



Hillview State School

Newsletter 1 2019

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Welcome to 2019

Welcome back to another exciting year at Hillview School! We would like to extend a special new welcome to the Jones children – Alaya Gr 6, Will Gr 5, Cammii Gr 4 and Nyah Gr 1 and their parents, Alex and Simon. We are also very excited to have two new Preps, Emerson and Eddie. Eddie and his parents, Kate and Frank Cleto are also a new family to our school. Emerson is the younger sister of Kodie in Gr 3 and you know her parents, Jess and Ben. We know you will make them feel like part of the Hillview family in no time.

Sadly, we will be fare welling Mrs Carlie Charles this year. She is currently on long service leave and will be transferring to Beaudesert SS next term. We wish her and her beautiful family all the best as she begins the next exciting part of her teaching career. We have been blessed to have had the opportunity to learn and teach with such a talented educator and we have had so much fun together, making Hillview the special place that it is. Mrs Benstead will be on a teaching contract with us, while we recruit for a permanent replacement for Mrs Charles.

I have accepted a transfer from Hillview back to Beaudesert in hope of achieving a greater work life balance, supporting Luca with his first year of high school, Scott with his studies to become a teacher and Jude with his final years of primary school. I have had an incredible experience as a teacher at Hillview SS and take with me countless beautiful memories and new friendships. Off on a new adventure, I look forward to continuing my positive relationship with the staff, students and parents at Hillview as a parent and community member.



Kind regards, Carlie.

2019 Staff

Classroom teachers	Ms Sharon Ritchie (Principal) Mrs Colleen Benstead
Teacher Aides	Mr Nick Thorpe Mrs Celia Price
LOTE Japanese	Mrs Mie Sugibayashi
PE	Mr Chris Humphries
Music	Mr Glen Walton
Artist in Residence	Mr Scott Charles- (ICT support)
Learning Support	Mrs Irene Lahrs
Instrumental Music	Mr Simon Francis
BSM	Mrs Rhonda Thorpe
School Officer	Mrs Joanne Walker
School Officer	Mr Mark McCabe

Up, up and away!

Our Integration unit for this term is everything SPACE! We will be looking at the strand of Earth and Space Sciences and will be learning about how daily and seasonal changes in our environment affect everyday life, that we can observe changes occurring in the sky and landscape and that Earth's resources are used in a variety of ways. We have looked at how the Earth's rotation on its axis causes regular changes, including night and day and will learn how the Earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity. We are studying how the Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (the sun) and that sudden geological changes and extreme weather events can affect Earth's surface. Our BTN (Behind the News) episode last week included a comprehensive report on the natural disasters currently affecting large areas of Australia.

Our English genre for this term is Science Fiction, with much discussion on the difference between Science Fiction and Fantasy.

Science fiction – fiction based on imagined future **scientific or technological** advances, frequently portraying space or time travel and life on other planets.

Fantasy fiction – a genre of imaginative fiction involving **magic** and adventure, especially in a setting other than the real world.

The key words are magic and science.



We have been using the Choose Your Own Adventure series to create our own Science fiction stories. As you can imagine, they are very creative and often involve unique ways to get eaten!!

