



HILDER ROAD
STATE SCHOOL

Where 'Success is embedded in a culture of care'

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14 February 2018

Admin News (Amanda Cooper)

Well-Being - Positive Interactions

We encourage all students, teachers and parents to have positive interactions with each other. Smile and greet others in a friendly way. This simple form of communication is really welcoming and enhances our positive school culture and feelings of well-being. It is easy to practise build-ups at home and at school – your involvement is crucial! It was delightful last week to hear that a person on the other end of the telephone, commented on the beautiful manners and way in which a student had complimented a member of staff in their greeting. The person on the telephone said that it had 'made her day' even though it wasn't even about her.

Meet the Teacher Nights

I would like to thank all the teachers for their preparation of the Meet the Teacher nights. I have had lovely feedback from parents about the information provided. It is an important time for teachers and parents to develop a strong working relationship for the benefit of the students.

A positive partnership is fundamental to sharing the responsibility of providing a well rounded education. Thank you also to all of the Parents who took time out of their busy week to attend. We appreciate your presence.

Student Leader Investiture Ceremony

Thank you to all parents and family members who are able to attend the Investiture Ceremony tomorrow at 2pm. I would like to thank in advance our invited guests - Steven Toomey, Jeff and Ann Hilder, Lachlan Varley, Esther Meehan and Anne McLauchlan.

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2018. We trust they will do a responsible job for the year ahead and wish them well in their projects.

Presidents -

Jaimee U and Cooper M

Vice Presidents -

Lilly S and Moses P

Student Council Representatives

Year 6 -

Edie S, Thomas C, Conor J, Penny A, Nathan B and Lily D

Year 5 -

Harriet G, Jasper D, Chepae B, Michael K, Samuel N and Taylor G

Year 4 -

Charlie G, Emily M, Callum G, Abby H, Sophie S, and Harry B

Sports House Captains & Vice Captains

Coot-tha -

Freddy B and Sara R
Thomas C and Amelie M

Nebo -

Harry S and Eva D
Marcus G and Maya S

Taylor -

Olivia A-S & Nate R
Evan B and Lucia B

Music Captains:

Band Leaders

Lara C and Anna O

String Leaders

Sarah X and Rebecca G

Choir Leader

Laura A and Elisabeth R

Environment Captains:

Lillian L and Thomas C

Technology Captains:

Georgia H and Hudson W

Community & Chaplaincy Captains:

Kaela C and Matthew J

URGENT update needed – State School Consent Form

Attached to this issue of the newsletter (and a hardcopy was sent home this week), is a new State School Media Consent form. We have updated this to include social media and websites including; the School Website, Facebook, Twitter, Class Dojo and Seesaw. We are asking for ALL families to return a form for each child attending Hilder Road State School. It is our intention to use these sites to promote the great work students are doing and the effort they are putting into showing and celebrating excellent behaviour, social, cultural and academic success.

Existing Consent information held by the school will remain in place until the updated forms are returned to the office. It would be appreciated if all families could return these by Friday, 23rd February, 2018. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Prep and Year 1 welcome BBQ and Magic show

Our wonderful P&C, Teacher aides and Teachers are busy organising the welcome BBQ for this afternoon. It is a great opportunity for our Prep and Year 1 families to come along this evening at 4:30pm and take the time to get to know one another, enjoying a little social time together.

NAPLAN 2018

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be for Year 3 and Year 5 students at our school. This is not something to worry about – we prepare the children with quality teaching, appropriate strategies and test familiarisation. Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Numeracy are assessed through short assessments conducted over 3 days – **Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday, 17th May.**

If at all possible, please do not plan holidays or other events at this time. See the following link for suggestions for parents in preparation for NAPLAN.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/default.aspx>

Student Behaviour – The High-5

It is great to see students in the playground managing conflict by following the High-5. Just because someone doesn't want to play the game we want to play, is being a little louder than we like, or choosing to play with different friends, does not mean they are being 'mean'. Having a language to communicate this is very important. The High 5 can help us all here.

The steps to the High-5 are:

1. Ignore
2. Friendly Talk
3. Firm Talk
4. Walk away
5. Report

Prep and Year 1 Play area – Notice to parents

We are delighted that so many parents and their children like to enjoy the Prep/Year 1 playground before and after school. Can you please ensure that you actively supervise your child/ren when they are using this area?

