Term Four will be an action packed term for the Hilltop Road Public School community. The Book Fair, Kindergarten Orientation, Presentation Assemblies, Movie Days, Carols by Candlelight and the Year Six Farewell, will ensure an exciting end to the year. Please ensure you have recorded the dates of these events in your diaries.

**Day On the Hill**

On Tuesday, 21st October our Year 6 students attended the **Day On The Hill** transition day at Parramatta High School. This initiative is designed to support students by allowing them to experience a day in a high school setting. The Year 6 students participated in a selection of lessons in subjects such as PE, Science, Geography, Visual Arts, Library, English, History, Language and Industrial Arts. Lessons were taught by the Parramatta High teachers and the Year 6 students were required to find their way around the school using a timetable and map. Thank you to Mrs Helen Moore who has coordinated this important initiative over the past few years.

**Book Fair**

Last Thursday, our students enjoyed the Book Fair. Classes were allocated a time to attend the Book Fair throughout the day to purchase a book and enjoy the fair. A big thank you to Mrs Scott, Mr Walsham, Mrs Bennett and their team for organising the Book Fair. Mrs Scott returned from leave and we appreciate her time.

**NRMA Road Safety Day**

On Monday, 20th October students in K-6 participated in an NRMA road safety education program. It was a whole day event where the students attended interactive science shows to reinforce the importance of road safety. Students were shown how to fit bike helmets correctly and were involved in interactive demonstrations. NRMA also provided every child with a work book and water bottle. We thank NRMA for their ongoing commitment to road safety.
**Merrylands RSL War Memorabilia Project**

Our school has been selected to assist Merrylands RSL catalogue war memorabilia in preparations for the 100 year Anzac commemorations. From Monday 27th October a group of students will be working with Mr Thompson and members from the RSL Club for a number of weeks, until the project is complete. In 2015 Merrylands RSL Club will display the memorabilia and have an interactive display that our students have helped prepare. This is an exciting project and a wonderful opportunity for our school community.

**After school activities**

Teachers are providing a variety of opportunities for our students after school hours through programs such as; Active After School Communities, Art Club and Culture Club. Please be reminded that you must collect your child from these programs at the correct finishing time. Unfortunately, a number of children are still waiting to be collected 45 minutes after the group has finished.

**NAIDOC Week - Mural Winner Announced**

Earlier this year Hilltop Road participated in NAIDOC week celebrations. During this week students were asked to design an artwork that could be created into a mural, to celebrate and recognise Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

We received many entries and the following students were the five finalists. The students were:

Andrea - 4NG  Angelina - 5L  Muska - 3/4S
Mychal-Lana - 6C  Tomas - 6C

During the week students were taken to the art showcase and asked to vote for their favourite artwork. The winner of the design-a-mural competition was Mychal-Lana from 6C. Her artwork will be re-created as a mural within the school grounds.

Congratulations to Mychal-Lana and all the students who participated in this event. Thank you Mrs Lavery for coordinating this opportunity.

**LOFT Day**

On Monday, 13th October, twenty students from Year 5 were accompanied by Miss Davies and Mrs Chapman to Bundilla Scout Camp at Winston Hills. The Leaders of the Future training day gave our students the opportunity to work collaboratively and complete leadership activities that will guide them toward future success. Students from Westmead and Parramatta West Public Schools were also in attendance.
**Kinder Farm Excursion**

On Tuesday, 16th September Kindergarten went on an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. The students had a fantastic time spending the day at a real farm. Kindergarten got to go on a tractor ride through the paddock, play with the baby goats, milk a cow and pat baby rabbits. The students also watched a whip cracking show where Mr Hall-Watson and Jack from KR had a turn at cracking the whip. After lunch, Kindergarten watched a working dog show and a sheep shearing show. The teachers all got a bag of sheep wool to take back to school. Kindergarten had a very enjoyable day at the farm and learnt so much!

**Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2015**

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Please begin enrolling siblings and informing family members, friends and neighbours. Enrolment forms can be collected from the front office. Children starting Kindergarten in 2015 **MUST** be 5 on or before the 31st July.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

The first Kindergarten Orientation session will be held this **Thursday, 30th October**. If your child is starting Kindergarten in 2015 please ensure you have enrolled and can participate in this important transition event. Thank you to Mrs Baddour, the Kindergarten team and our staff who organise and support this valuable program.

**Whole school photo**

Due to the wet weather last term, the whole school photo was postponed. It has been rescheduled for **Monday, 3rd November**. It will be taken at approx. 9.30am, straight after morning assembly, so please ensure your child/children are at school on time. Photos will be available to order at a cost of $10.00 – more information to follow.

**Its Academic**

On Thursday, 9th October Ms Close and Mrs Caliskan accompanied seventeen year 6 students to the taping of the channel 7 show, Its Academic, at the Foxtel studios in Epping. Our Year 6 students competed against two other schools, in teams of three and they need to be commended for their exemplary behaviour on the day. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students and one that they will always remember. The screening of the program will be in 2015 and we will notify you of the specific date.

