From the Principal....

Cricket NSW

On Tuesday, 4th November Cricket NSW visited Hilltop Road to conduct free cricket clinics for all of the children in K-2. Each class attended a session and had fun batting, catching, bowling and developing their cricket skills. Cricket NSW are coming back to our school to hold these sessions again for the children in 3-6 on Tuesday, 2nd December. We would like to thank Cricket NSW for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 7th November the K-2 athletics carnival was held in the primary playground at school. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting this event. The children enjoyed participating in their age race and tabloid activities. A big thank you to Miss Barling, Mr Harvey and the organising committee for planning a great day for our students.

Thank you to the parents who organised and prepared the sausage sizzle at the carnival. We appreciate your support.

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**Howie Pins**

Howie Pins are an important part of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Hilltop Road. Exemplary students who consistently follow our school rules and values have the opportunity to earn 50 merits and qualify for a Howie Pin. Listed below are the students who have qualified for a prestigious Howie Pin at Hilltop Road so far this year. We would like to congratulate them for being such a wonderful part of the Hilltop Road community.


**World Teachers Day**

On Friday, 31st October Hilltop Road celebrated World Teachers Day by sharing ice-cream cakes for all staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff we have here at our school for providing such an engaging learning environment for the children, always being prepared to give up their time to attend extracurricular activities and being such a dedicated, hardworking team.

**Classroom Teacher Positions**

Congratulations to Mrs Gonul Kamas and Mr Evan Williams who were recently appointed to our school through the DEC Staffing procedures. Mrs Kamas and Mr Williams are delighted they have been permanently appointed to our wonderful school community.
Project Based Learning Restaurants

As part of the grade PBL projects titled Seed To Plate that Year One have been working on this term, each class is culminating their learning with a restaurant. The children have studied the roles necessary to run a restaurant, food preparation, food handling and serving, utensil identification and they have completed a Work Health and Safety certificate in cutting skills.

The restaurants being run by each class over the next two weeks are:

- Fresh by 1R
- Sticky Fingers by 1CA
- De-L-icious by 1L
- Shake It Up Juice and Smoothie Bar by 1H
- Souper Kitchen by 1B
- Healthy Haunters by 1/2E

I recently had the good fortune of being at the launch of the 1R Fresh Restaurant. It was wonderful to see the students seating, serving, preparing and cleaning in their restaurant. Over 60 people enjoyed a three course meal and were treated to the power of Projected Based Learning. Thank you to Mrs Romer and her students for a memorable occasion.

Remembrance Day

Our school held the annual Remembrance Day service on Tuesday, 11th November which was organised by Mr Harvey. It was pleasing to see so many families bring flowers to lay at the base of our flag pole as part of the service.

I attended the Merrylands RSL service held at the park in Treves St., Merrylands with Gaby Youssef and Leila Kacanic. It was a moving service with speeches, choir performances, poem recitals and the placing of grevillea and bottlebrush saplings at the war memorial in the park.

Next year Hilltop Road Public School have volunteered to run the 2015 Remembrance Day commemorations on behalf of the Merrylands RSL Club.

Kmart Wishing Tree

On Wednesday, 14th November, our Junior Choir and Junior Dance Groups performed at the 2014 launch of the Kmart Wishing Tree at Merrylands. The staff and customers were treated to another fantastic performance by our students who all had great energy and wide smiles. This opportunity allows our students to shine within the community and to value and understand this important initiative. Thank you to Mrs Baddour, Mrs Kamas and Mrs Longe for your tireless efforts and providing the opportunity for our students to shine.
**Year Six Milson Island Camp**

Our Year Six students swapped desks and computers for fresh air and a great variety of outdoor activities when they visited Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre. They had a great week at Milson Island participating in a wide range of activities including; the flying fox, low and high ropes, canoeing, giant swing, bike riding, swimming, archery and fishing. The adventurous activities were certainly a lot of fun, but they also provided a significant educational advantage. The program was a great opportunity for the kids to challenge their abilities and practice initiative, teamwork and communication and personal care skills. Thank you to Ms Close, Mr Anderson, Mr Balafas and Mrs Issar who gave up a week without their families to attend the camp. Milson Island is a valuable experience for our students.

**School App**

Thank you to the families who have now downloaded the school app.

