

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. It promises to be another exciting year with lots of activities and quality learning to help the children progress. We have once again been fortunate enough to provide for 18 straight year level classes (this not being the norm in most schools). A very big welcome to 2 new staff members in Mr Alex Di Felice (Associate Principal) and to Mr David Howell (Year 4 teacher). We also welcome back a number of staff who have been on extended leave: Mrs Butterfield, Mrs Hillwood and Ms Nonis.

## BEFORE SCHOOL

A gentle reminder to parents that the school instructional day officially commences at 8:45am, even though classes may be open earlier. One of our aims is to encourage positive development of student/personal organisational skills and responsibilities. While we do not wish to discourage parents from enjoying their child's classroom or from making contact with their teacher, we ask parents to drop their children off at the block doors thus allowing them to move independently into their classrooms, where possible.



Children can then use this time for some socialisation (an important daily component), organising their bags, preparing for the day by organising their books and general materials, reading their own literature, finishing off work or having some quiet time. Many parents (particularly in the junior years) wish to remain and assist with their child. Whereas this is often welcome, it would be appreciated that parents do not remain in the class after 8:45am. It is to be noted that there are occasions where staff are engaged in collaborative work or have organised meetings with parents prior to the commencement of the instructional day. Again, staff will not be providing formalised or structured learning tasks prior to 8.45am. Students will use this time to settle and prepare for the day ahead. Thank you for your understanding.

## CARS AND PARKING



Please be reminded that the traffic around the school will always be a problem and your patience and understanding is requested before and after school. The Kiss-and-Drop is just that. As a matter of courtesy to others, do not park your vehicle in this zone and leave your car unattended. Please use the Kiss-and-Drop as it is intended. Additionally, please do NOT park on neighbours' lawn or property frontage as a matter of courtesy.

## LOWES SCHOOL WEAR

We have been advised by LOWES that their store at Whitfords City will close permanently on 20<sup>th</sup> February. From that date forward all school wear can be purchased through their Joondalup store.

## YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6 students commence their camp mid next week at Ern Halliday Camp site. We wish them well and they will no doubt benefit from the activities and bonding during this time.

## SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for the Year 5 and 6 commence next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure students have correct equipment and clothing for the lessons. Year 6 students will be attending from camp in the latter part of next week. Please return your swimming notes ASAP, as we still have many outstanding.

## CANTEEN

Please be advised that the canteen will reduce the number of days it is open commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the attached note from the P&C.

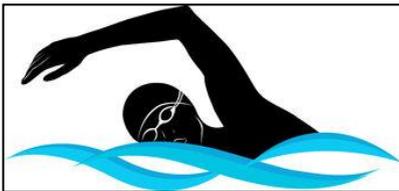
## ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the year is scheduled for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February and will be hosted by Year 5, C3. Hope to see you there.

Ron Chesny, Principal

## PE and Sport News Term 1

Parents please ensure your children are wearing **appropriate sneakers/runners** (NO sandals) on their sport and PE days. Also it would be very helpful for your child to have a **hat with a cord and working toggle** so that the hat remains in place at all times. Replacement toggles can be purchased at stores such as Spotlight and Lincraft. If you have purchased a new hat please put a small knot at the bottom of the cord so the toggle does not fall off.



**Swimming Squad** – A note went home on Monday to all Year 4-6 students who indicated an interest in joining the swimming squad late last year. Please note training starts **this WEDNESDAY**. If your child is new to the school and would like to join in, please contact Mrs Armstrong for further information.

## KIDS MATTER

### KidsMatter 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter

Hillarys has now completed all the requirements and has become a nationally recognised KidsMatter school, recently profiled in publications by Principals Australia Institute and KidsMatter.

The on-going implementation of the KidsMatter framework, a national mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative developed specifically for Australian primary schools by the Australian Government, beyondblue, Principals Australia and Australian Psychological Society has strengthened Pastoral Care at Hillarys. KidsMatter is an evidence-based framework which supports students and families.

Our KidsMatter Action Team has been very active across the school community, providing professional development for staff, implementing a range of programs which support acceptance of diversity, initiating a social and emotional learning program which explicitly teaches important skills, providing a Parent Corner with resources to support parents and carers and reviewing school processes to ensure early identification of students experiencing mental health difficulties. The KidsMatter framework enables us to have a strategic approach to pastoral care.

Future newsletters will profile the various pastoral care programs offered to students. Please visit the Parent Corner, opposite the library, and check out the parenting resources available for parents to borrow.



