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DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY

MONDAY
23 September **P & C Meeting**
7 pm

WEDNESDAY
25 September **FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

FRIDAY
27 September **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

MONDAY
14 October **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
FOR STUDENTS**

WEDNESDAY
30 October **SCHOOL CONCERT**
(more information to come)

BOOK WEEK @ The Hills School



Principal's Message

Student Achievement

This week I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit a number of classes. Thanks Adina BC for always sharing your friendly smiles and for making me stay up to date with my Key Word Signing. Thanks Adina VW for having such beautiful artwork to share – your room looks amazing!!

School Review Process

I would like to thank our staff for their input in the Annual Reappraisal and Review process. This annual process is an opportunity to consider each student and their learning needs and to take stock of our current teaching and support interventions. Teachers compiled information for each student that was then discussed with school counselling staff and the Senior Psychologist Education/counselling supervisor, senior executive and additional support teachers from the Itinerant Support Team for Hearing and Vision. We considered each student's current confirmations of support need and reviewed their achievements for the 2019 school year. The team were able to then discuss where there might be areas we can provide amended and or additional support. I would like to acknowledge the work of Deputy Principal Neale Rudland in leading this significant body of work for our students.

Staff Professional Learning

This term we have held a series of professional learning community discussions focussing on the Teaching and Learning Cycle. Staff have worked closely with Speech Therapist Ylana Bloom and Occupational Therapist Natasha Sansoni to unpack elements of teaching and support for students and engage in some deep thinking about what works best for our students. The impact of this work is being seen in an increase in professional dialogue between staff and implementation of a different strategies to support students. We are looking forward to extending these conversations in the coming term as we prepare for the New Year.



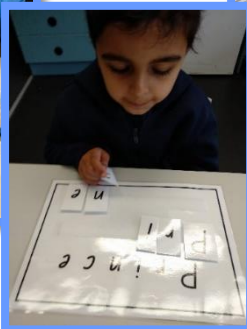
Kind regards,
Mark Gosbell
Relieving Principal

Akuna JC

Jenny Gaskin & Carol Mitchell (Teachers)

Melissa O'Brien (SLSO)

We have been very busy in Akuna JC this term! Swim School was a great success. Everyone had a great time with water confidence and swimming skills improving out of sight! We loved taking part in the Book Week Parade. What fantastic costumes everyone had! We have also been working really hard in the classroom on our literacy and numeracy skills, learning our names and colours!

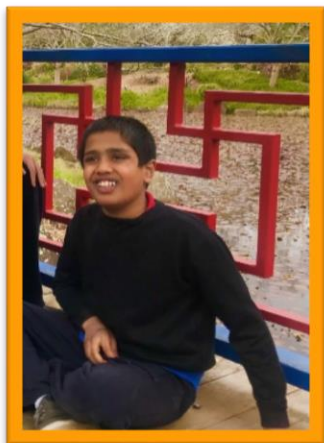


Akuna NW

Nicole Winter (Teacher)

Alex Armstrong (SLSO)

Term 3 has seen Akuna NW getting out and about, practising their social skills in the community. We enjoyed a trip to Wisemans Ferry, taking in the beautiful views of the Hawkesbury River all from the comfort of the school bus. In Week 6 we had a pleasant picnic and stroll through Fagan Park. Meena, Isabella, Krishnan and Juan all liked looking at the different plants across the 11 themed gardens.



Orana MB

Dishanka Sekhar (Teacher) Glenn Hall & Matt Aguirre (SLSO)

Orana MB have been working hard to engage in tasks and activities with each other and have been exploring our local environment. Michael has enjoyed balancing activities on the bike track; Rhun has been exploring dreamtime stories about water and making paper boats to represent what he has seen; Aayan has enjoyed constructing structures with blocks during free choice time; Sahan has participated in class cooking sessions with his peers and Bhashu has enjoyed shopping for cooking ingredients during community access.



Marlee PD

Peter Dawson (Teacher)

Anita Lovell (SLSO)

An important focus for the Marlee PD class program is to involve the students as much as we can in functional life skills. One essential life skill is learning how to cook, with the fun part being eating the finished product. On Thursdays the class will cook a meal in the Living Skills Room, on Fridays we will traditionally have a barbeque at a recreational park where we will cook sausages with the boys. This term Stephen, Connor, George, Mark, Joshua and Aaron have participated in cooking Italian recipes. They have been cooking and eating pizza, spaghetti carbonara and tortellini pasta. It has been a rewarding and fun journey.

