



Hillview State School

Newsletter 1
2016

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Welcome back to 2016.

Welcome everyone to the first term of 2016. We're off and running and everyone is looking happy, well and ready for learning. We have 37 enrolments currently, with 13 students in Prep – 2 and 24 students in Yr 3-6. I'd like to welcome the Kusinsh family – Andrew, Sara and Charlie (Prep) and the Guymer family – David, Rachel, Ethan (Gr 3) and Chelsey (Gr 2). We welcome them to our lovely little school and community.

On the 7th and 8th of March we are having our full school review. This review is conducted by the School Improvement Unit and occurs every four years. The reviews are aligned to occur in the last year of our four year strategic plan. The report will be used to create the next strategic plan. We encourage everyone to have their say and talk to the reviewers. We will be scheduling appointments with the review team on Monday 7th March. Please let me know if you would like to be part of the process. There is more information on the next page.

Our theme for this term is Heroes and Villains with lots of interesting learning to be done. Our science is about pests in the environment and the senior class has been doing a big case study on toads. To reinforce the message about the best ways to remove toads and to reduce some of the biggest from our area, we are having a toad bounty. The heaviest toad brought to the stewards will win prize money of \$10. Toads are to be frozen (most humane way of killing them) and bagged with the student's name. The weigh in will occur on Monday 22nd February. Anyone can enter a toad but it's not the most pleasant way to earn \$10! Talya is not thrilled with her non-paying passengers on the bus and a live one in a bucket was just a bit much (and he was a beauty).

Our new logo has been chosen and thank you to everyone who voted for their favourite. We're very happy with the outcome and think it looks good and reflects our local area. We can now go ahead and use it on paperwork, signs, uniforms, wherever we like.



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 – can you help?

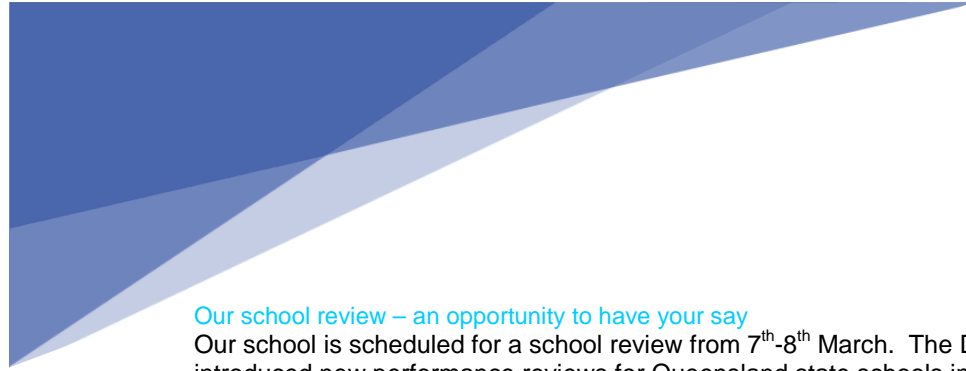
On Saturday 27th February we would like to have a working bee to do some jobs around the school. We will be having the election voting booth here at school on the 19th March and our school review on the 7th and 8th March so we want to look our very best. We have also been fighting the grass with so much hot and wet weather. Some of the jobs will include whipper snipping, mowing, dump run for rubbish, moving resources, hanging pin boards and pictures, garden tidy up. It will only be a short time, starting at 3pm. If you have tools such as whipper snippers, shovels, wheel barrows, trailer, drill etc. please bring them and we'll get stuck into it. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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. With the election, short term and their rosters we are probably looking at the first Friday back next term, 15th April. We'll keep you posted.



Our school review – an opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 7th-8th March. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school's website.

As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au. Further information about the reviews is available from the department's website at: schoolreviews.ed.edu.au

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.

Gifted and Talented Clubs

Our G&T clubs this term are School of Rock, Jewelry making, The Artists' Colony, Balls Galore, The Thinkers, Bookworms and Sewing Circle. Please let us know if you have an idea for a club next term.

Dates to remember

February

- 15 Swimming
- 22 Swimming
- 26 Library Van, Assembly
- 27 Working Bee 3pm
- 29 Swimming

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
- 25 Library Van, Assembly