Gifted and Talented Clubs

Our G&T clubs this term include

Be an Expert- Mrs Price

Film Making- Mr Charles

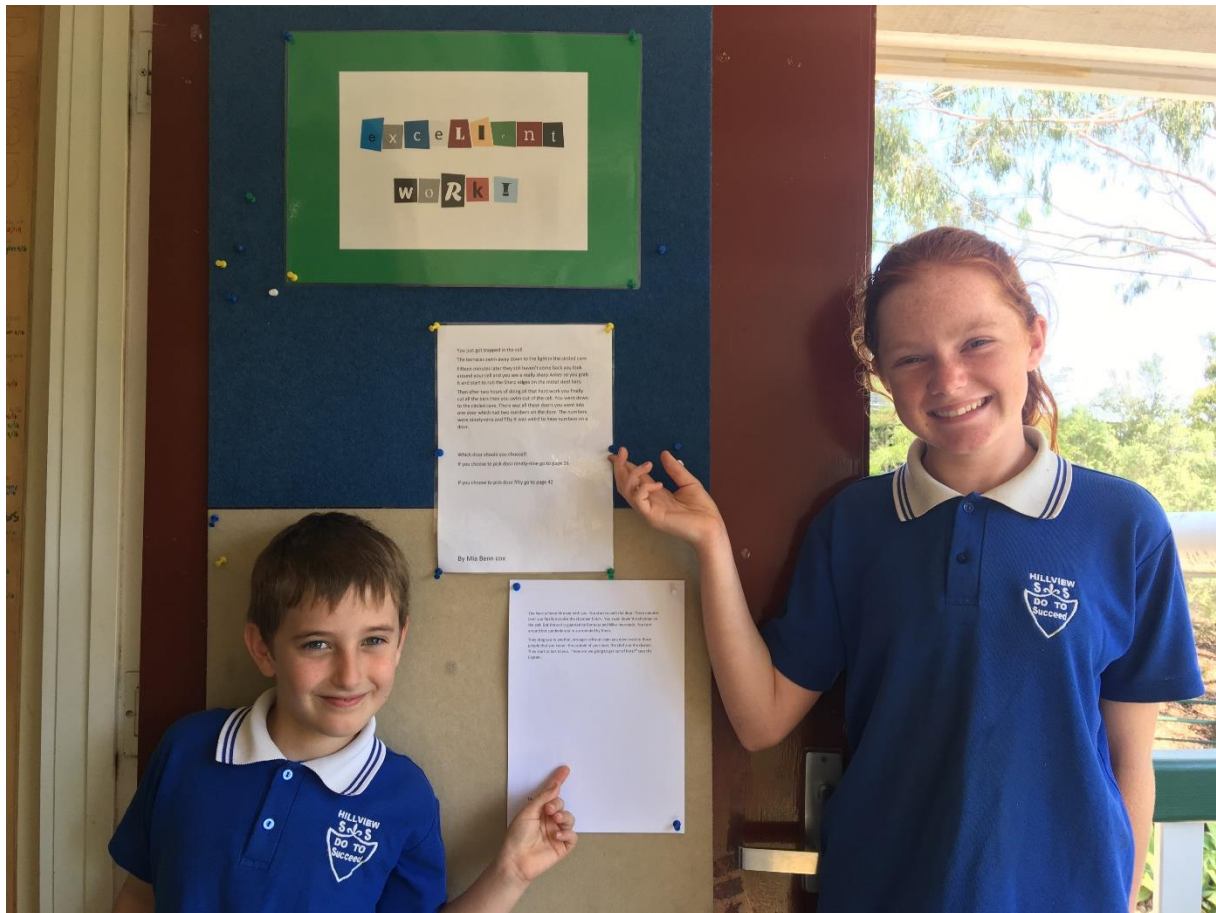
Survivalists – Ms Ritchie

The World of Athletes – Mr Thorpe



Getting shipwrecked
G&T style!

Keep your eyes on our *EXCELLENT WORK* noticeboard at the top of the stairs. These are staff picks of excellent work that show a student's special effort at a particular learning task. Sometimes it will be the best example in the class or it may show terrific progress for that student. Students have been very proud to make it onto the display.



Ensemble

Instrumental Music students are invited to ensemble practice Friday mornings at 8am in B block with Mr Charles and Mr Thorpe.

Tennis

Tennis lessons are on Tuesday afternoons 3:15-4pm. See Mrs Thorpe if your children would like to join. Please remember to pay Nick directly as these are private lessons and not a school activity.

P&C

Our AGM and first meeting of the year will be held on the 19th of March 2019. All positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, tuckshop convener, uniform convener and Bookclub convener) are open for nominations. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these positions please attend this meeting or put your nomination in writing and pass it onto the current committee or Ms Ritchie.

Same Day Absence Alert Reminder

Schools are required to contact parents on the same day that a child is absent from school. Please contact us in the morning, on 5544 8134, if your child is going to be away from school. Staff will need to call anyone we haven't heard from to make sure that you are aware that your child hasn't arrived at school. It is also fine to let us know in advance if you know that your child will be absent on a school day. Staff are always on site by 7.45am and you can leave a message on the answering machine before that. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Computers, faxes and photocopying

Please remember that you are welcome to use school computers before and after school if you need to use the internet, send emails or type documents. Please bring a USB if you need to save and store documents. We can also send faxes or do small amounts of photocopying for personal use. Please see Rhonda or Sharon for more information.

Tennis court and playground

We are also very happy for our families and their guests to use the tennis court, ovals and playgrounds after school hours. These are community resources and the tennis court is amazing. Toilets will be available and the sinks under the main building are rainwater fed and suitable for drinking. We do ask that children under 16 are supervised by adults and are not on site alone on weekends or nights.

School dentist

The school dental clinic based at Beaudesert SS. Their phone number is **1300 300 850** if you would like to make an appointment for your children. We have started our teeth cleaning program again and all students have been provided with a toothbrush and toothpaste, so that they can clean their teeth after lunch.

Dates to remember

February

- 25 Swimming
- 26-27 Principal Conference

March

- 4 Swimming
- 11 Swimming
- 19 P&C AGM 3.15pm
- 21 Cross country carnival (proposed time 3.30pm to be confirmed)
- 29 Last Day of Term 1
- 30 Good Friday

April

- 5 Last day of term 1
- 23 School resumes