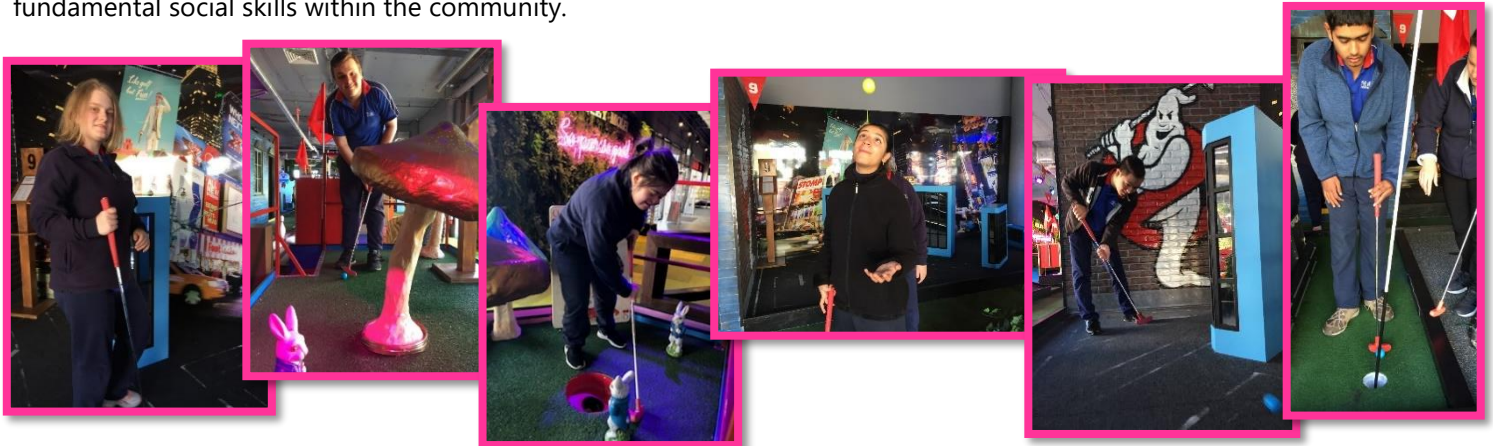


Orana KJ

Denny Allan (Relieving Class Teacher)

Skye Delandro (SLSO)

This term Orana KJ students have started local community activities including Holey Moley indoor mini-golf at Castle Towers. These have been a great success and both staff and students have enjoyed the experiences. The students have taken to the concept of mini-golf quickly. They show commitment to the objective and work tirelessly to see their golf ball into the hole regardless of the obstacles that get in their way. It has been a delight to facilitate, witness and support this group in practising fundamental social skills within the community.



Orana DL

Deborah Lenon (Teacher)

Leanne Armstrong & Lee-Anne Moore (SLSOs)

Term 3 has seen Marlee DL students making great progress in academic and social skills alike. We are practising hard at sharing when we are playing with toys and making exciting progress. We can walk together as a group, and know that when we move from place to place we always stay together and walk behind the teacher. Students have been working hard to learn how to stay safe around cars, and have been practising their new skills on our outings. Now that we can do this, we can go to the shops every week, which we all love to do- especially when we buy hot chips at the end.



P&C News

Following our acknowledgement of SASS Recognition Week, the P&C would like to also take the opportunity to sincerely thank our amazing teachers for the incredible work they do for our children. World Teachers' day was celebrated recently and we hope that all families were able to send their appreciation to their child's teacher/s.

Thank you to all families who purchased a Father's Day giftbag and we hope that all fathers, grandfathers and uncles had a wonderful day. Congratulations to Taiana of Adina SC who was the lucky winner of the lawn mower which was donated by Bunnings. Happy mowing.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 23 September in the Meeting Room at 7pm. We encourage new members to come and join us. All welcome

Monique Fenech
President

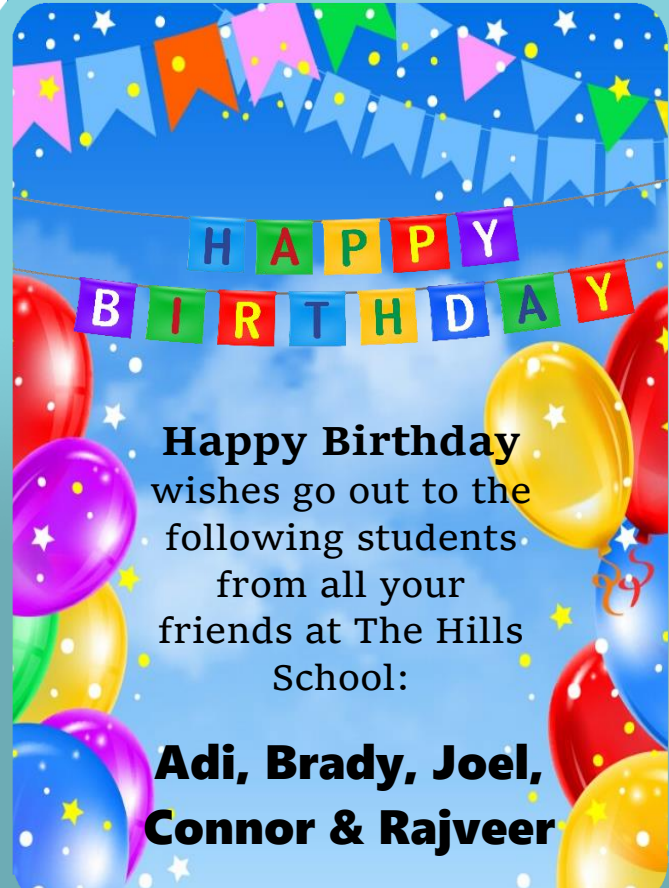
Pratibha Bhanushali
Treasurer

Justine Stamatakis
Secretary



**WEDNESDAY
25 SEPTEMBER
2019**

Make sure you wear your favourite footy team colours for 'Footy Colours Day'. Please bring a gold coin donation to go towards helping children with cancer continue with their education through the 'Fight Cancer Foundation'.



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

Adi, Brady, Joel, Connor & Rajveer



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

24 HOURS IN A DAY

How do you make your move?



- Grab a ball to play soccer or go for a run with a friend to add some 'huff and puff' **vigorous activity**
- Swap a drive to the shops with a bike or scooter ride for **moderate activity**
- Walk the dog or play handball for some **light activity**
- **Strengthen muscles and bones** by climbing trees or swinging on monkey bars at the playground

Read the guidelines for kids. Search 'Movement Guidelines' at health.gov.au



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

PLUS Meeting Cancelled

Tuesday 24 September 2019

Unfortunately the PLUS meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 September 2019 has been cancelled.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school on either 9639 8448 or 9639 7334

Save the Dates

**Live Life Well @
The Hills School Concert
Wednesday 30 October 2019**