This Week's quote:

If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.
~ Oscar Wilde

Monday 2nd-13th November: Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 10th November: GHS Year 7 Advisor visit 9.15am

Wednesday 11th November: Year 6 BBQ

Thursday 12th November: Movie Bug Incursion

Tuesday 17th November: Junior Girls League Tag Final at Mt Colah

Wednesday 25th November: Year 6 BBQ / Toys and Tucker pickup

Thursday 26th November: Whole School Disco 6.30-8.00pm

Congratulations to everyone for their support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation last Friday, by wearing red and making a donation to the organisation. The Day for Daniel is an annual event to raise awareness of stranger danger and teach the children to Recognise, React and Report. During the day the classes participated in a number of very worthwhile activities provided by the foundation, including what to do when lost and cyber safety. Thank you to Mrs Fraser for organising the school’s participation in this worthwhile event.

It was wonderful seeing the K, 1, 2 and 3 students enthusiastically heading off to swimming lessons this week. It is a very necessary and worthwhile program offered by the Department of Education. It is great watching how the students improve over the ten day program. Thank you to Miss Handley for organising and accompanying the students to Galston Pool and once again a thank you to our wonderful parents for providing transport to and from the pool.
Next week the Year 7 Advisor Jake Van Baarle, the Head Teacher Welfare Gina Koufos and assistant Year Advisor Katrina Andrus for Galston High School will be visiting Year 6. He will be speaking to the students attending Galston High School next year and providing them their Year 7 package. The Galston High School Orientation Day is Wednesday 2 December; the students will receive more details of this next week.

On Tuesday 17 November our very successful Junior Girls League Tag team will be competing in the Grand Final at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah. Details will be sent home shortly with the girls. We are very proud of their achievement and wish them all the best for the day.

We are looking at the viability of establishing a Long Day Care Centre at the school. I have been in contact with the Department’s Asset Management branch and they have visited the school to have an onsite meeting. The process initially requires data on community interest in the establishment of the centre. If we proceed with the centre it will go out through the Department’s tender process.

Congratulations to Jacob Borg who was awarded with a School Medal this week. It is wonderful seeing our students achieve this award.

Sienna Borg will be shaving her hair for Worlds Greatest Shave, if you would like to donate we have a collection tin in the school office. All funds raised go towards blood cancer research.

As the school’s financial year is soon closing, I encourage any families still owing money for excursions etc to please finalise their accounts at the office. Of course if this is not possible please see Lianne in the office to make alternate arrangements.

Mrs Eastman
Principal

From the Office:

Money and notes now due: Thank you all who have returned notes and payments promptly.

- Text book and school contributions- overdue
- Aussie Bush Camp instalments-overdue
- PSSA sport bus-overdue
- Dance class permission and payment overdue
- K/1/2/3 Swimming Scheme permission and payment
- Returning or not returning to Hillside next year slip

All unpaid accounts should be paid as soon as possible as it is approaching the end of the school financial year. Overdue invoices were sent home on Friday. If you are having difficulties please speak to Lianne and alternative arrangements can be made.

Please pay at the Office when convenient, EFTPOS is not available after 2.45.

As part of the NSW Department of Education commitment to anti-racism, each school has an Anti-Racism Contact Office (ARCO).

I have been appointed to this role.

My role at Hillside is to:

1. Receive the suggestion, complaint or allegation regarding racism.
2. Assist the complainant to write the complaint, if required.
3. Advise the complainant of their rights and the process to be followed lodging a complaint.
4. Refer the complaint to the principal who will be responsible for resolving the complaint

If you have any questions please feel free to come and see me.

Jenny Fraser

**Stewart House Fundraiser.**

We will be selling High bounce balls for $3.00 each to raise funds for Stewart House. Available from the office from Wednesday 4th November 2015.

**Toys ‘n’ Tucker**

We are once again collecting food and gifts to donate to Anglicare for Christmas hampers for families that are less fortunate than us. Donations can be dropped in the boxes in the school office.

**NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

If your child or a child that you know is starting school next year please complete an enrolment form, available at the office or online and return to school as soon as possible.

**Hillside Playgroup**

Hillside Playgroup is being held in the Library on Tuesday mornings, from 9 am to 11 am, with Mrs Feely If you or someone you know is interested in joining the group; please collect an application form from the school office. The group will be affiliated with the NSW Playgroup Association.

**Dance with Mel**

Dance lessons on Wednesday, in the Library. Juniors commence at 3:30pm and intermediates at 4:30pm. Anybody interested please contact Mel on 0433524106.

**Hillside Happenings via Email**

If you would like to receive Hillside Happenings Newsletter via email and have not already let us know, please send an email or drop into the office to give us your details.

**School Tennis Lessons**
We would like to arrange to continue to have Tennis Lessons next year if you know of anyone that is able to Coach could you please pass their number on to the school.