Dear Parents/Carers

Two very special guests made their way to Hillvue Public School last week. The Director-General of Schools, Dr Michelle Bruniges and Executive Director, Connected Communities, Michele Hall enjoyed participating in a whole school assembly before visiting classrooms to see technology and literacy in action. Dr Bruniges said through her conversations with students, staff and community she had been able to gauge how the new Connected Communities strategy was travelling. Dr Bruniges said her visits were very much about listening and sharing and she was heartened by what she saw and heard at Hillvue Public School. “There is tremendous goodwill and an enormous commitment to collaborate with and support students and their families”. Dr Bruniges said the visits were only the first step of engagement with each school community. “The signs so far are very positive and everyone is responsive as we seek to better understand local needs and consult about the future,” she said.

Chris Shaw
Executive Principal

Diary Dates Term 1

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Term 2

Week 5
Thursday 30th May SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Winter Uniform
EASTER RAFFLE
1st Prize - Big Basket of Eggs
2nd Prize - Medium Basket of Eggs
3rd Prize - Tray of Eggs
Please return tickets to canteen by 25th March
$1.00 per ticket. Drawn 27th March, 2013
Whoever sells the most tickets wins a prize.

GUESSING COMPETITION
The canteen is running a guessing competition. 50c
to guess how many Easter eggs are in the jar.
Guess the correct amount and win the jar full of
eggs! HURRY - LAST WEEK!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:
Lydia T 25/3
Maene T 28/3
Tyrone D 28/3
B Bielefeld 29/3
Tayliarna L 30/3

Non-attendance Interview Program in Schools (NIPS)
On Tuesday 26 March, Hillvue Public School will be involved in an attendance initiative known as NIPS. The program will be run by a team of Home School Liaison Officers, an Aboriginal School Liaison Officer and school staff.

The objective of NIPS is to reduce the number of unjustified absences by talking with students concerned and to raise awareness at school and home of the importance of regular attendance.

Students with attendance issues will be individually interviewed by this team to discuss any barriers to regular attendance. It will provide an opportunity for students to highlight any problems with their attendance (e.g. relationships, bullying, curriculum or health problems) and the school will then have an opportunity to address these issues.

If your child is interviewed, you will receive a letter outlining the process which was followed, including your child’s attendance information.

If you have any queries about NIPS, please contact Mrs Sarah Chambers on 67657446.

COMING IN 2013 TO TAMWORTH
Saturday, August 31, 10 am to 4 pm

Hosted by
Tamworth and District Prostate Cancer Support Group Incorporated
- The proposed Expo will involve as many organizations in Tamworth that wish to be included. Each organization will have their own stall. Your group is invited.
  - Experts in various fields of men’s health, including prostate cancer will be visiting from Sydney and/or Newcastle to give talks during the Expo.
For more information on the event and stall enquiries contact
Ray—Support Group Convenor Phone: 6765 2287
Email: raydart@bigpond.net.au
Stewart House Day
Friday 10th May 2013

These popular High Bounce handballs are lightweight and perfect for the fun in the playground while supporting Stewart House at the same time!

Help support Stewart House by buying one of these handballs!

Available from the front office. Until sold out!
AWARDS AND PHOTOS

**INFANTS — MERIT AWARD**


**PRIDE & PRESENTATION**

Jorden Pagett, Lydia Tocknell, Lakeisha McMillan, Takira McKee, Hope Eagles

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Keiron Hillard, Madeline Roser, Dakota Williams, Sarah Power

**ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR and ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS for READING**

**INFANTS**

Monique Parkes, Mia Parkes, Talisha Haines, Renee Keene, Seth Turner, Ngulawaa Knox, Damon McKay, Breanna Barron, Leighton Turner
ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR and ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS for READING

PRIMARY

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD - For Confidence

Paris Creighton, Kailee Nean, Shaun Thom, Tyrese Lawrence

Tino van Staden, Stephanie Williams, Sharika Nean-Bell, Mathieu Fogden, Bianca Williams, Connor Clifton

Special Guests—Director General of Education Michelle Bruniges and Director of Connected Communities Michele Hall.
**SPORTSVUE**

### PSSA Softball Knockout

On Tuesday the 19th March 2013 Hillvue PS Girls Softball Team played Duri PS in Round 2 of the PSSA Knockout.

The team consisted of 9 players, none of which had ever played softball before. They are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and persistence throughout the game.

The girls improved immensely with each innings and worked hard in the field and had the Duri team worried right up until time was called.

Unfortunately the girls went down 9-3.

All girls are to be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to those parents who helped with transport and Mel Craigie for her support with the team.

Kya Knox, Mollie Carter, Meleeka Rangi, Zali Lake, Kimmi Smallwood
Shontaia Berry, Olivia Flett, Sharika Nean-Bell, Tricia – Rae Hampton

### BASKETBALL DRAW

**Primary Draw 28th March**

There will be no basketball March 28th because of Catholic teams being unavailable due to ‘Holy Thursday’

### Rugby League Trials

PSSA Zone Rugby League Trials were held on Tuesday 19th March 2013.

The following students participated in these trials:

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The students are to be congratulated on their efforts during the trials.

As a result the following students were chosen to contest the Southern Rugby League Trials to be held on Tuesday 26th March 2013.

Congratulations to:

Caleb Bergen, Tyren Cloake, Malaki Johnson, Brandon O’Leary and Alex McKee.

We wish these students the best of luck for the second round of trials.

Further updates in next week’s Edvue.

### Wests Rugby League Challenge

The Wests Rugby League Challenge begins on Wednesday 15th May 2013 (Term 2) from 4pm at Scully Park Tamworth.

Further information and expressions of interest will be distributed in the coming weeks.

### AFL Auskick

The AFL Auskick program will be running in Tamworth on a Friday afternoon from 4:30 – 6:00 during winter in 2013. We will have a 'skills & drills' session followed by a game each week.

Registration will be at #1 Oval on Wednesday March 27 from 4:00 pm. Cost for the season is $80 including a backpack.

For those interested please contact:

Brendan George
Tamworth Auskick
0429 650 938

tamworth.auskick@bigpond.com

### West Lions JRLFC

**Under 9’s**

Is your child interested in playing Rugby League? West Lions JRLFC is seeking current or new players to join their under 9’s team for the 2013 season.

Any students interested please call:

Jamie Bullock
0418 432 569
OTITIS MEDIA

Blow Breathe Cough Program

(Also known as Middle Ear Infection)

Some tips to help combat Otitis Media

- Blow your nose, first 1 nostril then the other one
- Check and make sure your nose is empty
- Hold your nose and pop your ears (if you have a cold blow gently)
- Take 5 deep breaths
- Cover your mouth and cough deeply TWICE
- Then quickly do 15-20 kangaroo jumps or run around a tree in the playground or backyard
- Do 5 upside down kicks
- Blow your nose and pop your ears again
- Cover your mouth and cough deeply TWICE

Do this 3 times a day

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