

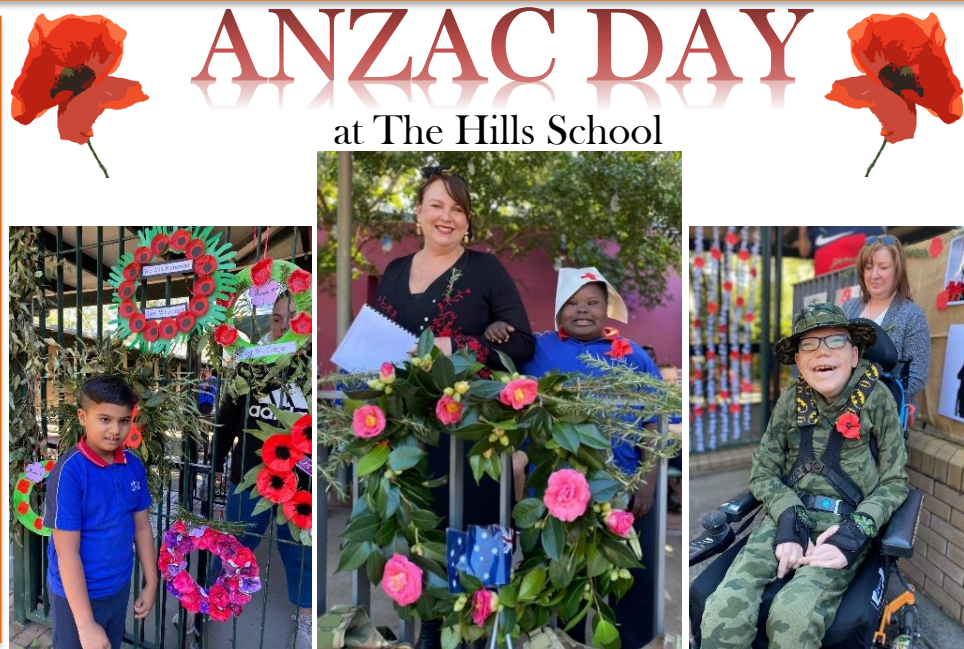
DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY

**SUNDAY  
9 MAY**      **MOTHER'S  
DAY**

**Thursday  
13 MAY**      **FLU  
VACCINATIONS**

**Monday  
24 MAY**      **P&C MEETING  
7 PM**

**Wednesday  
26 MAY**      **P&C  
MOVE-A-THON**



### Principal's Message:

#### **Soccer**

On Monday we had a terrific time playing soccer against the Tallowood Tigers. A small group of students represented The Hills School and we managed to gather a crowd of supporters from across the school. The students were very proud of their efforts and we were thrilled to come away with a win 4-3. Congratulations soccer stars.

#### **Parent Online Payments and Voluntary School Contributions**

Earlier in the year I notified parents that as a school we are very focussed on providing a broad range of learning experiences and committed to ensuring equity of access and participation. We decided that we would no longer request payments for class cooking or community access programs, and this has been well received by our school community. It is quite possible that the removal of costs associated with cooking and community access may lead more families to consider the Voluntary School Contribution and we thank you for your support in this. To make all school payments easier we have recently introduced parent online payments which are easily accessible through our website. We hope this provides a convenient way for families to attend to most school payment transactions.

#### **ANZAC Ceremony**

On Friday 23 May we were privileged to be a part of the first Hills School Anzac Day service. The service was developed by a number of teachers keen to ensure that our students were afforded an accessible opportunity to engage in remembering our Anzacs and paying respects to those who serve and have served in our defence forces. The service was very much a student-centred occasion with many individuals and classes making unique contributions. I would like to thank all that were involved and say a special thanks to Cheryl and Karen for developing the plan and anyone who baked Anzac biscuits, decorated our ceremonial area, fixed our flag, brought in props for the display or made artworks for the day.

**Mark Gosbell**  
Principal

## Room 1

**Joshua Cottom (R/Teacher) Harjit Wurring & Conrad Moylan (SLSOs)**

Room 1 have had a great start to the year. Aaron, Josh and Rhun have been practising their cooking skills, and have shown enthusiasm in making bacon and eggs for lunch. The boys also took part in designing and making their own chocolate bunnies for Easter. We are starting to explore Indigenous Australian history and art, with a regular art program of making dot paintings in the style of several iconic silhouettes of the land and the country. Room 1 have also been practising their fine motor skills in this program by using scissors to cut out their artwork. As Rhun enters his final year at The Hills School, he has been helping everyone out through some wider community tasks, like taking the recycling bins out for the whole school.



