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DATES FOR YOUR  
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<b>SATURDAY</b> 18 May	<b>P&amp;C BUNNINGS BBQ</b> 8 am – 4 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23 May	<b>FLU VACCINATION CLINIC</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 27 May	<b>P&amp;C MEETING</b> 7 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b> 31 May	<b>PARENT COOKING CLASS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 5 June	<b>WHEELIE WALK-A-THON</b>



## Getting Active at The Hills School



## Principal's Message

Hello parents and friends of The Hills School. Welcome to our Term 2 Week 3 newsletter. I am very pleased to say that we've had a great start to term 2. We've had a busy week this week with some great opportunities to share our learning. Thanks to Orana RL for allowing me to visit your reading lessons – great to see you all so heavily engaged in your learning. Impressive to see Coral and Rebecca's insight into how you all learn. Thanks to Marlee DS for sharing your cooking exploits. I can honestly say that in 20 years of teaching I have never been treated to class-cooked waffles, we may have some MasterChef contestants in the making.

This week our office staff completed the auditing process. The audit reviewed numerous financial, WHS and child protection systems. The office team was praised by the auditing team for their professionalism and thoroughness in the application of their duties. I have never heard such high praise from an auditor and so think it should be made known to all how fabulous their work is. Well done Belinda, Kerrie, Anne, Karen and all who contributed to the process.

## Staff Development & Professional Learning

Teachers and SLSOs have continued to familiarise themselves with the content of 'In the Zone for Learning' project. 'In the Zone for Learning' is a series of professional learning that investigates the neurobiology of learning. Staff have been examining the different aspects of the brain that are responsible for a variety of daily living functions and learning and how a person's physical, emotional and sensory state impacts their ability to be in the optimal level of alertness or to be 'in the zone for learning'.

The latest literature and research indicate that an individual's brain needs to be in an appropriate state in order for learning to take place. The student has to be 'in the zone' in order for higher order thinking skills such as reading, writing, reasoning, and decision-making to occur. When curriculum and learning activities are delivered to a student who is in a non-optimal state, the result is typically increased anxiety, challenging behaviours, non-participation and/or reduced engagement.

For more information, parents are encouraged to view the website developed by Clarke Road School in Hornsby who partner with The Hills School in the 'Success for Complex Learners' cluster. If you access our newsletter from the app, please click on this link: <http://inthezone.s3-website-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/>

I would like to acknowledge our partnership with Natasha Sansoni who is contracted by the school to provide consultation and targeted support to a variety of students as determined by the school learning and support team. Natasha's expertise in this area has been invaluable and we are all looking forward to the whole class impact and support we continue to receive from her.



**Mark Gosbell**  
Relieving Principal

## Adina BC

Brittany Clark (Teacher)

Vanessa Fahmy & Toni Ferrabetta (SLSOs)

Adina BC loved our visits from the Special Olympics team over the past term. They have been teaching us lots of new skills and sports including; soccer, football and golf! As well as this we have been melting, mixing, grating, and frying a range of ingredients to make coco pop slice and bolognese with zucchini noodles. As we cook, we are trying foods in new ways and have had a great time using the spiralizer to make our noodles.



## Adina VW

Elisha Obsioma (Team Leader)

Ramona Bodnar (SLSO)

Adina VW have had a great start to Term 2. During science, Adina VW are continuing to learn about areas of the natural environment as we visit the farm and the park. Our students continue to enjoy the many sensory experiences from the plants and animals we see, smell, feel and even taste while visiting our outdoor learning areas.



## Adina PS

Patricia Smith (Teacher)

Liz Oppel (SLSO)

Adina PS have participated in a variety of activities throughout this semester. Our class visited the farm, feeding the chooks and learning about all the different fruits that grow there. The class enjoyed stories read by Dalia in Library time, especially the story about chocolate! Each student participated in Special Olympics activities, golf and soccer. The children also enjoy swimming each week in the school pool.

Our class participated in a combined cooking class where we cooked pikelets, popcorn and cheesy pasta. We explored the taste and texture of various ingredients and enjoyed eating the delicious final product.

