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A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

**6 – 17 AUGUST IEP MEETINGS**

Week Commencing  
**12 AUGUST SCIENCE WEEK**

Week Commencing  
**20 AUGUST BOOK WEEK**

**TUESDAY  
21 AUGUST SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Week Commencing  
**27 AUGUST NUMERACY & LITERACY WEEK**

**MONDAY  
27 AUGUST P&C MEETING**



Mark Scott's  
Visit to

The Hills School



**Principal and Deputy Principal's Report**

Education Week has provided a great opportunity for many parents and carers to visit students engaged in a variety of different activities and learning experiences. Thanks to family members who have been able to set some time aside to visit. It has been great having you share in the wonderful learning taking place at school. As part of Education Week, we are thrilled to be presenting The Hills School Art Show on Friday 10 August. This year's theme is 'Colours of the Rainbow'. Students have been busy carefully creating vibrant, unique and engaging pieces of art to share. We have enjoyed watching the wonderful collection of individual works come together to create a superb gallery of collected works. We hope that you also find great joy in spending time immersing yourself in The Hills School Art Show. Congratulations to all the students on your great enthusiasm and wonderful, personal contributions to The Hills School Art Show.

We have also had a number of parents and carers visiting the school this week as part of our Semester 2 IEP meetings. These meetings are taking place over the next few weeks. We love and really appreciate working together with families, celebrating student success and developing student goals in partnership with parents and carers. Once again, thank you to parents and carers who set time aside in their busy weeks to meet with teachers and participate in this vital aspect of your child's learning.

We recently had the pleasure of hosting NSW Department of Education Secretary, Mark Scott at our school. Mark took some time out of his busy schedule to meet with students, staff and families. During his time at our school, Mark was able to meet a variety of students in the school playgrounds. In addition, he visited a number of classes where he saw first-hand the wonderful teaching, learning and achievement taking place at our school. Mark saw a number of lessons and activities including a group reading activity involving key word signs, a combined class Smartboard activity, individual class afternoon routines and timetables as well as Senior student Work Enterprise programs. Mark was very interested in learning about our school, our wonderful students, dedicated, committed and professional staff and our exceptional school families. It always gives us tremendous pleasure hosting visitors to our school and providing them with an opportunity to meet as many members of our school community as possible. Mark was impressed with the wonderful students and the innovative teaching and learning taking place across the school. Following the visit, he tweeted "*Had a fabulous afternoon – learned so much from the passionate and engaged staff who are experts in this demanding work. And learned so much from the students as well. A true centre of excellence for @NSWEducation*".

It has been another terrific start to the school term and we look forward to seeing many parents and carers over the coming weeks as they visit the school for IEP meetings and other exciting school events.

**Peter Gurrier-Jones**  
Principal

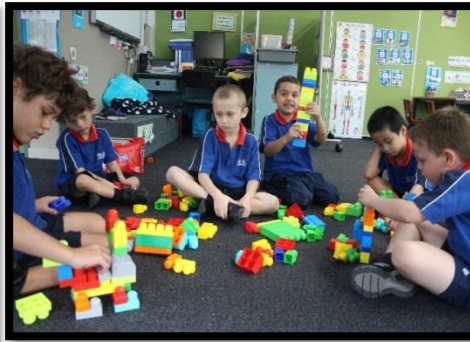
**Neale Rudland**  
Deputy Principal

## Bura VW

Vita Williams (Teacher) Karen Johnston (SLSO)

In Bura VW students and staff participate in a daily and weekly Play Skills Program. The aim of the Play Skills program is for students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills of the different aspects about and associated with play. The Play Skills Program consists of the following activities: ball games, play dough play, block play, sand and pasta play and sensory play. All students develop skills, which include fine and gross motor skills, social skills, problem-solving and thinking skills, as well as communication, language and sensory skills.

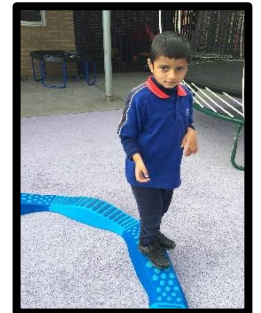
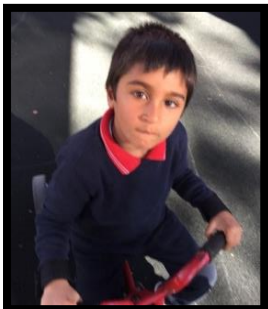
All students look forward to play as the activities help to promote independence, confidence and competency.



