Dear Parents and Carers

Dance Festival

Congratulations to everyone involved in Dance Festival. It is so important to acknowledge the time, effort and commitment teachers put into providing our students with this wonderful opportunity to perform and shine on stage. I am sure many of our dancers grew taller and stood a little straighter during and after their performances. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with our students and watching them perform on Saturday night. The many additional hours spent, organising, supervising and preparing our students after hours by our teachers is greatly valued and appreciated. Thank you! A wonderful opportunity!
ARE YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL TODAY?
Regular absences from school and arriving late to school will affect your child’s education. If your child is not at school we can’t teach them. Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.
As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:
* has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
* is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
* is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
* is sick, or has an infectious illness.
If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school principal or the school counsellor.
If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administration assistant at our school, or explain the reason by phone, email, or written note as soon as possible, or within seven days.

KITCHEN
The last of the furniture for the new kitchen arrived this week. It has been wonderful to see our students using the facility. Stage 1 students have made cakes and sushi and we provided just over 300 breakfasts last week. A huge effort! but achievable now that we have the facility to cater for so many students. Now we need to name our kitchen. We will be holding a competition to name our new kitchen. If you have any thoughts or ideas please complete a nomination form and send it in. The winner will receive a $50 voucher. Forms have been sent home with this week’s newsletter and can be collected from the front office.

Chris Shaw
Executive Principal

Book Week
Book week commenced on Monday morning with a welcome from a beautiful princess dressed in white, story reading and an item from our wonderful kindergarten students! This year’s theme is “Connect to Reading”. In this age of technology it is so important to reflect on the role books and reading should play in our lives. The simple act of reading or listening to a story can take us on a magical journey, to another country, back in time or way into the future. We should “Connect to Reading”, value reading, enjoy reading and read much more.
STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Forty five Stage 3 students from Hillvue recently undertook an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour, they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred.

This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and assists in reducing the cost of the excursion for parents.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.
On Monday, 4th August, forty five Stage 3 students and six staff headed off on the Canberra excursion. Mrs York, Mrs Townsend and Mr Hurn were on bus one while Mrs Coombes, Mr Roser and Mr Taylor were on bus two.

Our first stop was Singleton for morning tea before heading to Homebush Bay for lunch. A swim at the Olympic Aquatic Centre was just what we needed after being on the bus for so long. Soon, it was back on the bus again and on our way to Canberra. Over the next three days we visited lots of interesting places including the National Museum of Australia, the Royal Mint, Parliament House, Telstra Tower, Australian War Museum, Institute of Sport and Questacon.

Our favourite activity was . . . the snow!! We were woken up at 5.30am on Wednesday and drove to Cooma where we picked up ski boots, jackets and pants.

We kept driving to Bullock’s Flat and caught the ski tube to Perisher. After a quick snowball fight, we caught the chairlift up the mountain ready for more snowball fights and snowman building. We then travelled back down the mountain and caught the train to Blue Cow for lunch. After refuelling, it was back down to Perisher to go on the SkiTube. A few hours later we had to head back to Cooma to hand in our equipment. There were some very tired people on the buses.

Friday arrived very quickly and we headed home. Stage 3 students would like to thank their parents for allowing them to travel to Canberra this year, Mr Shaw for subsidising the cost so we could all go, the teachers from Hillvue for planning such a fantastic experience and Macphersons Coaches who took such great care of us.

White Ribbon Gala Day – Rugby League

Congratulations to the Hillvue PS teams that attended the White Ribbon Day Rugby League Gala day last week. The Senior Team went through the day undefeated and were eventual winners of shield. The Juniors were also successful all day but were unfortunately beaten in the Grand Final. Both teams are to be commended on their efforts. A thank you to Miss Brooks, Ray Berry and Bobbo Bergan for their assistance during the day.

Elective Sport

Elective Sport continues this week. The cost of the program is $5 per week and progresses through to Week 8. Please see Mrs Gleeson for any further information.

Regional Athletics Carnival - Reminder

The following students have been successful in their respective event and have qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday 29th August 2014.

Tamyhas Jerrad – 100m
Paris Creighton – 100m
Donald Sullivan – Shotput, Discus

Permission notes and $2 (singlet hire) are to be returned to Mrs McDonald either before or on the day of the carnival.
Hillvue PS Touch teams played Westdale PS in Round 2 of the PSSA Knockout competition last Tuesday. Both teams were successful. The boys defeating Westdale 7-2 and the girls winning through 3-1. Both teams will now move on to Round 3 of the competition. Mrs Townsend is currently organizing the next round of games. Details of these will be advertised when they are finalised.

**TOUCH KNOCKOUT**

**MONDAY AFTERNOON TOUCH COMPETITION**

Two teams have been nominated to play in the Monday Afternoon Touch competition. The teams are as follows:

**NIPPERS – 4.30pm**
Ngulawaa Knox, Ngarrama Knox, Gandjarra Knox, Nanindi Knox, Uchenna Anyanwu, Matthew Tocknell, Jack Perret
Coach: Ben Hudson

**SENIOR MIXED (BOYS DIVISION) 5.10pm**
Emily Gardner, Donald Sullivan, Shontaia Berry, Chakyal Saunders, Connor Cloake, Malaki Sullivan, Tyren Cloake, Fred Brown, Bailey Bergan, Caleb Bergan, Sharnai McKee
Coach: Bobbo Bergan

Please assume that you play at these times unless otherwise notified. There are still outstanding fees of $35 owing by some players.

