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Admin News (Amanda Cooper)

2018 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - 16th March

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities. The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help counter bullying, harassment and violence.

<http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/>

Schools, parents and students need to 'take a stand together' to build supportive and safe school environments.

What can you do to help?

- Stand up for yourself when conflict happens – use the High Five to let the other person know you don't like what was said or done;
- Seek help from trusted adults;
- If you see wrong-doing – support that person – don't be a bystander;
- Have integrity in all that you say and do –this means doing the right thing even when no-one is watching you.

All students are encouraged to wear an **ORANGE** shirt or an **ORANGE** accessory to mark the day. Please note – this is not a free dress day, nor a fundraising day.

Term 1 Parent Teacher interviews

Thank you to all parents who have taken up the opportunity to book a meeting with the teacher of their child/ren. Interviews will conclude at the end of this term. I trust that you will gain more information about how your child is progressing and what their goals for the future are. Thank you also to teachers who have made themselves available over the last two weeks of the term to have these important meetings. When parents and teachers work together with the best interests of the child at heart – then great things happen. If you have not yet booked an interview time – please follow the link below.

Bookings will close as at 3.00pm on Friday, 16th March.

<https://hilderrdss.sessionkeeper.com.au/>

Professional Conversations

Teachers will be taken off-line next week to work collaboratively in year level teams to plan and prepare units of work for Term 2. Each teaching team will work together for a full day to collaboratively plan units of work aligned to the Australian Curriculum and plan assessment tasks which allow students to show what they know and can do. They will look very closely at the literacy demands of the work and assessment tasks for the coming term and will link these to the explicit teaching necessary to assist students to improve across all areas of the curriculum. Further to this, in the last week of the term, all teachers will work together for 2½ hours after school to plan for the in-class differentiation that will be required to prepare students for success in the upcoming assessment tasks to lift achievement. Such collaboration further develops consistency of curriculum implementation and of teacher judgement among our staff.

Reminder of Behaviour Expectations

I am very impressed by the way most students wear the correct uniform every day with such pride. One area that needs a little attention though is the wearing of black OR white shoes. It is part of our school uniform. We continue to see a large number of students wearing fluoro shoes or laces. It would be very much appreciated if black or white shoes were purchased the next time new shoes are needed. Some of our soccer fans are bringing their brightly coloured shoes to school to change into at lunch time for playing active games, such as soccer or football.

Please take some time to discuss our safety Golden Rules with your children over the dinner table. They include;

- **Movement around the school** – walk quietly and orderly, move peacefully in correct lines and in single file down stairs, walk bike/scooter in school grounds;
- **Play** – use equipment appropriately, return equipment to right place after use, play school approved games, play in correct area;
- **Physical contact** – keep hands, feet and objects to yourself;
- **Correct attire** – wear broad brimmed hat in play areas, wear black or white shoes and socks outside at all times unless instructed otherwise by a teacher.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

As a part of our review of our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, we have joined the Positive Behaviour for Learning training. Over the next 18 months to 2 years, we will work collaboratively with the PBL team and our school based staff to re-develop our schoolwide behaviour expectations. The first training session happened last week with Mrs Watts and a team of 3 staff members.

About PBL: Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful;
- supports students in early childhood settings through to senior years of schooling;
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student;
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff;
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community.
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

The group who attended the training developed a purpose statement for our future work: *Hilder Road State School, through PBL aims to build and nurture the positive well being of the Hilder Road State School community to promote student engagement with learning.*

We are looking forward to this new journey.

Yr 5 Leadership Pin

It is so encouraging to see a number of students starting to work on one element towards their Leadership Pin – their Community Service. The Cybrary Cadets and After School shop appear popular at the moment, however, students can also volunteer to help with the Prep play area (please come and see Mrs Cooper to have your name added to the roster) and watering or weeding gardens.

Teachers are often happy to have Yr 5 students sharpen pencils before school, so don't forget to approach teachers to see if you can be of service to your school.

There will be other opportunities through the year at whole school events to help with putting chairs out in the hall and packing them away. The next major opportunity for students to work towards their Leadership Pin will be at the community ANZAC Service on 25th April. We leave from The Gap State High School and march to Walton Bridge Park for the Community Service. If our Year 5 students wear their full uniform and hat and march with the school, they will earn 2 hours towards their community service hours.

