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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY
17 February

**Parent Information
Evening
7pm**

Wednesday
19 February

**IEP Meetings
Commence**

Monday
24 February

**P&C Meeting
7pm**

Monday
2 February

**Live Life Well
- Veggie Week**



TO OUR NEW STUDENTS FOR 2020

Principal's Message:

Hello parents and friends of The Hills. Welcome back to the start of a new year.

Parents will be well aware of our vision – why we do what we do at The Hills. At The Hills School, we believe that we are all growing in our learning and understanding each and every day. We believe that learning takes place best when it is fun, purposeful and when it takes place as part of a connection with others. As a result - The Hills School guiding vision is **"We Love Learning"**

It has been lovely to see everyone return from a long summer break. We congratulate our new students on a successful transition. Welcome Afsaan, Aliza, Dominic, Eesha, Emma, Enrica, James, John Paul, Kavish, Rinat, Viola and Viaan

We look forward to some fabulous achievements from you at The Hills School.

Room Allocation and Staffing

All classes have settled well with their new teachers and learning support officers. During the first weeks executive and teaching staff have been observing the function of different classes to ensure that we have allocated the right spaces to meet the complex needs of many of our students. Please see the newsletter insert for class location and staff details.

We welcome Shanna Pereira who has joined the executive team in a temporary capacity. Shanna comes to us from Chalmers Road School and returns to the Hills School having taught here just a few years ago.

Meet the Teacher Night

Parents are invited to meet with the teaching and some support staff on Monday 17th February. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into the new class / New Year and some of the things your child will experience in 2020.

The evening will start at 7.00pm in the school hall. Parents will be able to hear about key school programs and the exciting things teachers are learning to help our students learn. Following the brief meeting, parents will be invited to classrooms to meet the class teacher and find out about how the class will work in 2020. For students with a new room or new staff it's the perfect time to see what your child does every day, take a look at their room, talk to their staff, hear from and share with other parents. For students with the same teacher or even the same room, this is a great opportunity to see and hear about new things for this year – don't miss it.

Personalised Learning Plans

"Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour. Family involvement can have a major impact on student learning..."

Department of Education – "Family-School Partnerships Framework" pg. 2

We are looking forward to continuing the partnership in education we share through the development of Individualised Education Plans for all students. These plans form the foundation of teaching and learning in the classroom. Teachers have begun the year's teaching program using information shared through our handover processes. The refinement of these programs will come after our parents have provided their valuable input.

We have an exciting year ahead. I'm very much looking forward to the journey with our whole Hills School community.

Mark Gosbell

Room 1 & Room 2

Dalia Dulinskas, Katie Groth & Chris Achampong (Teachers)
Harjit Wurring & Daniel van Kruyssen (SLSOs)

The teaching and support staff on Class 1 and 2 include Dalia Dulinskas/Katie Groth and Chris Achampong as the class teachers and Daniel Van Kruyssen and Harjit Wurring as the School Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs). We would like to welcome the following students – Mark, Eshan, Aaron, Joshua and Rhun.

Our start to the school year has been such a positive experience for all and we are looking forward to witnessing your child's individual journey as they continue to grow and achieve. There will be a strong focus on continuing to develop many functional life skills. For example, during mealtimes each student takes turns in setting up their placemat, cutlery, plates/bowls and cups. We also enjoy each other's company by being respectful and polite whilst eating, then we clean up after ourselves by washing, drying and putting the dishes away. We look forward to meeting all our students' families in the coming weeks.



Room 3

Debbie Lenon (Teacher) Amber Buckland (SLSO)

The members of Room 3 are Jaisleen and Isabella, with SLSO Amber and Teacher Debbie. Students and staff have been working hard to get to know each other and their new routines, and we can already see progress. We are discovering our favourite things to do, and it seems that everyone loves music! We are looking forward to seeing things growing in our little garden and starting up our swimming program.



Room 4

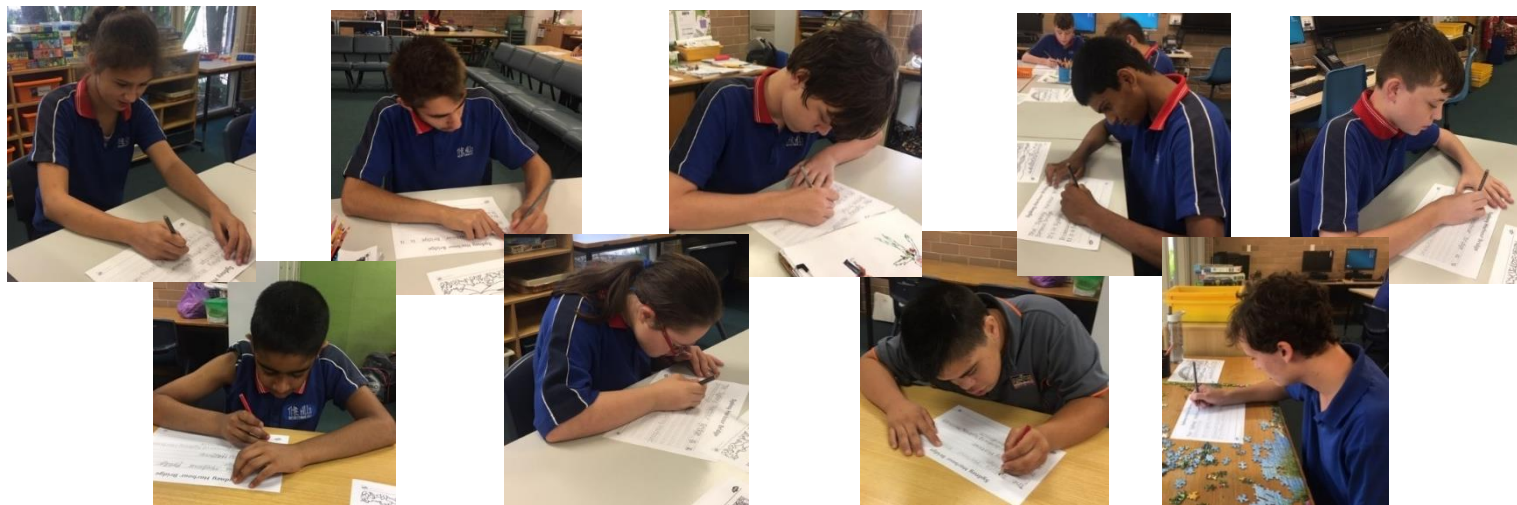
Class 4 have had a great start to 2020. Everyone has settled into the new room and we are learning our new routine. We have been busy making book covers and getting ready for an exciting year of learning. We have started our new topic 'Cities around the world'. First stop Sydney! Everyone is looking forward to a busy and fun filled 2020.