Music has been a great fun with all of the class playing percussion instruments in time to songs such 'The Rainbow Song' and 'Let's Go Fly a Kite'.





## Orana KG

Wanda Chan (Team Leader) Cheryl Rogerson & Eunice Yap (SLSOs)

This week the students of Orana KG have enjoyed making pizza which included chopping the vegetables and grating the cheese. We also had a lot of fun running a Maths competition for our class and finding different shaped designs around our school. This term we are learning to play T-ball at our Live Life Well session on Tuesday and we also participated in Special Olympics on Wednesday.



## Marlee LW

Linda Weiss (Teacher) Lorraine Kirby (SLSO)

Welcome to Term 2. The students of Marlee LW together with Marlee JU, have started the new Work Enterprises program of marmalade making. The students are involved in the whole process from collecting the fruit to the bottling of the marmalade. In between, they wash, peel, cut and cook the fruit. Our first successful batch went home to our mothers as a Mother's Day present. We have also continued our card-making program, creating cards to make sure we have a good supply for our Work Enterprises Stall at the Comedy for a Cause night in June.



## Orana AC

Angela Corfield (Teacher) Janelle Poole (SLSO)

This Term Orana AC has welcomed Kiddi to our classroom and we are having a wonderful time getting to know each other. Our class participated in the Special Olympics golf day at school and had a great time learning to hold the golf club, putt the balls and cheer each other on.





# P&C News

We hope families had a peaceful and happy break celebrating Easter with their loved ones.

Term 2 will be memorable with a Comedy for a Cause fundraiser evening on Friday 14 June from 7pm. Last year's event was a resounding success so this time we have opted for content that is suitable for youths aged 15+ years. This is a great evening and will raise funds for The Hills School. Our children will benefit from the support of our school community. Details of this event and how to purchase tickets can be found on Flexibuzz, or if you didn't receive a note, please contact the school office.

On Saturday 18 May, the P&C will be hosting a fundraiser sausage sizzle at Northmead Bunnings (1C Redbank Road) from 8am – 4pm. Come along and purchase a sausage sandwich or several to raise funds for our school.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 27 May at 7pm in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing new faces.

**Monique Fenech**  
President

**Pratibha Bhanushali**  
Treasurer

**Justine Stamatakis**  
Secretary



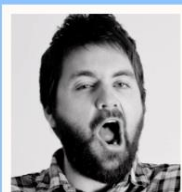
In support of:



## Gary Eck

- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Rove, The Footy Show, Spicks & Specks
- Tropfest Winner, Aria Nominee, Writer of Happy Feet Two

*"Spellbinding charm, sharp-witted lines coupled with an out-of-the world sense of humour" - Time Out*  
*"Totally original and clever...funny till it hurt" - Daily Telegraph*



## Seamus McAlary

- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Writer - 'Good News Week' and 'You're Skitting Me'
- One of Sydney's most sort after Emcees

*"An astute and insightful writer... His material is superb" - The Daily Telegraph*



## Mitch Garling

- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals
- The Checkout - ABC
- NSW RAW Comedy Finalist
- One of Sydney Comedy Festival's Best Emerging Comedians 2017

*"Must See" - Sydney Morning Herald*



## Umit Bali

- 4 stars Perth & Adelaide Fringe Festivals 2015.
- 2015 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
- one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy

*"I saw Umit Bali and was blown away. Equal parts edgy and silly, but both hilarious. Catch him while you can still afford it." Wil Anderson*

Friday 14 June 2019  
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm  
NBC Sports Club Function Centre  
166 Windsor Rd, Northmead

**BOOK NOW!**

**Tickets: \$35 / Students: \$20 at**  
[comedyforacause.net/HILLS](http://comedyforacause.net/HILLS)  
(15+ Only)

## Happy Birthday!

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

**Christian, Cameron, Nathan, Daniel, Anna, Krishnan, Peter, Michael, Lee, Lucas, Siara, Max & Joshua**



# GET ACTIVE each day

Physical activity is an important part of being healthy. Find as many ways as you can to be active everyday.



\*source - Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines

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