Please be reminded that our school app is now ready and available for you to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store for your iPhone or android phone. Just search Hilltop Road. It is free. **The login details are as follows:**

username: community
password: hilltoprdps

The app will include an updated school calendar, notes that get sent home and all newsletters for easy access. You will also receive regular notifications and alerts to remind you of school events. If you require assistance with downloading or using the app please contact the school.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Thank you to Mrs Baddour and her dedicated team for organising an informative and welcoming Kindergarten Orientation. The orientation sessions shared valuable information about our school including;

- Preparing students for school,
- Highlights of Hilltop Road
- A Day in the Life of Kindergarten
- Meeting our community groups

We look forward to meeting our new students and families in the new year.
**St Paul's School Brisbane**

Recently, Mr Des Hylton (Head of Inquiry Learning) and Ms Melanie Johnston (Curriculum Development Coordinator) at St Pauls School Brisbane visited Hilltop Road. St Pauls is involved in the Learning Frontiers project and came to gain insights into our strong community partnership and approaches to learning including; Project Based Learning and Self Organised Learning Environments. Thank you to our school executive team who facilitated the meeting and shared our learning journey.

**Wet Weather Provisions**

A recent thunderstorm at 3.00pm highlighted the large number of students who are not prepared for wet weather conditions. As many students left the school grounds his/her behaviour become erratic and they placed themselves in dangerous situations, trying to escape the rain and lightning. A raincoat, umbrella or poncho kept in your child’s bag at all times will ensure they are protected from the elements.

**Joint Memorabilia Project with Merrylands RSL**

Our school is involved in an exciting joint venture with the Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch. A group of eight students, under the supervision of Mr Peter Thompson, are assisting the Merrylands Sub-Branch members to catalogue the memorabilia held by the RSL. It is hoped an interactive multi-media display will support the project. Thank you to the dedicated men and women at the RSL for providing our students with this valuable learning experience.

**School Leader 2015 Speeches**

Congratulations to our Year Five Students who presented their speeches on potentially becoming school leaders in 2015. All speeches were of a high standard and reflected the excellent student leaders we have at our school. Thank you to our parents who have supported their child’s efforts with this highly emotional process. I look forward to announcing the new 2015 leaders at the 3-6 Presentation Assembly. Thank you to the Year Five teachers Miss Davies, Mrs Ryabovitch, Mrs Lavery Miss Konneman and the teacher mentors for supporting your students.

**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.
School Garden

Hilltop Road is involved in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Year 3 have been working really hard in the garden each week planting seeds, watering and learning about soil composition. After all of their effort, last week they harvested their first crop and Miss Catherine made beetroot dip for the children to taste test. It was a great success. This week they will be following the recipe and making the beetroot dip themselves. A special thank you to Miss Catherine, Mr Balafas, Mrs Gates, Mrs Menham and Mr Owens for all of their hard work in the garden each week. A big thank you also to the parent volunteers who help out whenever they have some available time.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th November. At this meeting the following community members were elected for 2015:

- President: Ms Christie Hodgson
- Vice President: Mr John Lavery
- Vice President: Mr John Panaretto
- Vice President: Mr Michael Malvicino
- Treasurer: Ms Jolynn Cross
- Secretary: Mrs Lee Andrews

Thank you to our outgoing 2014 committee members, we appreciate your tireless effort and commitment to the Hilltop Road School Community. Congratulations to our newly elected committee, we value your commitment to the Hilltop Road Community.

Hilltop Road Annual Christmas Carols Night

Our school will be holding our Annual Christmas Carols Night. Please record this important date in your diary

Where: Hilltop Road Public School
Grass area in front of the hall

When: Friday 5th December

Who: Hilltop Road Community

Time: 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Bring: A blanket, snacks and your best singing voice

Cost: Free

Performances by each grade.

Please note light up candles, flashing Santa hats, glow in the dark items and cakes will be on sale. The canteen will be opened for your convenience. A photo booth will be set up.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Learning Frontiers Melbourne Visit

Last Wednesday and Thursday, Miss Caliskan, Mrs Romer and I had the pleasure of representing our school at the National Learning Frontiers Hub meeting. The national conference showcased the amazing work being undertaken by schools across Australia, leading student engagement and innovative learning initiatives for students. We showcased our work with Project Based Learning and Self Organised Learning Environments. This is an exciting initiative that places our school at the cutting edge of a worldwide movement focused on student engagement.

Woodberry Public School Visit

On Wednesday, 12th November, Woodberry Public School (Newcastle) visited Hilltop Road. Miss Cavallo hosted our visitors explaining our school’s learning journey and visiting classrooms to highlight our achievements. Please see below an email Miss Cavallo received after the visit;

I wanted to thank you again on behalf of our team for your time, hospitality, professional dialogue and such a willingness to open your doors to us.
We all commented on the engagement, passion and positive culture of your staff and students. It was clear that this was a whole school ethos and your teachers were deserving proud and ‘bouncing’ to share with us, so freely, all of their hard work.

Hilltop is a school I would love to work at. Please ensure you celebrate the magic that you’ve created. That positive, collaborative and passionate ‘sense’ that we got yesterday the moment we walked into your school, is rare. As a literacy consultant in a past life, I worked with many schools and it is truly special to find such an environment where the thinking and pedagogy is visible, purposeful and shared.

