



Hillview
State School

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What's important?

It is very important, as professional educators, that we are knowledgeable about current research and the best practices. Staff over the term will be studying the findings of The Evidence Hub which is a worldwide review of what works and how our kids learn and grow best.

The Hub states that the biggest impactors on learning include rich feedback, meta-cognition and self-regulation, early years intervention, collaborative learning, mastery learning, oral language interventions, peer tutoring, reading comprehension strategies, social and emotional learning and digital technology.

Luckily in a small school we have the chance to put these things into practice. It is why we keep the P12 class small, why we purchase technology, why we have class meetings, why we encourage ownership of learning, why we encourage sharing ideas and knowledge and working together, why we place importance on speaking and listening, why we stress inferential reading and higher order thinking skills, why we tell our kids what they've done well and what they need to do better.

If you'd like to know more please go to <http://evidenceforlearning.org.au/the-toolkit/full-toolkit/>

Staff and students are teachers and students at Hillview School – we are all lifelong learners.

Our "How to be a GREAT team member at Hillview State School poster" includes the goal – share your ideas, knowledge and skills.

Arts Days of Excellence

Next Thursday, some of our lucky students will attend Arts Days of Excellence at Beaudesert, Jimboomba and Logan Village. These days are organised by the Beaudesert G&T cluster and are an amazing opportunity. Students have the chance to work with adults and children who share special interests and talents.

Student Council News

The student council is organising three special things for this term. Hillview's Got Talent begins on the 10th March. (Enya and I won last year by hypnotizing chooks, so anything is possible!) There is a Free Dress Day on the 17th March where a gold coin donation will be given to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. The Student Council is organising the entertainment at the community party and are planning a side show alley with lots of fun games.



Expression of interest – Cleaner's position

We are currently advertising the role of Cleaner at our school. The position is 14 permanent hours and 3 casual hours plus ADO per week. Please contact us for an application package if you are interested. Closing date is the end of the month.

News from P12

In the P-2 Room this term we have been very busy sharing many picture books. We have been using these to meet the following requirements of the English curriculum through the 'Cereal Box Book Report' (students creating a tangible object that can prompt and give them support during their talk).

- * Identify language that can be used for appreciating texts and the qualities of people and things
- * Explore different ways of expressing emotions, including verbal, visual, body language and facial expressions.
- * Discuss characters and events in a range of literary texts and share personal responses to these texts, making connections with students' own experiences
- * Use interaction skills including turn taking, recognising the contributions of others, speaking clearly and using appropriate volume and pace
- * Make short presentations using some introduced text structures and language, for example opening statements
- * Create short imaginative, informative texts that show emerging use of appropriate text structure, sentence level, grammar, word choice, spelling, punctuation and appropriate multimodal elements, for example illustrations.

We are just about to begin our Officially Amazing physical challenges which we will practice and perform each week. We are making the results official by measuring distances with tape measures, timing using stop watches and collecting data on tables using tally marks. The students have created their own challenges and chart in which they will collect and record the 'data' themselves!

We are looking at weather and the observable changes in our sky and landscape so please continue these chats at home and see what is happening up there outside of school hours!





Rathdowney Soccer Club

Rathdowney Soccer Club is looking for junior, women and men players to sign on. Please contact Ellen Masen on 5544 1195 or join the Rathdowney Soccer Club facebook page.

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 21st 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.

Student Cards

Can all families please check all the details on the student cards and make alterations where needed. We ask that all student cards be returned signed back to the school so we know that you have seen these and that we have the most up to date information.

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.

We would like to receive our newsletter:

Paper copy

Digital copy

Paper and digital copy

Family name:

1st Email address:

2nd Email address:

Advice from the Experts in Child Psychology

Untidy children

When all of the following strategies fail to get your child to tidy up after themselves,

- gentle encouragement
- removal of privileges
- asking why belongings aren't picked up
- being a responsible family member
- placing personal belongings from all rooms in a basket in your teenagers room,



Here are a couple of solutions that might help.

Offer to help your child to clear away the 'mess' – this makes for a problem shared/ halved solution, that also allows for conversation between adult and child. (Many a troubling issue, though minor to an adult, can be solved at this time.)

Negotiate a settlement to the issue – one solution is to have a basket for personal belongings in the child's room. All belongings are placed in the basket from throughout the house for the child to sort in his/her own time or when it is important for them to do so.

If the mess is contained to the child's room, then just simply shut the door.

Remember – most children grow out of their messiness (about the time they leave home). Patience, reminder and working together until that time comes, are the best options. After all, it isn't life threatening and certainly not worth ruining a good relationship over.



Dates to remember

March

9	Arts Day of Excellence
10	Hillview's Got Talent
24	Library van
14,15	Beginner's Music Workshop
17	Free Dress Day
21	P&C AGM 3.15pm
22	School Photos
24	Community party 5.30pm
31	Cross country carnival @ Darlington SS (9-12yrs)
31	Last day of term 1

April

18	Term 2 starts
21	ANZAC ceremony @ school 10.30am
25	Public holiday – Anzac day Assemble at Rathdowney memorial grounds at 7.45am

- 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.

2017 Hillview School Improvement Goals

