From the Principal....

**Fair Go for the West**

Thirteen hard-working Western Sydney Champions have been recognised for their efforts in the region and will receive a $10,000 boost to allow their winning work to continue. Congratulations to Connor and Molly who are part of the Champions Champion Award given to Cumberland Gang Show. More than 166 Scouts and Guides, backed with a 20 piece orchestra and more than 250 volunteers will use their winnings to put on a musical spectacular that explores just what young people can achieve when they imagine they can. Congratulations Connor and Molly.

**Sydney West Dance Festival**

On Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th June, I had the pleasure of watching our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Dance groups perform at the Sydney West Dance Festival at Penrith. The girls were outstanding. The night was filled with a very high standard of routines and our dance groups were amazing. Thank you to Miss Caliskan and Miss Marketos who has worked tirelessly practicing and organising costumes. Thank you to our dedicated parents, Mr Lavery and Mr Caliskan, who helped transport students to Penrith. Congratulations to our fantastic dancers!

**Report and Interviews**

This week you should have made an appointment to talk to your class teacher in Year 1 - Year 6. Interview Week is a great time to discuss your child’s learning achievements and future directions. Thank you to our dedicated staff who were available from 8am-5.30pm.
Leadership Workshop- Creating Strong Leaders in our Community

Over the last six weeks, 15 parents have participated in the Creating Strong Leaders in our Community workshops. The workshops have been run by Andrew Ang in collaboration with Granville TAFE Outreach. The workshops have focused on leadership styles, how to run a meeting, conflict resolution and advocacy. Thank you to our amazing parents who participated in this great opportunity. We look forward to you continuing to make a great difference in our community.

Change to the Year 1 Excursion Date

Please note the Year One excursion to Manly Ocean World will be held on Tuesday, 24th June.

PULSE Tickets

Our students will participate in the PULSE concert on 14th August at the Opera House.

The tickets for this event will go on sale at 9.00am on 23rd June through the Opera House.

Pricing Information : Standard - $45, Child Under 12- $35

DEEWR XO Visit

On Tuesday two representatives from The Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) visited our school. Both Jennifer and Anne came to witness first-hand the impact of the One Education - One Laptop per Child program. DEEWR has invested over $13 million into ensuring students throughout Australia could have access to a $100 XO laptop to utilise within their learning environment.

Club Merrylands – Computer Course

Our second group of Club Merrylands participants are working their way through our computer workshops. The workshops have proven to be popular with the participants, as they learn about the internet, specific programs and cyber safety. Thank you to Yousuf, Ruben, Adem, and Husain from 5L who assisted with this week’s workshop. It is wonderful to see our students assisting with the workshops.
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.

Sports in Schools
The Sport in Schools program will commence in Term Three. Thank you to the families who have paid the $45 to participate in the program. Sport in Schools provides an opportunity to implement a specialised Sport/PD/H/PE program at our school. The program aims to achieve the development of the skill base, links, progressions and knowledge of K-6 students in this area.

It is part of the school curriculum and ALL children are expected to participate.

Adobe Meeting
On Friday 6th June, Mr Kent, Miss Maroun and I attended a breakfast meeting at Adobe’s head office in Sussex Street, Sydney. Dr Allen Partridge’s shared new insights into the latest Adobe software and the possibilities for our students. Thank you to Mr Kent an Adobe Educator for organising this unique opportunity.

Refugee Week
On Tuesday, 17th June, Miss Catherine, Mrs Koroma, Mrs Iupeli and Mrs Sakoua attended the Refugee Week celebrations at Parramatta Library. Our parents listened to refugees’ stories, their struggles, successes and where they are now. Thank you all!

LEAD Meet
Recently, Mrs Romer and I attended a LEAD Meet at the NSW Parliament House. The LEAD Meet provided the opportunity to hear from educational leaders from across Sydney. Mrs Romer and I listened to best practice and exciting possibilities from a variety of public, catholic and private schools.

State of Origin Mufti Day
The Year 6 students at Hilltop Road Public School held a fundraiser on Wednesday. The money raised will go towards their farewell and their gift to the school.

Congratulations to the NSW Blues after 9 long years we have finally beaten Queensland.
Gili Scholarships

Congratulations to Abby and Robert Lavery who were recently awarded a Gili Scholarship. Over 100 outstanding applications were received, which made the task of the scholarship panel extremely difficult in deciding the final 40 recipients. The Gili Scholarships were awarded to Aboriginal students who excelled in leadership, academic, sport, creative and practical arts. Congratulations, Abby and Robbie.

Laitham Shirley & Arzjah Hossain – Sydney West Representatives

Laitham Shirley (6I) is currently representing Sydney West in the NSW PSSA Opens Rugby League Carnival at Kingscliff. The team has performed well over the first day and a half, winning all three games. Congratulations, Laitham.

Arzjah Hossain (4/5R) is also currently representing Sydney West, but at the NSW PSSA Girls Hockey Carnival at Narellan. She is doing very well competing against girls from all across the state. Congratulations, Arzjah.

Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week

Our school celebrated Reconciliation Week by participating in a flashmob and designing a poster (the winning poster will become a school mural). During the school holidays, NAIDOC week will be celebrated. Our school will be celebrating next week. As part of NAIDOC week and also in line with Reconciliation week, we will be creating our own ‘sea of hands’ at school. “Planting a sea of hands is an act of recognition – of identities, cultures and history.” Thank you, Mrs Lavery for coordinating these important experiences.

National Collection of Data

Our school will this year be participating in the national collection of data on students with a disability. Further information about the data collection can be found at: http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

K-6 Disco - Masquerade

Hilltop Road Public School’s SRC have organised a disco in the hall on Thursday, 26th June 2014. The cost is $4.00 (payable at the door), which covers entry. Drinks will be available for $1.50. The theme for the disco is ‘Masquerade’. All money raised will go towards our school project.

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**AITSL Parent Survey**

Hilltop Road Public School is a design hub for the Australian Institute for Teaching and Leadership (AISTL). As part of this valuable project we are asking ALL parents to participate in a quick survey. Thank you to the parents who completed the survey at the parent teacher interviews.

Please find the link below

AITSL survey - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LFrontiersSydneyD](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LFrontiersSydneyD)

**Kindergarten 2015**

Parents, we are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015, please begin enrolling siblings, and 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.

**Poppy Possum visits our Playgroup**

On Wednesday, Poppy Possum came to share stories with the children at Playgroup. Poppy enjoyed meeting our toddlers and sharing the joy of reading. Thank you to Holroyd Council’s Children’s Services for bringing Poppy to our school.

**Term 3 and Staff Development Day**

Our next staff development day is to be held on Monday, 14th July. School will resume for ALL students on Tuesday, 15th July.

**Education Week – Term Three / Week Three**

Education Week will be held next term in Week 3. Our Education Week Open Day will be held on Thursday 31st July. Please keep this date free in your busy schedules.

**School Security**

We have had a number of enquiries regarding school security and locking our school gates. Our school is very community orientated and our community members are frequently visiting for playgroup, workshops, assemblies and assisting within the classroom. With this in mind at the beginning of term three we will be closing our back gates during recess and lunchtime. Access to our school during these times can still be made through the Hilltop Road front entrance.

**Apprehended Violence Orders / Court Orders**

We have a number of families who have active AVO’s and Court Orders. Could families please ensure that the school office has a copy of any current paperwork.
Have a great week.

Natalie See
Principal

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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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