Our neighbours are getting quite concerned with the number of rocks and sticks that are being thrown over their fence and landing on their roof and in their pool. It is creating unnecessary work and is disrespectful. Your assistance with close and active supervision is greatly appreciated.

Emergency contact and email details

It is easy to forget to update school contacts when you change jobs, address or email service provider. Please email Mrs De Santis (hdesa6@eq.edu.au) to update any of these important details. Remember that we need these details in case your child is sick or injured. Also, all Report Cards are emailed home so it is the only way you will receive them.

International Competitions and Assessments

Available for students in Years 3-6. Register at the office, (07) 3511 3222 or tpate39@eq.edu.au.

1. Cost \$8.80 per test. Please **DO NOT** send money now.
2. Closing date for entries is **Friday, 9th March.**
3. Testing dates:
 - Digital Technologies - Tuesday, 8th May.
 - Science - Tuesday, 29th May.
 - English - Tuesday, 31st July.
 - Mathematics - Tuesday, 14th August.

Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

Just a reminder - All telephones or electronic devices brought to school should be handed in to the school office upon arrival and collected at 3:00pm. The only exception is iPads for students in the three iPad classes.

Dogs on the school grounds

Please note that dogs (large or small) are not permitted on the school grounds without the express permission of the principal. Entrances to the school are signed to remind visitors.

The Drop Zone – STOP DROP GO

Parents please be mindful of our drop off zone in Kaloma Road at the front of the school. It is a **STOP DROP GO** zone only. Please do not leave your vehicle in this area as it causes congestion and dangerous traffic situations along the street.

School Photos

Please schedule in your calendars the upcoming general school photos that will occur on Wednesday, 28th February.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2019

If you are intending to send your child to Hilder Road State School for Prep in 2019, please contact the school office to leave your details.

Even if you have a sibling already attending school this information is required for planning purposes. If you know of any new families interested in attending our school please let them know as well.

This also allows us to send information to you relating to our Open Days, Information Evenings, Under 8's day celebrations, and all other school based activities.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy your week.

Amanda Cooper

School Council Parent's Representative Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Representative to the Hilder Road School Council. The School Council supports the school, guiding the strategic direction and providing governance through approving strategic plans, policies and school budget. I encourage you to get involved. Elections will be held at the next P&C meeting scheduled for 7.00pm, Monday 19th February. Please come along and nominate yourself.

**Regards,
Jodie Watts**

Calendar of Events

14th February	North West Districts – Football
14th February	Prep – Year 1 Welcome BBQ and Magic Show
15th February	Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony Assembly at 2.00pm
19th February	P&C Meeting at 7.00pm
20th February	Metro North Swimming
20th – 21st February	Student Leadership Camp at School Hall
21st February	“Hear and Say” Prep Screening in Blue Room
21st February	Years 1-3 Swimming
23rd February	Years 4, 5 & 6 Interschool Sport trials (2-3pm)
26th – 27th February	North West Districts – AFL Boys

27th February	North West Districts – Netball
28th February	School Photos
28th February	Years 1-3 Swimming
28th February – 1st March	North West Districts - Hockey

Cybrary (Sandra Winzar)

Borrowing

- Every class has an allocated Cybrary lesson and time to borrow.
- Please ensure your child uses a water proof library bag to protect the books.
- Please check that your child keeps their book/s in a safe, consistent place at home.
- We are open daily before school at 8:30am and at lunch times for borrowing and using computers.
- Students may sign on to use the computers once a week at lunch times.
- Students completing assignments or homework will take priority.

Cybrary Cadets

- Students in Years 5-6 can volunteer to assist in the Cybrary.
- Students need to sign up for one lunch time a week ASAP.
- Cybrary assistance may be used for eligibility for future leadership roles.

Wellbeing Program Term 1 Week 4:

Communication

* The students need to identify, understand and practice effective communication skills.

- **Our Dinner Time Talk is “What skills do you need to be an active listener?”**
- Discuss the importance of always using good manners and being respectful.
- The skills of effective listening are:-
- Look at the speaker
- Stay still and focus on the speaker
- Think about the message and respond appropriately
- See the websites:

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter/active-listening-communication-children>

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/active_listening_teenagers.html

Wellbeing Program Term 1 Week 5:

Managing conflict, assertiveness training, bullying and harassment.

