Yr 5 Excursion

On Tuesday 26th May our Year 5 students visited the Imax Theatre at Darling Harbour to see Hidden Universe. This giant-screen documentary adventure, with the full power of IMAX 3D, took our students on an extraordinary journey deep into space. They were able to explore the earliest galaxies, watch stars being born in vivid clouds of gas and dust, tour the surface of Mars, and witness images of distant celestial structures including stunning views of the Sun. This was followed by a visit to the Art Gallery NSW to see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art on display, as an introductory hook event for their PBL project next term.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday 28th May Miss Catherine and her group of volunteers set up a pop up café in the rose garden and hosted a morning tea, to raise money for the Cancer Council. $1000 was raised and donated towards cancer research and prevention. A big thank you to the year 4 students who made and served scones and to all the parents and community members who supported this event by baking, serving and attending the morning tea.

XO KidsMeet

On Wednesday 3rd June, Hilltop Road PS held the first KidsMeet in our Tech Hub, with children from six surrounding primary schools. Approx. 40 children attended and took part in networking, collaborating and sharing ideas with one another to improve their technical skills. The students defined the role of an XO mechanic, completed basic coding, set up a google account and learnt how to swap from one network to another. The day was organised by Mrs Turrini and it was a great success. All of the schools involved expressed an interest in continuing the KidsMeet and making them a regular event. I would like to thank Mrs Turrini for providing such a wonderful opportunity for all of the students involved.
Synergy Dance Festival

On Wednesday 3rd June, I had the pleasure of watching our Stage 2 Dance Group perform at the Synergy Dance Festival at Penrith. The girls were outstanding. The night was filled with a very high standard of routines from both primary and high schools and our dance group was amazing. Thank you to Miss Marketos who worked tirelessly practicing with the girls and organising costumes. Thank you to our dedicated parents, Mr Lavery and Mr Elwan, who helped transport students to Penrith for the evening and matinee performances. Congratulations to our fantastic dancers!

Refugee Week

On Tuesday, 9th June, 18 selected year 6 students and approx. 20 teachers and community members attended Auburn Centre for Community, as part of Refugee Week Events. The centre was open in the morning for students to visit and from 1-3pm for teachers and parents to visit. Our school took part in a professional development tour of a Refugee Camp. The tour aimed to help everyone understand what life in a refugee camp is like and the impact it has on the lives of the families who live there. I would like to thank Mrs Catherine Gregory for organising such a valuable opportunity for our students, teachers and community members.

Report and Interviews

Last 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. Any reports that were not collected during interview week will be sent home early in Term 3.

Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week

As part of NAIDOC week and also in line with Reconciliation week, each class created a ‘sea of hands’ that were planted in the front entrance grass area at school. “Planting a sea of hands is an act of recognition – of identities, cultures and history.” We will also be holding a red, yellow and black mufti day on Thursday 16th July, after the holidays, next term. More information will follow. Thank you, Mrs Lavery for coordinating these important experiences.


**School hour visits**

Parents and Caregivers need to be reminded that anyone coming on to school premises during recess and lunch or at any time throughout the day, must go to the office first, sign in and collect a visitor’s badge.

**National Collection of Data**

Our school will once again 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](http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability)

**Kindergarten 2016**

Parents, we are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016, 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. 

**Ready Set Go** for Kindy commences in Term 3 week 4, **Monday 3**

**Earn & Learn**

Earn and Learn is back to make a difference for our school. Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back. This community program enables schools to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths. Starting on Wednesday 15th July, your family and friends can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. Shoppers will receive one sticker for every $10 they spend. Once you complete a sticker card it can be placed in our school collection box, which will be located in our school admin. Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative.

**i on the future**

On Thursday 18th June, eighteen of our Year Six students traveled to Turramurra North Public School. This included the opportunity to work with two leading international education experts, Kevin Honeycutt and Carl Jarvis. Our students worked on a mini project learning experience and constructed a shelter to withstand a natural disaster. My thanks to Mr Paul Taylor and his team at Turramurra North Public School for including our students in this valuable learning experience.