Students are reminded to keep their log of Community service in a folder in a very safe place. The other elements that go towards their Leadership Pin include the effort they put into their classes and their overall behaviour and ability to be a role model to others. We continue to monitor these other elements over the semester and year. This year we will be celebrating the success of our Year 5 students at two Pin ceremonies – one at the end of Term 2 and the other at the start of Term 4. Parents will be advised of the dates of these ceremonies in advance, to assist with attendance.

NAPLAN for 2018

National Assessment Plan – Literacy and Numeracy, are tests for Year 3 and 5 students. These assessments test reading, writing, language features and spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The key dates are **Tuesday, 15th May, Wednesday, 16th May, and Thursday, 17th May**. Please avoid taking children out of school at these times. If you have any queries or concerns, please discuss these with your child's teacher during Parent/Teacher interviews or early next term.

Over-the-counter Medications

The Department recognises that all medications, including over the counter (OTC) medications, eg: paracetamol or alternative medicines, may be drugs or poisons and may cause side effects. As such, schools are required to receive medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner (eg: doctor, dentist, optometrist, but **not** a pharmacist) to administer **any** medication to students, including those bought over the counter.

Whilst parents may administer OTC medications to their child without medical authorisation, they are aware of the child's complete medical history, and are able to provide ongoing, direct supervision for the course of the child's illness. Due to these circumstances, a parent is also more likely to recognise if their child is having adverse effects and requires immediate medical attention.

The student's prescribing health practitioner also has the knowledge of the child's medical history to determine the appropriate OTC medication to administer and is therefore able to determine dosage and provide advice regarding potential side effects or interactions with other medications.

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Olivia D in 5MR has qualified for the World Irish Dance Championships that are being held in Glasgow commencing on Saturday, 24th March. She has been undefeated in her age group for two years in Queensland. Olivia will fly out this week to head to Glasgow for the competition. She has been training every day in the lead up to this prestigious event and her parents and the school are extremely proud of her great work ethic and dedication. All the best Olivia – we wish you well for the competition.

Playground Supervision

Playgrounds are supervised by the Hilder Road staff at morning tea and lunchtime only. If any students use these playgrounds before or after school, they **MUST** have a parent with them, carefully monitoring their play. The playgrounds remain "out of bounds" for all students not with a parent at these times. Can you please take the time to discuss this important safety message with your child/ren.

Kind regards,

Amanda Cooper

Calendar of Events

14th-15th March	Prep Vision Screening
14th March	Swimming (Years 1-3)
15th March	School Choir Rehearsal cancelled
15th March	North West Districts – Rugby League (boys)
16th March	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Wear orange T-Shirt or orange accessory.
16th March	Interschool Sport
19th-29th March	Parent/Teacher Interviews
19th-21st March	Metropolitan Honours Choral Camp (Years 5-6)

19th March	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
20th March	Metro North Squash
21st March	Red Food Day – School Tuckshop
21st March	Swimming (Years 1-3)
21st March	North West Districts - Soccer
22nd March	Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation "Come as a Fan" (Fundraiser – Fans in Hall)
22nd March	Chappy Games (Prep students)
23rd March	Interschool Sport
26th-27th March	Midi String Camp at Payne Road State School (no morning rehearsals at Hilder Road)
28th March	Easter Hat Parade – 9.00am (Prep-Year 2) Choir performing at the Parade (Prep-Year 2)
28th March	Seniors Cross Country
28th March	Metro North – AFL (boys)
29th March	Juniors Cross Country
29th March	String lessons
29th March	Metro North – AFL (boys)
29th March	Last school day of Term 1
30th March	Good Friday
17th April	School Resumes (Term 2)
15th May	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
16th May	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
17th May	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
19th May	Trivia Night ("T" for Trivia)
6th June	The Readers Cup 2018 for the Brisbane Central Region, hosted by Hilder Road State School

Borrowing

- We are open daily before school at 8:30am and at lunch times for borrowing and using computers.
- Please feel welcome to visit the Cybrary before school at 8:30am to select a book or read to your child.
- Students may sign on to use the computers once a week at lunch times.
- Students completing assignments or homework will take priority for computer use.
- Please check your child has returned any overdue library books ASAP.
- Teachers have been issued with overdue lists for their classes.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence - 16th March

- All classes have been informed about the Speech Bubble Competition to encourage students to suggest ways we can stand up against bullying at Hilder Road State School.
- The purpose is to generate positive thinking about working together to build a respectful, inclusive, supportive, caring school which celebrates differences and is a safe and happy place for everyone.
- At our assembly on Thursday, 15th March the winners of the competition will be announced. Our Feel Good Team will address the issues with an informative skit.
- See the website below for further information.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay>

Tangalooma EcoMarines – Year 5

- On Sunday morning, 4th March, our four Year 5 EcoMarines kindly volunteered with their families to join the Clean Up Australia Day event at Wynnum Foreshores.
- Ella, Sam, Leo, Livingstone and their families worked tirelessly cleaning up the parklands and beach areas. I was so impressed with their dedication, passion and cooperation.
- These students were a pleasure to work with cleaning up our coastal environment and helping keep our marine life safe from the impacts of rubbish, especially cigarette butts. See the website below.

