

A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 28 May	P&C MEETING
TUESDAY 29 May	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY 30 MAY	WHEELIE WALKATHON
MONDAY 11 JUNE	PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Queen's Birthday)
FRIDAY 15 JUNE	PARENT COOKING CLASS
MONDAY 25 JUNE	P&C MEETING 7PM
WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE	CRAZY HAIR DAY



Principal and Deputy Principal's Report

Over the last 6 months, the staff, along with parents and students have been working together to complete and begin implementation of our School Plan 2018-2020. The school plan includes our school's vision, goals and strategic directions and has been written in consultation with our school community. This consultation and feedback has helped identify the practices, directions and goals that are most important to The Hills School, today and moving forward into the years to come.

At The Hills School, we believe that we are all growing in our learning and understanding each and every day. We believe that learning is best when it is purposeful, fun and when it takes place as part of a connection with others. Our guiding vision at The Hills School is: "We Love Learning".

Three key Strategic Directions help guide our planning and priorities. These three Strategic Directions are: 'Communication', 'Quality Teaching and Leadership' and 'Lifelong Learning'. These Strategic Directions become areas of focus for our school in regards to our professional learning, our school programs, initiatives and priorities.

A key goal for staff at school is to have a deep understanding and knowledge of students – that is, 'to know the students well'. A deep and accurate knowledge of our students assists all of us to clearly identify student's learning goals and to determine the best supports and opportunities to assist them to achieve ongoing success. On the Staff Development Day held at the beginning of this term, Assistant Principal Vita Williams and our school's professional partner Ylana Bloom, spent some time providing some additional 'tools' staff can use to help us all deepen our knowledge and understanding of the students at our school. Staff at The Hills School are deeply committed to expanding our professional knowledge and understanding to assist us in supporting the learning of each and every student at our school.

It was lovely to see a number of mothers and grandmothers attend the recent Mother's Day morning tea at school. It is wonderful to see and hear the conversations and laughter that naturally present at a gathering such as this one. Thank you to the ladies who were involved in the organisation and to our wonderful mums and grandparents who were able to attend. Thank you also to the members of the P&C for putting together the special Mother's Day bags that were made available for students to purchase. We also say thank you to the students at our school who were able to make items for the gift bags. We especially hope all the mothers, carers and grandparents enjoyed your very special day last Sunday.

Bura VW

Vita Williams (Teacher)

Karen Johnston (SLSO)

Each day the students in Bura VW are engaged in a range of activities to support growth and development across all key learning areas. Students are establishing sound eating habits with support of their parents who are providing healthy foods each day. Every week students participate in a cooking activity. Cooking offers a variety of learning experiences. It is a practical way to teach basic skills such as reading, science and math. Time spent together as a group also encourages interaction and communication between peers. Cooking encourages imagination and sensory experiences. The students in Bura VW have assisted in making chocolate crackles, pancakes and healthy chewy balls for Mother's day.



Bura JM

Jessica Meoli (Teacher)

Kathryn Jollow & Lauren Unsworth (SLSOs)

Bura JM have had a wonderful start to Term 2. Students Rajveer, Luke, Mustafa, Jarod, Aarav and Chelsea have been practising hard to perfect their sandwich making skills. Students are learning to pick two slices of bread and spread with butter and their choice of jam or Vegemite. Classroom staff are delighted with the progress students are making as they are developing their decision making and fine-motor abilities.



Bura KA

Karina Andrews (Teacher)

Liz Oppel (SLSO)

Our students are happy to be back at school for Term 2. We are currently creating an autumn window display as we watch the trees opposite our classroom change colour. The students have helped to put together lovely bright leaf collages and paintings. We have also enjoyed visits to the farm and park and we thoroughly enjoy blending and drinking our fruit smoothies during our weekly Cooking lessons. Play skills and life skills are some of the other learning activities that Bura KA engage in at school.



