September 10, 2014

Sydney West Area Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic International Sports Park Athletics Centre

We have five students competing today in the event. Congratulations to the following students for representing our school at this level: Joshua (5S), Harrison (6M), Grace (6/5G), Jessie (5/4C) and James (6M).

Operation Art Update

Earlier this year artworks completed by Thomas (KG), Danielle (KS), Elisha (1O) and Naia (1O). They were selected to represent our school in Operation Art, an initiative between Westmead Children’s Hospital and the NSW DEC. Congratulations to all four students. A special congratulations to Danielle whose artwork was selected to be given to the Royal Commission to be exhibited in their offices for a year before going to a regional hospital and to Thomas whose artwork was selected to be donated to a children’s ward in a regional hospital and be displayed in an additional exhibition, ‘The World’s Biggest Classroom’.

Annual School Report Survey (repeated request)

Congratulations to over 190 parent responses already!

Each year schools compile their annual school report which captures the happenings within the school for a given year. We have been providing staff and students many and varied learning opportunities in 2014 and we would like your feedback on how we are progressing in this area. We will be gaining feedback from staff and students via school opportunities and the following link in the survey monkey is the opportunity for parents to provide us with feedback. Just click on the link below and complete a short survey which will assist us in determining how we are going in each focus area of Learning. We will have some paper copies made available for parents who cannot access a computer online to complete the survey. For those few parents, we welcome you to come to the school office and collect a paper copy so you can also participate.

Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TSLparents

2015 Placement request for students with specific needs

We are starting our forward planning for 2015 and are giving parents the opportunity to communicate confidentially in writing to Ms Lockrey as Relieving Principal by the end of week 1, term 4 (Friday October 10). Whilst all consideration will be given to communications received, we cannot guarantee placements according to parent request. This opportunity is not about requesting a specific class or teacher; it is about communicating about adjustments and accommodations that we should be aware of about your child as we plan for 2015.
Permission to Publish forms due in by Friday 12/9/14
Thank you to those parents who have already returned page 13 of the new enrolment forms which address permission to publish. For those who may have misplaced forms, you can access another form by downloading a copy from the school’s website in the ‘permission notes’ Tab / then select ‘whole school’ and the appropriate note can be found. Please ensure they are returned by due date so Admin staff can enter data online and therefore the school has your most up to date permissions recorded. Thank you for your assistance.

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Relieving Principal

What’s in your child’s bag today?
- **Notes Home:** Wakakirri notes - for those involved
  Strategic Directions Focus Group Attendance - k-6 Eldest
- **Leaflets:** K-6 Hills Holiday Guide (Eldest)
  K-6 Sydney Academy of Gymnastics (All)
  K-6 Active Boost (All)
  K-6 Hills Learning Centre (All)

SPECIAL PHOTO ORDERS - repeat
Photographs of the 2014 PSSA sport teams (summer and winter), zone athletics, cross country, swimming and teams carnival, House Prefects, Wakakkiri, Korean Dance, African Drumming Group and debating group are on display in the office cabinets and windows.

All students who are in the photos received a note on Wednesday September 3, 2014 detailing ordering options. If your child did not receive a note the note can be located on the school website. Please print a note and place your order before the cut-off date.

All orders **must be returned** to the black letter box located in the front office (fixed under front counter). The last day orders will be taken is **Friday September 19, 2014**.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

Kindergarten News
The students are very excited to be performing at the Early Stage 1 ShowCase performance this afternoon. All students need to return to school fully dressed in their costumes at 5.00pm. Students in KS, KK & KA need to go to Room 1 (KS classroom) & KM, KG & KP students need to go to Room 2 (KM classroom).

Family words for this week in class are: ss, ll, ff.

Sight words for this week in class are: about, before, could, first, little, look, more, other, right, their, there, want, where, which. These are known as the violet sight words.

Please return your child’s red note folder each Thursday. Home readers are now changed every day. Please record and sign the home reader card every night.

- From the Kindergarten Teachers
YEARS 6 FAREWELL 2014 - CHANGE OF DATE
Due to the Wakakirri final performance scheduled for next Wednesday, September 17, 2014, the Week 10 farewell meeting has been rescheduled. It will now be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, still at 3:15pm in 6D classroom.

During Term 4, the meetings will return to Wednesdays, as previously advised.