<http://www.tangaloomaecomarines.com/>

Wellbeing Week 8

- This week we address the issues of mindfulness, wellbeing, self-reflection, and feedback.
- The focus is on types of feedback; written criteria sheets, verbal and facial expressions.
- The Dinner Time Talk is **“How can you use feedback to set new goals?”**
- Challenging one’s own performance occurs when we set our goals and when we reflect on our performance/achievement.
- Questions such as, “Am I proud of what I have achieved?” help us formulate our plan/goals for the next challenge.
- Goal setting helps us to progress in our learning, sporting skills, music, games and school work.

Wellbeing Week 9

- This week we address coping with change and social perceptions.
- The focus is on how I have changed.
- The Dinner Time Talk is **“How am I different from last year? How have I changed since Prep?”**
- Encourage your child to think about how they have changed the way they think about the world. Discuss as a family why these changes have happened.

Social Skill for March

- This month we have a focus on the Social Skill of dealing with our own and others' feelings.
- Students need to understand the importance of being sensitive to the feelings of others and knowing that we all experience a range of feelings which is normal.
- See the following parent website for further information.

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

Habits of Mind Focus for March - Creating, Imagining and Innovating

- One of the Habits of Mind this month is Creating, Imagining and Innovating.
- Try a different way. Generate new and novel ideas, fluency and originality.
- Give your children examples from your everyday lives, literature and the media.

"Happiness...it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

Values Education Focus for March

- Discuss the importance of the following value with your children – Freedom.
- Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.

Regional Readers Cup 2018 – Year 6

- Over the last several years our Year 6 students have enjoyed the challenge of competing with approximately 25 other schools for the Readers Cup which is an exciting reading competition.
- The team of four and one reserve read 4 set novels and one higher level picture book. The interschool competition entails a series of questions on the set books. The winning team wins the trophy and goes on to the Queensland State Final.
- A high level of reading ability, team work, a sense of commitment and cooperation are needed.
- The Readers Cup 2018 for the Brisbane Central Region will be hosted by Hilder Road State School on Wednesday, 6th June from 9:00am to 12 noon approximately.
- If you have a Year 6 child who is an excellent reader and team player, encourage them to try out at our last Readers Cup Trial on Tuesday, 20th March in the Cybrary at 11:00am for morning tea.
- Our HRSS Readers Cup representatives will be announced at our assembly on Thursday, 22 March.

Read With Your Child Daily

- Enjoy the bedtime routine by sharing quality books with your child.
- See the Mem Fox website for Mem's 10 read aloud commandments.

<http://memfox.com/for-parents/for-parents-ten-read-aloud-commandments/>

"I believe we should spend less time worrying about the quantity of books children read and more time introducing them to quality books that will turn them on to the joy of reading and turn them into lifelong readers."—James Patterson

Bookclub News – Final Total for 2017

We have received a certificate from Scholastic congratulating our school on earning \$3,060 in rewards during 2017. Every time you purchase a book through the Book Club or Book Fair, our school earns 20% commission to spend with Scholastic. This has been used to provide beautiful new books for the library and curriculum resources to support classroom learning.

Thank you very much for your generous support for both Book Club and our Book Fair. We hope you continue to encourage a love of reading and enjoy sharing some wonderful stories with your children.

Sports News (Emma Bateman)

North West District Teams

Congratulations to these students for their selection in the North West District teams:

Olivia AS. for netball and Thomas C. for AFL - Good luck!

Please remember all upcoming sport trials can be accessed via the following link:

<https://metnorthschoolsport.eq.edu.au/Districtsports/north-west-primary/Pages/North-West-District-Trial-Notices.aspx>

Interschool Sport

Rugby League

It has been a long time since HRSS has participated in the Interschool Rugby League Competition. The students were keen and ready to play against Ashgrove and Oakleigh! The boys displayed exceptional behaviour and fair play as they experienced their early season losses! There were a lot of well thought out and considered tackles while they are currently working on their HAKA inspired War Cry!

