Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed time with your family. Hilltop Road has many exciting programs and opportunities planned throughout 2015.

New Families

Welcome to our new students and families who have joined the Hilltop Road Public School community. Our school is very community orientated and provides many opportunities to become involved within our school. Please make our new families feel welcome and part of the Hilltop Road School Community.

Holding Classes

Hilltop Road Public School will continue to implement the Holding Class strategy to ensure we have our final student numbers and staffing aligned, before forming new classes. Your child will remain with their 2014 class and teacher, where possible. We are anticipating more enrolments than last year. During holding classes our students will revise and learn about the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school matrix. The PBL matrix clearly defines our school expectations and behaviour within our school community.

Farewell – Miss Barling

We sadly farewell Miss Barling. Miss Barling has moved to Newcastle for her husband’s work and to be closer to her family. Miss Barling was a valuable member of our team and worked tirelessly to improve the learning outcomes and opportunities for her students. Miss Barling will be sadly missed by our students, staff and parents. We wish her all the very best in Newcastle.

Welcome New Staff Members

Miss Renee Cowpe is our second Deputy Principal. Miss Cowpe joins our team from Nomeau Public School, a very well respected school within the Mt Druitt area.

Mr Evan Williamson who was permanently appointed to our school.

Mrs Kim Yatras, Mrs Louise Price and Miss Amanda Wilson who will join our team after working as casual teachers at Hilltop during 2014.

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Welcome back Mrs Judy Scott who has returned from leave.

Parking

The staff car park is for the use of Hilltop Road Public School staff only and because of the large number of staff and the limited number of spaces it is an extremely busy area. For the safety of our students please do not use the car park to pick up or drop off children.
Job Opportunity in our School Canteen - School Canteen Assistant Required

School Canteen Assistant Position

Monday to Friday 8.30-2.00pm
Previous experience preferred

This is a great opportunity to work during school hours and be part of a large diverse school community.

To be considered for this position, the requirements are:

- Excellent communication skills both written & verbal
- Organisation and time management skills
- Ability to prepare and cook foods

Resumes should be emailed to jazzmelcatering@bigpond.com or see Sevil in the school canteen after 9.30am.

Please note that there may be a trial period for the successful applicant.

Applications close: Friday, 6th February

Thank you

Thank you to Christie Hodson, Leanne Andrews, Brenda Fong, George Fong and Miss Catherine who spent many hours on Saturday giving the Community Resource Room a spring clean. The centre is such a valuable resource and the heart of our school. It is wonderful to see the centre looking so great.

Parking and rubbish in our surrounding streets

In 2014, I had a number of complaints about our community parking inappropriately and rubbish being dropped in the surrounding streets. Please be reminded that:

- Parking across or in a driveway affects our neighbours. Families have missed appointments, been late to work or were unable to take their own children to school, as their driveways have been blocked.

- Please don’t discard rubbish in the street. Our neighbours are proud to live in the Hilltop area and pride themselves on a neat and tidy street.

Our school is working with the local council to ensure our community prevents these problems in the future.

Swimming Carnival

The annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Merrylands Pool on Tuesday, 17th February, 2015. All children in years 3-6 are encouraged to attend this school event, as there are races for swimmers and fun activities for non-swimmers. A note for this event will follow.

Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten students will commence school on Monday, 2nd February after completing the Best Start assessment. This assessment is a state wide initiative that assists our teachers to establish a child’s point of instruction in Numeracy and Literacy.

We are looking forward to another great year.

Have a great week.
Natalie See
Principal