A number of days ago I became aware of one of our Year 6 students assisting a Year 2 boy who was somewhat distressed after school. She managed to calm him down and guided him to the nearest teacher who just happened to have his brother in her class. The parent of the young boy was very impressed with the actions taken by the older girl. These stories simply highlight the quality of the children that attend HPS!

**SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS**

Due to the terms of office for a number of parent representatives on the School Board expiring, 3 vacancies will need to be filled for the remainder of 2016 and beyond. **Nominations to the HPS Board are now being called for.** If you think you may nominate for the position, please see the attached Nomination Slip and forward this to the front office by **3:00pm on Thursday 24th March** in a sealed envelope. Within the slip there is a “Candidate Profile” which will assist voters in identifying what you may be able to bring to the Board. On request, the Board's Constitution and Code of Conduct can be emailed to you. For further general information regarding the Board, feel free to give me a call on 93076365.

**P&C**

Congratulations to our new P&C President in Taryn Murphy. Taryn was voted in last week and I have no doubt she will do an amazing job. Taryn will be ably supported by Louise Roche as the Vice President. Congratulations again to both!

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photo days are scheduled for Monday 4th April and Wednesday 6th April. Today, every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. Information regarding photo purchasing is included in this Newsletter. Please see below.

**ASSEMBLY**

Due to Good Friday next week, the assembly led by B1/B2 will be held on Thursday 24th March. Hope to see you there.

**ADVANCE REMINDER**

Tuesday 29th March is an approved Education Department holiday for students and teachers. After Easter, school will resume on Wednesday 30th March.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Please be aware that the next Newsletter will be published on Wednesday 30th March.

Ron Chesny, Principal
Footy free dress day
Footy free dress day on the 18th of March. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite teams attire and bring a gold coin donation. All monies raised will support the Year Six graduation.

In-term Swimming lessons for Yr2, Yr1 and PP students
Pre-Primary-Year 2 swimming lessons will commence on Tuesday, 26th April and continue through to Friday, 6th May - nine lessons in all.
This means swimming lessons start on the first day back in Term 2.
We need to have all money and notes organised before the last week of this term.
Notes will be sent home this week.
Please return your completed forms and payment by Wednesday, 30th March.

THE RAINBOWS PROGRAM – 2016
During Term 2, the Rainbows Program will be offered to those children experiencing separation because of family breakdown, death of a loved one or separation due to immigration. Students will be placed in age appropriate groups and work through topics such as self-esteem, why my family, facing fears and worries, forgiveness and endings and beginnings. Trained staff members will facilitate the groups. The program operates for 12 weeks and concludes with a ‘Celebrate Me’ party. Each session is approximately 40 minutes long.
If you would like your child/children included in Rainbows, please email the school: hillarys.ps@education.wa.edu.au to register your interest. Please include the child’s name, year level and class.

HARMONY DAY
21ST MARCH
Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Hillarys PS will celebrate Harmony Day this year with a “Buddy Class” lunch on the oval (weather permitting) on Monday 21st March. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will join with their ‘buddies’ for eating their lunch and then have time to play together.
Buddy classes will be supervised by class teachers.
In recognition of those students with food intolerances or allergies no food will be shared during this time. The canteen will be open as usual for lunches.
For further information about this special day please refer to http://www.harmony.gov.au/
Swimming Squad update

Congratulations to all the students who have been attending swim training after school at Craigie and Greenwood. We have seen terrific improvement in stroke technique and fitness over the time.

Remember that training at Greenwood this Thursday 17th March is the second trial session for the interschool team. Please arrive promptly for a 3.30pm start. If you are able to arrive early Miss Walmsley and Mr Hosking may require assistance to put the lane ropes in.

The final team will be informed by Wednesday 23 March and will receive a permission note. Mrs Armstrong will also require assistance to tow a trailer with equipment and set up on the carnival morning at Greenwood from 9am. If you are able to assist can you please inform her asap at training or via email.

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Our school photo day is coming! Today, every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. **If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.**

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Please note sibling orders close @ midday Friday 1 April 2016**

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot -please contact the school office.