Inter-house Cross Country

28th of March - Senior Cross Country

29th of March - Junior Cross Country

It's been a wet lead up to training for cross country but we have managed to work on our fitness levels during PE lessons. The school course is 1km and depending on age, the students will run up to 3 laps of the School oval.

Music News (Kathryn Bryant)

Choir News

Please note that there will not be a Choir Rehearsal this Thursday morning, 15th March.

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

String News (Terence O'Donohue)

Rehearsals

Congratulations to all students who have been attending the morning rehearsals. Senior Students are to arrive by 7.30am and Junior Strings are to arrive by 8.20am and wait quietly inside the Hall with their instrument and books. There are no Chamber or Beginner Strings rehearsals at this stage.

Instrument Care

Parents, please remind your child not to leave instruments outside the classroom in the port racks. Due to the warm weather we are having, and also due to the fact the instrument can be a "temptation" for other children to open the case and "have a look!" Instruments are to be placed somewhere safe in classrooms. Parents, please discuss an appropriate place with the Class Teacher.

Year 4 String Students, (second year strings)

Year 4 String Students will be receiving an information letter shortly regarding the Midi String Camp (day camp) on Monday 26th, and Tuesday, 27th March being held at Payne Road State School, The Gap. The students will be working with Mr Sharp, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Messenger, Mrs Zhang and Mr Dornbush. It will be a wonderful two days of making music, working on technique, tone production and making new friends from schools such as Hilder Road, Ashgrove, Payne Road and The Gap State School.

Home Practice

It is important that homework sheets, books and display folders are brought to every lesson, and these items are labelled/named. Junior and Senior Strings should also play their scales, tutor book exercises, and ensemble pieces at least 5 times in each practice session, at least 4 days a week. Repetition helps the learning process so the more you play each piece the better. Since we have group lessons, it is very important that all students practice to ensure success and to achieve the full value of the lesson. Of course, to be realistic, there will be some weeks when practice will be limited due to circumstances. In these cases, can parents please write a brief note or make a note on the homework sheet.

Rehearsals / Lessons

There will be no morning rehearsals or lessons on Tuesday, 27th March due to the Midi String Camp. There will still be lessons on Thursday 29th March.

Happy practicing!

Band News (Carmen Forgan)

Learning an instrument can be the most rewarding experience, although at times it can also be extremely frustrating. To get the most out of learning to play an instrument a child needs to play as often as possible. The less a child plays their instrument the more frustrated they will become. Children often have busy weeks with after school commitments and finding time to practice can be overlooked. If practice is built into a weekly routine (eg Monday pm, Tuesday am, Thursday am, Saturday am, Sunday am) children will reap the rewards. The more you play, the more you improve, and in turn, the more you will want to play!

Congratulations to William S and Alex C for teaching themselves a fabulous new piece of music!

Congratulations to Alex K. and Quin C. on their amazing compositions!

Chaplaincy (Michelle Ting)

Buddies

Preps and their Year 5 buddies enjoyed seeing each other again. They took turns tracing each other's body outline with chalk outside the classroom. They also did reading, drawing, puzzles, building block construction and played Snap and UNO. It was lovely watching the older buddies teaching the

younger ones how to play the games and encouraging them as they played.

Chappy Games!

Years 1 and 2 students had lots of fun at Chappy Games doing mazes, dot to dot worksheets and jigsaw puzzles.

There will be no Chappy Games this week (Week 8). Chappy Games will resume in Week 9 and will be for Preps (Thursday, 22nd March). I will go around to the Prep classrooms to explain how it works and see who's interested.

Parent Support Group

We have a wonderful community at Hilder Road, and one thing we have is a Parent Support Group to help school families in need (provide cooked meals, etc).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or someone you know is going through a difficult time (eg: broken leg, new baby, single parent, financially tight, etc). If there is anything else you would like help for, please let me know.

If you would like to join the list of volunteers who are happy to help, email me at michelle.ting@chappy.org.au.

Uniform Shop News (Liz Stanley)

Uniform Stock

- Library bags are back in stock- Red, Blue, Pink, Purple & Black are available.
- Chair bags are low in stock, only red available.
- The Year 6 shirts have now been ordered. There will be a wait due to Chinese New Year, hopefully the shirts will arrive before the end of Term 1. As soon as they arrive at school and it is convenient with teachers I will be passing them onto the students. We understand that Year 6 are eager to receive their shirts as soon as possible.
- Inter-school shirts are available in the shop for Year 4s and above.
- Ample 2nd hand clothes are in stock.
- Volunteers are now needed for the shop. Please go to Sign-Up link below to register your interest. Thank you.

