Congratulations to Thomas KG

Last term a number of our students, under the guidance of Ms Williams, entered the Operation Art competition. Our students' works were displayed at the Armoury at Homebush. Thomas from KG has had his artwork selected to also be displayed for the world's biggest classroom exhibit. The exhibition is being exhibited at Circular Quay. Thomas' artwork has also been featured on ‘The World's Biggest Classroom’ Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/worldsbiggestclassroom](http://www.facebook.com/worldsbiggestclassroom) Congratulations Thomas - what a great achievement!

Prefects for 2015

The prefect nomination and election process has been completed for 2015 prefects. All students who stood for election were extremely competent speakers and respected as future leaders within our school. Although not all elected can become prefects we know all those who were nominated will be leaders within our school next year. Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who have been elected as 2015 prefects.

School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at our end of year Stage 3 Presentation Day Assembly on December 12, 2014.

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Year 5 students have been nominated to stand for election for House Prefects. The election process for house prefects will take place on Friday. All prefects for 2015 will be introduced to the school at our Monday assembly on November 24, 2014.

Senior Administration Manager 2015

The application and interview process has been completed to fill our Senior Administration Manager (SAM) position for 2015 (front office manager). Our new SAM will be Ms Jenny Buhler. Jenny will be coming to us from Eastwood Public School and will begin her new role with us at the beginning of the new school year. For the remainder of 2014 the SAM position will be filled by Mrs Jane Relyea.
What’s in your child’s bag today?
• Notes K-6 Presentation Day
  KK - Mrs Keast - Holiday
  5/4C - Mr Cooney Leaving
  Eldest K-6 Hills Shire Holiday Guide

Kindergarten News
Sight words for this week in class are: again, ask, best, bring, far, find, give, how, kind, left, man, mother, own, room, say, step, there, too, walk, wish. These are known as the purple sight words.

Our Kindergarten students for 2015 have now had two visits to school. Their final two visits are Tuesday November 25 and Thursday November 27, from 9.30-10.30am. We will have seven Kindergarten classes in 2015.

All mini merits can still be collected and handed in next year when your child is in Year One.

Please return your child’s red note folder each Thursday. Home readers are changed every day. Please record and sign the home reader card every night. Many students have read for 100 and 200 nights and received a certificate for their efforts. Keep on reading.

- From the Kindergarten Teachers

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead’s 2014 Christmas Appeal
The SRC held a crazy hair and sock day on Friday November 7 which raised $1000.

The SRC’s charity event in week 5 raised an amazing $1000 for ‘The Children’s Hospital at Westmead’s 2014 Christmas Appeal’.
Thanks to all the students and teachers who supported crazy hair and sock day. We have already received thanks from the Children’s Hospital for all your generous gold coin donations and special get well message cards.
As well as $1000 in donations we have given the Children’s Hospital at Westmead over 320 special heart message cards which will be displayed at Christmas. Students at CHPS wrote some really lovely get well messages which will cheer up the sick kids at Christmas.

Thanks for your support, generosity and for caring about sick kids.

The SRC, Mrs Ambler & Mr Lamont

PSSA Sport Venues - November 21, 2014 - All buses leave school at 9:05am and return by 10:45am.

Touch Football - Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
Cricket - Fred Caterson
Softball/Tball - Fred Caterson
Basketball - Fred Caterson
School Sport - Castlewood
Mini Merit Awards

Important 2014 Dates / Information regarding mini merit system

- Last K-6 assembly - Monday November 24
- K-6 Platinum assembly - Monday December 1

**Bronze Awards**

| Sharyn (KA), Pragye (1G), Leona (6H), Maria (2G), Maddison (3A), Ashleigh (KA), Holly (3/2L), Warren (3S), Naethan (4P), Rohan (2G), Alexandria (2R), Tammie (1O), Shaylee (4W), Hannah (3S) and Toby (1N) |

**Silver Awards**

| Emma (6M), Joshua (3/2L), Elise (3G), Olivia (5/4C), Bella (6M), Natalie (3A), Zayn (4W), Sahel (4S), Anastasia (3S), Kynan (4P), Lidia (6M) and Justin (6M) |

**Gold Awards**

| Jared (6M), Jake (5W), Ashley (6M), Daniel (6/5G), Corey (6M), Madeline (6D), Rayana (6D), Lola (6D), Anthony (6/5G), Chelsea (5S), Richard (6M), Max (6/5G), David (6D) and Jemma (6M) |

Congratulations to our fabulous students who have earned seven mini merits.

