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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday
4 APRIL** **P&C AGM &
GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday
8 APRIL** **LAST DAY
OF TERM 1**

**Tuesday
28 APRIL** **STAFF
DEVELOPMENT DAY
(no students)**

**Wednesday
27 APRIL** **FIRST DAY BACK
FOR STUDENTS
TERM 2**

GOODBYE!

to our paper newsletter

Hello

to Schoolzine



Principal's Message:

Hello parents and friends of The Hills School. In our last newsletter I was lamenting the wet weather and I'm needing to be a bit repetitive...it's continued to be a very wet and soggy few weeks.

Rhythm Village

The work of Michael and Rhythm Village for us all in Term 1 has been amazing. Over the term there has been a steady growth in interaction and engagement from all students and as we reach the end of Term 1 there are many that are seeing the benefits of music centred teaching and learning activities. Music is a universal connector, an activity that people of any age, stage, cultural background can engage with in their own way.

We had originally hoped to be able to have Rhythm Village for Term 1 and Term 3 this year, but some unforeseen circumstances have meant we'll need to be content with Term 1. I am hopeful that we can find ways to continue these programs in the future.

I would like to extend my thanks to Michael for his work as he has integrated into the team at the Hills and hope that we're able to have him back in the future.

Staffing News

This week Amanda Steyn has let us know she'll not be able to return to Room 14 as planned. We have been very fortunate to have Robyn Waters fill in and she has agreed to stay on for the rest of the year. This is a great outcome for all concerned and we're very pleased Robyn can stay, and we wish Amanda all the very best.

COVID isolation rules are hitting hard and having an ongoing impact on our staffing. Teachers are being flexible each day as we work together to ensure consistency for your children. We thank you for your patience and understanding when the regular class staff have to be away. I want to further encourage families to make sure you stay well connected through the communication diary and if need be to call the office and we'll do our best to help where we can.

Schoolzine

Parents will be aware of the school app "Schoolzine" and for those that regularly review the digital content I am sure you will agree that the medium is very easy to use and a friendly space to review what's happening at school. The digital platform allows us to share more visual content and has opportunity for families to choose the language they receive the news in according to their own phone or device settings. This newsletter will be our last printed newsletter and we want to encourage everyone to be sure you have downloaded the Schoolzine app so we can continue to share the great work we see your children doing each day.

Mark Gosbell
Principal

Room 8

Sue Cook (Teacher) Hira Kashif Qasim Ali (SLSO)

Room 8 have had a great start to 2022. We are mastering skills to be more independent, unpacking our bags, looking after our shoes and socks, eating, putting our rubbish in the bin and washing our hands. We have been learning about colours and especially rainbows that need rain and sun to form. Weekly shopping at the school canteen is exciting choosing something for morning tea. Special Olympics and Volleyball Day have stretched our balancing and ball skills, and music continues to be a highlight, with everyone getting groovy!



Room 9

Stephanie Spencer (Teacher) Gary Clayton, Khim Halpenny & Laura Maloney (SLSOs)

The boys in Room 9 have been busy this term! Harmony Day, Special Olympics, Volleyball Day, Clean-up Australia Day, bike riding and enjoying some new puzzles and activities in our room.

We had so much fun on the Volleyball Day! The boys loved batting the large yellow ball over the net. Some students even used their head to bat the ball across.

Our students are enjoying trying bike and scooter riding during the gaps in the wet weather. The students love the challenge of pushing the bike pedals with both feet.

Our puzzles and fun sensory activities are a hit in the classroom! Colourful, challenging and sometimes messy!!



Room 10

Rebecca LaPlume (Teacher) Joanne Ryu & Kathryn Jollow (SLSOs)

Room 10 have had an amazing time choosing, borrowing, looking at and listening to different books each week during Library this term!



