



Hillside Public School

"Loyalty, Knowledge, Duty"



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Week 3, Term 4

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### CALENDAR DATES

<b>Sports in Schools - Soccer Workshop (6 weeks)</b>	Friday 5 November
<b>Book Fair &amp; Book Character Dress Up</b>	Tuesday 9 November
<b>Kindergarten Orientation</b>	Wednesday 17 November
<b>Kindergarten Orientation</b>	Wednesday 24 November
<b>Hills Shire Council Elections</b>	Saturday 4 December
<b>Presentation Night</b>	Monday 6 December
<b>Last Day for Students</b>	Thursday 16 December
<b>School Development Day – Pupil Free</b>	Friday 17 December

## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

It was lovely seeing everyone's happy smiling faces on Monday. They have settled in so well. A big thank you to all our parents for assisting in the difficult task of Learning from Home.

Please if your child is displaying any symptoms, they must we COVID tested and are not permitted to return to school until they are well and have a negative result. If any family members are COVID positive, please contact the school immediately. There are set procedures the school must follow in consultation with the Department of Health.



### ROBOGALS CODING WORKSHOPS

The students in Years 3 to 5 thoroughly enjoyed the two coding sessions run via Zoom by the UNSW Robogals on Monday. They learnt to code using two different platforms – Arduino and Python. Thank you to Crystal Howell for organising the sessions for us. They are now excited to learn how to use the STEM T4L Table Robotics kits provided by the department, which we have on loan till the end of Term 1 next year. The kits contain Blubots, Dash robots and Lego WeDo 2. The older students will eventually be working with the younger students in K/1/2. A great hands-on learning experience for all our students.

## **KINDERGARTEN 2022 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

It was wonderful to be able to hold our Parent Information Night via Zoom last week. It was an opportunity for the parents to have questions answered and find out more about Hillside. We are all looking forward to welcoming all the children at our two Orientation Days in November.

## **STAFFING IN 2022**

We are very excited that we will be able to have 3 classes next year – K/1/2 with Mrs Waldron, 3/4 with Miss Tobin and 5/6 with Mrs Eastman. Mrs Hoogesteger will be teaching Writing, French, Library and Music on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Miss Eastman will continue in her role as LaST (Learning and Support Teacher) on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Paba will continue as our SLSO (School Learning and Support Officer) on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, Mrs Potter as our SAM (School Administration Manager) Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays and Mrs Feely as our SAO (School Administration Officer) on Thursdays.

We will also have an APC&I (Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction) one day a week. This is a new position in all DoE primary schools next year. The position is currently being filled through the Merit Selection process and once this is finalised, I will be able to announce the successful candidate.

The Minister for Education announced this week that extra COVID funding will be made available to schools to use to employ more teaching time in schools. Once more information is available, I will let everyone know how that will be implemented at Hillside.

## **MAINTENANCE/BUILDING**

Hopefully the refurbishment of the toilet block will commence next week. Portable toilets will be delivered for use by students and staff during the refurbishment process. As mentioned previously it will take most of the term to be completed.

The installation of the upgraded Wi-Fi and switches is due to commence on Monday 15 November and should be completed by Thursday 2 December. Students and Staff can't wait for this upgrade.

## **BOOK WEEK – BOOK FAIR**

We will be holding our Book Week activities on Tuesday 9 November. At this stage parents and visitors are not able to be onsite. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Thursday 4 November and make up their Wish Lists. We will have some fun activities for the students to participate in on the day and all students are asked to dress up as their favourite Book Character. More details will be sent home shortly.

## **PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Hopefully we will be able to proceed with our Presentation Night on Monday 6 December. I will keep you informed as more information comes forward.

Judy Eastman  
Principal

