

DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY

1-5 July

NAIDOC WEEK

FRIDAY
5 July

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

MONDAY
22 July

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT
DAY
(NO STUDENTS)

TUESDAY
23 July

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
FOR STUDENTS



POLICE
VISIT

to The Hills School



Principal's Message

Staffing

I would like to acknowledge Wanda Chan for her efforts in the role of Relieving Assistant Principal this term. Wanda has been a very responsive leader and supported the Orana team well throughout the term. We are all very thankful for her contribution to the leadership team in Term 2.

Dalia is on leave and taking a well-earned holiday. I have asked Brittany Donaldson to relieve as Assistant Principal during her absence.

Caroline Cass will continue in the role of Deputy Principal for Term 3.

Reports

The staff have recently completed all semester one reports. As I have read through all the reports, I am reminded of the dedication of our staff and the precision with which they approach their teaching. I am heartened by the tremendous progress we've been able to achieve for so many students. Well done everyone!

Weekly Planners – why we work at The Hills.

Each week our staff contribute to an organisational planner to set our week in motion and to ensure we have great communication across the school. This term, staff have contributed a series of thoughts describing why they work at The Hills School. The quotes have centred on their passion and drive for creating a great space for teaching, learning and supporting our students to bring out the best in us all. The Hills is truly a fabulous place to do great work.

Kind regards,

Mark Gosbell
Relieving Principal



"I love The Hills School.....the people I work with and the dedication they have in bringing out the best in every student and bringing out the best in other staff members in our team."



Akuna JC

Jenny Gaskin & Carol Mitchell (Teachers)

Melissa O'Brien (SLSO)

This term, during visual art, Akuna JC have been busy exploring printmaking with paint. We have used toy cars, blocks, paint brushes, stamps and even our hands to make some beautiful artwork. It has been wonderful watching the students get involved. Everyone has had a great time and even enjoyed getting messy!



Akuna NW

Nicole Winter (Teacher)

Alex Armstrong (SLSO)

Term 2 has seen the students of Akuna NW continuing to engage with many fun activities at school. The class has enjoyed developing their monetary skills at the school canteen every Tuesday. They are learning to wait for their turn, make choices, request items and use money to pay for their purchases. Isabella, Krishnan, Meena and Juan are all looking forward to our Mexican fiesta party next Friday. We have decorated the classroom, made a piñata and listened to Mexican stories.



Orana MB

Mark Baker (Teacher)

Matt Aguirre (SLSO)

The students of Orana MB have been busy this term engaging in many learning activities inside and outside the classroom. The students have especially enjoyed the learning opportunities they experience when visiting the school farm. Visits to the farm have allowed students to observe the fruit growing on the citrus trees and watching the hens scratch in the dirt. Students like to eat an orange on these visits but they particularly enjoy tasting the mandarins. The inquiry-led learning has Orana MB students actively involved in composting, mulching and developing an understanding of the impact that compost and mulch provide for crop development and growth.



Marlee PD

Peter Dawson (Teacher)

Glenn Hall (SLSO)

In Term 2, an important focus for Marlee PD has been health and wellbeing. This involves many forms of physical activity, from walking in a variety of environments, to scootering, swimming, trampolining, playing ball sports and using playground equipment. Stephen, Connor, Aaron, Joshua, Mark and George all have an understanding of safety when it involves physical activity. They know how to walk on the paths, stay together and be aware of what is happening around them.



Orana KJ

Paul Hughes (Relieving Class Teacher)

Skye Delandro (SLSO)

This term, the students enthusiastically participated in a new work enterprise, 'Orana Your Torana' Car Wash. Opportunities to develop new skills were awash as students quickly stepped up to the mark to wash and dry two cars a week and return to their owners a car that lived up to our motto, 'better than it was before'. Sad to say our new venture went into lack of LIQUIDation as the water restrictions came into force at the beginning of June. Short lived but a wonderful experience for all involved.

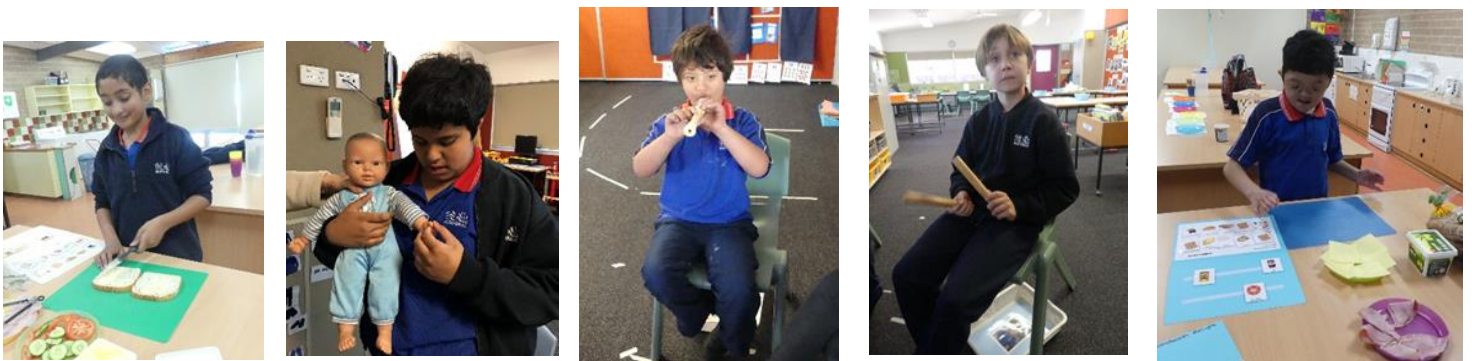


Orana DL

Deborah Lenon (Teacher)