Room 11

Adam Zielonka (Teacher) Karen Johnston (SLSO)

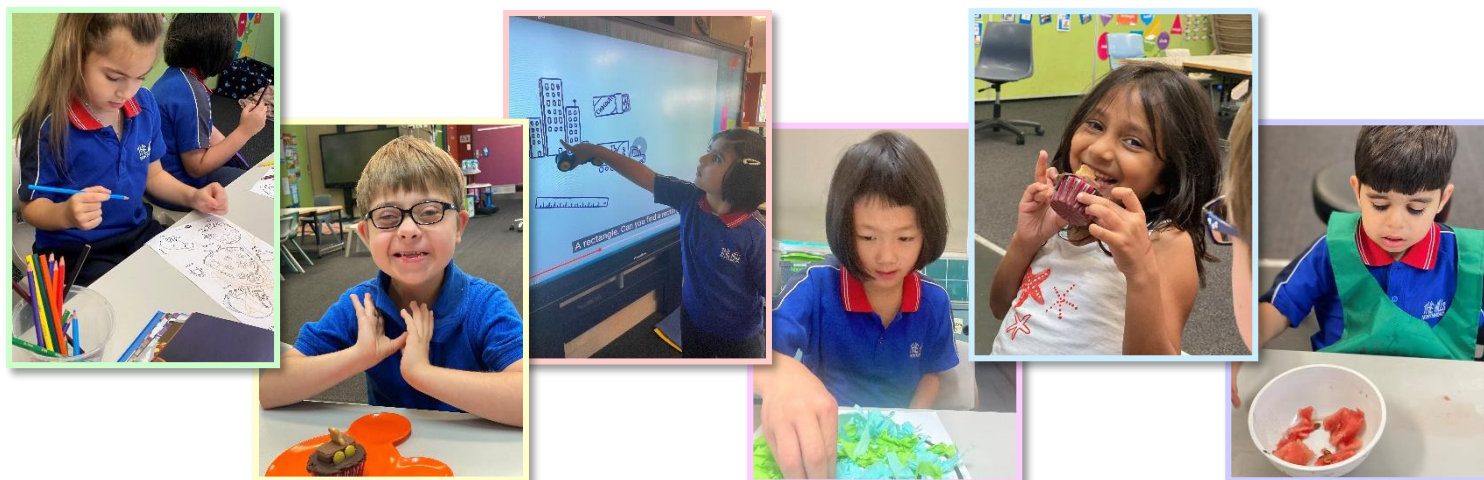
Come hear the tale of Room 11, where the students love to learn! Their number adds to more than seven and they have great energy to burn. They love their music, their percussion and drums. They love their phonics, solar system and sums. They're learning to speak, to throw and to ride and on the Bike Track they always use the slide, yes Room 11 is the place to be and you can't get a luckier teacher than me!



Room 12

Andrew Kelleher (Teacher) Dianne Hower (SLSO)

Everyone has had an incredible start to the year in Room 12! We have been working on improving our reading and maths skills through dramatic storytelling of picture books and by following recipes when cooking yummy treats such as choc-chip cake in the microwave! We are coming together as a family who supports each other and love to cheer each other towards success!



Room 13

Lauren Alley (Teacher) Ann Kang (SLSO)

What a wonderful start to the schooling journey our new Kindergarten students have had! We have been learning about our new school and getting into our classroom routine. We have been learning lots of new skills in English and Mathematics, such as learning to count and to recognise some letters. We have also been learning about the weather, Earth and Space and enjoying some lovely art activities during our art lessons with Cheryl. It has been an amazing adventure so far!



P&C News

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Monday 4 April at 7pm. It will be held both via Zoom and in the meeting room. At this meeting the new 2022 executive positions will be decided, as per nominations and votes by current P&C financial members. Everyone is welcome to attend including new members, please consider joining us it is truly rewarding and we hope to see our members continue to grow.

We are looking forward to another upcoming Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 30 April. These regular Bunnings BBQ's are a great contribution to the fundraising efforts of the P&C, and we are very grateful to continue our partnership with Bunnings Northmead.

Just a small reminder that our canteen and uniform shop is open weekly on a Tuesday, for ordering uniforms or a healthy lunch for your child. It is run thanks to a dedicated cohort of volunteers. In Term 2, the canteen will reopen on Tuesday 3 May. We are also hoping to hold a Mother's Day stall on the same day, a note will be going home with further information and to confirm.