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When a student is absent from school

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that any student who is absent from school needs a note, email or telephone call to provide an explanation of why the student was away.

Parents are asked to provide a note, email or phone call covering an absence immediately the student returns to school or in the event of a pre-planned absence, before being away.

Parents can ring the school on 93076365, email hillarys.ps@education.wa.edu.au or through Tiqbiz.
March 3 was Girls’ Day in Japan where everyone gives best wishes for girls to grow happy and healthy. Special displays of dolls are set up in homes and girls dress in pretty kimono and have a little party with their friends.

Girls in Year Three celebrated with Kennedy sensei and their class teachers at a special lunch time picnic on Thursday March 3. They brought a favourite doll to share the celebration and tried their chopstick skills in the marshmallow relay. Some of us need more practice!

The boys are eagerly awaiting Boys Day in May for their turn.

Kindy 3 Gardening Lesson

The children from Kindy 3 are participating in Gardening activities every second Tuesday with Mr Adrian Coufos and a group of year 6 students. The children were busy during this session planting flowers to brighten up our Kindy Wall Garden. The children had a lot of fun and also talked about the parts of a plant and why they are important for the environment.
School App - Tiqbiz
We’re pleased to inform you that we have just launched a school app.
The school will be using the app to send out the school newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much, much more!
The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices.
If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.
We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find and tick the school.
When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family.
You’ll receive all the information with a push notification - much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date.
The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you’ll be reminded about important calendar dates 24 hours before, and everything we post can be translated into one of 91 languages!
You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger!
219 people are already connected with Tiqbiz. We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.
KIDS MATTER - Teaching children values

Social and Emotional Learning is a priority area of learning for 2016. Staff are teaching social and emotional skills, using a structured program on a regular basis. The program focuses on emotional literacy, decision making, problem solving, positive self-regard, stress management, positive coping and help seeking. Lessons are designed to support development of key skills students require to lead balanced and happy lives.

How parents and carers can help:

- **Teach social and emotional skills** Teach children social skills such as listening to others, taking turns, making friends and resolving conflict.
- **Use positive discipline** Setting reasonable expectations for children's behaviour, and communicating them clearly and respectfully, sets the tone for cooperation. Being consistent and positive in your approach to discipline communicates to children that they are valued, even if a particular behaviour is not.
- **Talk about values** Read stories that emphasise moral values with your children. Discuss the pros and cons of different kinds of values for promoting effective social relationships. Make talking about values and opinions part of everyday conversation, e.g. talking about things you see on TV.
- **Capitalise on ‘teachable moments’** when something happens that requires a moral response. Ask children to think about what the problem is and what they could do to improve the situation.
- **Involve children in family discussions** and decision making, giving them an opportunity to practice listening to others' views and seeing things from different angles. Listening and contributing to family discussions helps children understand what your values are.
- **Promote a strong sense of identity** When parents and carers notice and acknowledge what children do to help, it shows children that their contributions are worthwhile. Help children to work out ways to stand up for what they believe in and let them know that you are proud of them when they do. This helps children to build confidence in their own strengths and values.
- **Supervise media use** When children are repeatedly exposed to violent or inappropriate media images it encourages them to see these things as normal. Children do imitate the behaviour they see on TV or on the internet. It is very important for parents and carers to supervise children's media use and ensure that the things they view are appropriate for their age and level of understanding.

HILLARIES “PARENT CORNER”

Hillarys “Parent’ Corner” will have its grand opening after the Anzac Day assembly on 8th April in its new location in the old art room. All visitors to our assembly and members of school community are welcome to join us for this occasion.

Our vision has been to create a safe, judgement free space for parents that not only nurtures connection between the school and parent community but also within the parent community. We’ve been working to transform this corner into a warm, inviting space with a feeling of home, filled with a growing list of parenting books, inspiration on the walls, and Kids Matter resources at your fingertips.

You’re invited to come in and grab a coffee or tea and enjoy the Hillarys "Parent’ Corner." It’s a wonderful space that will continue to evolve.

Many thanks go to the P&C for funding this project. –
Nina Hart on behalf Hillarys PS KidsMatter Action Team.
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following Merit Award recipients at the Assembly held on 11th March 2016.

