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DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY

12-16 August SCIENCE WEEK

WEDNESDAY  
21 August SCHOOL PHOTOS

MONDAY  
26 August P&C MEETING  
7 pm

2 - 6  
September BOOK WEEK



## Principal's Message

### Education Week Open Day

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and community members that joined us for Education Week Open Day on Wednesday 8 August. It was a great opportunity to share with the community some of the great work that is being done in classrooms and other learning spaces around the school. We had the opportunity to share some of the programs and achievements of the school and visitors were treated to a fabulous performance by The Hills School Dance Group.

### Staffing

I would like to congratulate Elisha Obsioma on her successful application and appointment, through the merit selection process, to the role of Assistant Principal Support at Beresford Road PS. We welcome Kathryn Hall as class teacher for Adina EO and look forward to you joining The Hills School team.

### Cold and Flu Season

We are experiencing a high number of students and staff falling ill. It is important that we are proactive in working together to prevent the spread of illness. It is important that parents keep sick children at home and do not send them until they are fully recovered. If your child has been sick and they return to school before they are better the incidence of spreading illness to others is increased.

At The Hills School we have a number of vulnerable students who are particularly susceptible to illness and infection, some with palliative care needs. I would like to remind parents that students who present as unwell may be sent home. Please, let's all help each other by keeping sick students away from school until they are fully recovered and no longer contagious. For further information, please consult your doctor or refer to the website below.

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/colds-and-flu>

### P&C Community Grant – Mark Taylor MP Visit

On Monday, Mr. Mark Taylor MP (Member for Seven Hills) visited The Hills School to celebrate Education Week. Mark enjoyed a tour of the school and took a particular interest in the school farm where we will soon spend a \$3000 grant from his office on upgrades to water storage, propagation facilities and seed raising beds. Di showed Mark the variety of plants and wildlife experiences available to our students. Mark commented on the high level of expertise invested in producing such a vibrant learning space and was able to see the great potential of the farm for extending the learning of the students at The Hills School.



**Mark Gosbell**  
Relieving Principal

## Adina BC

Brittany Clark (Teacher)

Vanessa Fahmy & Toni Ferrabetta (SLSOs)

We have had a great start to a busy Term 3 in Adina BC! We have started to explore living things by planting seeds, which we will water and take care of throughout the term. On Friday 2 August, we were excited to dress as our favourite superheroes to help support Bear Cottage.



## Adina VW

Cheryl Williams (Teacher)

Ramona Bodnar (SLSO)

Every Friday afternoon, the classmates of Adina VW set up camp, prepare our campfire and get cosy. One of our favourite things about camping is going fishing in the pond we have created on the carpet floor. We have made our own painted fish and even attached magnets to each fish. We found the perfect stick in our playground to make a wonderful fishing rod. We take turns going fishing for all sorts of letters and numbers and then we try to match them to our wall chart. Everyone has improved so much and learning phonics and numbers can be so much fun!

Our new classmate Caitlin joined us last week and discovered our wonderful farm. She helped water the plants, feed the chickens and best of all, climbed atop of the hill with all her new friends.



## Adina PS

Patricia Smith (Teacher) Liz Oppel (SLSO)

Once again Adina PS, have been very busy especially with painting and making arts and crafts.

Our class participated in NAIDOC week completing an individual Aboriginal painting with Steve Woods.

They have also been listening to stories about the Aboriginal Dreamtime such as Tiddalik the Frog and doing bush craft arrangements with some of nature's eucalypt leaves and savannah grasses.

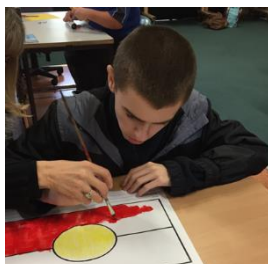




## Orana KG

Alison Meadows & Jessica Meoli (Teachers) Cheryl Rogerson & Eunice Yap (SLSOs)

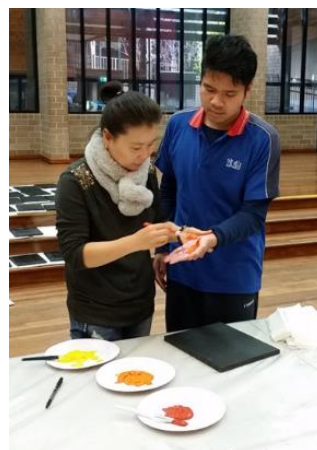
Orana KG Catch-up! Wow, we have been so busy! Here are some of the great moments we need to share: we have been cooking for staff, going shopping, painting, making rain sticks, illustrating Dorothea MacKellar's 'My Country', dancing, learning about the weather, designing and making unique soft toys. This term we are learning about Space and have just welcomed Adib to our class.