**Cool Kids Music Concert**

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a concert that is being held in the Before and After School Care centre on Wednesday, 19th November at 12.00 pm, for children who have been attending Cool Kids music lessons this year. Please add this date to your diary.
Year 6 Sustainability Expo

On Wednesday, 15th October, Year 6 students attended a sustainability expo organised by Holroyd Council at Central Gardens, Merrylands. Our Year Six students battled the inclement weather to participate in a wide variety of activities that highlighted the need and value of planning and living in a sustainable environment. Thank you to Holroyd Council for organising this valuable learning experience.

First Foot Forward Open Night

On Thursday, 23rd October, families had the opportunity to visit the University of Western Sydney campus and enjoy an easy going and friendly night with the First Foot Forward team. A number of information sessions and stalls were available for families to choose from. Families enjoyed a free barbecue, drinks, giveaways and a jumping castle and lots more for families. Thank you to the First Foot Forward team who provided this valuable program and information evening.

Sun Protection - No hat play under the shelter

As the warmer weather approaches ALL students need to have a hat at school each day. Students who do not have a hat will need to play under a shelter area to protect them from the elements. School hats are on sale at the Uniform Shop. Please ensure your child's hat is labelled with their name and class.

Summer Uniform

Also, with the warmer weather ALL students should now be wearing their Summer Uniform, which consists of a short sleeve school polo shirt and black shorts (boys) black skorts (girls).

PELC Public Speaking Showcase

Over the last two weeks, a number of our students participated in the PELC Public Speaking Showcase. Each school sent representatives from each stage to share their speech around a selected topic. The purpose of this event was to share and celebrate the public speaking skills of our talented students. Thank you to Ms Close who coordinated this event for our school. Congratulations to the following students who represented our school.

Stage One - Cassidy Lauguico - 2SM, Janell Seve - 1B, Assya Ghenim - 1/2E
Stage Two - Georgina Bou Mina - 4M, Emily Hoesteri - 4NG, Andrea Abi-Antoun - 4NG
Stage Three - Breanne Makdessi - 6C, Matthew Lee - 6C, Arunita Seth - 5L
**NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival**

Well done to Kristy Caplikas and Latecia Lolohea who represented our school at the recent NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival. Kristy and Latecia are talented athletes and we are proud of their achievements. I am sure we will see them on the international sporting stage in the future.

**Congratulations - Arzjah Hossain**

Congratulations Arzjah, who was recently selected in the 2014 Parramatta Women’s Hockey Association Under 13’s Representative Team. She will compete at the Hockey NSW State Indoor Championships. Well done, Arzjah.

**School Planning**

Public Schools in NSW are about to move into a new planning cycle for (2015-2017). In preparation for this, we will be seeking student, staff and community input into the development of our school plan. There will be many opportunities to provide your input and have your say in the development of our school plan. Please respond to surveys or attend forums we will be holding during the term.

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th November, 2014 at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. During this meeting all P&C positions will be declared vacant. Please note that you must be a financial member to vote. Please see Elaine Lee (treasurer) if you would like to pay $2 to become a voting member before Tuesday, 11th November.

**Selective High School for Year 7 in 2016**

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 are now available for parents or carers of students in Year 5. Parents and carers are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from Tuesday, 14th October. All applications must be submitted by Monday, 17th November. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Application information is available on the Department’s internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

**Community Reading**

Hilltop Road Playgroup families had a great day at the Holroyd Council Community Reading Day. Our very own Hilltop Road students entertained the crowd on the big screen by singing nursery rhymes and sharing their favourite story books. The author Andrew Daddo made a guest appearance and read three of his own stories, including First Day which is all about starting school. The highlight of the morning was Poppy Possum and the children services team with their pantomime style Possum Locks and the Three Bears. Thanks to all the families who attended the day.

Hilltop Road Playgroup runs each Tuesday in the Community Resource Centre 9.15am - 11.15am. $2 per family and bring along a piece of fruit. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. Contact Miss Catherine on 0401155576 for more information.
Australian Principals Conference

Last week, I attended the Australian Principal Conference with over 600 principals from across Australia. The theme of the conference was ‘Creating the Future’. A number of presenters spoke including; the Hon Mike Baird, The Hon Adrian Piccoli, John Maclean OAM, Geoffrey Robertson QC, Ian Jukes, The Hon Anna Bligh and a number of outstanding speakers. The conference focused on catering for the needs of our learners and adapting learning in the 21st century. Our dedicated team are working hard and implementing a number of strategies and approaches.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Natalie See
Principal

Calendar of Events

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

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Have a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends!
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Please tick the appropriate boxes

☐ YES, I would like to attend the “1-2-3 Magic” parenting group in Term 4, 2014.

☐ I would like childcare during the group

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