**English:** Coco (KG), Lachlan (KM), Amy (KM), Sandra (KS), Evie (KS), David (1G), Lachlan (1K), Isaac (1K) 2 sets, Eli (1K), Tendo (1K), Audrey (1K) 2 sets, Elysia (1M), Cayden (1N), Annabell (1N), Morgan (1O), Victor (2A), William (2A), Samuel (2A), Cooper (2C), Chaiwan (2C), Amelia (2C), Nina (2C), Luis (2G), Jeremy (2G), Joshua (2R), Alexandria (2R), Karishma (2R), Ruby (3/2L), Gabriel (3G), Alex (4P), Bianca (4P), Trent (4S), Siena (4S), Etienne (4S) 4 sets, Zayn (4W), Rais (4W), Bridie (5/4C), Charlotte (5/4C), Susie (5/4C), Ethan (5/4C), Vivien (5E) 2 sets, Olivia (5E) 2 sets, Domenico (5E), Anjali (6H), Fleur (6H), Joshua (6H), Cassie (6M), Harry (6M), Richard (6M), Lachlan (6M), Aydin (6M), Sebastiaan (6M), Cassie (6M) 3 sets, Lachlan (6M) 2 sets.

**Maths:** Molly (1K), Ruby (3/2L), Alejandro (3A), Gabriel (3G), Martin (4P), Matvey (4P), Bianca (4P), Seongchan (5/4C), Ethan (5/4C), Peter (5/4C), Olivia (5/4C), Olivia (5E), Sujal (5W), Anika (6/5G) 3 sets, Fleur (6H), Cassie (6M), Lachlan (6M), Sebastiaan (6M), Richard (6M) 2 sets.

**Creative Arts:** Sandra (KS), Laura (1N), Patrick (1O), Luis (2G), Matvey (4P), Bridie (5/4C), Vivien (5E), Paris (6H), Emma (6M).
PD/H/PE: Thomas (KG), Ellie (KG), Joshua (9G), Luis (2G), Ann (3A), Sarah (3S), Martin (4P), Sivani (4P), Siena (4S), Sahel (4S), Etienne (4S) 3 sets, Zayn (4W), Bridie (5/4C), Sophie (5E), Vivien (5E), Domenico (5E), Katie (6D), Sami (6H), Anjali (6H), Sebastiaan (6M), Sylvie (6M), Lachlan (6M).
Science & Technology: Laura (1N), Nina (2C), Martin (4P), Grace (4W), Zayn (4W), Rebecca (6M), Lidia (6M).
HSIE: Lachlan (1K), Luis (2G), Etienne (4S), Vivien (5E), Angeline (6/5G), Fleur (6H), Anjalie (6H), Rebecca (6M).
Citizenship: Stephanie (KA), Ellie (KG), Sandra (KS), Etienne (4S) 2 sets, Zayn (4W), Aroosh (6/5G), Angeline (6/5G), Fleur (6H), Justin (6M), Aydin (6M), Lachlan (6M), Rebecca (6M).

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

**PARENTING IDEAS – Michael Grose**

Have a look at the website - [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) This week’s topic “The secret to confident kids”.

**The secret to confident kids**

The first habit from Stephen Covey’s wonderful book *The 7 habits of highly effective people* states that we should start every project or undertaking with the end in mind. This principle holds true for any activity whether it’s planting your vegie patch; renovating a house or raising children. When you know what you are trying to achieve then choosing the right strategies becomes easy.

The end game or goal for parents and teachers is **Redundancy**. Yep, you read it right. Your job is to make yourself redundant as an adult from the children you raise and teach at the earliest possible age. It always has been and always should be.

When redundancy is your aim most of your time, effort and energy will go into promoting independence. You’ll stop doing things for kids and start giving them opportunities to do things themselves. You’ll spend most of your active parenting and teaching time teaching, explaining and prodding your child toward independence.