John Scotting
P&C President

Shaun Narayan
Treasurer

Rebecca Mills
Secretary



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.



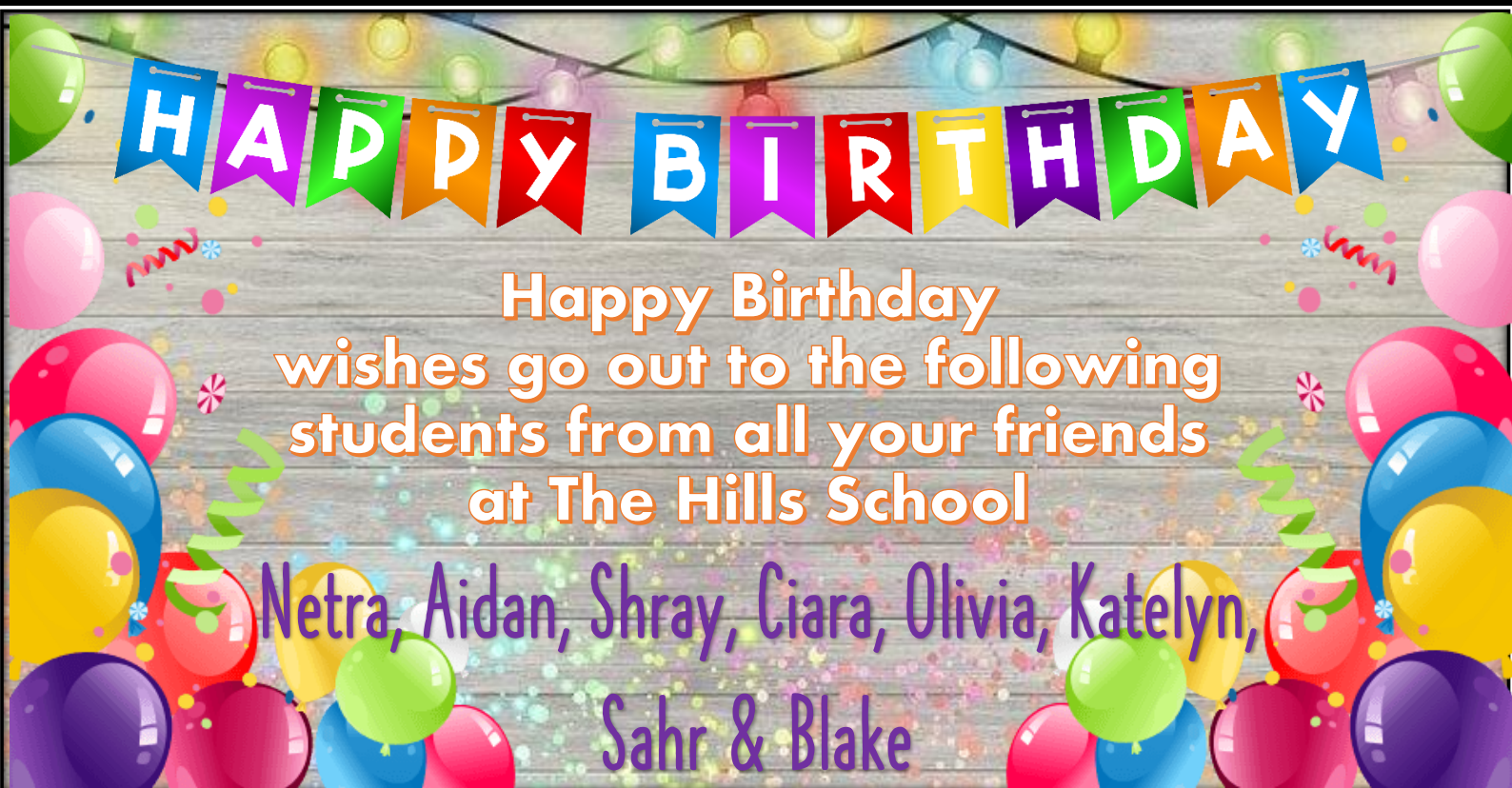
Try some of these:

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

More healthy eating tips at
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