Dear Parents & Carers

I had the privilege of attending a ceremony at the Tamworth Community Centre last Wednesday to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the apology by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the stolen generation. It was a very moving and emotional ceremony that paid tribute to the strength and struggles of many thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people affected by forcible removal. The ceremony acknowledged the hardships they endured and the sacrifices they made. We also remembered the children who never came home. I was accompanied by our school captains Amika and Thomas who were wonderful ambassadors for Hillvue Public School.

Student Leader Induction

Our student leader induction will be held on Tuesday 26 February commencing at 10.30am in our school hall. The induction will be followed by morning tea for our parents and friends. Everyone is welcome to join us as we acknowledge our student leaders. I look forward to seeing you there and having an opportunity to meet you and have a chat.

Executive Director Visit

Michele Hall Executive Director Connected Communities will visit Hillvue Public School on Tuesday 26 February. Michele will join us for the student leader induction and morning tea. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and friends to talk to Michele about Connected Communities and how it has and will affect Hillvue Public School.

Student Expectations

I continually talk to students about respect and the expectation of working in class and not disrupting the learning of others. Most students follow class rules, work hard in class and follow teacher instructions but some students are failing to get the message. I make no apology for supporting teachers and students who wish to learn by imposing consequences for inappropriate action. We have wonderful programs and opportunities in place to support students. We also talk about having pride in our school and pride in ourselves by wearing uniform to school and putting rubbish in the bin. All students are responsible for their actions and I seek your support in talking to your children and the children in your care about appropriate behaviour at school.

Chris Shaw
Executive Principal

Diary Dates - Term 1

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Leader Induction Ceremony

Hillvue Public School would like to invite you to attend the formal induction of our 2013 Leaders.

The ceremony will be held **Tuesday 26th February**, commencing at **10.30am** in the hall.

The induction will be followed by morning tea for the parents and friends.

Commonwealth Bank

**Student Banking**

Well done to all of those children that have started back banking. It is good to see some new students have joined up too.

Next Friday I will start the weekly draw again and one lucky boy or girl will win the opportunity to choose something out of the Commonwealth Bank Magic Prize box. So keep those bank books coming in every Friday.

*Mrs Eggins*

Clothing Pool

Our Clothing Pool is URGENTLY in need of second hand uniforms.

If you have any uniforms in good condition that you no longer require, could you please drop them into Mrs Holland in the canteen.

Thank you.

*Mrs Holland*

Monitoring Absences at Hillvue Public School

1. Attendance is monitored on a daily basis by the Attendance Officer.
2. The Attendance Officer conducts a Phone Intervention Program every day by calling parents of the absent children to follow up why children aren't present at school.
3. Initial unexplained absences receive level one letter sent home reminding parents and carers of the need to explain absences.
4. Absences must be explained within seven days.
5. On going unexplained absences - level two letter sent home. This is an official Department of Education and Communities letter signed by the Principal. Phone calls to parents may also be made.
6. Continuing unexplained absences - Referral to Home School Liaison Officer. This will lead to an attendance plan meeting. If the issue of attendance is not resolved then prosecution may take place.
7. Large numbers of sick days may lead to the school requesting a medical certificate for further sick days. This is a requirement advised by the Home School Liaison Office.
8. The above may also refer to partial absences, particularly late arrival to school on a continuing basis.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Zac S 21/02
Rhiannon W 21/02
Tialas C 23/02
OzTag and Touch Update

Unfortunately at this stage Hillvue PS does not have enough nominations to register any teams in either the Monday Afternoon Touch or OzTag competitions.

After contacting both convenors it may be possible for individuals to still nominate but they will be placed in another school’s team.

If your son/daughter is still keen to play in either competition please see Mrs Kenniff and she will give you the contact information for both sports.

If no further nominations from players are received this week any money already paid will be returned to students.

Thursday Night Basketball Competition

We have entered the following team in the Thursday Night Competition.

Senior Girls – Hillvue Shooting Stars

Shontaia Berry, Kimmi Smallwood, Telina Brown, Sharnai McKee, Sharika Nean-Bell, Amika Johnson, Shontoe Nicholls, Jahlamarrri Colonel, Zali Lake, Tricia-Rae Hamptom.

Please pay your $10.00 team nomination fee to the top office and your $65.00 registration fee at the stadium this week.

We need 3 to 5 players to make a junior girl’s team and lots more junior and senior boy players.

Thanks

Mrs McDonald

Visiting Show - “ADAMRIGINAL”

Next Tuesday, 26th February Adam Hill will be visiting Hillvue with his performance “Adamriginal”.

Cost: $5
Time: 1.45-2.45pm
This is a whole school performance.
Please return permission note to classroom teacher.

NRL Visit

On Thursday 21st February 2013, NRL Development Officer Zac Russ will be visiting our school. As part of the NRL Community Carnival he will be accompanied by players from the Newcastle Knights.

During this visit Zac and the players will be talking about the NRL’s “Tackling Bullying” campaign, showing a short DVD related to the anti bullying program and answering questions from the students. Some prizes may be given during the session.

The visit will take place in the hall between 1.50pm and 2.50pm and will involve all students.

We look forward to the visit, photos and a report in next week’s Edvue.
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