Thank you to our community members who came along to make our Education Week Open Day such a success. A great deal of time and energy went into the parent workshop, Pop Up Café, open classrooms, assembly and performances. Thank you to our student, teachers and community members for your amazing efforts. The Open Day provided the opportunity for our families to view students engaging in a wide variety of authentic learning tasks, highlighting the learning intention, success criteria and the bump it up wall.

The Education Week assembly highlighted the fantastic performance groups we have at our school. These groups would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of our teachers and students. Thank you for a fantastic Open Day. I am proud to be principal of such a wonderful school. Today’s newsletter contains a variety of photos from our Education Week Open Day.

Greystanes High Night of the Stars Matinee Performance

On Tuesday 28th July, the Year five students and teachers visited Greystanes High School, as part of an ongoing Pemulway Learning Community initiative. Our year five students were audience members for the annual Night of Stars Matinee performance. The event showcased the very best our Greystanes dance, drama, music and visual Arts students’ performances and art works. Thank you to Mr Sparkes and the team at Greystanes High for involving our school in this great opportunity.
Two Education Week Parent Workshops

Dan Haesler Workshop

It was wonderful to have an international keynote speaker, educator, writer and consultant at our school. Over 60 parents and community members attended the parent workshop held in the Tech Hub on Tuesday, 28th July. Dan worked with parents highlighting the relationships between student engagement, wellbeing, a growth or fixed mindset and achievement.

Below is a quote from a parent who attended the session:

“This was one of the best workshops I've been to about parenting! Dan was very entertaining and yet informative and thought provoking. Talking to other parents afterwards we all agreed on how great it was. No one tuned out! Thanks Hilltop - another great initiative. I will certainly try hard to go to the follow up one too. It would be fabulous to have something for working parents too? “

A summary of Dan’s workshop will be uploaded to our school website and Facebook page. I would encourage all parents to view the key messages in the workshop.

Please be reminded Dan Haesler will be returning on Tuesday 18th August for a follow up workshop with parents and teachers.

Making Learning Visible Parent Workshop

Over 400 parents attended the Making Learning Visible workshop held on Thursday, 30th July. The workshop discussed the use and importance of learning intentions, success criteria, bump it up walls and the seesaw app.

Key messages:

Empowering students to:

- Reflect on their learning and analyse their learning needs
- Be active in their learning
- Articulate what and how they are learning, with the appropriate vocabulary
- Be more independent

What are learning intentions and success criteria?

Learning intentions:
Is a statement which describes clearly what the teacher wants the students to know or understand.

Success Criteria:
What you need to do to achieve the learning intention. How you will know you have achieved the learning intention.

What is a Step It Up Wall?

- The step it up wall is an excellent way to encourage students to do their personal best in their work.
- Whilst completing their work or when it is finished, students can compare it to the corresponding level on the step it up wall.
- Students received instant feedback as well as information on how to get to that next level and improve.

Thank you to Mrs Julia Finn, the State Member for Granville, who attended our Education Week parent workshop. Mrs Finn was impressed by our school’s strong focus on parent learning and making learning visible. We look forward to working with Mrs Finn as the Member for Granville.
Do you want to see what is happening in your child’s classroom?
Engage in a deep conversation around learning?
Hear about the learning intention and success criteria?
Encourage your child to bump up their work?

Make sure you have downloaded the Seesaw App. Every child at Hilltop Road Public School has a Seesaw account and you can view his/her work on your phone or mobile device.

Contact your child’s teacher to secure the QR code to access this wonderful resource.

Supporting Visible Learning at Home

Through downloading the Seesaw app and viewing your child’s work, you can have more personalised conversations about their learning. This will encourage them to articulate their learning, celebrate their personal successes and provide encouragement.

Conversation starters:
- What was the learning intention for this task?
- How do you know you have done a good job?
- What could you do to improve your work or bump it up?
- What helped you in this lesson?
- Did you find anything hard in this lesson?
- How did you feel when you completed this piece of work?

Types of comments you might post on SeeSaw:
- I can see you’re trying to….
- I like the way you…. In …..
- Next time I’d like to see…
- I’m proud of how you….
- I’m glad to see your doing ….. Now
- It’s good to see you working as a group/ team
- What could you do to step it up/ improve?
- What were you learning to do here?
- Did you achieve your learning intention?
- I’m glad you’re doing your best
- I understand why this learning is important
- I can see a connection between this work and ….. (what you have said at home / your PBL project/ other subject areas)
- I can see you have put in a lot of effort
- I can see the presentation of your work has improved
- You look like your enjoying your learning

Thank you Miss Cowpe, for devising this great resource for the community.

