



Hillview  
State School

Newsletter 1  
2017

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## Welcome to 2017

I hope everyone had a lovely holiday and it is terrific to see everyone settled in and working hard. We have 35 students to start the year, with 10 in P12 and 25 in 3456. We welcome two new families to our school with Sonny in Prep (Heather and Clint) and Caitlyn in Yr 6, Mia in Yr 4 and Jack in Yr2 (Kathleen and Josh). We hope they love our Hillview family and know that you will make them feel welcome.

We also are very lucky to have Mr Glen Walton on staff as our music teacher and he has had a great few weeks.

The rest of our staff are:

Mrs Carlie Charles (P12),

Ms Sharon Ritchie and Mrs Trish Caverly (3456)

Teacher Aides – Mrs Colleen Benstead (Relief Teacher), Mrs Janzell Bartlett, Mrs Celia Price

BSM – Mrs Rhonda Thorpe (new promotion from AO2- congratulations!)

LOTE – Japanese – Mrs Mie Sugibayashi

PE – Mr Col Gane

Learning Support – Mrs Irene Lahrs

ICT/Artist in Residence – Mr Scott Charles

Instrumental Music – Mr Simon Francis

Cleaner – Miss Ellen Mason



## Officially Amazing

Our theme for this term is Officially Amazing and we are looking at how our world is amazing. This unit lends itself to lots of reading, writing and talking about people, places, objects and animals. We will look at the wonders of the world and amazing stories of human achievement. Students will strive to show how amazing they are and appreciate that everyone is "officially amazing".



## Gifted and Talented Clubs

Our G&T clubs this term are – Geek Lords with Mr Charles and Mrs Price, Choir with Mrs Charles, The Magicians with Mr Flynn Bartlett and his assistant Ms Ritchie, Superfish with Mrs Caverly and Mrs Bartlett, Beauty School with Mrs Boyle and Puppetry with Mrs Benstead. What a hard choice for students to make!

## Hot days

We are very lucky at Hillview School to have air-conditioned classrooms and fridges for lunches. We have spent a few lunchtimes inside when the thermometer hit record temperatures of 39C in the shade. We are also careful to encourage lots of water and insist on hats outside. Thank you for tying long hair up and sending hats. Is it Autumn yet?

## Evacuation drills

We have been talking about and practising our evacuation drills this week. Our students and staff did an excellent job of responding quickly and quietly to both our lockdown and fire drill. Continuous ringing of the school bell signals a fire drill and everyone is to evacuate to the high water tank near the residence. The sound of the electric buzzer is the signal for lockdown. During a lockdown, everyone is to move to the closest classroom, lock the doors, do a head count and wait for contact via the intercom. Thank you for joining in if you are on campus during one of these drills.

Our Emergency Response Plan also outlines a secondary evacuation plan if we have to leave the school grounds. Our first off-site evacuation site is the Hillview Memorial Hall, Widgee Creek Rd, Hillview and our second site is the Sacred Heart Church at 1441 Christmas Creek Rd, Hillview.



## Same Day Absence Alert

A new policy has been implemented across Queensland to ensure the safety of our students. 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.



## Tennis

Tennis lessons have changed to Tuesday mornings at 8am. 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 is on the 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3.15pm. All executive positions will be open for nomination at this meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 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 new 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.

## Newsletters by email?

Would you like to receive your newsletters by email? You can choose to receive a paper copy and get a digital copy or just a digital copy or just a paper copy. You can also list more than one email address if you would like grandparents or such to receive a copy. Let us know.

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We would like to receive our newsletter:

Paper copy  Digital copy  Paper and digital copy

Family name:

1<sup>st</sup> Email address:

2<sup>nd</sup> Email address:

3<sup>rd</sup> Email address:

- Build an expert teaching team by providing professional development that allows staff to confidently monitor and analyse student learning in English and Maths.
- Develop individual student goals that enhance differentiated learning.
- Communicate and celebrate school achievements with the wider community.

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## 2017 Hillview School Improvement Goals

# Dates to remember

## February

- 13, 21, 27 Swimming
- 14 Prep hearing screening – Child Health nurse
- 24 Library van

## March

- 2, 3 Sharon @ Principal conference
- 10, 24 Library van
- 21 P&C AGM 3.15pm
- 24 Community party 5.30pm
- 31 Cross country carnival @ Darlington SS (9-12yrs)
- 31 Last day of term 1

## April

- 18 Term 2 starts
- 25 Public holiday – Anzac day  
Assemble at Rathdowney memorial grounds at 7.45am