## Room 2

**Irene Rostom (Teacher) Renee Watt (SLSO)**

What a fantastic start to Term 2. Room 2 have been busy gardening, learning about and enjoying Indigenous art and also being involved in The Hills School commemorative Anzac Day Ceremony. We are looking forward to so much more learning and growing ahead.



## Room 3

**Shanna Pereira (Teacher) Khim Halpenny & Swapna Tadepalli (SLSOs)**

Room 3 have been busy learning about ANZAC Day whilst they have been studying Australian history. They baked ANZAC cookies and participated in the lovely ANZAC Day service. Students have also enjoyed activities at school including puzzles and fine motor pins.



## Room 4

**Kathryn Hall (Teacher) Rebecca Taylor (SLSO)**

We finished last term by celebrating Term 1 birthdays with a great party which included popcorn, pizza and ice cream. Room 4 is looking forward to more parties with lots of birthdays this month! For ANZAC day we made red poppies by painting cupcake papers and making black mini pom poms. We collected gum leaves and with the poppies we made our wreath for the ANZAC service.



## Room 17

Doireann de Poar (Teacher) Kathryn Jollow (SLSO)

Term 2 got off to a fantastic start in Room 17! We all came back full of energy, ready for some more fun and laughter. During our first week we spent a lot of time learning about Anzac Day and preparing for, what turned out to be, a VERY SPECIAL Anzac Day Service! The boys learned how to make tissue paper poppy flowers for our classroom wreath as well as learning about all the amazing soldiers who fought for Australia. They all did a great job taking part in the service and really enjoyed making Anzac cookies for the event.

Participating in our inaugural soccer game against Tallowood was a massive highlight for the boys over the last two weeks. They played their socks off and came out as CHAMPIONS... yes, we know, it's the participation that counts but still!

The development in the boys' confidence in speaking with strong voices and commitment to doing their jobs has been amazing to witness. We are very excited for the rest of the term and for trips out to Work Education and into the community.



## Room 18

Deborah Lenon (Teacher) Daniel van Kruyssen (SLSO)

Term 2 has seen students arrive back at school refreshed, relaxed and ready to work. We have already been very busy with birthday celebrations, Mother's Day preparations and Anzac Day commemorations. We are proud of all students from Room 18 who attended the Anzac Day assembly where Samuel spoke into the microphone and the rest of the class sat and listened and participated beautifully. This term we are very excited to be starting on some new activities such as gardening, community access, swimming and work skills programs.



## Room 19

Linda Weiss (Teacher) Lorraine Kirby (SLSO)

Welcome to Term 2. During week one, we have been learning about Anzac Day. We have attended a beautiful Anzac Day ceremony, where Chelsea in her role as School Captain read an excerpt from a touching poem called 'The Recall' which was written by Australian poet Ruth Betts in 1915. We also made a wreath to represent our room on the commemorative wall. On Monday we played a soccer match against Tallowood School. Chelsea, Amelie, Tara and Ciara were our very talented players and Ashvini, Brandon, Sergio and Zikry were enthusiastic members of our Hills School cheerleading squad.



## P&C News

The AGM was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April where the executive members of the P&C were voted on and established. John, Shaun, Jo, and I are looking forward to working together in support of our school community. A very special thanks goes out to our Treasurer and Secretary for 2020, Monique Fenech and Justine Stamatakis, who have stepped down from their roles but will continue their involvement in the P&C. We are very grateful for their ongoing support, dedication and commitment to their roles over the years.

We held another Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April and were lucky enough to make \$800 profit for the P&C. A big "Thank you" goes out to Delma Parker and Coral Boyle, who make sure each BBQ goes ahead without a hitch. Also, many thanks to Gary Clayton and our parent volunteers who helped to make the day run smoothly. Our next Bunnings BBQ will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Bunnings Northmead.