**Independence leads to the 4 C’s**

When independence becomes your priority then suddenly you’ve found a pathway to the development of other positive qualities and traits in your children including the key four - confidence, competence, creativity and character. Here’s how:

**Confidence** comes from facing your fears and doing things for yourself.

**Competence** comes from the opportunity to develop self-mastery that independence offers.

**Creativity** is developed when kids solve problems themselves as opposed to someone solving them on their behalf, or worse, keeping kids safe. It’s amazing how resourceful kids can be when they are given the chance to resolve their own problems.

**Character**, which is essential for success, is forged under hardship and is needed if kids are to live a sturdy life. Kids need to be exposed to disappointment, failure and conflict if character strengths such as grit and perseverance are too be forged.

**Independence takes many forms**

Adults are the gatekeepers for children’s independence. And of course, independence takes many guises.

On a basic level it’s about developing children’s **autonomy**. Without realising it, many adults make choices on their children’s behalf. Kids build self-confidence when they do things for themselves, and make their own decisions.
Independence is built when children spend time in unpredictable circumstances and environments such as the bush, and also have the opportunity to navigate their neighbourhoods on their own. There maybe some risk involved but that is where the learning lay. Eliminate the risk and you eliminate the learning.

Allowing kids to follow their own impulses even if they are different to yours is the key to gaining independence. This may mean that children choose healthy interests and pursuits that adults are unfamiliar with, or even swim against the tide of their parents’

Allowing kids to take responsibility and own their own problems builds confidence and competence. Start by expecting kids to help out at home and at school. Look for ways to develop self-help skills and don’t take their problems on as your problems.

Manage visually
When your end game is redundancy and your priority is independence building then managing your kids in a visual way becomes your most obvious strategy. Management by mouth is a dependency strategy so talk less, use signs, lists and rosters backed up consequences to develop independence and responsibility in your children.

Create junior versions of independence
It can be scary and also difficult developing independence in one big step. So smart adults intuitively develop junior versions of independence by breaking up big activities into digestible bits. Want your three year old to make the bed? Then start by arranging the teddies and the pillows (a junior version of making the bed) and let them work their way up from there. Similarly, want your five year old to walk to school yet it’s currently out of his skillset? Then accompany him most of the way and let him walk the last 200 metres to school on his own. That’s a junior version of walking to school.

In all the noise and commotion about raising kids today it’s easy to forget that the job description for parents hasn’t changed since the dawn of time. Love them, bond with them, teach them and spend time with them. But also work like mad to develop their real independence so they become capable of handling what life will throw their way.

This formula works just as well for teachers, and is perhaps easier as the emotional attachment isn’t as strong.

Bookclub
Thanks to all the parents that have already used the new online ordering system with Bookclub. For those who have not used it yet, you simply click on the Parent Payment tab on the Scholastic website and it will automatically direct you to the ordering page once you have entered in our school name. You do not need to hand in a paper form as parent orders are sent to our online School account for submission. If you would like to have an online Parent Pickup, you can order online and then text/email me to let me know and I can keep it aside. I still have to collect orders so they would not be sent straight to the classroom so I can easily put aside any parent pickups and contact you to let you know that they are ready for collection. I am still collecting cheque and cash orders from the school office.

Orders from this Issue 8 should ideally be in by the end of this week to allow enough time for delivery before the end of term as I can only distribute orders on a Wednesday. If you have any questions or need help with the online ordering system, please contact me on 0403 983 614 or katmullen@bigpond.com

- Katherine Mullen (Book Club Co-ordinator)
0403 543 431 or katmullen@bigpond.com
Canteen News

ROSTER:
Thursday November 20 Carrie Prosser-Shaw - ASSISTANCE REQUIRED - Please contact Tanya 0424 994 585
Friday November 21 Minji Kim, Elizabeth Villeria, Lima Kim, Carol Kim
Monday November 24 Stacy Borg, Ann Rassios, Essen Borg
Tuesday November 25 Eunjoo, Sangmi Kim
Wednesday November 26 Maggie Perez, Kate Scotter

We are currently working on our roster for next year. If you or anyone you know may be interested in volunteering in the canteen, please contact us for further information on 9634 4306. If you are currently on our roster and need any detail altered could you please also advise us. Many thanks from Robyn, Kylee and Tanya.

LUNCH ORDERS FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER - PRESENTATION DAY:
We would like to advise that due to Presentation Day on Friday 12 December, children from Years 5 & 6 will be unable to order lunch from the Canteen on this day.

