



Hilltop Road Public School

Newsletter: Friday 11 April 2025

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Official Opening of Alderson Park - Merrylands

We are excited to announce that the new playground at Alderson Park in Merrylands is officially open, just a short walk from our school! This vibrant and modern playground is a fantastic addition to our local community, offering a safe and enjoyable space for children to play, explore, and develop.



Our school leaders had the privilege of being invited to attend the grand opening of the playground, a moment that will undoubtedly be remembered for years to come. It was a heartwarming occasion, with the energy of the community and the joy of the children who will benefit from this new



space. The playground is designed to cater to children of all ages and abilities, ensuring that everyone has access to fun and engaging outdoor experiences.

A huge thank you goes to Cumberland Council for their vision, support, and dedication in bringing this wonderful project to life.

We look forward to seeing our students and families enjoying this new space in the future. The addition of such a beautiful playground right next to our school offers exciting opportunities for outdoor activities, recreation, and events. It's a fantastic way for the school and the wider community to come together, fostering strong connections and a sense of pride in our local area.



Zone Rugby League

On Wednesday, 2nd April, six talented boys represented the Auburn Merrylands-Parramatta Combined Zones Rugby League Team at the Sydney West Carnival held at The Ponds. Sunny (6G), Malakhi (5/6R), Isaiah (5L), Viliami (5F), Kingston (5F), and Izark (5/6R) showcased their skills, winning their first two games 8-0 and 16-8. In a thrilling third game, they advanced to the semi-finals, where they narrowly lost to the Blue Mountains by just 2 points. Malakhi and Sunny played up an age division on Friday, continuing to impress.



Congratulations to Malakhi and Kingston-Tiger for being selected for the next-level training camp!

Year 6 Fundraiser – Coin Line

A big thank you to all the Year 6 students who participated in our exciting Coin Line fundraiser! The event was a fun and creative way to raise money for our school, and we are thrilled with the fantastic effort shown by everyone.

Each class worked hard to gather as many coins as possible to create the longest coin line. The competition was fierce, and there was a great sense of teamwork as students worked together to make their line as long as they could.



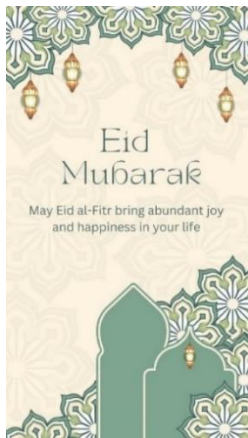
After much anticipation, we are excited to announce that the winning class was **[KC and 6G]**! As a reward for their hard work and dedication, they will be enjoying a delicious pizza lunch together.

Once again, a huge thank you to all the students who contributed to this fun and successful fundraiser. Your enthusiasm and generosity have made this event a great success, and we couldn't have done it without you!

We can't wait to see what other exciting activities we can participate in next year. Stay tuned



Eid Celebration



Our school community came together for a vibrant and joyous Eid Celebration today. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and unity as we shared in the beauty of this special occasion. What delicious treats we had to indulge in, all thanks to the generosity of our wonderful staff and community members. From sweet desserts to savory dishes, each bite was a reminder of the diversity and rich traditions we are fortunate to celebrate together. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who brought in food and helped make the event a feast for the senses.

Our students truly embraced the spirit of Eid with enthusiasm and pride. They showcased their talents through heartwarming performances, from traditional dances to cultural songs, filling the room with energy and joy. It was a beautiful display of the cultural richness that our community embodies. The students' smiles and excitement were contagious, creating a festive and inclusive environment where everyone felt welcome.

Thank you to Miss Catherine, Miss Maria, and the dedicated



community team of teachers whose tireless efforts and contributions played a huge role in making this afternoon successful.

Their passion for fostering inclusivity and celebration was evident in every detail, and we are incredibly grateful for their hard work and

commitment.



We are so fortunate to be part of a community that values kindness, unity, and the joy of coming together to celebrate meaningful traditions. Let's continue to share, understanding, and happiness, not just on special occasions, but every day. EID MUBARAK



Floristry Course

On Thursday, April 3rd, the Hilltop Road Community Resource Centre was transformed into a vibrant haven of creativity and joy as we hosted our annual floristry course. The workshop, led by the talented Gail Piper from Floral Team Building and Events, brought together our wonderful Community Mums and grandparents, who eagerly embraced the art of floral design.

