Hi everyone!

We have had a great start to 2016 and have welcomed 59 new students (including 43 brand new Receptions) to Hillcrest Primary. That is a record for us which is fantastic! It’s great to see how quickly the ‘newies’ have settled into our school community. Our ‘old’ students have made sure the new children feel included and have offered their friendship and help to make the transition to a new school far less daunting, so a big thank you from me and your teachers!

We also welcome some new staff members to our school—Grant Byrne and Sue Pace in Room 11 with a Year 2/3 class, Lauren Campbell who will be working with Mr Watts in Room 9 with our Year 5/6 students and Holly Farrington who has a Year 1 class in Room 1.

Can I please remind parents and carers that children are to be collected from the yard at the end of the school day. With more classes, we are finding the corridors are very congested at the end of the day and children are finding it difficult to make their way out of the building. There is a teacher on duty at the end of the day to supervise children going home.

I have also been asked by the Coordinator of the Hillcrest Community Centre to remind parents not to park in the disabled carparks and clear-way zones in the Centre carpark while dropping off and picking up children. This blocks emergency exit access for wheelchairs and prams and disadvantages people with legitimate disabled parking permits. We appreciate the reciprocal relationship we have with the Community Centre and they gladly share their carpark with us however General Inspectors will be monitoring the area regularly so please use it in a safe and mindful manner.

We have a very busy term ahead with Sports Day, Acquaintance Night, Swimming (Years 3-5) and Aquatics for the Year 6/7s. In Term 2, the Reception to Year 2s will be going swimming and we have the Footsteps Dance Program happening also (Reception—Year 7) in Weeks 7—10.

Don’t forget Sweethearts Day tomorrow — wear something RED and bring along a gold donation to support this very worthy cause!

Kind regards, Lissa

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**Before School Care**
7.00-8.30am

**Out of School Hours Care:**
3.05—6.00pm
available from Monday to Friday
To make a booking please phone Tanya on 0403 443 641 or 8261 2845

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**Diary Dates**

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Wow what a fantastic time we all had over the holiday's. Numbers were great, the weather was perfect. We had to say good bye to some amazing people. Delaney and Rhiannon, who have moved interstate and our one and only Greg, who is starting his teaching career in Whyalla. We wish them all the best. We enjoyed going to the Big Vac Out and cooled off at the Aquatic Centre and Semaphore Water Park. We also hired a Jumpy Castle Water Slide.

We played Mini Golf, had Wheels Day, a Basketball Workshop, Ice-Blocking, looked after the School garden, cooking, science, and sung up a storm with the Karaoke Machine.

We had so many other fun experiences, too many to mention. I wish to thank all staff for helping to make Vac Care a great success!

Tanya Grierson
OSHC Director
Last week, we had Shihab from the Adelaide Strikers take all of our classes to kick off our cricket unit in PE. We practised our catching, throwing, bowling and batting. Some of us had a game of ‘Rapid Fire’. Receptions, Year 1s and Year 2s would have received some ‘MILO in CRICKET’ and ‘T20’ forms. Families can take the opportunity to enter children in these programs by following the prompts on the forms. Please see Cam for any questions you may have regarding these programs or alternatively ring the numbers on the forms. Thank you to SACA for the introductory session, we had a ball!

This Friday, 12 February, we are raising funds for children with childhood heart disease. The money raised will be used for vital research and treatment. Please show your support by wearing red and giving a gold coin donation.

On behalf of HeartKids SA, thank you for your support.

Regular attendance at school is very important and at Hillcrest Primary School we are very pleased to note that our overall attendance rate has met, or has been slightly above, the DECD attendance rate over the past few years. 2015 was no different with many students achieving 100 percent attendance in a single term.

In term 1, 87 students did not miss a day of school, 86 students in term 2, 62 students in term 3 and 70 students in term 4. Congratulations to all of those students. An attendance certificate is given to everyone who achieves 100 percent attendance in a term.

A special award is presented to students who attend school every day for the whole year. Last year twelve students, (four more students than in 2014), did not miss a day of school and three of those children have not missed a day of school for two years. Well done on such a great achievement.

Congratulations to Harvey A, Cristiano, Anusha, Harvey B, Niha, Mawazo, Abby, Tori, Natalie, Nicholas, Raul and Shirley.

We are very grateful to San Remo for their continued support of Hillcrest Primary School for their generous donation of Suimin noodles.
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