From the Principal....

**Mother’s Day Stall and Breakfast**

Thank you to our wonderful parents who put together the Mother’s Day stall. Our children greatly appreciated the efforts of the team who purchased, wrapped and sold gifts at the stall. Your hard work ensured hundreds of our children had the opportunity to give their mum, or a special person in their life, a beautiful gift on Mother’s Day.

On Friday, 9th May over 170 mothers, grandmothers and aunties attended the Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast. Our mums enjoyed a hot breakfast, were pampered, visited the photo booth, were serenaded by Mr. Hall-Watson and participated in lucky door prize raffles, provided by our local businesses who supported this event. It was wonderful to see so many mums enjoying themselves and winning some fantastic prizes.

It was fantastic to see, Mr Malvicino, Mr Iupeli, Mr and Mrs Lee and Mr Lavery cooking a hot breakfast for our mums. Thank you to our Year Six students who painted nails and organised raffle tickets and coordinated the photo booth, Mr Hall-Watson for his amazing tunes and Miss Catherine and her trusted group of helpers for organising this great annual event.
A big thank you to our local businesses who donated their services and products to ensure our mums had a great time. Thank you to the following businesses:

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**Congratulations Mr Michael Webb**

Last Thursday, My Tony Issa the Member for Granville, attended our school assembly. Mr Issa presented Mr Michael Webb with a NSW Community Service award. Our school nominated Mr Webb for his service and dedication to our school community.

Michael Webb has been a valued member of our school community for the past six years. During this time he has been involved in a number of organisations and projects throughout the school community. He has been an active member of our P&C Association and held the position of Secretary on the Before and After School Care Management Committee. It is his passion for educating children about the environment that has made a huge difference to our school community. Michael has volunteered countless hours developing and implementing garden programs for our students. Initially this was a weekly lunchtime garden club which taught students in K-2 the basics in growing vegetables and maintaining a garden. This idea developed into Smart Sprouts, a project which was integrated into the weekly timetable and ensured over 200 students per year experienced education in an outdoor setting, whilst getting close to nature. Michael was instrumental in securing funding to ensure the program was viable. Michael has left our school community, but continues to be involved in the school garden. Michael’s enthusiasm is evident to everyone in our community.
Congratulations Taylan Ozhan

During last week’s assembly Mr Issa presented Taylan Ozhan with a NSW award. Taylan received his award for his selection to represent New South Wales in sports - Taekwondo. He has represented NSW, our school, his club and Australia. Recently in New Zealand, he had a great outcome and won Gold in his division. Taylan won his match 11-4. This is equivalent to the National competition that he attended in Brisbane last October. Congratulations Taylan, we are extremely proud of your achievements.

Thank you Mr Issa for supporting our school and presenting the awards on behalf of the NSW Premier and Government.

Hilltop Road Mini Bus Arrives

Club Merrylands has generously donated a 21 seater mini bus to the Hilltop Road School community. We are very grateful for this kind donation. The bus provided by Club Merrylands is a great asset to our school. Staff, parents and the wider community will benefit from the bus, as it will assist in facilitating many learning opportunities and new experiences. More importantly, the bus will provide Hilltop Road PS students with endless opportunities to participate in a variety of events, which will have a positive impact on their educational, social and emotional well-being. Thank you Club Merrylands we appreciate your continued support.

Thank you to our Drivers

Thank you Mr Lavery, Mr Iupeli and Mr Caliskan for transporting our students to a number of events in our new bus. We appreciate your time and dedication to our school community.

Smoke Free Zones

Parents please be reminded that a smoking ban applies to covered and uncovered spectator areas, while an organised sporting event is held. Last Friday, a number of parents were smoking at PSSA sport. Please be aware that smoking is NOT permitted at these events.

Approaching Students in the Playground

Please be reminded that parents are not to approach other students at school. If a problem has occurred please refer it to the class teacher, Miss Cavallo or Ms See. It is essential that all members of the community follow this expectation.
Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court Action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at:


Grip Student Leadership Conference

On Thursday, 22nd May the School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects attended the Grip Leadership Conference at Homebush. The students had a fantastic day, learning valuable leadership skills that they can apply in their leadership role at school. More than 30 primary schools attended the conference and students had many opportunities to interact with other student leaders. The presenters were fun and entertaining, which motivated students to interact and share their ideas. Our School Captain, Breanne was selected to participate in a game on the stage. She represented our school with pride and confidence.

Thank you to Miss Rowley and Mrs Bartlett for organising this valuable leadership experience.

Reconciliation week

What is reconciliation week?

National Reconciliation week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

How is Hilltop Road celebrating reconciliation week?

• The Indigenous Dance group is performing at Stocklands Merrylands.
• A number of our students will perform the reconciliation dance with our indigenous students.
• Our Indigenous students artwork will be displayed at Stocklands Merrylands. These artworks were developed in partnership with Cumberland Women's Centre.
• All students will create a Reconciliation artwork with the most popular being developed into a school mural.
• All students will participate in the reconciliation flashmob dance.

My thanks to Mrs Lavery for coordinating our Reconciliation events.
Congratulations Mr and Mrs Harvey

Congratulations to Mr Harvey who recently welcomed the arrival of his first child. Mrs Harvey gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Oliver on Friday 16th May. Both mum and baby are doing well.

Congratulations Mrs Sikorski

Last Thursday, Mrs Sikorski gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Zack. This is Mrs Sikorski's second child and we wish Mr and Mrs Sikorski and Liam all the very best at this special time.

Sports Kickstart Development Visit

On Tuesday, 27th of May, students in years 5 & 6 participated in Sports Kickstart soccer development clinics. Sports Kickstart, in affiliation with the Western Sydney Wanderers provide development based sports programs to encourage, excite and advance students. Our students were immersed in a range of quality skills and drills, with the notion of harmony at the heart of the session. We are one step closer to the Soccer World Cup! Thank you Mrs Dogan for coordinating this opportunity.

