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CALENDAR DATES

2023	
Responsible Pet Visit (K-2)	Monday 13 March
Sydney North Swimming Carnival	Thursday 23 March
NAPLAN Online Testing Window	15 – 27 March
Harmony Day	Tuesday 21 March
State Election - BBQ	Saturday 25 March
P&C Meeting Glenorie RSL 6.00 pm	Tuesday 28 th March

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who represented Hillside at the Zone Swimming Carnival: Rebecca, Emilia, Lucas and Ava!

Our relay team will also be representing Hillside Public School at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Good Luck Team.



Longneck Lagoon Environmental Centre

Our year 5 and 6 students attended Longneck Lagoon on Monday to participate in a leadership program. The program is designed to develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills. Despite the extreme heat the students had a great time completing all the challenges presented. I was exceptionally proud of our students. They had lovely manners and participated in all the activities enthusiastically.













Don't forget the Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers!

As you may be aware, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, and stationery. You can apply for and access your vouchers in your My Service NSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local Service Centre.

Textbooks and School Contribution Fees

Please pay your school fees as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will occur during Term 1 in 2023 for students in Year 3 and Year 5. NAPLAN will be conducted between Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 23 March. If parents/carers have any questions about NAPLAN they are encouraged to contact Mrs Neorcsik or Mrs Tosh. NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

Wednesday 15th March	Writing
Thursday 16th March	Reading
Friday 17th March	Language Conventions
Monday 20 th March	Numeracy

I encourage all families with Year 3 and 5 students to please ensure that the students are at school on time on these dates.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge commenced on Monday 27 February and closes on Friday 18 August. All students will be bringing home an orange recording sheet in their Library Bag. Mrs Feely would like all students to keep the sheet in their library bag and she will enter details of books read on Thursdays. Can we keep up our outstanding record of 100% participation!!!!!

Please remember to return your library books!

Responsible Pets – K-2

We have our Responsible Pet Ownership Program on Monday for our K-2 students. The program will be

- Teaching children how to be safe around dogs
- Examining Responsible Pet Ownership

Please notify the school if your child has any allergies to dogs or any anxiety and fears when around dogs.



P&C

Thank you to everyone who attended our first P&C meeting for the year. There was a great turnout. The students had a lot of fun as well. Watch this space for all the wonderful events that are coming up. Thank you James!



We need your involvement and assistance in our wonderful school, so please come along to our P&C Meetings and join us to be involved with raising money and planning for our school Every dollar raised is used to improve the school environment and resources.

We will need volunteers to help on the BBQ & Cake Stall

An hour of your time would be great!

Please add your name to the Election Day BBQ register, you will find this in the office. Alternatively, you can email the school and ask for your name to be added. The timeslots are for 1 hour and run from 7am to 4pm.

We will need volunteers for both the BBQ and the Cake Stall. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

COVID-smart measures in schools

The NSW Department of Education is continuing to follow the NSW Health advice for COVID smart settings in schools. In summary:

- *We are encouraging students and staff to stay home if unwell and only attend if they are symptom free
- *Continuing to encourage good hygiene in schools with enhanced daytime cleaning of high touch surfaces at school
- *Maintaining natural ventilation

People exposed to COVID-19 should follow NSW Health advice and test to identify infection early even if they are not experiencing any symptoms.

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