‘Loyalty, Knowledge, Duty’

Term 4, Week 7 Wednesday 18th November 2015.

This week's quote:

For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Tuesday 24th November: P&C meeting 7pm in the 5/6 classroom

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

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

Tuesday 1st December: Kindergarten Orientation / Final playgroup for 2015 / Sienna shave for a cure 1pm at School.

Friday 4th December: Combined Scripture / Thank you helpers morning tea

Monday 7th December: Presentation Night 6pm

Wednesday 9th December: Final Year 6 BBQ / Year 6 farewell

Congratulations to our Junior Girl’s League Tag Team on their outstanding efforts in the finals round held yesterday at Foxglove Oval. They were one point away from making the Grand Final. Well done girls we are all very proud of your efforts. A special thank you to Mrs Fraser for training and managing the team and the parents who assisted with transport to and from Mt Colah.
I have mentioned previously how well the students achieve academically at Hillside. Teachers are currently completing assessments and it is wonderful to hear how many of our students have shown outstanding growth in many areas. Whether it is a Year 1 student now reading 11 levels higher than at the beginning of the year or the Year 4 student who has improved 9 levels in 6 months, these results are because of the dedication and commitment of the teachers at Hillside, in delivery quality educational programs.

Our wonderful achievements were highlighted by the Schools Director, Mr Tim McCallum who visited recently. He informed me that Hillside was the only primary school in the Dural Network (27 Primary Schools) which achieved outstanding growth in 4 of the 5 areas in this year Naplan results (i.e. the highest ranked school for growth from Year 3 to 5). It is a wonderful result and once again due to the quality teaching delivered by the Hillside teachers.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, next year we will be funded by the department for two classes. The P&C agreed at the beginning of this year to fund extra teaching time for 2016 and with the allocation of our RAM funding we will be able to fund three extra teaching days next year. Miss Handley has agreed to return to Hillside which is wonderful. We will be splitting the students into three classes for Literacy and Numeracy as we do now, with Miss Handley, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Hoogesteger and I. This means for four days a week we will divide the students into three classes K – 2, 3 &4, 5&6. On Fridays Mrs Fraser will be taking K-4. We will combine for sport, fitness, assembly, music, Visual Arts etc. as we currently do. With these arrangements we will be able to continue to offer quality teaching and learning programs for all students. If you have any concerns please come in and speak to me or one of the teachers.

Next year students in years 4, 5 and 6 will combine for HSIE lessons and then be joining the students from Middle Dural and Arcadia on a three day excursion to Bathurst, as part of our HSIE unit on the Discovery of Gold in Australia. We will be going in Week 8, Term1. More details will be sent home later this term.

Last Sunday Aaleyah in Year 1 walked for the Cure for Brain Cancer and raised over $2000. She especially wanted to thank the school community for their support.
On Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} December, Sienna in Year 3 will be having her hair shaved for ‘The world’s Greatest Shave’ at school at 1pm. To date Sienna has raised over $1000 for this wonderful cause.

The end of the year is quickly approaching and some uniforms may be getting a bit small, could you please ensure your children wear the correct uniform to school. Please see Mrs Wildman if you need a second hand uniform to get you through to the end of the year.

The teachers have been made aware that a number of our students are using Instagram, a social media program on iPods and phones. Please be aware that it is recommended that children should be 13 years of age before joining social media sites. We have spoken to a number of students in regards to posting photographs of other students and commenting on social media sites and appropriate action has been taken. We encourage all parents to carefully monitor their children’s use of social media. Useful websites that may help you include:

https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511/

A separate instagram fact sheet for parents has also been sent home today.

Mrs Eastman
Principal

\textbf{From the Office:}

\textbf{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 by the end of this week.

\textbf{Text book orders 2016}

2016 text books and uniforms have been ordered accounts will be sent home week 2 next year.

\textbf{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.

Our final playgroup for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 1st December. We will be recommencing on Tuesday 9th February 2016. Please come along meet new people and the children love it.

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

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