Harmony Day

The continuing message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. It’s about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. On Friday, 20th March, our school celebrated Harmony Day in a number of ways including:

K-6 Students and community members enjoying a Zumba class coordinated by Mrs Sleiman
Students participating in a wide variety of classroom and buddy experiences
Parents sharing a traditional lunch in the Rose garden and;
Performances by our Stage 2 Dance Group and the Indigenous Dance Group at Stockland Merrylands
Sharing stories through our Human of Hilltop videos.

The day was action packed and reflected the truly unique community spirit at Hilltop Road Public School.

Farewell Mr Harvey

Congratulations to Mr Nathan Harvey who recently received a promotion through the merit selection process. Mr Harvey will commence his new positon, as Assistant Principal at Parklea Public School in Term 2. Mr Harvey is a valued member of our school community and we wish him all the best in his new position.

Farewell Mrs Yatras

Mrs Kim Yatras has received a permanent appointment at Jasper Road Public School. We wish Mrs Yatras all the best, as she commences her first permanent appointment with the DEC.

Thank you Easter Eggs

Thank you to the wonderful Year One families who donated Easter eggs for our Easter raffle. Thank you to the community members who organised the Easter raffle baskets and sold tickets.

Trivia Night

Congratulations to our Lead The Way parent group who organised a trivia night on Saturday, 21 st March, as a fundraiser for one of our community members in need. The night was an amazing success and captures the heart and soul of our caring school community. My thanks to this dedicated team and the community members who participated and helped out on this important night.
ANZAC Dawn Service at Merrylands RSL

On Saturday, 25th April, 2015, Merrylands RSL will hold their Annual Dawn Service to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC. The Dawn Service starts at 5.30am. Hilltop Road Public School has a strong tradition of attending the Dawn Service and for the last 10 years, we have proudly marched behind the school flag. This year, Merrylands RSL have invited Hilltop Road to speak at the service about the meaning and importance of the 100 year celebrations.

Thank you to the 100+ students and family members who will represent our school at this year’s Dawn Service.

Merrylands RSL Club and Sub Branch Anzac Day Dawn Service

100 Year Commemoration
Saturday, 25th April 2015
5.00am for 5.30am commencement
Charles Mance Reserve
Corner of Newman and Miller Street, Merrylands

Hilltop Road Public School ANZAC Service

This year our ANZAC Service will be held on Wednesday, 22nd April. Our service will be supported by members of the Merrylands RSL. Families are welcome to attend or send floral tributes to this important service.

When: Wednesday, 22nd April
Where: Undercover area
Time: 11.30am

School Contribution

Thank you to the 85 families who have supported the voluntary school contribution. All contributions will be directed into XO laptop maintenance and the construction of a new community resource centre.
Congratulations to EYLul Obuz from KT who won our $100 School Contribution Voucher draw.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Thank you to our dedicated community members who worked from 7am to 4pm, cooking sausages and selling cakes at our election day stall. We appreciate your time and efforts fundraising for our school.
Thank you to the families who donated cakes for the stall.
Another successful community event.

Pemulway Learning Community Executive Professional Learning

Last year, our school had the opportunity to join the Pemulway Learning Community. This community of schools includes; Greystanes High School, Greystanes Public School, Beresford Public School and Girraween Public School.
On Wednesday, our executive team participated in a combined professional learning meeting with Simon Breakspear. Simon is a learning strategist and researcher. As the founder of LearnLabs, a learning research and design agency, he works across the globe with educational leaders to design and deliver deep learning. Our school is looking forward to working with the Pemulway Learning Community and Simon throughout 2015. A combined Staff Development Day is planned for Term three, 2015.
Hilltop Road Parent and Community Helper Workshop

Thank you to Miss Catherine and Mrs Baddour for facilitating a Parent and Community Helper Workshop for parents and community members, wanting to volunteer within our school community. At Hilltop Road, we encourage volunteers to get involved and support us in helping our students reach their learning goals. Thank you to our new kindergarten families who attended this valuable workshop. We are looking forward to working with and beside you.

Social Skills Report

Today your child will bring home a Social Skills report. This report provides information about how your child has settled into term one. Please make a time to contact your child’s class teacher if you would like to discuss this report in detail.

Milo Cricket

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 students who participated in this week’s Milo 20/20 cricket tournament. It is great knowing so many students are engaging in an active lifestyle and enjoying a variety of sporting opportunities. Thank you to Mrs Boustani for coordinating this experience.

SMS Canteen Ordering

Next term the canteen will be trialing a new system, where you can SMS your order to the canteen. What you need to do:

- Visit the canteen and make a minimum payment of $20.00. The canteen will track your balance every time you send an SMS through. When the balance is $5.00 or below you will increase your balance.
- Once you have made a payment to the canteen, you will be issued with a phone number to SMS your orders to.
- SMS orders must have child/rens full name and class and what they would like to order
- SMS orders must be in before 10am daily
- If you do not have any balance in the canteen, an order will not be issued.

Easter Hat and Crazy Hair Parade

Today, our school held our annual Easter Hat and Crazy Hair Parade. The morning was enjoyed by our students, teachers and parents. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces participating in this event. Thank you for your support.

Staff Development Day

Staff will engage in a Staff Development Day on Monday, 20th April. School will resume for students on Tuesday, 21st April.

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Maths & English
Pre School ~ High School

Book Now for an information session
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**Term One**
Thank you for all your hard work throughout term one. The year is certainly flying and it is hard to believe the Easter holidays are upon us. Please have a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends.

Have a great holiday.

Natalie See
Principal

Happy Easter to all our families!
Hope you all have a safe and relaxing break.
## Important Dates - Term 2 2015

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

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**FREE**

DANCE CLASS ON TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL IN HILLTOP SCHOOL HALL

- 3.30 – 4pm is Mini Jazz …………age 4yrs – 8yrs.
- 4 – 5pm is Junior Jazz ……………age 8yrs -10yrs.
- 5 – 5.30pm Mini Hip Hop …………age 6yrs – 11 yrs
- 5.30 – 6.30pm Junior Jazz ………age 10yrs-12yrs.

Please come for 2 weeks FREE Trial in April/May Jazz or Hip Hop Dance Classes on Tuesday afternoons at Hilltop School Hall

Ph: 0416 247 713

Also Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop & Glee singing classes on Wednesday afternoons at Wentworthville