*The students need to identify and practice conflict reducing behaviours and strategies to help children develop the skills to handle conflict.

- **Our Dinner Time Talk is “What do bullying behaviours look like? How does it feel when we give a build up?”**
- Discuss the importance of using clean power in relationships to show you have self-control and respect for others.
- Using dirty power is controlling others and involves bullying, teasing, harassing and intimidation. (e.g. “Do what I say or I’ll hurt you.”)
- It’s important to use “brave talk” and not let others use power over us.
- Encourage and model build ups and no put downs. The giver and receiver of a build up will feel good and confident about themselves. Build ups help friendships, families and classrooms be happier and positive.
- See the websites:

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/bullying_podcast.html

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/bullying>

Value for February – Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion

Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.

Habit of Mind Focus for February – Managing Impulsivity

- Remain calm, thoughtful and deliberate to manage your impulsivity.
- Encourage your child to stop, think and then do or make a good choice.

Social Skills for February

- Anti-bullying
- Negotiation

EcoMarines Ambassadors – Year 5

Encourage your Year 5 child to apply for one of the four HRSS EcoMarine Ambassador positions. Students present a 2 minute speech for Week 5, 19th-21st February in the SEP room at lunch times.

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers.” Charles William Eliot.

Sports News (Emma Bateman)

HPE at Hilder Road

So far this term, some students have trialled for sports and quite a few have been successful in making the North West Districts teams to play at the Metropolitan North carnivals. These students have been fantastic ambassadors for Hilder Road State School displaying respectful, responsible and safe behaviours while being off campus.

For all upcoming trials and general HPE information, please see the noticeboard outside the staffroom near lost property.

Swimming Trials

The swimmers representing Hilder Road SS were:

- Harrison S.
- Sara R.
- Nate R.
- Tadhg R.
- Livingstone P.
- Rebecca S.
- Elizabeth R.
- Finn M.
- Olivia AS.
- Lily D.
- Lilly S.
- Lydie D.

Successful students to make the North West District swim team are:

- Harrison S
- Sara R

Basketball

Successful students to make the North West District Basketball teams are:

- Jaimee U
- Dylan G

Congratulations to all students!

Thank you also to the parents for transporting and supporting our students at the trials.

Music News- Kathryn Bryant

Choir News

A parent letter was emailed out on Friday, 9th February advising parents and caregivers the school choir has been asked to perform at the Senior Leader’s Induction Ceremony scheduled for **2.00pm on Thursday, 15th February** in the school hall.

Choir students are expected to wear their formal school uniform. This uniform includes their checked shirt, navy shorts or skirt, navy socks and black shoes. Long hair needs to be tied back for the performance.

Please email Kathryn Bryant should you have any questions or concerns on kbrya24@eq.edu.au.

Band (Carmen Forgan)

We had our first Senior Band rehearsal of the year last week. It was great to see so many smiling faces! Please remember to arrive by 7:20am to set up and be ready to start playing at 7:30am.

Playing your instrument every day, or at least 5 times a week, is the best way to see improvements in your playing. At this stage all beginner students should be playing for 5-10 mins per session, approximately 50 mins per week. Senior students should be playing 20-30 mins each session, approximately 150 mins per week. It is best to find a quiet place to practice and make sure you are set up with a comfortable chair and your music stand.

All students have a playing chart which they need to fill out each week. This should also display the pieces that the students have been asked to practice for the week. There is also a section for the parent to sign to say you have heard the student practising.

It is great if music practice becomes part of the weekly routine, just like swimming training or soccer, or homework. I find practising first thing in the morning is a wonderful way to start the day!

CHAPLAINCY (Michelle Ting)

Chappy Games!

Year 5 and 6 students had a great time at Chappy Games. They did a great job completing jigsaw puzzles and working together.

Chappy Games are scheduled for:

1. Year 4 - Week 4 Thursday, 15th February
2. Year 3 - Week 5 Thursday, 22nd February

Interested students need to put their name on the sign-up sheet outside the staffroom located near the lost property box. Spaces are limited to 20 people.

Leadership Pin

Year 5 students who would like to do Community Service (for their Leadership Pin) please see me about being Chappy Game helpers for the lower grades.