The room buzzed with excitement as participants crafted stunning floral displays, surrounded by the sweet scent of fresh blooms. Beyond the flowers, the event was a celebration of laughter, new friendships, and shared moments of creativity



Thank you to Miss Catherine for coordinating this event, and to Cumberland Club Grants and Club Merrylands for their generous funding, which made it all possible. It was truly a day to remember, filled with community spirit and blossoming connections.



Chess Challenge Tournament

On Wednesday 9 April, Mr Angus and Miss Debby accompanied 15 students to a Chess Tournament at Glenmore Park. There were over 150 students in attendance from a variety of NSW schools, who were competing on the day. We came 3rd out of 10-15 other schools, this means we qualify for the semi-finals in Term 3 – we have qualified a 5 person team.

Congratulations to the Hilltop Road Chess Club team. They were the overall winners of the tournament. We are very proud of their effort.



Catholic Scripture Easter Performance

On Wednesday We hosted our annualWe would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who made the Catholic Scripture Easter Performance. This year's performance was a true celebration of the season, highlighting the joy and hope that Easter brings to our hearts.

A special thank you goes out to our incredible Scripture teachers—**Sonia, John, Nazi, and Samira**—for their unwavering dedication, passion, and hard work. Your time and commitment to our children have been invaluable, and the effort you put into preparing them for the performance is truly appreciated. The children's enthusiasm and talent were a reflection of your guidance and inspiration.

To all the **wonderful children** who participated, we are so proud of each one of you. Your energy, enthusiasm, and joy during the performance. You made the event something truly special, and we are grateful for your dedication and hard work.



Anzac Day Service

On Thursday 10th April, Hilltop Road Public School came together as a community to mark one of the most significant days in our national calendar — our annual ANZAC Day Ceremony. This occasion is held each year to commemorate the landing at Gallipoli in 1915, and to honour and remember all Australian servicemen and women who have served, and continue to serve, in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions around the world.



We were privileged to welcome our honoured guests, Mr Czerkies, Mr Allen, Mr Walker and Mr Loudon from the Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch. Their presence is always deeply appreciated, and their continued involvement with our school is something we hold in the highest regard. Each year, they generously give their time to attend our ceremony, share their stories, and connect with our students in a way that is both educational and deeply inspiring. Their participation, especially the laying of the wreath at our flagpole, serves as a powerful reminder of the real people behind the ANZAC legacy.



We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the many families who supported the ceremony by sending flowers with their children. These floral tributes, lovingly laid at the base of the flagpole by our students, created a beautiful and respectful display of remembrance and community spirit.

A special congratulations goes to our exceptional school leaders who conducted the ceremony with maturity, poise, and a deep sense of respect. Their leadership and dedication helped create a reflective and meaningful experience for all.

All community members are welcome to march behind our school flag at the Dawn Service on Friday 25 April from 5am.

Lest we forget.



Easter Hat Parade

On Friday 11th April, Hilltop Road was buzzing with excitement as we held our much-loved **Easter Hat Parade** and **Crazy Hair Day**. It was a day filled with colour, laughter, and lots of sparkle as students arrived dressed in their casual clothes, proudly wearing the most imaginative hats and the wildest hairstyles you could imagine!

A huge **thank you to our incredible families** for your ongoing support. Your time, enthusiasm, and creativity in helping your children prepare their hats and hairstyles made the day so special. Events like these are only possible because of the strong partnership between our school and our families, and we are so grateful for your involvement.



We'd also like to thank our **teachers and staff** who helped organise and support the day. Your encouragement and school spirit helped make the event a memorable one for all our students.

The Easter Hat Parade and Crazy Hair Day is always a highlight of Term 1, and this year was no different. It was a wonderful way to come together as a community, celebrate the Easter season, and send Term 1 off with fun and joy.

Well done to all our amazing students – we loved seeing your smiles, your style, and your creativity on full display!



Thank you Hilltop Road for a wonderful term. Have a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

Just a reminder school will return on Wednesday 30th April

Have a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

Kind regards,

Natalie See

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