Congratulations Mrs Daniela

On Tuesday 28th July, Mr and Mrs Daniela welcomed the safe arrival of their son, Harlan. Both Mrs Daniela and Harlan are well.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Daniela. Enjoy the days ahead.
**Kindergarten Pop Up Café**

The Kindergarten Pop Up Café was a great success. Thank you to the many families who donated cakes and treats for the Pop Up Café. It was wonderful to see so many members of the school community helping set up the café, serving, packing away and getting to know other members of our great community. Well done Kindergarten and the P&C.

**Learn 2 Swim Graduation**

During our Education Week assembly, we welcomed 15 members from our Parent Learn 2 Swim class to receive their graduating certificates. It was fitting the graduate certificates were part of our Education Week celebrations, as these community members are living proof that learning never stops and you should take every opportunity to learn throughout your life.

Thank you to Mr Lavery for driving the school bus each week and Miss Catherine for her amazing energy and leadership.

**Year Two Water Save Initiative**

Year 2 is working hard on their PBL project focusing on how they can conserve water and make a difference in the World. Students have been discussing why water is important, how we use it around the school and home and most importantly how we can conserve it. They have also researched Nepal and the devastation the people suffered after the earthquake. Students identified and discussed that Nepal is not as fortunate as Australia to have clean water available. Therefore, Year 2 is currently gathering all their information to launch a water conservation campaign to the school community in week 5. Students are hoping to save water at school, making a difference to the water bill. The money saved will then be sent to support The Water Project in Nepal.

Year 2 has asked many special guests to support them in getting ready for their campaign. Jim Gagen from Water Save spoke to the students about his role and demonstrated how they can monitor the schools water usage. Jim and Water Save Australia have also kindly offered to match the funds raised by the school to be sent to Nepal.

We also had members of our school community, Deepak, John, Mr Martin, Victor, Ra and Amanda speak to the student about how they use water in their jobs and at home. They also helped answer some of the burning questions we had about water conservation.
Melissa Rahme, an expert in advertising, services and messages, also came to speak to the students about how to make their campaign posters and slogans effective to persuade others to save water. Thank you once again to all our guests for taking the time to inform our students and help them conserve water and make a difference in the World.

**Year Six - Is the Law Fair? PBL Project**

Last Wednesday, Yr 6 showcased the work around their Project Based Learning (PBL) Is the law fair? This unit was co-created with students from Mylor Public School in Adelaide. In teams, students investigated laws which they were passionate about and created products and presentations exploring if this law is fair. Thank you to the Mayor Greg Cummings for attending the PBL showcase.

**Kindergarten Emergency Vehicle Showcase**

Last Thursday afternoon, Kindergarten presented a showcase of emergency vehicles they designed and constructed throughout Term 2, as part of their Project Based Learning. Local heroes, including Paramedics, SES volunteers and the Fire Rescue Services were invited and the classrooms were transformed into a gallery of the students’ projects. Students enjoyed sharing their creations and presenting their understanding of how transport is used to meet a need in the community.

**Art Club**

The Hilltop Road Art Club has been operating each Tuesday since the beginning of the term. The club provides the opportunity for our students to develop their creativity skills, learning new techniques and appreciating a wide range of artists. Art Club coordinators Miss Harris, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Bansal and Mrs Issar generously coordinate the club and have been very pleased with the commitment, creativity and willingness of students to build a friendly and welcoming environment for self-expression through art.
Book Week Parade

Due to popular demand we will be having a Book Week Parade. The parade will be held on **Wednesday, 26th August**. It's a great time to dress as your favourite book character and celebrate the joy of being a reader. This year's Book Week theme is: **Books Light Up Our World**.

**When:** Wednesday 26th August  
**Where:** Undercover area  
**Time:** 9.15am  
**What:** Dress up as your favourite book character

Debating

Congratulations to our Debating Team who put in a great effort against Westmead Public School. Thank you to Miss Harris and Mrs Bansal for co-ordinating our debating program.

SMS Canteen Ordering

The canteen is trialling 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 receive an SMS to 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.