## Bura JK

Jenny Gaskin & Kirstin Jones (Teachers) Brigette Baird (SLSO)

Bura JK have made a great start to the term and have enjoyed sharpening their Ninja Warrior skills, with the new circuit they have set up in the play area. Mustafa, Chelsea, Luke, Aarav and Rajveer have been practising their jumping, crawling, balancing and rolling skills. Rajveer enjoys the challenge of the balance wall, whilst Aarav and Luke have shown a particular strength with their bike riding skills. Mustafa and Chelsea conquer the tunnel with ease.



## Bura KA

Karina Andrews (Teacher) Liz Oppel (SLSO)

This term, Bura KA are continuing to learn about areas of the natural environment as we visit the farm and park. We use the fruit that we pick from the farm to make our weekly fruit smoothies, so we can learn about healthy eating practices. As we look forward to the warmer weather that Spring brings, we are excited to learn more about plants and how they grow. Our students continue to enjoy many sensory experiences during Music and Art sessions and have created some beautiful artworks for our upcoming Art Show.



## Yura BD

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

We have been busy in Yura BD getting ready for the Art Show! The students have been hard at work creating both their individual and group artworks. At the end of Term 2 Yura BD was lucky enough to go to Rushcutters Bay to sail on the harbour. The class helped out by hoisting the sails, pulling ropes, and steering the boat. It was a great day enjoyed by all!



## Yura TD

Trisha Dass (Teacher) Virginia McKenzie & Mariette Loraway (SLSOs)

Yura TD were involved in a variety of activities last term; including cooking our Workplace Enterprise Choc Crunch Bars, Farm and Gardening, Shopping trips and Community Access visits to a variety of venues within the local community. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their Monday sessions at the School Farm and have liked helping with the composting, weeding and gathering fruit as part of the program. The students have especially enjoyed the class Community Access Trips to Ten Pin City in Lidcombe and El Jannah in Granville, where they enjoyed having lunch out as a group.



## Yura LW

Linda Weiss (Teacher) Lorraine Kirby (SLSO)

Welcome to Term 3. Yura LW students have been busy focusing on art. Since the middle of Term 2, we have been working very hard to create beautiful masterpieces for the Hills School Art Show. All students choose their own design. We then went to the art shop and everyone selected and coordinated their paper colours. The art works were completed using various techniques including: acrylic painting, shading, punching, embossing and die cutting. The students also had fun naming their work.



# P&C News

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope you enjoyed the holiday break.


The next Bunnings BBQ fundraiser will be held on **Saturday 25th August** at the North Parramatta store and we would love to have your support. Please ring Jenny Harris on 0425-239-890 if you would like to join in the fun.

Father's Day is approaching and Gift Bags filled with fabulous Work Enterprise items will be available to purchase. Please remember to send in your order from.

At our last P&C Meeting we discussed new healthy options for the canteen and the establishment of a crowd funding website.

Our next P&C Meeting will be on **Monday 27th August** at 7pm and we would love to see you there.

**Michelle Gough** **Jenny Harris** **Marjie Capple**  
President Treasurer Secretary



**Live Life Well @ School**  
A joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health

Eating well and drinking water at school can help maintain a healthy mind in class.

**POSITIVELY**  
helps improve mood

**REDUCES** risk of diet-related disorders


**PROTECTS**  
against dehydration and helps improve concentration in class

**STABILISES** blood sugars and optimises mental performance

Here are a few suggestions for eating well and drinking water at school:

- Have vegetables and fruit as snacks
- Pack a water bottle
- Choose wholemeal varieties of breads, rice, noodles and crackers

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**Health**  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District

## WORK HEALTH & SAFETY

Work Health and Safety (WHS) is a whole school responsibility. It is important that if you see something around the school that you think is unsafe or dangerous, you report it to either your child's class teacher, a member of our administration team in the office or our school executive. As part of our WHS procedures it is important that all of our school community take an active part in WHS.



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

**Habeel, Ethan, Lexi, Adam, Brady, Ashvini, Joe, Jamal, Meena, Samuel, Mark, Ethan, Cedric, Rhun, Tara, Angelina, Sharanya & Kianu.**

## SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*

**FACT** Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

<p><b>No Parking</b> No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>	<p><b>Pedestrian Crossings</b> 1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing. 2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$439 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>
<p><b>No Stopping</b> You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>	<p><b>Driveways &amp; Footpaths</b> Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>
<p><b>Bus Zone</b> Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>	<p><b>U turns</b> Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>
<p><b>Mobile Phones</b> Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. <i>May be subject to Double Demerits</i></p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$439 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>	<p><b>Double Parking</b> Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.</p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>
<p><b>Speeding Offences</b> 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. <i>May be subject to Double Demerits</i></p> <p><b>SCHOOL ZONE 8-9am 2pm-4pm 40</b></p> <p><b>PENALTIES FROM \$192 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</b></p>	<p>PENRITH CITY COUNCIL </p> <p><small>*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.</small></p>