Lunch orders will still be available to Years K-4.

PLEASE NOTE:
Online ordering closes at 9.30am.
Over the counter orders accepted between 8.30am - 9.00am
Our apologies, due to time constraints we are unable to accept phone orders. In emergencies please contact the main office.
Students who forget their lunch will be offered the choice of a vegemite or cheese sandwich only.
Could you please ensure your children are aware that you have placed a lunch order and it will be delivered to class at the beginning of lunch in the canteen lunch baskets.

CANTEEN COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS OPEN:
The Canteen Committee would like to advise that nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are now open.
Elections will be held at the December P&C AGM. Nominations can happen at this meeting or by forwarding expressions of interest to P&C President Liga Hegner.

- Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop News

Volunteer Roster:
Thursday November 20 - Marie Dols, Jie (Jane) Li, Lee Lau, Julia Hanson Clinnick
Monday November 24 - HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Thursday November 27 - Katherine Mullen, Abby Bishop, Abby Hui, Julia Hanson Clinnick

The Uniform shop will be CLOSED MONDAY 1st DECEMBER
All flexischool orders will be processed as normal that week.

Uniform Shop Christmas Lunch (DATE CHANGED)
Tuesday 25th November
Castle Hill RSL
11.30am
All welcome. Please let me know if you need to be signed in.

This year you will be able to order online through Flexischools. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au where you can place your orders, which will be delivered to the classroom. Parents are advised that Flexischool orders will be signed for by the child. Loss of orders will be the responsibility of child and their parents.

- Simone Pedler, Uniform Shop Manager
043880993 or simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au
NON-RETURN / LATE RETURN IN 2015

If you know that your child/ren are not returning to CHPS next year or will be returning after the commencement of the 2015 school year on Wednesday January 28, 2015 please complete the proforma below and return it to your classroom teacher please. If more than one child please return with your oldest child to their classroom teacher.

Non-return in 2015
The following child/ren will not be return to CHPS in 2015.

Name: _______________________________  Class: _________

Name: _______________________________  Class: _________

Name: _______________________________  Class: _________

Destination School: ________________________________

Signed: _______________________________  Parent/carer phone: ___________

Non-return in 2015
The following child/ren will be returning to CHPS after the commencement of the school year on Wednesday January 28, 2015. Please count them as returning to CHPS.

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Reason for late return: ________________________________
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Fun Activities & Outings

THIS JANUARY HOLIDAYS!

Full Day School Holiday Program
8:30am - 3:30pm
Monday 5th January till Friday 9th January.
Join in each day, or choose which days to register for.

School Holiday Program

JAN 5TH-9TH
AT HILLSONG CHURCH HILLS CAMPUS
- WHO CAN JOIN? - AGE GROUP: K-1R6

Boing Trampoline Center / Golden Ridge Animal Farm / Ice Skating / Putt Putt / AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

HILLSONG KIDS
e: holiday@hillsong.com
p: 02 8853 5318

Registration hillsong.com.au/holiday

$45 PER SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION OR $40 FOR 2 OR MORE DAYS REGISTRATION

$10 Cancellation fee applies. Registrations are transferable between children.
School Holiday Program

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Monday
Golden Ridge Animal Farm

Tuesday
BOING Central

Wednesday
Sports GALA Day

Thursday
ICE Skating

Friday
Putt Putt Golf

More Information

Who is it for?
For children in Kindergarten through to Year 6

What is it?
A full day school holiday program with LOTS OF FUN!

When is it?
Every day from Monday the 6th of January to Friday the 9th of January at Hillsong Church,
Hills Grammar. 1 Belfont St, Dural, Sydney N. Hld.
Parent drop off: 8:30 am  |  Parent Pick up: 3:30 pm

How much is it?
$40 per child if you register for one day. OR $80 per day if you register for two or more days.
You can register for the whole week or just particular days.

What to bring?
Packed morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea (not their warm clothes and closed in shoes.
Please do not bring any valuables.

How to register?
Go to hillsong.com.au/holidays and click ‘register’ to fill out the online registration form.

Who to contact for more information?
email: holiday@hillsong.com
phone: (02) 8844 4741

Twilight Markets
Kellyville High School
Friday 28th November 2014
6pm – 9pm Stalls, Food & Entertainment