Ms. Kim Dudgeon, Year 6 Co-ordinator

OPERATION ART UPDATE
Earlier this year artworks completed by Thomas Jang (KG), Danielle Miller (KS), Elisha Kim (1O) and Naia Lopez (1O), were selected to represent our school in Operation Art, an initiative between Westmead Children's Hospital and the NSW DEC. On the weekend I had the pleasure of attending the Operation Art Opening Ceremony at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. Their professionally framed artworks looked fantastic hanging in the gallery.

- Miss Williams, Operation Art Co-ordinator

SPORT in SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
This is the second last week of our SiSA program. We publicly thank our SiSA teachers for helping our Castle Hill Public School students develop their skills in:

Communicating
Students should develop a variety of skills for communicating: being able to express needs, wants, feelings, ideas and opinions, being able to listen attentively and respond appropriately, being able to use negotiation, conflict resolution, and refusal and assertiveness skills effectively in a range of situations.

Interacting
Skills for relating positively to others and the environment include: working cooperatively as a group member; generating and abiding by rules for common benefit; developing and maintaining friendships; offering assistance and encouragement to others; accepting support and assistance.

Moving
Students develop the ability to: move effectively in response to a variety of stimuli; participate regularly in a range of games and sports; demonstrate mastery of fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching, kicking, jumping and running; create and perform sequences of movement with variation in movement quality.

Decision-making
Students should develop decision making skills in the context of making healthy personal and lifestyle choices. This involves: making informed decisions, selecting and adopting safe practices, accepting responsibility for decisions and resulting consequences, being able to use information gained to inform future decision making, making collective decisions for the common good.

Problem-Solving
Students develop problem-solving skills by: gathering relevant information by observing, questioning and researching; generating alternative ways of resolving problems; using a range of problem-solving strategies; selecting the most appropriate solution; identifying people who can assist; carrying out a plan and reflecting on the results.
PSSA Sport Venues – September 11, 2014 – All buses leave school at 12.25pm and return by 3pm.
Touch Football – Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
Cricket – Fred Caterson
Softball/Tball – Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
Basketball – Fred Caterson

Mini Merit Awards

Bronze Awards

| Cayden (1N), Rochelle (1N), Morgan (1O), Chaiwan (2C), Mark (3S) |

Silver Awards

| Caitlin (3S), Amelia (3S), Sophia (3S), Lucinda (3S), Jacob (3G), Libby (3/2L), Sylvia (3/2L), Amalia (3/2L), Charlotte (3A), Soluna (3A), William (4W) |

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

Term 3 Week 8

**Rainbow:** Sharyn (KA), Darcie (KA), Harrison (KK), Lucy (KS), Bailey (1M), Malakai (1M), Laura (1N) 2 sets, Cayden (1N), William (2A), Joshua (2A) 2 sets, Jack (2C), Jiwoo (2G), Ben (2R), Milan (3A) 2 sets, Ian (3P) 2 sets, Brodie (3P), Natika (3S), Amelia (3S), Bianca (4P), Sahel (4S), Tom (5E) 2 sets, Alex (5E) 2 sets, Karina (5W) 2 sets, Harry (6M), Hannah (6M), Sam (6M).

**English:** Blake (KK), Jamaine (KK), Elizabeth (KP), Raymond (KP), Jason (KP), Kyran (KS), Felix (KS), Suraya (1O), Harrison (1O), Jack (2C), Jiwoo (2G) 2 sets, Elena (2G), Farah (2R), Darren (2R), Aditya (2R), Adam (3A), Matvey (4P) 3 sets, Bianca (4P), Kealy (4S), Alex (5E).

**Maths:** Melanie (KS), Sanat (3A), Eva (3P), Matvey (4P), Bianca (4P), Karina (5W), Jasmine (5W).

**Creative Arts:** Felix (KS), Karishma (2R).

**PD/H/PE:** Laura (1N), Suraya (1O), Sienna (2R), Breanna (3G), Matvey (4P), Alex (5E), Daniel (6H).

**Science & Technology:** Aarya (3A), Joel (4S), Karina (5W), Lachlan (6H).

**HSIE:** Karina (5W).

**Citizenship:** Evan (KA), Joshua (1N), Aarya (3A), Maddison (3A).

- Mrs Julianne Smith, Relieving Deputy Principal

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PARENTING IDEAS – Michael Grose

**Taking responsibility**

Personal responsibility is the mark of true leadership. However shirking responsibility or shifting the blame to others is a national sport in many western countries.