Room 17

Jenny Unsworth (Teacher) Lorraine Kirby (SLSO)

Welcome to 2020. We have had a great start to the new school year. Students in Room 17 are Amelie, Ciara, Nilesch, Thehan, Thomas S, Stuart, Omar, Ethan & Tristan. This year we will be focusing on work and fitness activities as well as exploring Aboriginal culture. The students will be maintaining the farm area, delivering pamphlets, cooking and making a variety of products to package and sell as part of our work program. We look forward to meeting you at the parent information evening.



Room 18

Adam Zielonka (Teacher) Cheryl Rogerson & Eunice Yap (SLSO)

2020 promises to be a super exciting year for Room 18. With a new teacher (Adam) and SLSOs (Cheryl & Eunice), the class has hit the ground running and begun learning and doing lots of super interesting things! Apart from learning about our sense of self, we've been revising life skills through washing up plates & cutlery! After all that work, we also know how to have fun. We learn & grow through play!

Sarah,
Maya and
Joe
editing
their own
selfies
online.

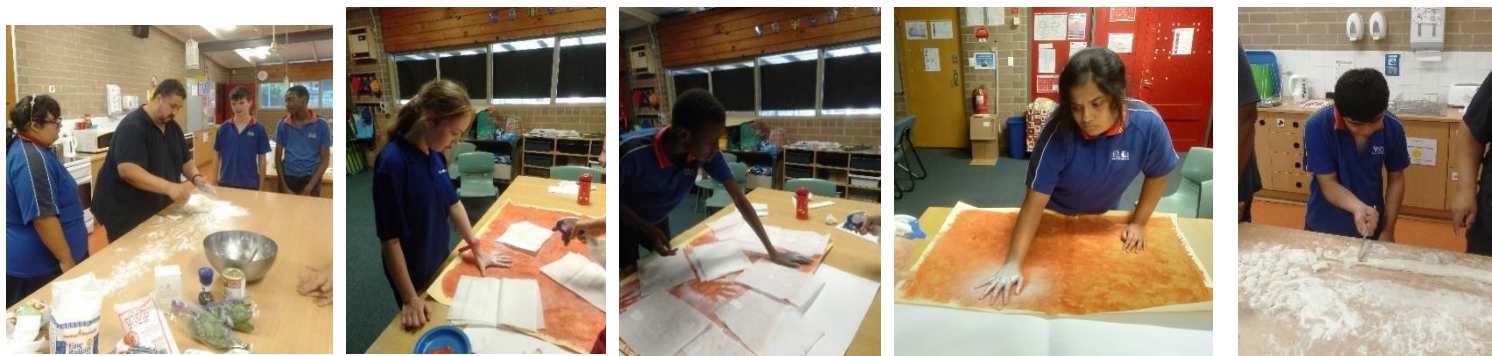


Tom,
Bashu
and
Sergio
washing
up their
utensils.

Room 19

Linda Weiss (Teacher) Leevan Bromfield (SLSO)

Welcome to term 1. Students in room 19 are Tara, Ashvini, Chelsea, Ethan, Zikry, Adib, Miguel and Habeel. We have had a very good start to the New Year, and everyone has settled in very well. We are very excited to move into our new room soon. We will have everything new from the tables and chairs to the fridge. How good is that! We are all looking forward to a year full of learning and fun.



P&C News

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that everyone had a safe and happy break. To our new families whose children have started at The Hills School this year, we hope that the transition has been smooth and that you feel like you are part of a special community.

A belated thank you goes to everyone involved with The Carols event held late last year. Such a wonderful annual event which was well supported by our community. Particular thanks go to all families who contributed cakes, slices and biscuits. Approximately \$900 was raised and these funds will go directly back into programmes and resources for our children.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday the 24th of February at 7pm in the Meeting Room. We are in need of new members who can help with the operations of this important group. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see new faces at the meeting.

Monique Fenech
President

Pratibha Bhanushali
Treasurer

Justine Stamatakis
Secretary

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7PM

The School Information Evening is a great way to meet teachers and school team members. Teachers will share important information on classroom activities, timetables and routines. This is a key event for parents and carers only. Please arrange care for your child so that you are able to attend - Thank you ☺



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HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group

Fruit	
+	
Vegetables	
+	
Dairy	
+	
Wholegrains	
+	
Lean meat & alternatives	
=	A Healthy Lunch Box

More ideas:
healthylunchbox.com.au



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Happy Birthday!

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

Lochlan, Nika, William, Isabella, Nilesh,
Chelsea, Rinat, Thomas, Eziah,
Mustafa, Amelie, Ashez, Pratyush, Eric,
Aarav & Albert