All money must be paid by 25th August 2014 or these players will be unable to take the field. Competition began on Monday 18th August 2014.

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**From the Classroom: 4O**

**Similes, based on “Jamil’s Shadow”**

-The force of old Tuncay’s stare was like an invisible string, drawing Jamil reluctantly out of his hut. ….. Christine Harris.

-His mouth is like a cold wet cave with two sharp rocks on the ground. His hair is like the leftovers of a hot steaming fire. ….. Kassidee

-Grumpy Mike’s forehead is as solid as a strong stone brick. His teeth are as sharp as vampire teeth. ….. Thomas

-His skin is as hard as pig crackle. His face looks like a gorilla. ….. Jada

-His beard is as bushy as a fox’s tail. When he yawns, his mouth is as big as a hippo’s. He has big pointy ears like the Eiffel Tower. … Tho

-His skin was like rough elephant skin. His beard was like a bush. ….. Brianna

-His hair is like a brolom. His teeth are like sharp rocks. … Daniel

-Old Barry’s beard is as black as warm charcoal. His face is as brown as a grizzly bear. … Bonnie

-Old Black Beard has a beard that is as black and grey as a magpie. His head is as big as a coconut. … Ben

-His forehead is as round as a ball. His two teeth are as sharp as a star. … Caitlyn

-His nose is as long as Pinnocchio’s nose. His eyes are as small as a hampster’s. … Cameron

-Old Grumpy’s grey head was as large as a bowling ball. His teeth were as sharp as a broken bottle of glass. … Bridget

-His eyes are as small as an ant. His mouth is like a wet dripping cave. ….. Nic

-His teeth were as sharp as a spear. His skin was as hard as a stone. ….. Whitney

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YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Guardians of students currently in Year 5 and Year 6 (2014) who are interested in our Year 7 Selective Class for 2015/16 are invited to attend an information evening to share our vision for the future.

Peel High School is the only co-educational school within a 100 km radius of Tamworth to be part of the state Selective School’s Network.

The evening will include a tour of the school facilities, information about class size and structure, curriculum, scholarships and you will also learn about the unique opportunities available to the selective class.

Please come along - 6pm Thursday, September 4th 2014

For further information please contact Tamara Hatton or Kristen Miller on 67657 088 or email Kristen on kristen.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au

TAMWORTH SPORTS DOME
SUMMER JUNIOR & YOUTH LEAGUE FUTSAL

The junior league is for children aged between 6yrs—11yrs and will be played on Monday afternoons, whilst the youth league competition is for children aged between 12yrs-15yrs and is played on Friday afternoons.

Please note we are offering an early bird discount to players who nominate a team with the Sports Dome by Friday 19th September (last day of term 3).

For more information contact 02 67628452
Email: reception@tammamstreetcentre.com

Janelle Street Centre
4 Janelle Street, South Tamworth

Are you looking for a long day care centre for your pre-school children? Your child is welcome! Your local Long Day Care Centre is just around the corner from Hillvue School in Janelle St.

Phone 67628452
Email: reception@janellestreetcentre.com

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NOTICEBOARD

DIARY DATES

AUGUST  Week 7
Monday 25  Year 3 First Aid Lesson 2pm
Tuesday 26  Year 4 First Aid Lesson 2pm
Friday 29  Regional Athletics Carnival - TRAC

SEPTEMBER  Week 8
Thursday 4  Kindergarten Excursion
Friday 12  Cricket Gala Day Stage 3
Friday 19  Red and Yellow Day (Helicopter Day)

HILLVUE RAIN JACKETS FOR SALE
Compact Poncho/Rain Jacket. Can be worn over your backpack.
$10 each from front office.

HILLVUE
KIDCO
Fundraiser to support Daffodil Day Friday 22nd August 2014
For a Gold coin donation you can purchase a Key ring, Pen, Nail file or Clips
Weather permitting merchandise will be sold under the COLA at 8:45 am each morning or see Miss Foster.

ASSEMBLY ITEM

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FRONT OFFICE
All visitors must report to the Front Office upon arrival
Office hours are from 8.30am to 4pm on school days.
Please telephone 02 67657 446 during these hours.

CLOTHING POOL
If anyone has any unwanted Hillvue School uniforms to give away/sell, the School Clothing Pool would greatly appreciate them.

BOOK WEEK ITEMS (held straight after morning assembly in hall)
Wednesday 20th August— 3B & 3G will be singing and acting parts of the book ‘There was an Old Lady who swallowed a fly’.
Thursday 21st August— 2J will be performing a skit/mini play to the book ‘Pog’.
Friday 22nd August— 4O will be performing the ‘Tissue Rap’ from the book ‘Anna the Goanna’.