**Big Day In**

The **Junior Big Day In** is an Information and Communication careers conference designed for students in years 4-6 focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). It is an informative and inspirational event where students will have the opportunity to interact with Australia's technology leaders and gain valuable knowledge and advice from keynote speakers and industry exhibitors. Students will also explore careers in technology and what the future holds. This year, our school will host the first **Big Day In** on **Tuesday 27th October**. Parents will have the opportunity to attend the exhibitor session to hear more about the importance of STEM.

**Celebrating the Arts concert**

Congratulations to our students who performed at **Celebrating the Arts** on Tuesday, 1st September. Once again our **Choir, K-2 dance** group, **Stage 2** and **Senior dance** groups all enjoyed performing and proudly represented our school. Thank you, Mrs Sleiman, Miss Wilson, Miss Marketos, Mrs Boustani and Miss Caliskan for your time and effort in ensuring our students were able to shine on the night. Parents, your continued support is appreciated. Thank you also, to Miss Caliskan, who was a member of the Celebrating the Arts organising committee.

**CSIRO lessons**

Last week, students participated in lesson five of the CSIRO Vegetable Education Program. The program was a series of five lessons that aimed to increase the students’ awareness and Knowledge of vegetables as well as increase their acceptance, enjoyment and willingness to taste vegetables. Students have had a great time discussing and tasting different vegetables and using their senses to identify taste solutions, vegetables and herbs. The program proved to be a great success and the students loved creating sandwiches, healthy smoothies and sampling a variety of produce from a salad bar.

**Regional Spelling Bee**

On Wednesday, 9th September, four students participated in the regional spelling bee and did an outstanding job representing Hilltop Road Public School. Many students from lots of different schools within our region participated in the event and demonstrated great determination when attempting to spell some very tricky words. Congratulations to our stage 2 competition representatives, Kadircan Yilmaz (4D) and Isabelle Phillips (3R) and our stage 3 competition representatives, Arunita Seth (6C) and Sayel Elwan (6C) for a job well done. A very big thank you to Miss Shabaz for all her hard work and organisation, ensuring our students were able to take part in this new initiative.
**Auburn West Public School visit**

On Tuesday, 8th September, Hilltop Road PS was visited by a group of Stage three teachers from Auburn West Public School. They met to discuss future connections between both schools, utilising Project Based Learning as a focus for our students. Next term, Year 5 and 6 students will visit each school and begin the planning process to co-create PBL units of work for 2016. This will allow for valuable learning across both sites and new experiences for our students.

**Swimming Scheme**

Thank you to our families who have supported their child's involvement in swimming scheme. Please be reminded that your child's swimming skills will only continue to develop with additional practice. Thank you to our dedicated staff, Miss Racanelli, Mrs Sleiman, Miss Rowley, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Stanic, Mrs Hood and Mrs Stewart who readily engaged in the intensive swimming program by taking a group and swimming each day. I understand this is not an easy task and your dedication is appreciated.

**TTFM parent survey**

Last week students took home a note inviting all families to participate in the *Tell Them from Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey focuses on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete.

**Have you completed the survey yet?**

Access and complete the survey at any time between 8th September and 16th October, 2015. *If you require another Log in /user name & password to access the survey, please see Miss Cavallo.*

**Father's Day Stall**

Thank you to our wonderful parents who put together the Father's Day stall, which was held on Thursday, 3rd September. Our children greatly appreciated the efforts of the team who purchased, wrapped and sold gifts at the stall. Your hard work ensured hundreds of our children had the opportunity to give their dad, or a special person in their life, a great gift on Father's Day.

**Fun Afternoon**

On Friday, 4th September, we enjoyed some quality time with our dads, grandpas and uncles at our Father's Day Fun Afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along and made the afternoon a success, particularly the dads who tried their luck on the inflatable obstacle course. The afternoon captured the true ethos of Hilltop Road, with everyone having fun and supporting another school event. A special thank you to the teachers and community members who organised the afternoon, cooked the BBQ and gave up their time, to ensure our dads had a great time.
Flag Ceremony

On Monday, 4th September, Mrs Turrini attended the National Flag Day ceremony at Parramatta High School with Arunita Seth and Alexander Cuskelly. Both Arunita and Alexander read a message from The Honourable Tony Abbott MP, Prime Minister of Australia on the day, to highlight the importance of the Australian Flag. All members of the assembly recited The Promise.

The Promise

I promise allegiance to Australia and our flag of “Stars and Crosses”; to serve my county and all its people faithfully; and to uphold Australia’s laws, values and traditions.