<http://signup.com/go/bYbvCdZ>

P&C News (Liz Stanley)

Thank you to Official Clothing who kindly came to present the P&C with a cheque for \$500 at assembly for winning their scholarship. Anyone who wants to enter this year into their Scholarships for Dreams competition to have a chance of winning \$500 then click the link below for more details.

<https://www.official.com.au/official-scholarships-dreams>

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Official is proud to announce its Scholarships for Dreams campaign where students can enter for a chance to win \$500.00 towards their dream.

- Thursday & Friday After-School Shop is in the Hall Kitchen. Slushies, Icy Poles, Ice Cups & Frozen Yoghurt are available after 3.00pm. All proceeds from the Thursday Shop will go to the 2018 Year 6 Graduation, and all proceeds from the Friday Shop will go to the P&C. Volunteering students from Year 5 will be staffing the Friday shop to gain minutes towards their Leadership Pin.
- 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>

- FREE MOVIE NIGHT FOR PARENTS, CARERS & TEACHERS (OVER 18s EVENT) - BOQ, The Gap would like to give back to the HRSS School Parents, Carers and Staff by shouting a Free Movie Night to see Games Night (rated MA) on Saturday, 24th March. Times are set for 6.00pm arrival, for 6.30pm start. In addition, this is a chance to learn more about the products that BOQ has to offer. Tickets are limited so get in quick. Email Brendan on brendan.nash@boq.com.au before Friday, 17th March to claim your ticket.
- Entertainment Books - Order now and receive over \$150 of bonus Early Bird offers (Hurry, these sell out quickly!). Click on the link to take you to the school payment page:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2226r94>

- Red Food Day in the Tuckshop will be Wednesday, 21st March. Chicken Nuggets & Chips, Cupcakes & Lolly Bags. Order on Flexischools or on a brown paper bag before 9am on the day.
- Trivia Night is on Saturday, 19th May. "T for Trivia" is the theme. Dress yourself and your table in the theme. Doors open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Get your team together now and tickets go on sale at the start of Term 2.
- Volunteering form will be going home soon - please fill in and return the form to the office.
- Tuesdays & Friday mornings. Barista Coffee available from the Hall Kitchen from Emma and Jo. \$3.50 for a coffee!!

Tuckshop News (Jane Harder)

Gratitude

A big **THANK YOU** to the following volunteers who have donated their valuable time in the last month of school either in person at the tuckshop or via homebaking:

Debbie Shardlow, Anna Whateley, Di Crouch, Andrea Cazier, Megha Khilari, Karla Vavra-Quintanilla, Kym McNamara, Philippa Milner, Judith Stow, Krystal Leet, Oryana Burette, Nat Salter, Kat Morley-Davies, Alisa Norman, Karen Murphy, Sonia Kioupelis, Michelle Basha, Alexia Denner, Joy Bucholz, Jenn Aleo, Philippa Milner, Joe Leet, Alexis Duggan, Melissa Muller, Kim Smith and Annika Arnaoutopoulos.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the coming fortnight. Please email me if interested at hrsstuckshop@gmail.com

Red Food Day

Wednesday, 21st March will be our tuckshop's first **RED FOOD DAY** this year.

The following food will be available for order online including:

- cupcakes \$2;
- chicken nuggets and hot chips \$4; and
- lolly bags \$1

Over the counter sales for lolly bags, jelly cups and cupcakes and other treats will also be available for \$1 only, both at morning tea and lunch.

**** ALL DONATIONS OF CUPCAKES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED ****

Please notify me either via email or in person if you are able to donate any baked goods.

Chess Tournament News – Max Valori

Good luck to the HRSS chess players attending the North Brisbane Interschool Tournament at Nundah State School on Thursday, 15th March. All the best to Harry S, Lincoln W, Ethan C, Lucca K, Tom C, Adelaide C, Alex K, William S, Luka V-Q and Ollie C.

Community News

Smash Football

Smash Football is an afterschool indoor soccer competition held in the hall on Monday afternoons. In Term 2 students in Years 1, 2 & 3 are invited to play in the comp. To claim a spot email Ben at ben@smashfootball.com.au. The first game is on Monday 30th April.

<http://www.smashfootball.com.au/>