‘Loyalty, Knowledge, Duty’

Term 4, Week 9 Wednesday 3rd December 2015.

This Weeks quote:

Give and receive love this holiday season and you will surely have a joyous Christmas.

Martin Luther King.

**Friday 4th December:** Combined Scripture / Thank you helpers morning tea @9.30

**Monday 7th December:** Presentation Night 6pm

**Wednesday 9th December:** Final Year 6 BBQ / Year 6 farewell @District 3 Hornsby ~ 4.30

**Monday 14th December:** Class parties separate note will go home

**Wednesday 16th December:** Students final day 2015 / 2.30 Year 6 Farewell cake

**Thursday 28th January 2016:** All Students return to school K~6

Congratulations to Sienna for having her hair shaved off for a very worthwhile cause. The whole school watched on with lots of Oh! and Ahhs! As first her long hair was carefully tied together in one long hank and then cut off. Her hair will be used to make wigs for cancer sufferers. The clippers came next and very quickly Sienna’s remaining hair was removed. She was very brave, so were her mum and dad. We all agreed that the new hair style will save a lot of time in the morning when showering and much easier when swimming. We are very proud of you Sienna and what you did.

Next year I am happy to say that Miss Handley will be teaching five days not three as indicated previously. The staff has been busy planning what is best for the students at Hillside and it was decided to change our original plans. The students will be divided into three classes for 4 days a week. We will still be combining on some afternoons for music, assembly etc. Mrs Hoogesteger will be teaching Science, Library, French and Music on Wednesdays.
This week I had the pleasure of attending the Galston High School Presentation Night. It was wonderful watching so many current and former students of Hillside receiving awards on the night. Congratulations to Ashley Tkacz and Lillian Forsayth who received their School Scholarships for 2016. Citizenship Robert Barker, Sports Award Paige Dowd, The Galston medal for Outstanding overall performance Robert Barker and Annabel Manoleras, Academic distinction Year 7 Angus Tkacz, Academic Excellence Year 7 Angus Tkacz, Academic Distinction Year 9 Aleesha Horan, Academic excellence Year 9 Aleesha Horan and Academic excellence Emily McCauley and Sean McCauley Year 11 academic excellence. Sean also performed on the night by singing “How Far We’ve Come” by Matchbox 20.

Last week Ben Macarencu was awarded his Gold Medal. A wonderful achievement

With the end of term fast approaching there are lots of events happening. This Friday, after the Christmas Service we would like parents to join us for a thank you morning tea under the COLA starting at 9:45am. Parents are more than welcome to come to the Christmas Service which starts at 9am.

Next Monday night is our school Presentation Night at 6pm. A separate note was sent home last week with the details. All children will be receiving a certificate on the night. Please ensure correct summer uniform is worn with black school shoes. On Wednesday night next week Years 5 and 6 and staff will be participating in the Year 6 Farewell at District 3 in Hornsby. A great night of fun and games!

The school has been approached by former students wanting to visit now that they are on holidays. We are saying a blanket no to all former students, because of the safety issue of having other students on the premises. Last year a disagreement occurred between a former student and some of our senior students. Our priority is the safety of Hillside students and we will not compromise on this. Former students are more than welcome to return to Hillside for Work Experience or community service for example as part of the Duke of Edinburgh program. I have already mentioned to some former students that they would be welcome on the last day (Wednesday 16th), for the talent quest which will be starting at 11:15am.

Class parties are being held on Monday 14 and students may wear mufti on that day. Notes will be sent home by the class teachers. We will farewell our fantastic Year 6 students on Wednesday 16th at 2:30 by cutting of the cake and then forming the arch at the front gate. All parents are welcome to join us in this farewell.

New sport shirts and unisex shorts will be available for purchase for next year. The girls may wear the shorts instead of the current culottes. The new sport shirt will be gradually phased in when the older yellow ones need replacing.

Mrs Eastman
Principal

From the Office:

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas, we look forward to seeing you all next year.
- New sports shorts are available at office from next week for $12.00. The new polo shirts will also be available for $17.00.
- Year 6 farewell permission notes and payments due

**Text book orders 2016**

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

**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.

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**

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.

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