From Dan’s Desk…

A warm welcome to all students, families, staff and community members at Hillcrest Primary School for 2013. Special welcome to all students and families who may be joining the Hillcrest community for the very first time, we hope you find your stay with us enjoyable and rewarding. Our school has initiated a number of exciting new programs this year in response to community input and national guidelines as we strive to continue to provide our students with exceptional opportunities to learn and grow.

School enrolments are currently at 440 students from Kindergarten to year seven with thirteen primary classes. Mrs Betty Fawcett retired from her Kindergarten position during the vacation period, Mrs Penny Nind and Mrs Jacqui Phillips have increased their respective roles to accommodate her departure with Ms Kristie Hamilton and Ms Yeng Juan completing the additions to our early years team.

Sensei Ayako Collett has already made an impression with students from years one to seven embracing our new Japanese LOTE program with enthusiasm and vigour. I’m sure parents will also be hearing about the positive outcomes students will receive from the appointment of Mrs Natasha Lay as our school chaplain every Thursday and Friday. Mrs Tina Elphick has teamed with Mrs Linda Glendinning in room 19. We welcome Mrs Sarah Hawes who will teach room 10 once a fortnight whilst Mr Ken Spencer provides Numeracy leadership throughout the school. Mrs Catriona Harrison has returned in a curriculum enrichment role assisted by Mrs Sue Dalby, Learning Support Co-ordinator and the recently created Inclusivity Team who meet weekly to identify student learning priorities. Literacy and Numeracy will be our curriculum priorities for the year as well as implementing the Australian Curriculum through Science.

Our school will undergo a number of physical changes this year when our entire roof is removed and replaced with new corrugated iron. This major refurbishment will commence during the Easter holidays and is expected to be completed by term two. We are also seeking community support in getting an administration area upgrade to improve our entrance statement and provide a more practical and welcoming environment for our parents and prospective students.

Check out our term planner which outlines all the events scheduled for this term. We have a number of public holidays and a School Development Day which will help make our eleven week term seem surprisingly short. All parents and community members are welcome to the first P&C meeting for 2013 to be held this 7.30pm Wednesday 20th February in the staffroom. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

Parents are encouraged to touch base with their classroom teacher, as a first point of contact, regarding all matters relating to your child’s education and well being. Our teaching staff are more than happy to make an appointment to meet after-school to discuss your child’s progress. The administration staff are more than happy to assist in situations where you feel your issue remains unresolved or requires further clarification once contact has been made with your child’s teacher.

I look forward to sharing an engaging year of learning as our school community works closely together to continue to provide a safe and caring environment that strives to create exciting learning and growth experiences.

Dan Bralic
Principal
**Konnichiwa from the Japanese classroom!**

My name is Ayako Collett and I am from Yamaguchi in Western Japan. I have been living in Australia since 2006, and have studied Education specialising in linguistics and language teaching.

I really love playing music: I play the violin in Perth’s South Side Symphony Orchestra, and back in Japan I was a member of a semi-professional Taiko Drumming team. I also enjoy karate, travelling, cooking and outdoor activities. I am married to an Australian, and I am really enjoying life in Australia.

I am passionate about teaching languages as I believe that learning about another culture through its language is very appropriate to Australia’s multicultural society and the international world we live in today. It also cultivates respect, tolerance and empathy towards people from all walks of life. Learning a language at a young age will help your child’s future language learning, regardless of what language they may study later on.

I look forward to getting to know you and your children and teaching them the Japanese language and culture.

Sensei Ayako Collett

**UNITY**

We are practising UNITY when we...

- Treat all people as members of one human family
- See the gifts in differences
- Refuse to join in when others express prejudice
- Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions
- Care for the earth and all living things
- Act like a peacemaker wherever we go

Children have been introduced to this virtue – what it means, how we practise it, what it ‘looks’ like, ‘feels’ like, ‘sounds’ like – so I invite you to ask them to share what they have learned. You may wish to discuss UNITY and how it can be seen within your family.

**UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION**

Change of contact details are required to be advised to the office. Please ensure you inform the office as soon as possible as it may be in your child’s best interests if the school should need to contact you quickly in an emergency situation. If there are any Family Court Orders or custody arrangements, please make an appointment with the office to record the necessary information.

**FULL HAT / FULL PLAY**

It is pleasing to see so many students wearing broad brimmed hats that are endorsed by the school community as part of the Dress Code. Baseball caps (peaked caps) and visors do not give sufficient sun protection and are not acceptable attire. For the protection and wellbeing of our students, teachers will be enforcing the “FULL HAT FULL PLAY” policy to promote safe habits and consistency in the playground.

**MEDICAL DETAILS – HEALTH PLANS**

Children with special health needs that require specific handling such as allergies, heart conditions or epilepsy, will require a Health Management Plan. Forms, which your Doctor will need to complete, are available from the school office. This medical information is required by admin to create an individual Health Management Plan for your child’s safety. If no changes are required to your child’s plan from 2012, parents are required to visit the office and re-sign the existing plan as being updated and no changes to be made.

**EARLY ARRIVALS**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that adequate supervision of children cannot be guaranteed until after 8.30 am.

**LATE PICKUPS**

There have been a few situations where children have not been collected in a timely manner. Please ensure that your children are aware of who will be collecting them and where this will occur. In case of an emergency please notify the office at your earliest convenience on 9370 2330.
School Banking is available for all students who have a Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank. So every Friday before school, between 8.20am and 8.50am, come along to the Canteen to make deposits or for more information. Don't forget every term we give away $25!, deposited into your bank account, all you have to do is make a deposit to be in the draw. See Anne or Sarah for more info or phone 9271 5181.

The Uniform Shop is desperately in need of second-hand clothing. All donations appreciated and can be dropped off to the office. The uniform Shop is schedule to be opened on Thursday 7 March 8.15am - 9.00am and Thursday 11 April 8.15am - 9.00am. The Uniform Shop works on a Pre-Paid system. Order forms are available from the office.

“Book Club” Issue 1, is now closed. No late order will be accepted.

Chess Club is now underway and new members are welcome from Y2 -7 forms are available, from the office.

GrassHopper Soccer: Term 1 Program, is now underway, for information. email www.grasshopper.com.au

Mathletics Passwords have now been sent home with your child, we encourage you to use Mathletics at home with your children. This program was a very generous donation from the P&C Committee.

Tennis Coaching during the school term Ross Gerran’s Tennis school will be conducting tennis coaching for children and adults in your area. Application forms are available from the school office or by call Ross on 9284 9588 or mobile 0408 945 509. If times or venues are unsuitable please call for details of alternative venues.

HELP PROTECT OUR SCHOOL. IF YOU LIVE IN THE HILLCREST PROXIMITY WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HELP US BY REPORTING ANY SUSPICIOUS OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY YOU SEE TAKING PLACE ON THE SCHOOL GOUNDS. YOU CAN MAKE A REPORT TO THE FOLLOWING.

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Merit Award Winners - 15 February

R3 Lily - May Rohde  
R4 Isabella Baker  
R5 Hannah Anderson  
R6 Callum Lincoln  
R7 Sarah Lyndon  
R8 Bayley Brown  
R9 Zita Wormuth  
R10 Jene Jackman-Skele  
R11 James Sta-Ana  
R12 Matthew Lincoln  
R18 Alicia Arian  
R19 Maria Cerrero  
R20 Claudia Dikolli  
Music Muhammad Shafwan, Taliah Butler  
Art Enid Karafilis Smith, Rina Furnival

Congratulations on your Merit Award.

ASSEMBLY INFORMATION - 16 NOVEMBER, 2012

Junior: Gold  Blake Austin
Junior: Black  Daniel Delanty
Junior: Red  John Vizer
Junior: Gold  Edward Vizer
Junior: Black  Matthew Sadler
Junior: Red  Harshit Bhatt

Winning Faction:  Black
Cupid Bear Winner:  Room 7
## Hillcrest Staff Members 2013

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## UP AND COMING EVENTS

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