Carnivale

Save the Date: **Friday 6th November 2015**

Our biggest event of the year is less than 3 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!**
Visit to the Federal Member for Parramatta

On the 4th August, four students from 6C visited our Federal Member, Ms Julie Owens, to discuss their Project Based Learning (PBL) topic about Is the law fair? Our four students Ariona Haxhijaj, Arunita Seth, Eli Dean and Rakaya Ghamrawi had a passionate conversation about how Australia can become a happier, healthier and safer country. Ms Owens will present our students concerns in the Federal Parliament.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back and it will make a difference for our school. 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 the school office. Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative.

Celebrating the Arts

Our K-2 Dance group, 3-4 Dance group, Senior Dance group and Senior Choir will be performing at the Celebrating the Arts Festival on Tuesday, 1st September at Parramatta Riverside Theatre.

Tickets go on sale soon. Tickets can be purchased online at: http://www.riversideparramatta.com.au/ or by calling 8839-3399. Purchase your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. There will be no tickets available from the school.

Pulse Concert

Twelve senior choir students have been selected as part of the mass choir that will perform at the PULSE concert being held at the Sydney Opera House. The PULSE concert is on Thursday, 13th August. A reminder to parents that tickets can be purchased on-line or directly from the Opera House at a cost of $35.00 per child or $45.00 per adult. Thank you to Mrs Slieman for her time and commitment to the choir, as this is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in.

Semester 2 SRC Induction Assembly

Congratulations to our Semester Two SRC representatives who received their badges at our K-6 assembly on Thursday, 30th July. The Induction Assembly showcased the outstanding students we have within our school community and demonstrates the numerous opportunities we provide for our students to represent their peers and become actively involved within our school community. Congratulations, to the Year 6 prefects and captains who conducted the entire assembly. A great example of your leadership.

3-6 Athletics Carnival

The annual Hilltop Road Public School Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday, 21st July at Holroyd Sports Ground, Merrylands. It was wonderful to see so many students participating in this annual event. Thank you to Ms Caliskan for organising the carnival and a special thank you to the parents who assisted on the day.
**Ready Set Go 4 Kindy Transition Program**

Our Ready Set Go 4 Kindy Transition Program has begun. Ready Set Go 4 Kindy is for children starting Kindergarten in 2016. This valuable program assists children and families to develop skills and strategies to ensure a smooth transition to our school. Our school understands the importance of transition programs and the families who have invested time in this program will reap the benefits in 2016. Ready Set Go 4 Kindy runs on Monday and Thursday mornings. Please see the front office or contact Miss Catherine on 0401 155 576 for more information.

**Year Three Anti Bullying Campaign**

It was wonderful to see our Year Three students campaigning and selling the badges they created through their PBL project. During term two, students devised a campaign to respond to their driving question: As citizens of Hilltop Road Public School, how can we support others to interact positively and Say NO to Bullying? Year Three worked in three mini project groups to design and produce the badges, develop anti-bullying posters to be used during the Bounce Back program and devise vests to be utilized in the Positive Playground Pals Program.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**

This year, Hilltop Road Public School will be holding the stage 2 and stage three programs Premier’s Spelling Bee. Families are welcome to attend the Spelling Bee on the following days:

- **Time**: 9.05am (after morning assembly)
- **When**: 11th August Stage 2
  12th August Stage 3
- **Where**: School Hall

**Book Fair**

The annual Book Fair was held today **Thursday, 6th August**.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to come to the Book Fair any time

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- Credit card facilities available all day
- Bring a PLASTIC BAG to take your books home
- Parents and friends are welcome to attend the Book Fair – anytime or at your child’s class time and/or after school

**Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2016**

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Please begin enrolling sibling, informing family members, friends and neighbours. Enrolment forms can be collected from the front office. Completing an enrolment form will ensure you receive valuable information about our transition programs.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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

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Joey Scouts

1st / 2nd Merrylands Joey Scouts
Joey’s have been learning through Fun and Games for 25 years.

Have you thought of scouting for your child to have fun & excitement?

Play games, do craft and activities
Learn something new

We meet on a Monday night 6:15pm to 7:15pm.

Please bring along your 6 to 7 year old boy or girl for an evening of fun and friendships

Contact Karen on 0417 207 634 for more information
Hall Address - Windsor Road, Merrylands

GAMES
FUN

Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Space Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

• 1 x iPad mini with Wi-Fi 16GB
• 1 x Books by Dr. Dina Solih – Headphones
• 2x x $100 Bookshop Gift Certificates

Help the Dinosaurids activate the Space Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Space Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning)

Win books for your school library
We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 50 sets of children’s books from Doh! Pah! Pah! Library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal