We welcome Louise Vriens into the office on Mondays and Tuesdays while Lianne is on sick leave. Louise is a past Hillside mum and works at Galston Public School on Wednesdays. Michelle will be in the library on Tuesdays and in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Jenny M is in the office on Fridays. I know you will join me in wishing Lianne a speedy recovery.

Thank you to all our parents and students who attended last week’s Welcome BBQ. The night finished with a very hotly contested handball game between the parents and students. Students in Years 2 - 6 started squash for Friday sport last week. On Friday, 11th March our lesson will be held at Dural Squash Courts. A separate Permission Note will be sent home this week. All lessons, transport etc. for squash are being paid for by the Sporting Schools Grant we received.

Tomorrow a few of our senior students will be attending Galston High School's Open Morning. A great opportunity for parents and students to visit our local comprehensive high school.

Last week, on Tuesday afternoon, all students participated in the first session of Clubs. Students will have the opportunity to do photography, candle making and mosaics, paper making and sand art in a bottle. Each fortnight the students will move to a new activity. Thank you to Mrs Fraser, Mrs Hoogesteger, Miss Handley and Mrs Feely for all the organisation and preparation that has gone into the setting up for Clubs.
Congratulations to Amelia K who is Aussie of the month and Ava H who received the Kindness Award at last week’s assembly. Our Year 6 students were inducted as Leaders for 2016 and received their Library Monitor badges.

Next week we are looking forward to joining Middle Dural at their Colonial Day. The performances finish at approximately 2:30pm, so students may be picked up between 2:30pm and 3:00pm. Final transport details will be sent home at the end of this week to confirm all times.

Yesterday the ICAS Competitions note was sent home. If you wish your child to participate in any of the competitions, please return the completed note with payment by Thursday 24th March. The Tell Them from Me Survey note accompanies this newsletter as well. Please return the completed note if you do not want your child to complete this anonymous survey.

From the Office
- New sports shorts are available at office for $12.00. The new sports polo shirts are also available for $17.50.
- Bathurst Excursion deposit due Friday 4th March
- Text Book account now due

All Years 6 students will receive their ‘Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2017’ package on Wednesday, 9th March. All families must return the completed forms, even if their child is not attending Galston High School next year, by Tuesday, 15th March.

On Friday afternoons Mel Bevan is coming to school to teach dance to a group of our students. We are hoping that they will represent the school at festivals and eisteddfods later in the year.

Mrs Eastman
Principal

Breakfast and Homework club
Gay Lawrence is now running a Before and After School Club in the Library. Please contact the school or Mrs Lawrence for further information.

Hillside Playgroup
Hillside Playgroup is being held in the Library on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00am 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. Please come along and meet new people. The children love it.

Dance with Mel
Dance lessons on Wednesday in the Library. Juniors commence at 3:00pm and intermediates at 4:40pm. Anybody interested please contact Mel on 0433524106.
**Hillside Happenings via Email**
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