## Marlee LW

Linda Weiss (Teacher) Lorraine Kirby (SLSO)

Welcome to Term 3. All students in Marlee LW enjoyed working with Steve Woods during NAICOC Week. Together with Steve Woods, each student created their own personalised Aboriginal painting. All the paintings are now displayed in the school hall. It was a great experience. Thank you Steve.



## Orana AC

Angela Corfield (Teacher) Janelle Poole (SLSO)

This term Orana AC students have enjoyed reuniting after the holidays and spending time together. We are learning to play and interact with one another in friendly, enjoyable and respectful ways. We have enjoyed our times exploring the play equipment at local parks and celebrating each other's achievements as we try new obstacles.





# P&C News

We hope everyone has received their note for the annual Father's Day gift bags. We have around 100 to sell and at \$10 per bag, it will be first in first served. Please return the order form with money by Monday 26 August and the bags will be sent home on Friday 30 August in time for Father's Day. All profits will go back to the school.

We are thrilled to announce that a parent whose son attended The Hills School and graduated last year has been nominated for her efforts in a range of endeavours. Jennifer Harris worked tirelessly at The Hills School as a volunteer for the P&C and served as Treasurer for a number of years. Jennifer has nominated The Hills School to be the recipient of the \$10,000 prize if she is successful. Please see the information provided in this newsletter for details re how to vote. We ask as many people as possible to vote, as this money will directly benefit our children.

The next P&C meeting is 7pm, Monday 26 August - all welcome to attend! To receive the calendar invite, email us at [thehillsspschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:thehillsspschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

**Monique Fenech**  
President

**Pratibha Bhanushali**  
Treasurer

**Justine Stamatakis**  
Secretary

Paragon Entertainment  
in conjunction with  
The Australian Performing Arts College  
presents

**Disney**  
**THE LITTLE MERMAID**

MUSIC BY  
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY  
HOWARD ASHMAN and GLENN SLATER

BOOK BY  
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney Film

MUSIC ADAPTED AND ARRANGED BY  
DAVID WEINSTEIN

**ADDITIONAL NEEDS PREVIEW  
SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE**

The Pioneer Theatre - Castle Hill  
Wednesday 2nd October - 2pm  
Tickets \$22.50 (children and carers)

Bookings [www.trybooking.com/BCHCI](http://www.trybooking.com/BCHCI)

This performance is designed for children and adults with autism, ASD or other sensory, cognitive, or social disabilities. Limited numbers of hearing loops available. AUSLAN Translator on stage. House lights remain on low, with an open door policy allowing patrons to move freely in and out of the theatre.

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (Intlistows.com).



## MEAL TIME CONVERSATION

Meal time conversations can be a time to develop healthy eating behaviours and encourage food exploration.

Child centred nutrition phrases and repeated exposure to foods can develop kids willingness to try healthy foods.



### Try some of these:

- Eating your greens will make you run faster
- Whole grains help you jump high
- Broccoli trees make you strong

More healthy eating tips at  
[healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



Health  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District

**Westfield**  
*Local Heroes*

Jennifer Harris  
The Hills School SSP

**VOTE NOW**

We are thrilled to announce that a former Hills School parent and treasurer of The Hills School P&C, Jenny Harris, has been nominated as a 'Westfield Local Hero'.

We ask that all families and carers take the time to vote for Jenny via the official Westfield Local Heroes site at:  
[www.westfield.com.au/local-heroes](http://www.westfield.com.au/local-heroes)

We also ask that all families and carers please use your family, friends and social media networks to get the word out and encourage others to please vote for Jenny.

**VOTING CLOSSES IN A FEW DAYS –  
ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST.**

**HAPPY Birthday**

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

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



## Active Kids Vouchers

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program.

The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for the second \$100 Active Kids voucher.

Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

The vouchers may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

To use a voucher, find a [registered activity provider](#) and present your voucher when you sign up.

The Active Kids program is one of more than [70 NSW Government rebates and savings](#) that help with your cost of living.

More Information:  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>



## Creative Kids Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, give the details to your [registered activity provider](#).

The program runs year-round, so kids can get creative at any time.

More Information:  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>







# THANK YOU!

## Mission Mufti Day



Thank you to all those who generously donated to the 'Mission Mufti Day' last term.

The staff at Parramatta Mission were overwhelmed by the school community's generosity.

We sent off 19 boxes of items for Parramatta Mission – Winter Appeal 2019.



## NAIDOC WEEK

We would like to thank Steve Woods, an Aboriginal artist and one of the parents in our school community, for his dedication in assisting our students to create their own personalised Aboriginal paintings.

Steve's commitment, passion and time in supporting our students' learning in this special school event was amazing and very much appreciated.

The beautiful results of the student's efforts are now on display in the school hall.



## Lions Club of Winston Hills

A big thank you to the Parramatta Lions Club who came to our school on Wednesday 7 August to help out at the Farm.

They pruned our fruit trees, they dug some holes to help the plants receive water and did a general tidy to help spruce up the Farm area.

Thank you for all your time and effort.

