



Hillview
State School

Newsletter 2
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Learning, learning and more learning

There are many ways that people learn and we are always looking for new ways to improve student outcomes. Our students are encouraged to be active, critical and creative in the way they adapt learning to new situations. One of the most important factors is their readiness for new learning. All of our children are different and we encourage you to celebrate their successes and understand that sometimes things can take a bit longer, or a different path. Part of that journey is for students to learn how to set their own learning goals and to commit to the effort needed to meet those goals. We have been working with students on setting learning goals that are SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound. Please ask your child what their individual learning goals are. Goals will be revisited on a regular basis and adapted where necessary.

We had our big toad weigh in on Thursday and it was fabulous! Luca took out the prize with a 280 gm whopper. The next part of our science project is to test the effectiveness of toads as fertilizer (supposedly they are very good). We are creating a fair test with one garden bed having toads mixed into the soil and the other left as it is. The same plants will be planted in both gardens and we will observe the outcomes. The garden beds are the ones in front of the cubby if you are keen to watch the process.

Congratulations to the P-2s on their terrific superhero oral presentations. It takes a lot of courage and skill to speak in front of your peers, whether you are 5 or 50. Their very supportive classroom and the kindness they show each other helps make the job easier.

The school review team is here on Monday and Tuesday and thank you for making them feel welcome. The primary reviewer is Mr Andrew Helton, who is an experienced and celebrated Band 5 (small school) Principal, so we are looking forward to his advice and input into the running of our school.



Student Council

The Student Council is running a short assembly every second Friday afternoon at 2.40pm. They will make announcements about upcoming events, share community news and present awards. The awards are decided on by the Student Captains and they are always looking for something terrific to celebrate.

Working bee – A big thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who came and helped at the working bee on the weekend. We got lots of job done and really appreciate your help.

P&C – Annual General Meeting 14th March 2016

The P&C AGM will be held on Monday 14th March at 3.15. Elections for all office bearers are held at this AGM with all positions becoming vacant each year. Please attend the meeting if you would like to run for a position or if you cannot attend the meeting, a written nomination can be submitted. See Rhonda or myself if you are doing this. The P&C is a friendly group who is keen to have new members. Members help where they can and we certainly appreciate their support and efforts.

Community Party

The Beaudesert Police and Constable Noel have offered to run a Blue Light Disco on the night of our community party. The community party is on the Friday 15th April which is the first week back next term.

Hot Words Helpers

Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings, the senior class is working on Hot Words and we would love some help from parents. Hot Words is an individual spelling and vocabulary program where each student works on their own words. We get great results from it but it is labour intensive. Helpers would conduct one-on-one oral spelling tests which take a few minutes per student. We will be working on Hot Words from 9-9.30am and you can help on one, two or three days. You can also just turn up if you have a free morning and would like to help. Spelling is one of our major focuses for this year and we want all our students to make as much gain as possible.

Swimming

Please note there will be no swimming next Monday 7 March due to the School Review. The last lesson will be on Monday 14 March.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, Rathdowney- 25th April, 2016

The Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch are organizing the ANZAC Day March and Memorial Service for the Rathdowney RSL Sub Branch and the community.

We wish to invite all students to march in the parade on ANZAC Day and stay as the Rathdowney School Captains lay a wreath during the Memorial Service for the Rathdowney RSL Sub Branch and Community.

The details are as follows for 25th April, 2016:

- 07:45am Assemble outside Rathdowney General Store
- 08:00am Step off (Begin Parade)
- 08:15am Memorial Service Commences

We look forward to seeing the students participate in the ANZAC Day March and Memorial Service.

From ADMIN

Mrs Thorpe will be away over the next two weeks with her daughter who is competing in the Junior Athletic Championships in Perth, if you have any reason to contact the office please refer your enquires to Mrs Ritchie.

If you have any outstanding payments for Swimming or Student Resource Scheme can we please ask that these be finalised by Monday 21 March prior to the end of Term. Thank you.

Attached is a brochure explaining the new B Point payment method, which is the school's preferred method of payment and allows you to pay by credit card.

Other payment options to pay school accounts are as follows:

- Direct Debit into school account Hillview State School BSB 064400 Account No 00090082 (when making payment please provide students Name and Reason eg: JONESSWIM)
- Cash (please note we cannot provide change as the school does not hold a petty cash on premises so this will need to be the exact amount)
- Cheque

Student cards are being sent home today and we ask if these can be checked to see if the information we hold on your child is correct.

Can all student cards please be signed and returned to the school with amendments as soon as possible. We are also asking that if the information is correct, they still be signed and returned to the school so we know that you have checked them and that we currently hold the correct information on our system. It is most important that we check this so as we always hold the current contact details for each child at school in case an incident occurs and we need to contact a parent or carer.



School Photos

School Photos will be at 9.00am on Wednesday 23 March.

NRL Beaudesert Gala Day

The National Rugby League is holding a 9 a-side Rugby League Gala day at Willis Park Beaudesert for all girls and boys aged 9-12 who is interested in trying out the game of rugby league. It is a day based on fun and learning the skills of rugby league in a safe environment along with other local schools. For more information please see attached information. If interested please return nomination form to Mrs Bartlett by the end of term.

Dates to remember

March

- 7,8 School Review (no swimming on the 7th due to School Review)
- 11 Library Van, Assembly
- 14 Swimming
P&C AGM 3.15pm
- 19 Election
- 23 School Photos
- 24 Last day of school

April

- 11 First day back at school
- 15 Blue light disco and community party
- 25 Anzac Day (public holiday)
- 28 Cross country at Darlington