Thank you for being so willing to openly share your journey with us. Please pass on our gratitude to your staff. They're doing an amazing job. Enjoy the remainder of term 4.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

Please be reminded that our Annual Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held on

**When:** Wednesday, 26th November

**Where:** Library

**Time:** 10.30am

We look forward to thanking our dedicated parents and community members

End of Year Scripture Service

The annual Christmas Service is being held next week. A note will be sent home later in the week asking for permission for your child to attend.

**When:** Wednesday 26th November

**Where:** School hall

**Time:** 11.30am

Thank you Mrs Fears

I would like to thank Mrs Fears for dedicating her time to Hilltop Road for over 37 years. Mrs Fears has decided to retire as a Scripture teacher, we wish her all the very best on her retirement.

Free Furniture

In the coming weeks Mr Martin will be putting excess school furniture in the Rose Garden of a morning, that will be free for families to take and use at home.

Extended Leave/Leaving our School

If you are planning on taking extended leave in 2015 or your child/children will not be returning to Hilltop Road PS next year, please approach the office ladies as soon as possible and let them know so that this information can be collated for class formations in 2015.
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 or the front office. 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).

Middle Schooling – Year 6 by Jack Griffiths 6D

Every Monday and Tuesday, for the next 4 weeks, Year 6 transform into Year 7 students – but at the comfort of our own school. The Year 6 teachers have put together a program called ‘Middle Schooling’ to help us transition into high school next year. We were given a timetable just like in high school where we rotate between teachers and lessons. The subjects include: English, Maths, Languages, Science, Health, Visual Arts and sport.

This is an amazing project for children in Year 6, we’ve learnt many new and different things, and are still learning. I’m looking forward to learning more Italian and completing my Website about my hobby. It’s not all rosy though, the hard part is having to carry our bags and folders around the whole day! Even at recess and lunch! But, that’s something we have to get use to… high school is only a few weeks away!

App In A Day – Maker Movement by Izayah Calleja, 6D

On Wednesday, 5th November, a group of clever Year 5 & 6 kids (Corey King, Alex Cuskelly, Mohamed Dahir and Izayah Calleja) worked with Mr Kent for the day to create an IPad app. The app we created was like a cheat sheet for Minecraft and it was suitable for beginners and pros. We decided to name the app ‘Minecraft Tips’. It was so interesting learning how to create links that take you straight to the YouTube tutorial. It was also sort of hard because we had to create a link for every page we made.

At the moment, the app is only suitable for use on an IPad, so it will not work on an IPhone. We are looking forward to our app going live! Thank you, Mr Kent for helping us create something so awesome. We’re looking forward to making and learning new things.

Bandana Day

Thank you to the dedicated Year 6 leaders who sold bandanas to support Bandana Day. This is an annual charity our school supports for the Westmead Children’s Hospital. Thank you, Mrs Ryabovitch for coordinating this important event.

Have a great week.
Regards,
Natalie See
Principal
Kumon a proud sponsor of the Hilltop Road Newsletter

**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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Are You Interested In A Unique Learning Opportunity For Your Son?

Blacktown Boys' High School values all of the learning needs of our community and makes every effort to address them. In recognising the diversity of our learners, we offer a GTI Program which is a unique learning opportunity for your son.

Students are invited to sit an entrance exam during Term 4 of Year 5 to qualify for this Gifted and Talented class. Other feedback is also valued, so if you believe your son is a suitable candidate for this class, please complete the attached parent nomination form below and return it to your son's primary school. Teachers of Year 5 will also be asked to nominate students for the GTI program.

The Gifted and Talented Program at Blacktown Boys' High School will offer students opportunities that are different to those in regular classrooms and place particular emphasis on the specific learning needs of boys. Students will explore all curriculum areas by undertaking work in:

- Short Film Production
- Debating / Public Speaking
- Writing and Mathematics competitions
- Vocal Group
- Musical Instrument lessons
- School and community performances
- Art competitions and shows
- Computer Technology
- Environmental projects

As part of the Gifted, Talented & Interested Program, students will undertake a yearly project and presentation outside of their classroom work. The project will focus on a theme (e.g. community), and parents will be invited to a project night where students will present their projects to the audience.

All students at Blacktown Boys' High School will participate in creating a personalised learning plan to monitor their achievement, successes and needs across the school. There will be a special focus on leadership, and extra-curricular participation for students in the GTI Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Blacktown Boys' High School on 02 9622 1558.

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PARENT NOMINATION FORM
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I would like my child to sit the GTI entry exam. The exam will be administered at his primary school during Term 4, 2014.

Parent/Guardian name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Signature: ____________________________________

(Please print)

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO YOUR CHILD’S YEAR 5 TEACHER BY FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2014