

# Hilltop Road Public School Newsletter

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*From the Principal...*



## NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students are required to complete the NAPLAN literacy, numeracy and writing assessments next term on **Tuesday 9 -Thursday 11 May**. Information has already been sent home to parents and if you would like to withdraw your child from completing the NAPLAN, please see Miss Cavallo to sign the necessary paperwork.

## First Foot Forward Visit

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Year 6 students had an in-school visit by teachers from UWS involved in the First Foot Forward program. The program partnership with Hilltop Road commenced over 2 years ago and our students participated in a seminar about job skills, future employment and going to university. Later this year our Year 6 students will visit the UWS campus to complete a robotics and movie making course. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers from UWS for providing such wonderful opportunities for our Year 6 students.

## Induction assembly

On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March Hilltop Road held the Semester One Induction Assembly for class captains, sport house captains and vice captains and the Year 6 school leaders. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the assembly to support their children. A big thank you to Miss Rowley, Ms Close and Mrs Bartlett for their organisation and leadership of the SRC in 2017.



## Zone Swimming Carnival

Our annual Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Parramatta Pool on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. 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 Crabbe and Mrs Andrews who attended the carnival and assisted with jobs on the day. Special congratulations to **Robyn Andrews** of 6C who came **3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m freestyle** event and has now qualified for the regional carnival. Well done Robyn.

## Emergency Contact Details

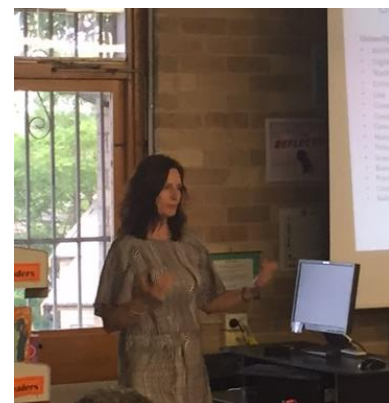
All students received a copy of the **emergency contact details**. It is essential that these details are current. Please update and return your details to your child's class teacher ASAP

## School Photos

Our school photo day is next week, on **Wednesday, 15th March**. Class photos, individual photos and family/sibling photos will be taken. All orders will be returned to school within the next few weeks and on arrival, they will be sent home via the students. Any late orders can not be accepted at the school office and must go directly through The School Photographer website.

## High School Information

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, over 55 parents attended the High School Information Evening. This was a valuable information session that explained to parents the necessary steps to enrol their child in high school. This is a difficult time for parents and I strongly recommend visiting a few high school information sessions to ensure families find the right high school. Our school



community is very fortunate to have a wide variety of excellent high schools within the area. Thank you to Mr Sparke, Principal from Greystanes High School, Mr Brad Main, Deputy Principal from Arthur Phillip High School, Ms Melissa Johnston, Principal from Granville South CAPA High School, Mrs Stead, Mr Radisic, Mr Macmara and Mr Dee from Merrylands HS, who attended the evening. Thank you also to Ms Close, Mrs Issar, Miss Crabbe, Miss Cavallo, Miss Cowpe, Mrs Kamas, Mrs Lavery, Mrs Romer, Mrs Ryabovitch, Miss Catherine and Miss Rowley, for supporting the evening.



## High School Open Days

Over the last two weeks Year 6 have attended various open days at our local high schools

- Wednesday 1st March – **Holroyd High School**
- Thursday 2nd March – **Greystanes High School**
- Monday 6th March – **Merrylands High School**

The students rotated through a series of activities including English, maths, science, sport, art and design and technology. The visits were valuable for our students as they were able to sample learning experiences in a high school setting. A big thank you to our local high schools for their continued partnership with Hilltop Road.

## School Contribution

We have sent home the school contribution notes for 2017. Thank you to the families who have supported the voluntary school contribution.

All contributions will be directed into maintaining technology and our one to one XO device program, as well as providing online personalised literacy and numeracy programs.



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.

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March draw for \$ 50 school voucher	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April draw for \$ 100 school voucher
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### Ambassador Training



On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, the Year 6 leaders participated in a training day in our school hall. The day was facilitated by Cameron Brown from **ExploreDiscoverAct**. The training day focused on looking at what an ambassador was, the qualities an ambassador has and planning a program that can be implemented K-6.

The presenter challenged our students to think about what we value as a school, and as ambassadors. The ideas our students came up with were fantastic.



Special thanks to Mrs Bartlett and Ms Close who organised and coordinated this wonderful opportunity for our school leaders.

