Carnivale

On Friday, 6th November, Hilltop Road Public School held our Carnivale and what a great night it was! We were extremely lucky with the weather and the rain held off, allowing everyone to enjoy the fantastic atmosphere. It was great to see so many children and families enjoying the rides, buying show bags, having their hair sprayed and buying lots of glow items and yummy food. A special thank you to the teachers who were brave enough to volunteer for the water bucket challenge, as it was one of our most popular events of the night.

A big thank you to the P&C who worked to ensure the night was a great success. Special thanks to the Outback Steakhouse at Wentworthville for their continued support and sponsorship of our school.

Kindergarten Cookbook

The students in Kindergarten have been working very hard to create a cookbook, as the final product for their project based learning unit. The cookbooks look amazing and are filled with lots of recipes supplied by the teachers and kinder families, photos and artwork drawn by the students are also included. The cookbooks are on sale now for $6.00 or two copies for $10.00.

If you would like to support our students and buy a cookbook, they will be on sale every morning this week, in the Rose Garden.
On Wednesday, 18th November, our Junior and Senior Choir and Junior Dance Group performed at the 2015 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 Miss Wilson, Mrs Longe and Mrs Sleiman for your tireless efforts.

On Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in an Immersion Day with Auburn West Public School. Our students had the opportunity to network and meet other students, build new friendships and engage in a range of experiences including STEM and S.O.L.E. Our students enjoyed the day and meeting children from another school. The STEM activities were a highlight and allowed our students to collaborate and problem solve. Thank you to Mrs Lavery for coordinating the day.

On Monday 2nd and Monday 9th November, students in Year 1 visited the historic site called Vaucluse House. Vaucluse House is a 19th-century estate with house, kitchen wing, stables and outbuildings, surrounded by 28 acres (9 hectares) of formal gardens and grounds. It is managed by the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales as a museum that is open to the public.

Year 1 students toured the grounds that belonged to the Wentworth family and looked at how people used the land to get food from early Aboriginal times to the present day. They looked at what life was like in the 1800s and played games as children would have, back then. The Year 1 students learnt about food preparation, looked at what a balanced diet consisted of and compared it to now. They had a great time and decided they would much prefer living with today’s conditions, especially if you were a servant back in the 1800s.
Year Six Milson Island Camp

Last week our year 6 students swapped desks and computers for fresh air and a great variety of outdoor activities when they visited Milson Island from Monday 9th - Friday 13th November. The sport and recreational facilities are fantastic and the students had a great week participating in lots of different activities including archery, abseiling, high ropes, bike riding, canoeing, rock climbing, fishing and a BBQ cookout, just to name a few. The program was a great opportunity for the kids to challenge their abilities and practice initiative, teamwork and communication and personal care skills.

I had the pleasure of visiting the year 6 students on Thursday and enjoyed dancing the night away, at the disco that evening. The students were well behaved and had a great time. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I am sure one they will always remember.

I would like to give a special thanks to the teachers that attended and supervised, at the camp all week. Thank you Ms Close, Ms Sivrioglu, Mr Anderson and Mr Kent. I appreciate the time you gave up to be away from your own families, to allow our students to experience this wonderful opportunity.

Sport and Recreation Centres also host family and kids’ programs during the school holidays. [www.facebook.com/NSWSportandRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/NSWSportandRecreation).

Selective HS Applications

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017 are now CLOSED for parents or carers of students in Year 5. Late applications will not be accepted. Information is also available on the Department’s internet at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). If you have any questions, please see Miss Cavallo.

Holroyd Council Library - The Summer Reading Club

Holroyd City Council Library Service is pleased to announce the start of the Summer Holiday Reading Club. The theme for the 2015/2016 Summer Holiday Reading Club is Lost Worlds. The Summer Holiday Reading Club activities will run from 30 November 2015 until 24 January 2016. Registration is FREE! When participants register at Holroyd Library they will receive a Summer Holiday Reading Club pack and a Reading ID to be stamped each week when they borrow from any of the other branch libraries.

For more information on this year’s Summer Reading Club, please feel free to contact the Children’s section on 9840 9960.
Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, 11th November Hilltop Road Public School was proud to host the Remembrance Day ceremony for the Merrylands RSL-Sub-Branch, at Merrylands Memorial Park. The ceremony was held to honour our service members and to remember the sacrifices they have made of duty, honour and country. There were invited guests, Julia Finn, MP Member for Granville, the President of Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch and members of the Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch and Club Limited, the Mayor of Holroyd, the NSW Police, Fire and Rescue and Holroyd SES, representatives from ten of our local public schools and the community of Merrylands all in attendance.

Our Year 5 students did an outstanding job hosting the ceremony and I would like to thank our speakers: Jake Tester, Ben Chappelow, Emily Hoesteri, Neleh Price, Andrea Abi Antoun and Adrian Kacanic.

A big thank you to Miss Rowley who organised the service at Merrylands as well as the service held here at school.

Our K-6 students took part in a Remembrance Day service at 2.00pm, held at school and it was wonderful to see so many children bringing floral tributes and being respectful on this meaningful occasion.

Coo-ee March

On Monday 9th November, our school lined Centenary Road to welcome the Coo-ee Marchers to Merrylands. This was a wonderful experience for our students as they waved their Australian flags to show support and respect, for these amazing Australians. The marchers stopped and spoke to our students, high fiving and thanking their support. The group leader commented “This has been the biggest and best reception we have had from a school for the entire 600km.”

