Dear Parents and Carers

**Student Leader Induction**

Our Student Leader Induction will be held at the school on Friday 6 March commencing at 9:05am in the school hall. All parents and community members are invited to attend this very important assembly. We look forward to you joining us as we recognise our student leaders for 2015. The wonderful tradition of parents pinning their children’s badges on will continue.

**School Excursions**

Notes have gone home with students about the Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions. Stage 3 will be going to the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp on the Hawkesbury River and Stage 2 will be travelling to Dorrigo and Coffs Harbour. Both excursions will be held in Term 4. Full payment schedules have been provided well in advance so that you have over 6 months to pay the excursion off. Details about the Special Education Excursion and Minor Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 excursions will be sent home over the next few weeks. All school excursions are heavily subsidised by the school to keep costs to a minimum.

**Whole School BBQ and Disco Wednesday 11 March**

We will be holding a school disco on Wednesday 11 March in the school hall commencing with a BBQ at 6:00pm. The BBQ will run from 6:00pm to 6:30pm followed by the disco for all students from 6:30 to 7:45pm. Students who are displaying appropriate classroom and playground behaviour and who are currently enrolled at Hillvue Public School are invited to attend this disco. We look forward to a fun night of dancing!
School Hats
The new school hats have arrived and have been distributed to students. We keep the hats at school to ensure all students have a school hat each day to protect them from the sun.

Sport Houses
Over the years the numbers of students at Hillvue Public School have fallen to around 280 students. When the school had an enrolment of over 600 students the school could support 4 houses and great pride and rivalry existed during house competitions. Over the years with reduced numbers in each house the friendly rivalry, pride and competition has continued to diminish. We are looking at reducing our houses to 2 houses. This would mean increased numbers in each house and we believe it would reinvigorate and promote house pride, sportsmanship and competition between houses.

We would also commence a weekly house competition. Students would be awarded points for their house by wearing uniform, attending school and behaving appropriately in the classroom, on the playground and in assemblies. At the end of the year the winning house would be recognised on Presentation Day. Our thoughts at this stage are to name the 2 houses Porter and Jenner after 2 ex students who have achieved at the highest levels in their chosen sports. There may be other people out there that you believe deserve recognition. We would like your thoughts and opinions on this proposed change. Please let us know what you think. A final decision will be made by the end of term 1.

P & C Easter Guessing Competition
The P & C guessing competition is currently running at school. Guess how many Easter Eggs are in the jar and the jar full and Cadbury Easter Eggs is yours. See Mrs Fisher in the playground for your chance to win. 50 cents a guess! Good Luck.

Regards

Chris Shaw
Executive Principal
SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

COHEN
THE CHAMPION HOUSE
This Term 3T have been reading the book The Bugalugs Bum Thief by Tim Winton. This is our recount of the story.

One morning Skeeta woke up to find his bum was missing. Skeeta thought he was dreaming except he could hear the crows cawing and the boats starting up at the jetty. Skeeta tried to get out of bed but he had to slide because his bum was gone!

Skeeta went to see his mum and dad but they had no bums either! Skeeta’s mum said “morning Skeet we seemed to have lost our bottoms! They were lying on the floor eating their toast and drinking their tea.

Skeeta decided to look outside and everyone in Bugalugs had no bum. Bugalugs wasn’t very big it was only three streets wide and was built next to a beautiful bay where fishing boastes anchored. So it would be easy to find the bum thief thought Skeeta.

That night Skeeta decided to look for the bum thief. He looked in lots of places until he saw a fisherman who still had his bum! Skeeta said ‘Aha follow that bum!’

He followed Old Blue Murphy and found a pile of 496 bums belonging to the people of Bugalugs. Skeeta ran to get the policeman and the whole town followed.

When they turned on the light everyone was embarrassed to see their pile of bums and everyone grabbed the bum they liked the look of. Some had fat bums, some had skinny, some had hairy ones too.

