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A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

Week Commencing 2 JULY	NAIDOC WEEK
TUESDAY 3 JULY	PLUS MEETING
FRIDAY 6 JULY	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
MONDAY 23 JULY	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
TUESDAY 24 JULY	STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 3



FUN AT THE HILLS SCHOOL

Principal and Deputy Principal's Report

The Hills School is a busy and vibrant learning community. We continually aim to provide rich and varied learning opportunities and experiences for students. Over the past 3 weeks, a number of exciting events have taken place in and around our school.

The school dance group has recently been involved in the 'Inner Wheel Musical Evening' at Northmead Creative & Performing Arts High School, which raises money for Stewart House. The dance group put on a wonderful performance that was appreciated by everyone. Thank you to both students and staff for so proudly representing our school at this very worthy fundraising event.

On Friday 15 June our Parent Cooking Class took place. Thank you to Matt Aguirre for leading the cooking class and for helping to create some delicious gnocchi. Stay tuned for more information about the next Parent Cooking Class in Term 3.

Over the past 2 weeks Bura classes have been enthusiastically participating in their School Swimming Scheme where they are having one-on-one training with qualified swimming instructors each day. This intensive two-week program has assisted in building their skills and confidence in the water. Well done to all our great swimmers.

A number of Bura, Nura & Yura classes have had a wonderful time sailing on Sydney Harbour. On a picture perfect day the students and staff enjoyed the beautiful sea breeze while steering a magnificent yacht, thanks to the amazing crew from Sailors with Disabilities.

We had a delightful visit from Rory (the school companion dog) last week for 'Bring Your Dog to Work Day'. Everyone loved seeing her walking around as she visited some of the classes to be pampered by the students.

Crazy Hair Day was a whole lot of fun with lots of colour and laughter had by both students and staff. The event helped to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Australia who provide vital support to those suffering from cystic fibrosis.

Semester 1 reports will be sent out next week. It has been fantastic to read the reports and see the excellent photos that help describe and demonstrate the wonderful personal achievements of each and every student. We hope you enjoy reading the reports with your child.

It gives us both great joy to be part of this wonderful school where we are continually impressed with the terrific students, supportive and inspiring families and the dedicated and talented staff. We hope you all have some great family time over the upcoming school holiday period.

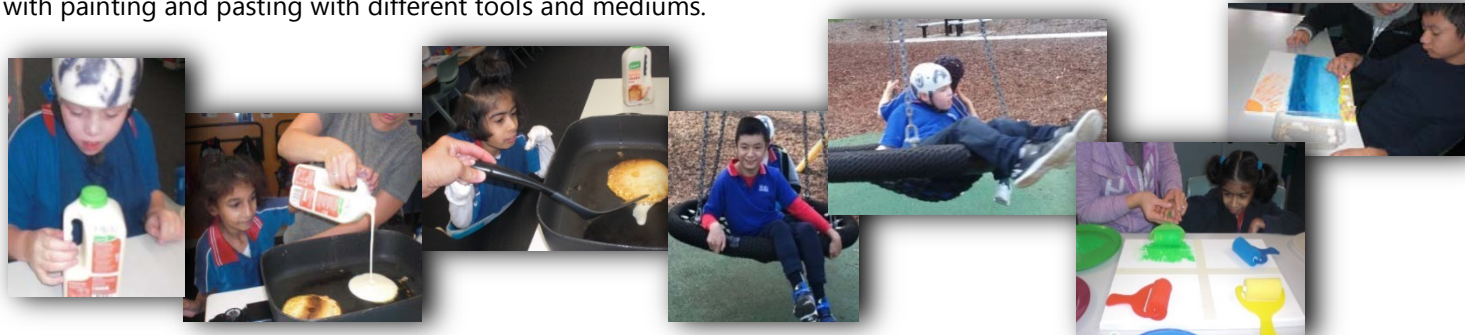
Peter Gurrier-Jones
Principal

Neale Rudland
Deputy Principal

Gura WC

Wanda Chan (Teacher) Alex Armstrong (SLSO)

Gura WC students had an exciting start to Term 2 with two birthday celebrations. Parties were held for Siara (11) and Max (13). We will be celebrating Brady's birthday in Week 10 as he is turning 12 in the school holidays. Students really enjoyed making pancakes and having fun on the swing in the local park. In Week 5 we participated in the Wheelie Walkathon event where Brady, Siara and Max were the stars, completing many laps of the bike track. We are taking part in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Students in Gura WC have been enjoying viewing and listening to lots of books every day. Our favourite books are 'Great Ocean Walk' and 'Lucy's Hat'. The Art Show is fast approaching and students have been enthusiastic in their artistic expression. It is wonderful to see how engaged all students have become with painting and pasting with different tools and mediums.



