



HILLCREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE

Term 3, Week 4
18 August 2016

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RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY CARE & COMPASSION HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS

Hi everyone...This week is School Support Officer (SSO) Appreciation Week and we certainly appreciate the wonderful SSOs at our school who help us in so many ways.

Cathy has had many roles in our school and a variety of skills that enable her to support in almost any SSO role (except perhaps for groundsperson!) She has been a finance officer, administration officer, first aider, library assistant and even fire warden (the helmet is coming Cathy!). For the past few years, she has worked one-to-one with many students and has undertaken quite specialised programs in speech, social skills and coordination. Cathy also works at our school during holidays so if you have any questions or need information over the breaks, it is likely you'll find Cathy at the end of the phone between the hours of 8.30—4.00pm.

Sue and Mary have worked with students who are deaf or hard of hearing for many years and they both have expertise in auditory testing, cochlear implants, other aided hearing technology, MiniLit and MultiLit. Mary primarily works with the Room 12 students, Mr Sweeney and Miss Weigl, while Sue supports the students in Mr Watts' and Ms Campbell's class.

Vanessa, Richard and Jamie have been part of our team here for the past 2-3 years and are also invaluable. They are all trained in Read, Write Inc and do an exceptional job with their groups and the

individual children they work with in classes. Behind the scenes, they keep the school ticking along by organising staff activities and contributing their time and expertise to school events like Science Week, Book Week, Governing Council and Grandy's Day (which is coming up next week!)

Our School Community Garden and our extensive grounds are kept beautifully under the supervision of Alan and Dennis. Alan plans lessons in the garden and works closely with teachers, students and an expanding group of volunteers to ensure that our children experience the joy of cultivating their own produce and get to appreciate the tranquillity of a beautiful outdoor space. Dennis is onto things that need doing around the grounds before we even notice them and seems to be able to fix almost anything.

Callum and Jo are our mighty administration team and while both are relatively new in their respective jobs, you certainly wouldn't know it. They are a wonderful support for all of us who work in the office and are so conscientious, diligent and professional. Nothing is too much trouble, they both provide a warm and personable "first impression" to school visitors and have expertise in other areas (like IT, facilities and WHS), that I have found invaluable.

So...to our brilliant SSOs, thank you for all you do from all of us at Hillcrest Primary.

Kind regards, Lissa

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**

Diary Dates

Aug 22-26	Book Week
26	Grandy's Day
29	Choir Magic Millions Rehearsal
29-2/9	Literacy & Numeracy Week
Sep 5	Show Day Closure
6	Pupil Free Day



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Term 3 in Room 3

Last term in design and technology we made sandwich packaging.

We then made healthy sandwiches to test them out.



In maths we have been applying our knowledge of half to solve problems. We have also been learning to tell the time.



Hillcrest Primary School students take part in National Tree Day



National Tree Day was held on 29th July this year and students from some of our garden classes took part the following Wednesday by planting trees along the northern fence of our school. Across the country nearly 300,000 people took part at over 3,200 sites run by schools, councils, environmental and community groups.

National Tree Day, held at the end of July each year, is a fulfilling opportunity to do something positive for the environment and benefit from positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

Event organiser, non profit group Planet Ark state that spending time in nature has medically and scientifically beneficial effects that enable people to grow healthier, happier, brighter, calmer and closer.

Their research also shows that children especially are becoming increasingly disconnected from the natural world, yet spending time in nature induces positive feelings such as relaxation, calmness, self-worth and enjoyment through a number of physiological mechanisms.

Our students not only got their hands (and shoes) dirty with the plantings but learnt about preparing the soil before hand and the techniques for ensuring the tree will survive and thrive.

The Benefits of Trees

Follow up sessions included our students researching and discussing the reasons why trees are so important to the environment. These include:

Trees promote biodiversity • Trees produce oxygen • Trees combat the greenhouse effect through carbon sequestration • Trees reduce storm-water run-off • Trees help control temperature • Trees reduce salinity and soil erosion • Trees reduce noise and air pollution • Trees act as water filters and improve water quality • Trees help conserve energy with their shading and evapotranspiration effect • Trees provide nuclei for rain and help increase rainfall • Trees improve air quality by absorbing polluting gases and odours and filtering air particles • Trees save water as shade from trees slows water evaporation.

Many other benefits of planting and protecting trees are listed on the Planet Ark Tree Day website below.

<http://treeday.planetark.org/documents/doc-752-ntd12-the-benefits-of-trees.pdf>

Alan Shepard, School Garden Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS
This week's
ULTRA STARS!

Alyssa K

Jacob D

Harvey B

Natalie

Nikitha

Chloe H

Alexia

Demi

Thea

Arya

FATHERS DAY STALL

There will be presents for students to buy ranging from \$1 to \$7 on:

WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST & THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2016

The stall will be open for teachers to accompany students class by class on these days.



On Wednesday, 17th August, Hillcrest Primary hosted our own "Olympic Games". Senior students from Rooms 9 and 12 helped Mr Grigg and Mrs Kates organise the events and the students ran the Games during recess and lunch time. Every class chose three countries to research and represent and children participated in a variety of sports and won gold, silver and bronze medals that Miss Merchant spent a lot of time making over the weekend. She also made a very authentic looking Olympic torch that opened the ceremony along with excerpts of the various countries national anthems. Everyone competed in the true spirit of the Olympic Games and a huge thank you to all those students and teachers who helped to put together such a wonderful occasion.