Sub Meal and Drink Deal

We do a Sub Meal and Drink Deal day once a term. This term it will be on Tuesday, 6th March in Week 7. All students and staff have the opportunity to order Subway for lunch!

Students will each receive an envelope which is their order form. Parent's signature is required on the envelope. The Meal Deal is:

- \$7.00 - 6-inch sub
 - Drink (choice of apple juice, water or chocolate milk).

The process is simple:

1. On the envelope, write:
 - Student's name;

- Class;
- Choice of ingredients for sub and drink.

2. Parent signs permission.
3. Place correct amount of \$7.00 inside the envelope and seal. No change is provided.
4. Return envelope to the box located in the school office by Friday, 2nd March.
5. On the day, (Tuesday, 6th March), class monitors will collect their class orders from outside the tuckshop and bring them back to their class.

NOTE: Please ensure that your child's name and the order itself are written on the envelope. Staff will receive their order form in their pigeon holes. These can be returned to the box in the office as well.

Again, orders are to be in **by 3.00pm, Friday, 2nd March.**

Staff, please note your orders will be delivered to the staffroom.

Profits from Sub Day will go towards supporting Chaplaincy at our school. If you have any questions, you can contact me at michelle.ting@chappy.org.au.

Tuckshop News (Jane Harder)

Re-Opening

The tuckshop has now re-opened following recent renovations during the first few weeks of the school term.

Due to the kind donations by the P & C, the tuckshop has been able to receive a much needed upgrade! This has included the installation of new splashbacks, blinds, shelving and painting. We have also been able to purchase kitchen appliances including a wall oven, freezer and office equipment.

Volunteering in the Tuckshop

I am now seeking volunteers for the tuckshop. You can help out in any of the following ways:

1. **Volunteer your time** to help with food preparation and food service directly in the tuckshop. Morning shifts (9.00am - 11.30am) and lunch shifts (11.30am - 1.30pm) are available from Wednesday to Friday. No experience is necessary and all volunteers, including parents and grandparents are welcome. Even if for only half an hour. Feel free to drop in whenever you have some spare time!
2. **Assist with home baking.** Volunteers are required to bake healthy goodies for the tuckshop. Specific recipes will be provided for volunteers to use.
3. **Donate non-perishable goods** such as brown paper bags, small zip lock bags, paper towels, hand wash, cling wrap, wipes, etc. All donated goods can be given directly to the tuckshop and are much appreciated.

Please contact **Jane Harder (Tuckshop Convenor)** via email or visit the Tuckshop directly if you are interested in volunteering in any way.

Uniform Shop News (Elizabeth Stanley)

Uniform Stock

Please note the following status of supplies currently with the Uniform Shop:-

- Backpacks are back in stock;
- Library bags are low in stock, only pink and red available;
- Chair bags are low in stock, only red available;
- The deadline for Year 6 shirts has now closed, hopefully the Year 6 Shirts will arrive before the end of Term 1;
- Inter-school shirts are available in the shop for Year 4s and above.

Uniform Shop Volunteers

Volunteers are now needed for the shop. Please go to Sign-Up link to register your interest. Thank you.

<https://signup.com/group/916846884016>

P&C News (Liz Stanley)

After-School Shop

- Thursday & Friday After-School Shop is in the Hall Kitchen.
Slushies, Icy Poles, Ice Cups & Frozen Yoghurt are available after 3pm.
All proceeds from the Thursday Shop will go to the 2018 Year 6 Graduation & all proceeds from the Friday Shop will go to P&C.

BBQ & Magic Show

- BBQ & Magic Show, tonight in the Prep Playground for the BBQ and then in the hall for the Show. \$20 per family.

Call Out for Volunteers – Cross-Country

- Volunteers are needed for the Senior & Junior Cross-Country Coffee Shop on Wednesday 28th & Thursday, 29th March. Please go to the Sign-Up Link for all volunteering opportunities. <http://signup.com/go/bYbvCdZ>
- Volunteering form will be going home soon- please fill in and return the form to the office.

Fundraising Event

Trivia Night – Date Claimer!

****DATE FOR YOUR DIARY****
**** TRIVIA NIGHT – “T” FOR TRIVIA****
****SATURDAY 19TH MAY****

Book your babysitter, start thinking about the theme for costume(s) – “T” for Trivia! More Details to follow.