People weren’t happy with their new bums so Skeeta organised a bum swap for everyone to get their own bum back! Except his friend Mick Misery who kept a bigger bum so his mum couldn’t smack it.
This year, the 4 day bicycle ride will cover 500km starting in Moree and ending here at Hillvue Public School. Royal Far West is a not-for-profit organisation that has been providing health services to children living in rural and remote NSW since 1924. It works in partnership with families and their local health and education providers to complement existing services in NSW communities.

**When:** 1pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Where:** Hillvue Public School

**Who is involved?** All Hillvue students, parents and staff

**What are we doing?** Hosting a mufti day fundraiser to support Royal Far West and welcoming the cyclists with cheers and smiles

**What do you need to bring?** A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

Meet the riders as well as Scott Sunderland the ride ambassador. Scott, is a respected Australian professional road cyclist and sports manager as well as a friend of Royal Far West. He grew up in Inverell and by the age of 19 had already reached the top of Australian Cycling, by winning the National Championships. He went on to become an Australian National Road Champion and has ridden the Giro d'Italia three times, the Vuelta a Espana four times and finished the Tour de France twice.
BAKERS DELIGHT SHOPPINGWORLD FUNDRAISER

If you shop at Bakers Delight Shoppingworld, make sure to mention that you are a student or a parent/carer from Hillvue Public School. Bakers Delight will kindly give a donation to the school at the end of the year from the sales that they make where people have mentioned the school.

2015 PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge will run from 2 March to 28 August. Students are to register online through the Premiers Reading Challenge website. Use the Department of Education & Communities student username and password.

Students need to record any books they have read before online 21 August 2015.

For any further information, visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website or see Mr Jones.

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION HELPS CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE

To help your children stay safe online, Hillvue Public School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on: Wednesday 18 March.

A special parent workshop will be held at 12:00pm

To register your attendance, please contact the school as soon as possible.

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FOR SALE

HILLVUE SPORTS SHIRTS

Sports shirts can be purchased from the front office for $25
**PLAYGROUPS**

* Come-N-Play Hillvue Playgroup would like to invite families with a child 5 years and younger to a pancake morning on March 11 from (9:00 to 10:00). Come along and meet the playgroup staff and have a chat.

Playgroup meets from 9:30 to 11:30 on Wednesdays in the school grounds.

* Tamworth Family Support will run 3 mini ‘Bringing up Great Kids” workshops at playgroup from 10:00 to 10:30 starting this week, March 4. These workshops are free. Children are welcome. Please confirm your attendance by leaving a message on 0408104918.

* HIPPY Tamworth (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) is seeking families to participate in this great program. It is a free home based early learning program for families with a child who is 4 or turning 4. We come to you and provide you with fun and engaging activities that you can do with your child at home. Contact Kim the coordinator on 0408104918 or drop in at playgroup to speak with Kim.

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**HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS**

On Monday, 9 March Year 6 students will bring home an Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government Secondary School in 2016. This form is the first step in enrolling your child in a public high school and allows you to indicate which high school you would like your child to attend.

To assist you in the completion of the Expression of Interest, we will be conducting two parent information sessions on **Tuesday, 10 March 2015** and **Tuesday, 17 March 2015** commencing at 2.30pm in the Hall. Staff from Hillvue Public School, Tamworth High School and Peel High School will be available to answer any of your questions and/or assist you in completing the Expression of Interest.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the information sessions.

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**WEST LIONS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTY CLUB**

**SIGN UP DAY—March 7, 2015** at Belmore Park (behind the West Tamworth bowling club). Any kids of school age 6-16 wanting to give footy a try come on down. There will be a free sausage sizzle for all......

For more info please contact Bev - bevmuller@hotmail.com
Or Sharpie: 0407054219
### NOTICEBOARD

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### NEWSLETTER ACCESSIBILITY

The Hillvue Public School Newsletter is issued on a fortnightly basis.

Our Newsletter is also accessible for viewing online.


### URGENTLY NEEDED

Any unwanted Second Hand Uniforms would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them into the front office.

### TO HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ALL TIMES.

### 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.