**I've Read the Newsletter Competition**

Congratulations to the winners of our 'I've read the newsletter competition' All winners will receive a $50.00 school voucher to be utilised within the school community. Congratulations, Mrs Cuskelly, Mrs Westbury, Mrs TeRuk and Mr Abi Antoun.
Thank you to the Hilltop Fruit Market

Thank you to you to the Hilltop Fruit Market located at 51 Coleman Street Merrylands. The Hilltop Fruit Market kindly donated the fruit and vegetables for our Mother’s Day Breakfast. We are extremely fortunate to have such supportive local businesses within our community. Thank you, Hilltop Fruit Market.

Play Leader Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to our Play Leaders who received their badges and hats at our K-6 assembly on Thursday 25th June. This assembly showcased the outstanding students we have within our school and demonstrated the numerous opportunities we provide for our students to become involved within the school community. The Play Leader program began at Hilltop Road in 2006 and has been implemented throughout the Western Sydney Region. Our Year 5 students run the Play Leader program and are responsible for providing games and equipment for our students to play with in the playground at lunch time on designated days. Being a Play Leader is an important job at Hilltop Road. Thank you to Mrs Ryabovitch, Mrs Turrini, Mrs Lavery and Mr Williamson for organising the Play Leader program.

Community of Schools Creative and Performing Arts Showcase

On Wednesday 24th June, our Stage 2, Senior Dance Group and Drummers performed at the Community of Schools Creative and Performing Arts Show case at Merrylands High school. Our performers were amazing and I’m sure you would agree it makes you proud to be a member of the Hilltop Road school community. Thank you Miss Caliskan, Miss Marketos, Mrs Daniela and Mr Williamson for supporting this event.

Farewell Mrs Daniela

Mrs Daniela is taking leave to have her first baby. We wish Mrs Daniela all the very best for the safe arrival of her baby. Miss Han will be working with 4E for the remainder of the year.

Term 3 and Staff Development Day

Our next staff development day is to be held on Monday, 13th July. School will resume for ALL students on Tuesday, 14th 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 30th July. Please keep this date free in your busy schedules.

Absences

The Department of Education has updated and strengthened its Attendance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Students must arrive at school by 8.55am or a partial absence will be recorded on the roll
- Parents must supply an explanation of their child’s whole day or partial absence within 7 days from the first day of their child’s absence period
- “Running late” or “slept in” will not be accepted as explanations of lateness and an unjustified partial absence will be recorded on the roll
- Families who wish to travel during the school term will need to complete an “Application for Extended Leave” obtainable from the school office.
Absences relating to travel will be marked as “Leave” on the roll (if “leave” has been granted by the Principal) and will contribute to the child’s total absences for the semester indicated on the end-of-semester report.

Carnivale

Save the Date: Friday 6th November 2015
Our biggest event of the year is less than 5 months away!!
The preparation has begun....

Look forward to 4 hours of carnival rides, super-duper sideshow games, prizes, show bags, exciting entertainment and fantastic food!
To add to the excitement, the P&C will be running a competition next term, for all students of Hilltop Road Public School.

One lucky family will win 4 tickets to the Carnivale!

Sponsorship packages are available.
Our P&C have exciting deals to offer businesses in our community. These sponsorship packages will encourage cash and/or product donations, in return for advertising to 2500+ people at the Carnivale. Detailed sponsorship information packs will be available in term 3. Any queries can be directed to the P&C Secretary Lianne Andrews on 0410814415 or hilltoproad.pandc@gmail.com

Thank you for another amazing term.
Have a happy and safe holiday with family and friends.

Regards
Natalie See
Principal

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Important Dates - Term 2 and 3, 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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It is free. The login details are as follows:  
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password: hilltoprdps

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