contact Cumberland Council's Family Day Care Team on mhfdc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au or phone on 9681 6511.



*Please note these events will be cancelled in the event of rain.*

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**Want to be part of a team, learn new skills and have lots of fun?** Holroyd Hotshots Netball Club is currently accepting registrations for all girls aged 5 and Up. For all enquiries, refer to <http://holroydhotshotsnc.nsw.netball.com.au>, go to our Facebook page, or call Jo 0417 364 501 or Stephanie 0421 776 125.