Yura BD

Brittany Donaldson (Teacher) Cheryl Rogerson & Merryn White (SLSOs)

Yura BD have been working hard on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout Term 1 and into Term 2, buying ingredients and practising their food preparation skills. We are looking forward to starting café this term and serving warm pumpkin soup as the weather gets colder. As part of our community access program Yura BD visited Newington Armoury to see Art Express. We saw lots of amazing artworks, gaining inspiration for our upcoming art show!



Yura KG

Katie Guilfoyle (Teacher) Virginia McKenzie & Mariette Loraway (SLSOs)

Yura KG have had a fantastic start to Term 2! All of the students in our class really enjoyed viewing different artworks during our visit to the Art Express Art Exhibition at Newington Armoury. Last term, we loved walking along the mangrove boardwalk at Bobbin Head and exploring part of the Gibberagong bushwalking track. We have also enjoyed focusing on the sounds of the Tibetan Bells during our mindfulness lessons and concentrating on our breathing. This term we look forward to continuing our shopping and community access programs and choosing what we would like to order for our lunch.



Yura LW

Linda Weiss (Teacher)

Lorraine Kirby (SLSO)

Welcome to Term 2. We are looking forward to continuing our shopping, community access, garden and work enterprise programs. Last term our students participated in a swimming program at Riverstone Aquatic Centre. Every Friday, together with Yura AP and Yura JU we learned how to be safe in the pool. But most of all we had lots of fun. We are looking forward to all the exciting programs and activities still to come in this term.



P&C News

Welcome back to the new school term.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and were spoilt by your family. Thank you to Jo O'Gorman, Jen Harris and helpers for organising the lovely gift bags.

Many thanks to staff and students involved in the Hills School Enterprises for supplying such a beautiful array of mini gifts. It is always very special to receive handmade gifts from the students. We also hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Mother's Day Morning Tea.

The Wheelie Walkathon is taking place on Wednesday 30th May. We encourage you to support this fabulous fundraiser as all students will benefit from the money raised.

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 28th May at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, we would love to see you there.

Michelle Gough
President

Jenny Harris
Treasurer

Marjie Capple
Secretary

CANTEEN Winter MENU

Large Pie \$2.00

Large Sausage Roll \$2.00

Pasta meals: \$2.50 each

- * Mac 'n' Cheese
- * Bolognese Twista
- * Lasagne

Pizzas \$2.00 each

- * Ham & Pineapple
- * Cheese

Chicken Burger now \$3.50

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY



Apply now

Just a reminder to all our families to make sure you have applied for NDIS funding. If you have not yet applied for NDIS funding or would like some information on how to get started please call the school to discuss.



SAVE THE DATE

2018 EMPLOYMENT, LIFE SKILLS AND LEISURE EXPOS

INCLUDES PHOTO BOOTH, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES AND MORE!

FREE ENTRY

FOR STUDENTS WITH (DIS) ABILITIES

BLACKTOWN RSL CLUB

Second Avenue, Blacktown

Tuesday 19 June
12noon - 6:00pm

NEPEAN DISABILITY EXPO

Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee
123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith

Friday 14 - Saturday 15 September
Fri: 9am - 4pm
Sat: 10am - 3pm

ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



Up to 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat



6 months to 4 years

Approved rear- or forward-facing child car seat



4+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat



145cm or taller

Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt

Seven new school zone offences enforced from 1 February 2018

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic offences with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but now in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:



- 1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
- 2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
- 3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
- 4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
- 5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.**
- 6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.**
- 7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.**

All updated school zone offences can be located through Roads and Maritime:
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

Parking Restrictions and Parking Signs

Please note that new parking restrictions at the front of the school came into effect recently.

The new parking is for a quarter hour (15 minutes) parking between 8.00am-9.30am and between 2.30pm-4.00pm on School Days. This parking is located on the kerb directly in front of the school between the existing disability parking.

As a reminder, the disability parking by the school entry gate is a permanent disability parking zone. The disability parking by the school exit gate and pedestrian gate is for disability parking 8.00am-9.30am and between 2.30pm-4.00pm on School Days.

Please ensure you adhere to the marked parking signage to avoid any infringement notices.

If you have any queries regarding parking, please contact the school to discuss.