End of term Fluoro Disco

Last night, it was wonderful to see so many students enjoying the K-2 and 3-6 Disco. This was a great way to end a fantastic term. Thank you to our dedicated staff for organising and supervising this fun event.

Taylan and Dilan Ozhan

Congratulations to Taylan & Dilan Ozhan who represented the school again at the recent All Schools Tournament, held on Saturday, 5th September. Both boys successfully won gold. The previous weekend they both competed at the Sydney Taekwondo Championships. Taylan entered two divisions winning gold in his first division and silver in his second.

It was Dilan’s first time at state level and he was only one point away from the gold medal, receiving the silver medal. Congratulations to you both! We are very proud of your achievements.

School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week

Recently, we celebrated SASS Recognition week. The staff, students and parents greatly appreciate the dedication, skills, knowledge and efforts of our valuable SASS staff. Our school would not run smoothly without their assistance. Thank you to our amazing SASS team, Kerry, Gail, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Doust, Mrs Pandurevic, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Hood, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Lahood, Mr Martin and Miss Catherine and Mrs Whale.
**Greystanes High Year 12 Graduation Assembly**

On Tuesday, 15th September, I had the pleasure of attending the Year 12 Graduation at Greystanes High School. It was wonderful to see our past Hilltop Road Public School students graduating and successfully completing his/her high school education. It was pleasing to hear from Mr Ben Webb a past Hilltop Road student who delivered the graduation address, sharing his story and journey to the important role working with Youth of the Streets.

**Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch**

On Wednesday, 16th September, we welcomed the Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch members; Sid, Stan, Rob and Charles. The Sub-Branch members presented our school with a number of pieces including: books, rosemary plants, a Digger and Navy teddy. It was a great opportunity for our year 3-6 students to hear about Sid, Stan, Rob and Charles’ personal stories and feel how proud they were to be Australians.

It was pleasing to hear a number of students were in the library at lunchtime seeking additional information about what they had heard. Thank you to our Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch members.

**Microsoft 50K**

Attention all parents. **One Education Foundation** needs our help. Having provided 50,000 XOs to schools like ours over the past 2 years - there is now an opportunity for One Education to win a US$50,000 grant from Microsoft… but we all have to work together. To lend a helping hand, simply go to [www.one-education.org](http://www.one-education.org) and follow the voting instructions that appear on screen. One vote every day until 23rd September will help One Education continue to help children everywhere.

**PSSA Grand finals**

Congratulations to our teams who played in the grand finals last week. The teams played well and were a credit to our school community for their sportsmanship and skills. Thank you to our dedicated teachers who train and coach our PSSA teams.

Congratulations to the Junior Football team who were joint premiers and Junior Netball team and Senior Football team, who both won their grand final.
Year Five Unwritten Art Exhibition

Congratulations to our Year 5 students and teachers who did an outstanding job with their PBL Art Exhibition. The artwork showcased their understanding of the issues facing Indigenous communities past and present. The catalogue created captured the deep understanding of Indigenous history and the opinions and interpretations of Year 5 students at our school. Our invited guests and parents were impressed with the high standard and deep knowledge our students possess. Thank you to our Year 5 families who supported this event through their attendance, catering and purchasing the catalogue.

Book Hive

Hilltop Road Public School Book Hive will be coming to our school soon. It will be a weatherproof structure filled with books. The idea is to make books more accessible and reading a more prominent feature of our school culture by having books available for students and parents to read whenever they are in the playground. Book Bees will be selected to manage the Book Hive and encourage younger students to read or to read to younger students. Congratulations to Emily Andrade who won the new Book Hive logo competition. Thank you to Miss Marketos and Mrs Goulding who are coordinating this valuable initiative.
School resumes

School resumes for all students on TUESDAY, 6th October.
Please note the Public Holiday on Monday, 5th October.

Thank you for another fantastic term.
Have a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends.

Natalie See,
Principal.

A fantastic artwork By Zayd Alameddin 3R
Important End of term dates - Term 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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Carnivale

Save the Date: Friday, 6\textsuperscript{th} November 2015

Our biggest event of the year is less than 2 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!

\textit{Tickets will be on sale after the holidays.}

Shine Music School

9/2 O’Connell St, Parramatta
Park in Wyndham Parramatta
www.shinemusic.com.au

*Offer expires 31st of July 2015*
1st/2nd Merrylands Joey Scouts

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

Joey Scouts

Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

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

• 1 x Pad mini 16 GB
• 1 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 Headphones
• 200 x $100 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dinobots activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Prize 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 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 75 sets of children’s books for their school library, valued at $200.

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