We wish all of the Mothers and Grandmothers a lovely Mother's Day and hope that you are spoilt by your families on Sunday. The P&C worked hard this year to ensure that the Mother's Day gift bags were filled with some wonderful items. Thank you to Rooms 8, 17, & 19 for your efforts in decorating and filling these bags, we hope you enjoy these.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm in the meeting room or via zoom video conference. We look forward to seeing new faces joining us.

**John Scotting**  
P&C President

**Shaun Narayan**  
Treasurer

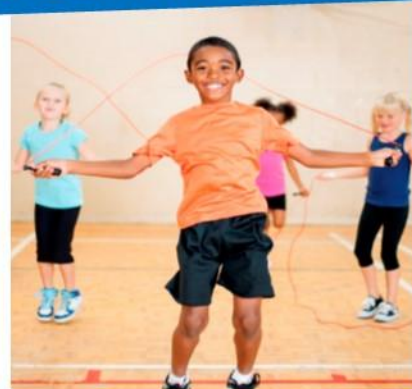
**Rebecca Mills**  
Secretary



### MAKE YOUR MOVE - BE ACTIVE FOR LIFE

#### Tips to be active:

- **Keep a box of balls** or a kite at home and in the car so you will always be ready for action!
- **Walk and talk** practice multiplication, spelling or other homework with your child while walking
- **Encourage activities** that strengthen muscle and bones at least 3 days per week e.g. hopscotch, martial arts or dance
- **Incidental activity counts!** Take the stairs, walk the dog, do some housework or spend time gardening.

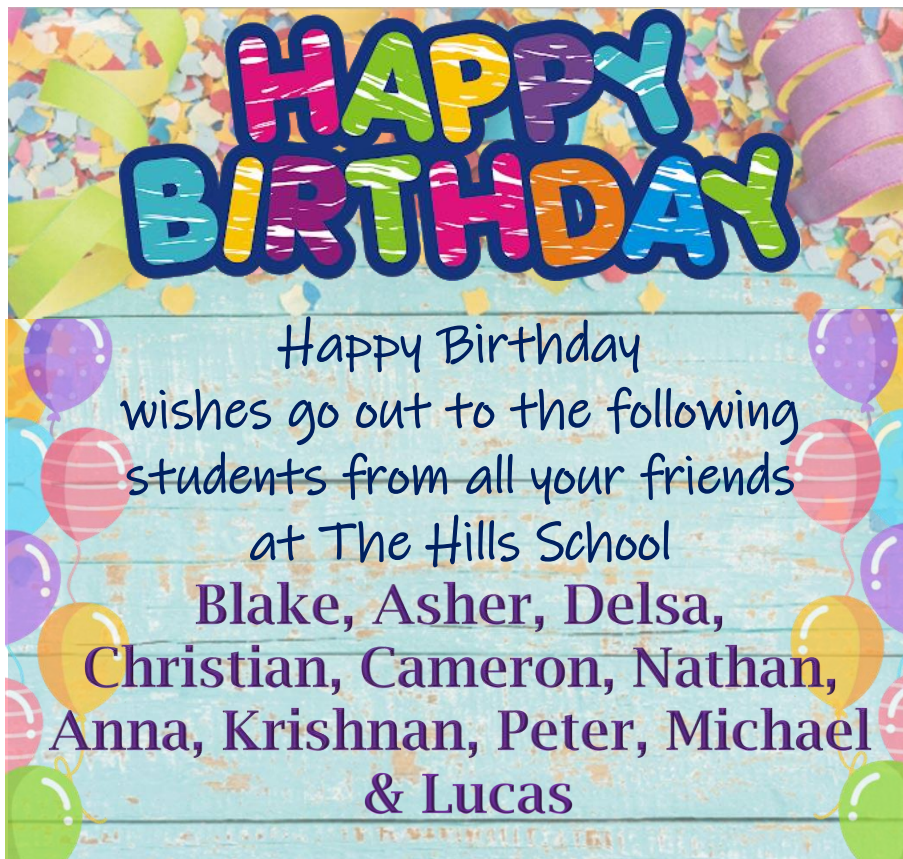


For health benefits, children aged 5-12 years need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. Variety is important.

For more tips visit [www.makehealthynormal.nsw.gov.au](http://www.makehealthynormal.nsw.gov.au)



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