"It’s not my fault" can be heard in court rooms, political rallies and in sporting tribunals everywhere as blame for a transgression is shifted away from the individual and placed on a scapegoat. It is little wonder that many children are experts at shirking personal responsibility.

Lack of personal responsibility is shown when children find excuses or blame others for their misbehaviour. Siblings are blamed for starting fights, parents for children’s school lateness and classmates for misbehaving at school. Anything or anyone but themselves is to blame! “It’s not my turn” is another way of shirking responsibility.
Most parents want their children to be responsible for their actions. Taking responsibility means that a child sees a problem and fixes it. A child who takes responsibility helps out regardless of how many times they have helped before or who causes a situation.

When a child complains that the toilet roll is empty then he or she can be invited to take responsibility for it. Similarly, if the bread bin is empty, the fire is out or the living room floor is a mess then the message could be that they should ‘do something’ about these situations.

When a child is late for school, forgets to hand in homework or deliberately hurts a classmate even though some teasing occurred then he or she needs to shoulder the blame and take responsibility for their actions. Sounds tough but this is the approach to take if we are to promote a true sense of responsibility, initiative and accountability.

In families some children become adept at ducking their responsibilities. It is smart management to share the load using rosters and other organisational strategies. But in the myriad of informal situations around the house where someone needs to take responsibility then it is helpful to take the “don’t tell me, please fix it” approach.

Next time a child responds to your request for help with that classic line “but it’s not my turn” look them straight in the eye and say, “You know, you may be right but isn’t it lucky that you are so willing to help” and simply walk away. No buts, no arguments.

Try this...Put it into practice.

To promote personal responsibility in your child:

• Make sure they have some jobs at home so that others rely on them.

• Use a roster for jobs and place responsibility on children to do tasks without being reminded.

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P&C News
Our next meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:30pm. All are welcome. BYO coffee cup and ideas.
Liga Hegner (President) 0400 887 785

Uniform Shop News
Volunteer Roster: Thursday September 11 - Maggie Perez, Fiona Donnelly, Marie Dols, Sylvia Scargall
Monday September 15 - Annie Hanna, Sam Paturi, Teddy Samuelson,
Carrie ProsserShaw, Louise Hume, Bec Pignat
Thursday September 18 – Marie Dols, Jei (jane) Li, Lee Lau, Teddy Samuelson

The uniform shop will be open Tuesday October 7, if you could spare an hour please let me know ASAP as I definitely need volunteers that morning. Thank you
Also a huge thank you to those volunteers that are doing extra days in the shop while I’m on holidays, it is very much appreciated.

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
Ph:0438 809 993 or simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au
**Canteen News**

**Canteen Roster**

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- Canteen Committee

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**Term Overview as at 10/9/14**

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Hols
NSW PARLIAMENT PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

26TH SEPTEMBER 2014

COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA'S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MACQUARIE ST. SYDNEY
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
ENQUIRES: 02 9230 2047

FUN ACTIVITIES
//////// FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY INCLUDING:

- PHOTO AND DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES
- TOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
- MYSTERY OBJECT GUESSING COMPETITION
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
- ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
- ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

FREE ENTRY

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Learning in the Hills
OPEN Day

and

Family
fun
Day

Wednesday
1st October
10am - 1pm
at Learning in the Hills
Balcombe Heights Estate
92 Seven Hills Road
Baulkham Hills

Come along to check out the fun, social, learning groups and classes on offer and enjoy a fun day

- Course Info & Enrolments
- Speak to Students & Tutors
- Open Classrooms
- Headspace will have information and resources on mental health
- Hillsong will be raising awareness about the anti-bullying ‘String Project’
- Also - Jumping castle, Police, Fire Brigade, Book Sale, White Elephant Stall & LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

School Holiday Workshops

Children’s Cupcake Decorating Workshop
Children can learn to work with fondant and ganache to decorate cupcakes.

Children’s CD Craft Workshop
Children can learn how to make a fish, bird or mouse by recycling an old CD.

All materials are supplied.

Date: Tuesday, 30 September
Two sessions for each workshop:
10.00 - 11.00am & 11.30am - 12.30pm.

LIMITED NUMBERS. $5 per child.
Must book and prepay to Hills Community Aid

SAUSAGE SIZZLE $2.50
Tea, coffee, cakes and scones also available to purchase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION 02 9639 8620  enq@hca.org.au  www.hca.org.au