### Year 6 / Kindergarten Welcome Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, our Year 6 parents hosted our annual welcome afternoon tea for the new kinder families, in the hall. It was pleasing to see so many new families brave the wet weather to attend and get to know one another. Thank you to the Year 6 families who donated the cakes, drinks and afternoon tea. Also a big thank you to Catherine Gregory, who coordinated this event and made sure it was such a success. We welcome all the new kinder families to the Hilltop Road PS community and look forward to sharing many more milestones with you.



### The Building Better Readers Study

*Building Better Readers* study is run by the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute and Melbourne Graduate School of Education. The study aims to find out whether a targeted reading intervention can improve children's reading for Year 1 students. We think that the program may have benefits in helping children to improve their reading.

Hilltop Road Public School has agreed to take part in this exciting study.

Parents of every child in Year 1 will receive an Parent Information Sheet which explains more about the study and what you need to do if you do not want to participate. These packs will be sent home via your classroom teacher.

We hope you will take part in this exciting new study.

## Meet the Teacher Afternoons

Meet the Teacher afternoons were held during the week commencing Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. Grades were allocated an afternoon during the week and the classrooms were open, from 1.00 pm, for a 10 minute meeting with the class teacher.

Classroom visits provided parents with the opportunity to have an informal talk with the teacher and provide information about their child as well as setting a learning goal for the coming semester. Thank you to our parents who attended and supported this initiative.

## Merrylands RSL Naval Celebration

On Wednesday 1st March, our school captains Abby Lavery and Jadhu Suresh represented Hilltop Road at a special service to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the White Ensign of the Royal Australian Navy. This was held at Charles Mance Park in Merrylands and was hosted by Merrylands RSL, in conjunction with the Royal Australian Navy and Cumberland Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Catherine for accompanying our school leaders to this special event.

The Australian White Ensign is a naval ensign used by ships of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) from 1967 onwards. Initially the Australian Navy used the British White Ensign as their ensign. However, this led to situations where Australian Ships were mistaken for British Ships. The Australian White Ensign is identical in design to the Australian National Flag, but with the reversal of the blue background and the white Commonwealth Star and Southern Cross. The colour flag ceremony is conducted each day at 8am on every Naval Ship.



## 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.

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.

## 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>

**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 are a licensed facility 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	
7:00am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 6:00pm

(Closed public holidays  
or Childcare benefit approved places)





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

Or Call 021 9589 1183 or 0603 627 327

We look forward to hearing from you.

## 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> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Seesaw</u></b></p>  <p>QR student codes obtained from class teachers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Visit our school website</u></b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b><a href="http://www.hilltoprd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au">www.hilltoprd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au</a></b></p>

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	Selective High School test day	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March
K-6 students	Individual, class and sibling photo day	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March
K-6 students	CBA Start Smart Workshops - Year 1-6	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March
K-6 parents	Parent excursion – Vaucluse House	Thur 30 <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





# Arthur Phillip High School

## the new high rise high school



### INFORMATION EVENING

Monday, 13 March 2017  
6pm  
School library

Year 5 and 6 Parents are invited to come and hear about:

- Our future focused, state of the art new school
- Our dynamic, innovative curriculum
- Our personalised focus on student wellbeing

[www.aphs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aphs.nsw.edu.au) tel. 9635 8638

@arthurphilhs

Would you like to join the **Enrol now for 2017!**

## Cool Kids Music Co.

lessons at school

For more information please call or email our friendly staff on:  
0457668742 or [enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au](mailto:enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au)  
If you wish to enrol or pay your fees please visit [www.coolkidsmusic.com.au](http://www.coolkidsmusic.com.au)

### Mini Maestros

Keyboard, Guitar, Recorder, Drums, Singing and Ukulele  
Available for students in years 1-6

- Perfect for beginners
- Instrument provided for lesson
- 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

### 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

### 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 Programs: Singing + Movement, Melody Bells, Percussion + Rhythm
- Term 3 Programs: Introduction to Bongos, Ukulele + Recorder
- Term 4 Programs: Introduction to keyboard + Guitar

### What makes CKMC so Cool?

- Music Olympics held once a Term!
- Student of the Week, Encouragement and Certificate of Participation Awards
- Lessons held in the convenience of your own school with friends!
- Weekly homework charts and Progress Reports available on request!
- Prizes for remembering your book!

If you require any information regarding private tuition or instrument costs, we would be glad to point you in the right direction!

Room usage fee may apply at some schools\*  
Information and website are subject to change\*  
Not all programs available at all schools as minimum numbers are required\*

**WINNER of the 2016 Blacktown Local Business Awards  
Most Outstanding Specialised Business!**