Leanne Armstrong & Lee-Anne Moore (SLSOs)

Throughout Term 2, students from Marlee DL have been practicing and improving skills that they started learning in Term 1. We have all made a lot of noise during music, while learning about fast and slow, loud and soft. During cooking, the students' skills at cutting, spreading and using tongs have vastly improved and everyone is a lot faster at making their sandwiches. Students are learning to follow a recipe as well as how to collect all of the ingredients before beginning to cook. Our favourite lessons this term have been our history lessons, and students have been enthusiastic to learn about how they have grown and changed since they were born. They love to see pictures of themselves and their classmates as babies and toddlers as well as seeing pictures of things that they could do at different ages. They all know that they have learned a lot.



P&C News

As Term 2 draws quickly to a close, we have reflected on the amazing efforts of our children over the first semester. These achievements will be detailed in the half-yearly reports our Teachers and their School Learning Support Officers have compiled and will be sending home next week. On behalf of the parent community we would like to express our appreciation to all staff involved in producing these incredible records of the achievements of our children. We cannot wait to read them.

Recently the popular Wheelie Walk-a-thon was held despite the rain. Yet again our community was strongly represented by volunteers which included the Lions Club of Winston Hills and students from Northmead Performing Arts High School. Thank you to everyone involved with the organisation and operation of this event. We have started receiving sponsorship money and would ask anyone yet to send their sponsorship money in to please do so as soon as possible. A final figure will be included in our next newsletter in Term 3.

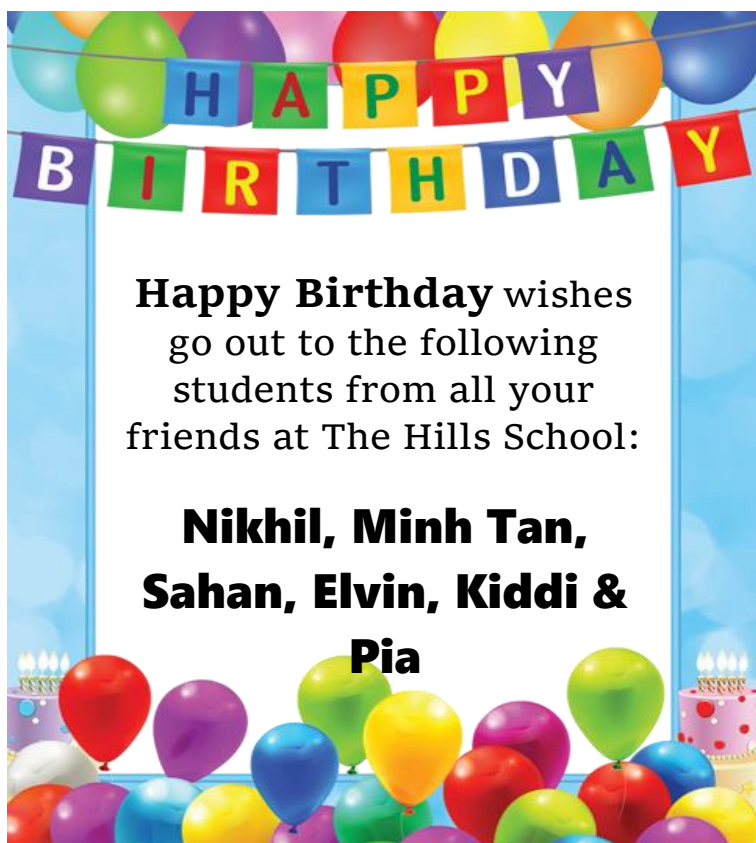
Further funds have been raised for resources for our school. A Bunnings BBQ was held on the 10 June and raised around \$900, thanks to the efforts of Delma Parker, Coral Boyle and enthusiastic volunteers from our community. The Comedy for a Cause event on 14 June was a wonderful night of laughs. Organised by Monique Fenech and supported by our community and as a result raised around \$4000. All funds raised through all fundraisers go back into resources and projects which will directly benefit our children.

We wish all families a peaceful and happy break. See you all in Term 3. Our next P&C meeting will be on Monday 29 July 2019.

Monique Fenech
President

Pratibha Bhanushali
Treasurer

Justine Stamatakis
Secretary



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

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

A banner titled 'Live Life Well @ School' with a subtitle 'A joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health'. The main text reads 'LESS SALT, MORE FLAVOUR!' and 'Use herbs and spices (fresh or dried) to add flavour to meals instead of salt. The list is endless! Try basil, oregano, rosemary, paprika, cumin.' It also includes 'Top tips: Avoid dried herbs labelled 'seasoning' as they contain salt. Try swapping Mexican taco seasoning for a spice mix of 2 tsp paprika, 2 tsp coriander and 3 tsp cumin.' The banner features images of various herbs and spices on a green background. At the bottom, it says 'For recipe inspiration, search 'herbs and spices' at heartfoundation.org.au' and includes the NSW Government logo and 'Health Northern Sydney Local Health District'.

A notice titled 'THE CANTEEN' in large, bold letters. The text reads: 'The school canteen will be CLOSED on the first day back in Term 3, Tuesday 23 July, 2019. It will reopen in Week 2, Tuesday 30 July, 2019.' The notice is framed by a white outline on a dark background.