Community News

The Debating Club @ Hilder Road State School

The Debating Club invites all Year 4, 5 and 6 students to join.

Held: Wednesdays 3 - 4:15pm

Commenced: As from Week 3

Term 1: 8 Classes

Venue: Blue Room under Year 6 Building (Block 3)

Term Fee: \$104

Contact: debatingaustralia@gmail.com or 0402618890 for registration

We are pleased to welcome a former Hilder Road Debating Student as our Debating Coach at Hilder Road State School this Term.

The Debating Club @ Hilder Road State School

Yr 4, 5 & 6 Students

Wednesdays 3 – 4:15pm

Commences Week 3 Term 1 2018 (ie Wednesday 7 February 2018)

Term 1 – 8 classes

Venue: Blue Room
(next to Basketball Courts and under Block 3 / Yr 6 Building)

Term Fee: \$104

Please contact us on debatingaustralia@gmail.com or 0402 618 890 and we will then email to you the online registration form and parent information sheet.

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Chess Mates

Classes commenced at Hilder Road State School on Wednesday, 31st January. Chess Mates specialise in teaching chess to children of all age groups and skill levels. Our team is dedicated to teaching chess in a fun and engaging way so that children of any age can join in, regardless of experience level. We teach younger students through songs and stories. For older or more advanced students, we teach opening, strategies and forward planning. We don't focus on winning (in fact, we teach kids how to deal with winning and losing). We have more focus on making new friends and having fun while learning.

The cost will be \$8.00 per session. If you have any questions about the classes, please either e-mail info@chessmates.com.au, or call Ash on 0415 256 452.



**Prep -
Year 6**

Hilder Road State School Chess Lessons

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

**3:15PM - 4:00PM
@ Merino Room**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.chessmates.com.au
info@chessmates.com.au

or call us on 0415 256 452

The Dollarmites invite students on a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

CommBank's School Banking program has been teaching Australian children the value of saving and money skills in a fun, engaging way since 1931. This year in School Banking, the Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero headquarters, ready to help students develop super savings skills.

How School Banking works
 School Banking encourages your child to develop regular savings habits by giving them the opportunity to deposit money into their Youthsaver account at school each week as well as be rewarded.

1

Make a deposit on your school's weekly School Banking day and receive one silver Dollarmite token each time.

2

Collect 10 silver Dollarmites tokens to redeem one of our Super Savers reward items, as shown on the Rewards Card overleaf.

Getting your child started
 If your child is new to School Banking, they'll need a Youthsaver account. This is a savings account that has no monthly fees and offers a competitive bonus interest rate on balances up to \$50,000 when at least one deposit and no withdrawals are made in a calendar month. If your child doesn't have a Youthsaver account, there's more information on how to open one on the back of this pack.

Financial support for schools
 As students develop their savings skills through School Banking, your school will receive fundraising support. Last financial year, participating primary schools received a share of \$2.3 million.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun financial activity sheets to share with your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

New to School Banking? Get your child started.

To join this savings adventure with School Banking, your child will need a Youthsaver account. If your child doesn't have an existing Youthsaver account, there are three simple ways to open one.

- Apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking**
 Click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
- Log on to your CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank)**
 Head to the menu in the top left corner, select 'Products and offers', then 'Bank accounts' and 'Student and youth accounts', scroll down to Kids and tap 'Open account'.
- Visit any CommBank branch**

What you'll need
 You'll need personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver licence or citizenship certificate.* If applying in branch, please bring along your child's birth certificate and/or any applicable Court Order to help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian.

Your child will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet to use to make their School Banking deposits when you open a Youthsaver account in branch, or in the mail if opened online.

NetSetGO

Introduction to Netball for 5s-7s
3:45-4:45pm every Monday
5 February - 26 March • \$100
Hilder Road State School

The Gap Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland and will run the popular ANZ NetSetGO program at Hilder Road State School at The Gap for 8 weeks from Monday 5 February until 26 March.

NetSetGO is an introductory program for 5 to 7 year old boys and girls that teaches the basics of netball and develops general motor skills in a fun and safe way.

The \$100 fee covers insurance & a participant pack, and there will be a family fun day after the last session on 26 March.

Registration and further information:

<http://thegapnetball.org>
registrar@thegapnetball.org