## Parent Corner News

Happy New Year! Hoping that all our Hillarys Primary School children and their families had an enjoyable break and start 2017 feeling refreshed for the year ahead. A very special welcome to all our new children and families, we hope you settle into the Hillarys PS community well. If there is anything we can do to support this transition, please do not hesitate to talk to your class teacher, parent representative or member of the Kidsmatter Action Team. We are all very happy to assist.

The Parent Corner is located opposite the library and is available for use by parents and families as a space to relax, meet with others and share ideas. Coffee and tea is available and there are a number of resource books which can be loaned.

The Kidsmatter Action Team will be meeting soon; please watch this space for further news, information and updates. After a very successful year last year with achieving official recognition as a Kidsmatter Primary School, we look forward to consolidating the Kidsmatter framework further in 2017 and working with Hillarys PS children and their families to achieve this. All the very best for a happy and productive year.



## Music News



Welcome back to another year of music making at Hillarys PS!  
Again 2017 will be a music packed year with loads of opportunities for all students to be involved in this year's events.

Week 3 is when all the action will begin!

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - junior choir (yrs 3 and 4) with Mrs Clack
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - senior choir (yrs 5 and 6)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - junior uke (beginners from yrs 4 to 6)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - senior uke (last year's junior uke group)



Due to timetable changes, all these before school classes will start at 8.00am. No experience is necessary (except for senior uke) so if you are interested just turn up to the music room at the required time.

We have a very busy year planned with assemblies, the Talent Show (term 2), Open Night (term2), One Big Voice (term 3), WAGSMS Crown Festival (term 3) plus many other performance opportunities. So stay tuned for further information!

Madeleine Speelman and Sian Clack

### ARTY PANTS - AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Della and Bee will be running another exciting 8 week Art course for children in the Art Room at Hillarys Primary school this year!

**WHEN:** Mondays 3.15 - 4.45 pm

**STARTING:** Monday 6th February 2017

**COST:** \$198

*Price includes all art materials.*

**Booking is essential!**

For more details please contact:

Bee 0415286206 or Della 0400232912

[www.artypantsinperth.com](http://www.artypantsinperth.com)



## School Banking day is Thursday



Remember, Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Hillarys Primary School. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

Siobhan Dowley - School Banking Coordinator - [siobhanward1973@yahoo.com](mailto:siobhanward1973@yahoo.com)

## PERTH SCORCHERS

### Perth Scorchers T20 - Whitfords

Where: MacDonald Reserve, Padbury

When: Wednesday's 4.30 - 6.30pm

Free Come & Try Session: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Contact : Adam 0426 227 494 [adam.bunce@cricket.com.au](mailto:adam.bunce@cricket.com.au)

Open to girls and boys of all abilities aged 7-12.



### Community News:

<b>Get Active Sports - Tennis for Juniors</b> At Padbury Primary School Hall, starts 19 Feb Tel: 1300 772 106 <a href="http://www.getactivesports.com.au">www.getactivesports.com.au</a>	<b>Wanneroo Modcrosse Club - Greenwood</b> Registrations from 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb Season starts 29 <sup>th</sup> April Tel:0401 330 357 <a href="mailto:modx@wanneroolacrosse.com">modx@wanneroolacrosse.com</a>
<b>Tadpoles Triathlon</b> Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April at Whitfords Nodes Beach Pk Entry \$20 <a href="http://www.triserieswa.com.au">www.triserieswa.com.au</a>	

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RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

# TERM PLANNER – TERM 1 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week Two	6 Feb EduDance – Mon, Tues, Fri Week 2 - 10)	7 Feb Newsletter	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb
Week Three	13 Feb Year 5/6 swimming at Mullaloo Beach	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb Assembly C3 KidsMatter
			Yr 6 CAMP		
Week Four	20 Feb Year 5/6 swimming at Mullaloo Beach  P&C Mtg	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb  Assembly
		Newsletter			
Week Five	27 Feb	28 Feb  Board Meeting	1 March	2 March	3 March
Week Six	6 March Labour Day Holiday	7 March Newsletter	8 March	9 March	10 March Assembly
Week Seven	13 March	14 March  P&C AGM	15 March	16 March	17 March
Week Eight	20 March	21 March  Board Meeting  Newsletter	22 March	23 March	24 March  Assembly
Week Nine	27 March	28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March  Interschool Swimming Carnival
Week 10	3 April  Photo Day	4 April  Newsletter	5 April  Photo Day	6 April  Easter Hat Parade	7 April  Assembly C2 ANZAC

Holidays: Saturday 8 April to Sunday 23 April (Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April)