Gura DT

Dean Triffitt (Teacher) Leanne Armstrong & Eunice Yap (SLSOs)

Gura DT have been enjoying the plant life around The Hills School. We are learning to manage our local environment by composting our food scraps and feeding the worms. We have been watering the farm using hoses and watering cans. Gura DT have also enjoyed picking herbs and fruits, and learning where certain foods come from. Cooking with these ingredients has also been a pleasure, especially with the eggs that we have received from the local hens.



Nura AP

Andrew Petersen (Teacher) Glenn Hall (SLSO)

The boys in Nura AP have been very active in Term 2. They have been exploring some of the local parks and bushlands during bushwalking activities with Nura PD and they have also continued their weekly shopping outings. We have also been learning about sustainability and helping to do our bit for the environment by recycling cans and plastic bottles through the Return and Earn initiative. Our class backyard is in the process of getting a makeover so it should be ready for Spring.



Nura PD

Peter Dawson (Teacher) Daniel Van Kruyssen & Matt Aguirre (SLSOs)

This term, Nura PD has been involved in a variety of activities including, cooking, physical education and gardening for work enterprises. An important part of our program has been going out on Community Access visits to parks and bushlands. The boys, Stephen, Rhun, Aaron and Paul have enjoyed getting in touch with nature. They have appreciated flora and fauna on our bush walks and loved sharing in a barbeque. Some of the places we have visited are Cumberland State Forest, Lake Parramatta, Western Sydney Parklands and Bobbin Head. We have been proud of what the boys have achieved and the effort they have put in to participate in all of our activities.



Nura DK

David Thomas & Katie Groth (Teachers) Merryn White & Coral Boyle (SLSOs)

Nura DK's Visual Arts sessions this semester have focused on the contemporary artistic movement known as process art. The practice of process art is all about the experience the students have while they are creating. This encouraged Michael, Bhashu, George, Eshan and Zikry to experiment with a range of materials and techniques through play-based, sensory and open-ended activities to produce a collection of artworks. These projects included popped bubble art, drip painting, scrunch art, stamp printing and shading techniques.



Nura PH

Paul Hughes (Teacher) Melissa O'Brien (SLSO)

A highlight for Nura PH this term has been a nautical theme. The students visited the Australian National Maritime Museum where they were guided aboard a replica of the HMB Endeavour and the navy destroyer, Vampire. Students enthusiastically crawled through the Endeavour and experienced what it would have been like to travel on this ship over 200 years ago. Our second amazing nautical adventure was sharing a day sailing on Sydney Harbour with the incredible crew from the organisation Sailors with Disabilities. Perfect weather conditions and a well organised and engaging crew ensured students were given a day that they will always remember.



P&C News

A huge thank you to Jenny Harris and her wonderful team of helpers (parents, carers and staff) for organising and running the BBQ at Bunnings North Parramatta on the June long weekend. The BBQs are a great way of socialising whilst helping the school community raise much needed funds.

The next BBQ will be held in Term 3 on the 25th August 2018.

It has been a busy term and we hope everyone stays healthy and enjoys the school holiday break.

Due to the pupil free day on the 23rd July 2018 our next meeting will be on Monday 30th July 2018. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.

Michelle Gough
President

Jenny Harris
Treasurer

Marjie Capple
Secretary



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CANTEEN NEWS...

The Canteen will be open for business on the first day back in Term 3, Tuesday 24 July 2018.

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to all who supported the event on Wednesday 27 June 2018.
We raised \$216.10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following students from all your friends at The Hills School:

Nikhil, Minh Tan, Sahan, Elvin, Kiddi & Pia