Staff Development Weekend Conference

On Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th May, the Hilltop Road Public School staff engaged in a Project Based Learning professional development conference. The conference was led by two amazing educators David and Clare Price. David Price, OBE is a leading educational writer, speaker, and trainer. He is a Senior Associate at the Innovation Unit, in England. He has led a range of ground-breaking, innovative education programmes, including Musical Futures, which has successfully re-engaged learners in thousands of schools in many countries. He has given keynote presentations all over the world and created hugely popular teaching resources. In 2009, he was awarded the OBE, for services to education.

Clare Price is an Arts Education Consultant with over 20 years experience working in the arts and education. Most recently she worked as Head of Arts Development for ArtForms, supporting over 250 schools in Leeds. She is an experienced trainer and facilitator and has led an extensive programm of professional development opportunities for teachers and artists, alongside the design and management of numerous large scale conferences and events.

The conference focused on developing an understanding of Project Based Learning and the benefits of embedding real world connections for our students. My thanks to our dedicated staff who are clearly committed to our students and community.
**Parent Helper Workshop**

Next week, TWO parent workshops will be held:

**When:** Wednesday, 4th June

**Time:** 9.15am and 3.00pm

**Where:** KJ classroom

**What:** New parents wishing to volunteer in their child’s classroom

**National Collection of Data**

Our school will this year be participating in the national collection of data on students with a disability. You have already received a letter with more information about this process. Further information about the data collection can be found at:


**District Cross Country Carnival**

Congratulations to our students who attended the District Cross Country. It was a great day for our students to showcase their long distance running skills. The day was attended by over 15 schools. Thank you to Mrs. Goulding, who was the team manager and the parents, who supported their children at the event. Congratulations to Eda, Derya and Kristie, who were the 12/13 years Girls Team Champions.

**Leadership Workshop – Creating Strong Leaders in our Community**

On Thursday 15th May, 17 members of our school community began a six week course run in collaboration with Granville TAFE Outreach. This course will cover topics such as leadership styles, how to run a meeting, conflict resolution and advocacy. These workshops will support parents and community members who would like to become involved in community groups such as P&C, Sporting and Cultural groups. Thank you, Granville TAFE Outreach and Miss Catherine for coordinating this valuable opportunity for members of our community.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held between **Monday, 16th June – Thursday, 19th June**. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable information about your child’s progress. Unfortunately, we have a small number of parents who **never** attend these important interviews. Please be reminded that parents have the opportunity to book an interview between 8.30am-5.30pm. Booking details will be sent home shortly.

**Kindergarten 2015**

Parents, we are **now** accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015, please begin enrolling siblings, informing family members’, friends and neighbours. Please collect enrolment forms from the front office. Completing an enrolment form will ensure you receive valuable information about our transition programs.
New Arrivals to Australia

On Tuesday, 27th May, eighteen students from Kindergarten to year six, who are new arrivals to Australia, went on an excursion to Merrylands Library, Stockland Mall and Central Gardens. This excursion was organised by Mrs Barar and Miss Naimi as part of learning about their local community.

This excursion was well supported by parents and Miss Catherine Gregory (our Community Liaison Officer) and Mrs Karen Chapman who accompanied the students on the excursion.

At the library, the students enjoyed an engaging session and learnt how to become a member and enjoy the facilities there. They had a great time walking and discussing the establishments at Stockland Mall. Finally, they had fun observing and describing some of the Australian animals at Central Gardens.
Commonwealth Bank School Banking

School Banking is here!

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is at Hilltop Road Public School. It's a great way to give your child a financial head start by helping them to learn about good money management and the importance of saving.

What is School Banking?
School Banking is a program designed to help your child develop strong financial literacy skills for the future. With the help of the School Banking Co-ordinators, children can start saving regularly through the school. Best of all, the School Banking program makes saving fun with an exciting Rewards Program that encourages regular participation.

Encouraging good saving habits
School Banking gives children hands-on experience at handling money and seeing it grow. The program helps them develop the knowledge, independence and confidence they need to manage their finances successfully as they get older.

Earning fun rewards
Every time your child makes a deposit through the School Banking program, regardless of how much, they will receive a cute Dollarmite token. Once they have saved 10 tokens they can swap them for fun Dollarmite rewards. There is a great range of rewards including money boxes, pencil case, scented pencils, handball and many more.

How does your child get involved?
In order to participate in the School Banking program, your child will need a Commonwealth Bank YouthSaver account which can be opened at ANY branch of the Commonwealth Bank convenient to you. If you are an existing customer with NetBank access, you can open an account online. Simply logon as usual, click the offers and apply tab, then select ‘accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver’. For either option you will need to have your child’s birth certificate and your driver’s licence for identification.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver / Dollarmite account, they can use this account for School Banking. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

Alison Shaw from the Commonwealth Bank will be at School on Thursday 5th June from 8.30am to open accounts.

Benefits to our school
When your child completes their first deposit at school on Banking Day, our school receives $5.00 commission. A further 5% commission will be paid on all deposits made at the school. It is a great way for our school to raise funds while your child learns all the important lessons of saving money on a regular basis.

Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday. Please bring your bankbook and give to the school office and start school banking.

Your local Commonwealth Bank branch is Greystanes.
Come and meet Helen and her team
Greystanes Shopping Centre, Braside Road
Greystanes NSW 2145

We hope you will consider participating in the School Banking program, as we know your child will benefit from banking each week.

Have a great week.

Natalie See
Principal
# Important Dates – Term 2 2014

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

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