Charlotte C Batavia 1  Max H Batavia 1  Henry H Batavia 2
Serene B Batavia 3  Paige F Batavia 4  Joshua C Batavia 4
Ethan B Batavia 5  Valerie V H Batavia 5  Indie S Batavia 6
Catherine G Batavia 6  Curtis K Amity 1  Sophia C Amity 1
Sophie S Amity 2  Jordan V P Amity 2  Amity 3
Luke G Amity 4  Sophie C Amity 4  Jack S Amity 5
Caitlin J Amity 5  Caitlin C Amity 6  Billy H Amity 6
Cameron S Cygnet 1  Angeline V H Cygnet 1  Lucy W Cygnet 1
Kiara H Cygnet 2  Kaylen A Cygnet 2  Ollie S Cygnet 3
Olivia B Cygnet 4  Shae S Cygnet 4  Narek T Cygnet 5
Presley W Cygnet 5  Ellie-Mae S Cygnet 6  James S Cygnet 6
Mimi Jean D Duyfken 1  Clayton G Duyfken 1  Aidan B Duyfken 2
Eden Z Duyfken 2  Summer D Duyfken 3  Shaymus Mc Duyfken 3

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*** Help is desperately needed throughout the term. Please volunteer if you can. Thanks.

LOWES Ezy-Way Credit & Rewards Card holders

Lowes 20% off Everything including Schoolwear

1 Day - 17th March

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**SALE!!**

**KIDZABUZZ PERTH 2015/16 FAMILY DISCOUNT BOOK**

**ONLY $20** (valid until 31/10/2016)

Books sold via Hillarys Primary School's P&C Association raises funds to support the school community and its students. Offering over 350 activities, attractions & shopping for all to enjoy. Cinemas, Ice Skating, Laser Tag, Adventure World – the offers are endless...buy it before the next School Holidays so you can keep the kids entertained all summer long.

The book will be available for pick up from the front office or sent home with the students

*For any enquires contact the Kidzabuzz P&C coordinator - Louise Roche on 0417 970 189.*

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**HILLARYS P&C EASTER RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets have been sent home with your children.

**Extra tickets available from school office.**

Raffle drawn 23 March - Winners announced 24 March

Prizes =1 x $100 Easter Gift Basket and 2 x $50 Easter Gift Baskets

Tickets $1 each

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON FLEXISCHOOLS or returned with correct monies to P&C Box in School Office.**

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED TICKETS (EVEN IF PURCHASED ON FLEXISCHOOLS) AND CORRECT MONIES TO P&C BOX IN SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016.**

All monies raised will go towards future school projects to improve your child’s educational experience.

**Help required:** We require help from parents to assist with Counting of Raffle tickets.

If you can spare 30 minutes of your time after school drop off.

Please contact: Maryanne Wakefield on 0416472495 or wakers@iinet.net.au to volunteer and help make this fundraiser a success.

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Cricket Trials are being held at The WACA on **Monday 4 April 2016** for the Department of Education endorsed Specialist Cricket Programs at Belridge Senior High School, John Forrest Secondary College and Kent Street Senior High School. Tennis Trials are also being held for the John Forrest Specialist Tennis Program (endorsed by the Department of Education) on **Wednesday 30 March 2016.**
1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course.
To help manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12yrs.
All 7 to 9.30pm.
WEMBLEY $180pp or $340 per couple
Wed 16th, 23rd & 30th March (2 to 12yrs)
The following are available as ‘In House’ courses.
Parenting Information Session (Including 10 take home tips)
This 2 hr seminar is designed to improve your knowledge
and confidence as a parent.
Bullying – Don’t Just Stand There
Engaging Adolescents (11 to 16yo)
Protective Behaviours
Private Consultations Available.
To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or
go to www.behaviourtonics.com.au

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**Legend:**
- EDU DANCE: Educational Dance
- First Aid Focus: First Aid Focus Activities
- Newsletter: Newsletter Distribution
- Week: Weekly Calendar
- ANZAC DAY: ANZAC Day Observance
- NAPLAN: National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
- PD DAY: Professional Development Day
- ASSEMBLY: Assembly Activities