The Coo-ee Marchers had been walking for 600km when they reached Merrylands. This event was part of the 2015 centenary commemorations. It commemorates the recruitment march held 100 years ago, which had been planned and executed as a means to increasing recruits to fight for King and Country in the Great War, following the devastating casualties of the Gallipoli Campaign.

Thank you to the Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch for ensuring our school had the opportunity to support this valuable experience.
On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, we held our Annual Parent Morning Tea. Each year we gather to thank our helpers for their contribution to the Hilltop Road School Community. Our school is a very special and unique place. This is due to the strong community partnerships we have with our parents, community groups and organisations. Each year it feels more like a big extended family all working together to support, share and ensure we provide the very best for each other and most importantly our children.

To our friends and family who were there for the final time, as your children are officially heading into high school, thank you for your years of dedication to our school. It’s been great and we couldn’t have done it without you. Please be reminded that you are and always will be part of our school community.

To Catherine Gregory our wonderful CLO and Kim Whale our Student Welfare Worker, so many things would not be possible without your guidance, great ideas, connections and strong relationships you have within the community. Thank you Cath and Kim.

Thank you to Mrs Ryabovitch for coordinating the invitations, the staff for bringing along the amazing spread and our amazing teacher’s aides and admin staff for making the event possible.

**Merrylands High Year 5 Open Day**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 5 students attended an open day at Merrylands High School. This program was coordinated by the teachers from Merrylands High School and included an introductory welcome after which students rotated through a series of learning activities that included English, Mathematics, Science, Visual Art, Design and Technology, Geography, History and PE.

The activities enabled our Year 5 students to participate in the unique experiences that a High School can offer, prior to attending Year 7 in 2017. I would like to thank Merrylands High for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our students.

**Yr 5 Prefect Speeches**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, I had the pleasure of listening to the nominated Year 5 students present their leadership speeches in the 2016 SRC. All of the students who assembly did an outstanding job and truly importance of what a leadership position the students spoke well and did their After the speeches were completed, Year 2-5 returned to class and voted for believe will make the best candidate for I would like to take this opportunity to thank teachers and the nominated staff mentors, students through this process.

The 2016 school leaders will be the 3-6 Presentation Day assembly on December.
**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 4th December
- **Who**: Hilltop Road Community
- **Time**: 6.30pm - 9.00pm
- **Bring**: A blanket, snacks and your best singing voice
- **Cost**: Free

Performances by the school choir and grade carols

**All children must be accompanied by an adult**

**Principal’s Morning Tea**

Over the last two weeks I had the great pleasure of having morning tea with over 150 students who have received a Principals Award. Congratulations to these students, who continually follow our school rules, work hard and uphold the Hilltop Road High Five Values.

**Cybersmart**

The Australian Government Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has asked that we share the following information with all families on how to report cyberbullying material –

- report the cyberbullying material to the social media service
- collect evidence – copy URLs or take screenshots of the material
- if the content is not removed within 24 hours – block the person and report it to [www.esafety.gov.au/cyberbullying-complaint](http://www.esafety.gov.au/cyberbullying-complaint)

**EOS Carl Jarvis Visit**

On Friday 6th November, the staff at Hilltop Road were fortunate enough to work with Carl Jarvis throughout the day. Carl Jarvis is an international speaker and educator and the executive head teacher at Hartsholme Academy in the UK.

While he was at Hilltop Road he took the staff through an engaging session on feedback and critiquing. We look forward to continuing this partnership with him in 2016.
**I On The Future 3.5**

On Saturday 7th November, Mrs Romer, Ms Sivrioglu, Mr Kent, Miss Caliskan and I attended the I On the Future Conference at Turramurra North Public School. It was led by Carl Jarvis and Alan November. The conference looked at who owns the learning and the keynote speakers and workshops focused on student centred learning practices. It was a thought provoking day that allowed for reflection and discussion, about how these ideas can be implemented into our classrooms.

**ELEVATE**

On Tuesday 10th November, Miss Cavallo, Mrs Romer, Miss Caliskan and I attended a workshop held at Knox Grammar School as part of the Elevate project. Elevate consists of 15 combined schools from the public and independent sector. Hilltop Road Public School is only one, of two public schools, involved in this project. The day comprised of sharing ideas amongst staff and focused on high potential learners and personalising learning for our students.

**Water Save Australia**

As part of the Year 2 PBL unit, students ran a water conservation campaign in the school. They focused on raising money for Nepal, as they identified Nepal is not as fortunate as Australia to have clean water available. During this time, the school saved 99 kilolitres of water, making a difference to the water bill. Students saved $221.61 from the water bill and $400 from the awareness multi day. Watersave Australia, who supported the students with their data collection, has also kindly offered to match the funds saved in our water bill. Congratulations Year 2 as a total of $843.22 has been raised and will be sent to Water Aid.

**New Infinity Device**

The One Education program has developed a new device replacing the XO. Check out the Infinity on the Indiegogo site. This campaign is very exciting and features some of our students. http://igg.me/at/my-infinity/

**Important Dates for Term 4, 2015**

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RETURNING TO SCHOOL – 2016

If your child **WILL NOT** be returning to Hilltop Road Public School in 2016 or will be returning **AFTER** the first day of school (Thursday, 28\(^{th}\) January), please fill out the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ____________

My child:

- *will not* be returning to Hilltop Road Public School in 2016.
- *will* return to Hilltop Road Public School after the 28\(^{th}\) January, 2016.

S/He will be returning to school on (date)____________________________________

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________________________

Date: ___________________