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DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY

<b>MONDAY</b> 25 November	<b>P&amp;C MEETING</b> 7:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> 28 November	<b>CELEBRATION OF LEARNING</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 29 November	<b>CAROLS NIGHT</b> Gates open 6:30 pm
<b>29 November – 5 December</b>	<b>LEISURE WEEK</b>
<b>5, 6 &amp; 9 December</b>	<b>LIFE EDUCATION</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11 December	<b>GRADUATION EVENING</b>



## Principal's Message

### New Students

We had a brilliant day this Thursday welcoming a new cohort of students. Neale, Caroline and Ylana have been busy meeting the families and working with the students as we seek to make their transition to The Hills School a great success. We are very much looking forward to the learning journey ahead. Welcome to The Hills School family.

### Staff Professional Learning – Classes 2020

This week our teams combined to discuss class placements for 2020. At The Hills we have approximately 110 students aged between 4 and 18 years. Each student is different, has different likes and dislikes, different ways of learning and different daily challenges. Our classes usually have 6-7 students in each room with a teacher and learning support officer. When considering a class placement we look very carefully at an individual, their learning program and what conditions will best suit that person to be the best they can be. We care very deeply about getting it right but we also accept that sometimes things change, children change and so do the students and staff we have in our school. Towards the end of the term we will aim to have established the classes in full, their room number and the teaching and support staff that will be working with the students. We will seek to inform parents of the expected room allocation for 2020 in approximately week 9. If you have any questions about this process please give me a call.

### Update on School Closure and Bushfires in NSW

Throughout the recent unprecedented weather conditions and bush fire activity, the Department, in conjunction with the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services, made informed decisions, which were strongly based on safety considerations, when determining the operational status of each school. On the advice of emergency services and in particular the Rural Fire Services, we closed operations on Tuesday 12th November. Further to this ongoing consultation advice was received actioning the re-opening of our school on Wednesday 13th. The safety of our students and staff is paramount and any advice we are given was based on this alone. The Department of Education has student safety and wellbeing as its highest priorities. I would like to reiterate my thanks for the care, concern and cooperation of all community members with this disruption. Our thoughts and prayers are with those still affected by bushfires across the state.

Kind regards,  
**Mark Gosbell**  
Relieving Principal





## Adina SC

Sue Cook (Teacher) Liz Langdon & Renee Pieri (SLSOs)

Adina SC have been busy in Term 4 putting the final touches on our papier-mâché fruit and veg for our part in the school's Live Life Well Concert. We enjoyed dancing on stage and showing our artistic creations. Practising our switch skills and measuring ingredients has been lots of fun in cooking this term. So far, we have made chocolate pudding and chocolate cupcakes. Delicious! Music therapy is always a relaxing way to finish the week, with singing, playing instruments and parachutes floating to the songs. A great way to Let It Go on Friday!



## Akuna KB

Kate Brown (Teacher) Louise van Kruyssen (SLSO)

Students in Akuna KB have loved exploring feelings and friendship throughout the year. We have seen our class bond together and have enjoyed watching friendships flourish. From reaching out to share joy in a story to long conversations. As a class we have seen students play together and develop their skills in sharing. What an amazing year of smiles and joy we have had. Thank you Akuna KB for all the joy you bring!



## Adina EO

Kathryn Hall (Teacher) Karen Johnston (SLSO)

Adina EO were amazing hungry little caterpillars at our concert this term. Thank you Debbie for the wonderful donation of our friendly dinosaur Terry the Triceratops! Our class loves to feed him and pat him. We are now looking forward to Christmas activities with the carols coming up.





## Marlee DS

David Thomas & Sheriden Barone (Teachers) Rebecca Taylor (SLSO)

During Term 4, Amelie, Ciara, Dakshya, Ethan and Paul have continued to learn and improve their skills at school and in the community. Highlights have been the awesome Halloween celebrations, growing plants in science and visiting places in the local community whilst learning about their Aboriginal heritage. We have fabulous dancers in our class who committed to a dance routine and enjoyed rehearsing for the Live Life Well performance on many occasions. All students were amazing during showtime! Well done on your achievements Marlee DS!



## Marlee JU

Jenny Unsworth (Teacher) Daniel van Kruyssen (SLSO)

Our students have participated in a variety of activities this semester. Some activities have been designed to enhance the student's skill level whilst others have been an opportunity to engage in some fun. Our class enjoyed dancing to the song "Can't stop the feeling" in the school concert, participating in Halloween activities, birthday parties, cooking biscuits, making cards and candles, and working on the school farm as we learnt how to plant some new raspberry trees.



## Orana RL

Rebecca LaPlume (Teacher) Coral Boyle & Kathryn Jollow (SLSOs)

Orana RL have enjoyed being active this term. The warm weather has meant that we can go outside and ride the scooters. We enjoyed getting fit while we practised for the musical. During our trips to the park, we have enjoyed running and playing on the equipment. During our walks we are practising walking at a quick pace and staying together as a group. It has been a rewarding term for Orana RL.





# P&C News

The Uniform shop will be expanding to include second-hand uniforms for swap or sale. Joanne O'Gorman who manages the shop has requested that families who have any items in good condition which they would like to donate, could they please send them in to school. Once established, parents/carers can choose to purchase a brand new uniform or a second-hand one, or they can swap their child's uniform for a larger size from the second-hand uniforms.

The Hills School P&C Bunnings BBQ was held recently and raised around \$1000 thanks to the efforts of Delma Parker, Coral Boyle and enthusiastic volunteers from our community. Thank you to those who helped with this event. We couldn't do it without you all. All funds raised by all P&C fundraisers goes back into resources and projects that will directly benefit our children.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Monday 25 November at 7pm. To continue the work of the P&C we need new members. Our efforts are essential in supporting and maintaining a number of important programmes all children benefit from. We are small in number and look forward to welcoming interested members of our community.

**Monique Fenech**  
President

**Pratibha Bhanushali**  
Treasurer

**Justine Stamatakis**  
Secretary



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## Christmas Carols Night

**Friday 29 November**  
**From 6.30pm**

Your family and friends are invited to join us for an evening of carolling at The Hills School.

Children will have the opportunity to sing Christmas songs, have a dance and dress up in costumes in the Christmas play. Remember to bring your cameras so you can get a photo with Santa.

We will be providing a BBQ for you to buy a sausage sandwich and a drink or you can bring your own picnic supper. We recommend you bring along your outdoor chairs or a picnic rug to sit on.

There will be cakes & cookies, crafts, face painting, a Christmas raffle and much more.

If you're interested in some early Christmas shopping there will be quality student work enterprise products on sale.

**Gates open at 6.30pm**  
**Carols commence at 7:30pm**  
**Evening concludes at 8:30pm**

Merry Christmas

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As the weather starts to heat up, it is a great reminder to drink more water. Tap water is the best drink because it is: free, keeps your teeth healthy, and can help you concentrate in class.

Here are some tips for drinking more water at school:

- Pack a water bottle in your lunchbox
- Refill your water bottle
- Keep sugary drinks just for special occasions
- Drink from the bubbler during breaks

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## Happy Birthday

**Happy Birthday** wishes go out to the following students from all your friends at **The Hills School:**

**Ethan, Tristan, Keefer, Eshan, Matthew & Anish**