Welcome back to Hillcrest Primary School for the most rewarding term of the year as we pause to reflect on our achievements, celebrate our successes, strive to learn from our challenges and set new goals for the future. There is plenty for students to look forward to with a number of end of year events, long in the planning, reaching their climax. The year seven camp to Rotto, Graduation Lunch, Presentation Assembly, In-term dance and Halloween Disco are just a few of the dates you need to look out for.

Annie Jackson, our school’s long serving Cleaner in Charge recently announced her retirement. I’d like to thank Annie for all her efforts in providing the students and staff of Hillcrest with a safe learning environment over many years and wish her the very best in her retirement.

We currently have a number of support staff vacancies. If you are interested in applying for these positions check out the JobsWA website or contact the front office for more information.

Independent Public Schools Briefing Day will be held this Friday 25th October. School council chair Dr. Gavan McGrath, school council teacher representative Melanie Haines and I will be briefed on the proposed opportunities available to schools considering adopting this model of school governance. I look forward to sharing this information with you for future consideration.

NAPLAN Individual student reports have already been sent home to parents. School staff participated in analysis of school performance and is currently engaged in discussions about target setting for 2014. One major priority, the development of Whole School Numeracy Approaches will be discussed when key staff and I meet with numeracy guru Dr Paul Swan this Monday to review our current planning and guide future directions.

With the warmer weather approaching, it is a timely reminder that Hillcrest has a Full Hat Full Play policy with students who are wearing full brimmed hats are provided with the maximum playground opportunities. Students without hats are expected to remain in shaded or under covered areas.

Do you know what a Hillcrest S.T.A.R.R. is? If you don’t, start talking to the kids about what it means to be a Hillcrest S.T.A.R.R. S.T.A.R.R. stands for Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect and Responsibility. The Hillcrest S.T.A.R.R. A3 poster competition closes Wednesday 30th October with the winners enjoying a sumptuous (pizza) lunch with the Hillcrest Positive Behaviour Schools team which will vote on the winning poster and subsequent design of the mascot or logo that best reflects our new school expectations.

Don’t forget to buy your ticket for our Christmas Cocktail Gala. This is a special Friday Night Fundraiser with Live entertainment, Food, Drinks and the opportunity to bid on some amazing prizes and gifts donated from local businesses and national sporting teams. Friday 29th November is the date. $25 is the cost. It is Cocktail Dress attire with all funds raised going directly to support funding the YouthCARE Chaplaincy program at Hillcrest Primary School. Hope to see you there.

Ordering Sports & Special Photos Fotowork’s have a new system for parents to order Sports & Special Photos this year. The extra photos taken on photo day are on their website. www.fotoworks.com.au Parents can go directly to the web site and order online.

All orders are posted direct to the parent’s address. Instructions to access the Gallery is available from the school office.

Dan Bralic
Principal

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Virtue for weeks 3 & 4 is Determination

I am practising Determination when ………..

☆ I set goals and keep going until I achieve them.
☆ I get things done. I stay on purpose.

You are practising Determination when you believe what you are doing is important. Focus your attention on what you are doing. Set goals for yourself.
☆ Resist being distracted
☆ Keep going if it gets difficult
☆ Ask for help when you need it
☆ Finish what you start

Mr Steve Fairs

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AWARD

This award recognizes students who have made a significant contribution in the wider community. Although these are usually awarded to year 7 students, all students are eligible for nomination. Where possible, nominations should be supported with documented evidence and submitted by:

by Friday 15 November 2013

THE BARRY VINCE AWARD

The “Barry Vince” awards are presented each year to selected students who perform in a range of fields at an exceptionally high level – usually state representation, recognized academic courses or special secondary placement programs that involve rigorous selection criteria. These are prestigious awards given at our end of year graduation.

Nominations are called for now and close on

Friday 15 November 2013

FELICITY DEAR ARTS AWARD

Nominations are called for students to be recognized for our “Felicity Dear Arts Award”. Students and parents self-nominate and are asked to provide a brief outline of achievement in the area of the arts.

For further information contact Steve Fairs

by Friday 15 November 2013

ARE YOU LEAVING HILLCREST PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2014?

Please let us know

Name…………………………………………………………

Year: ………………………

What school will you be going to:

……………………………………………………………….

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on

♥ Thursday 14 November
♥ Thursday 28 November

Thursday 28 November will be the FINAL day to place orders for 2014.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Undercover Assembly Area

Kindy to Year 3 4.30pm—6pm
Year 4 to Year 7 6.30pm—8pm

Prepaid tickets $5.00 or pay at the door $7.00
Prizes for the best dressed and prizes given out through the night.

STS STUDENT EXCHANGE

are seeking Aussie families willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family.
Our next students will arrive from Europe, Canada and South America late January 2014. Call to start your adventure. 1800 263 964 or email stsf@people.net.au.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR—
Australian School of Performing Arts (asap).
Join us in 2014. Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.
Perth Open Day—Sunday 27 October
Classes are held for girls 5-12yrs in Duncraig, Murdoch and Subiaco. Ph: 6365 2100.

Ballajura Indoor Sports - Junior Netball
For children ages 6-12yrs. New season will commence Wednesday 16 October, Saturday 19 October and run for 18wks. Cost $130 per player.
Register NOW. Ph: 9249 6611

www.ballajurindoorsports.com.au

Thank you to all families who have paid for Dance Lessons and a friendly reminder to those who have forgotten

‘Payment is now due ’
**UPCOMING EVENTS ………..**

**MONDAY 28 OCTOBER**
- INTERM SWIMMING CONTINUES
  - PP—YR 2

**THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER**
- HALLOWEEN CAKE STALL
  - ROOM 11 & 12

**FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER**
- HALLOWEEN DISCO
  - JNR 4.30PM
  - SNR 6.30PM

**MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER**
- YR 7 ROTTNEST CAMP
  - ALL WEEK

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**Assembly Information**

**18 October**
- Black: Harrison Robins
- Gold: Kyah Williams
- Red: Daniel Nguyen
- Black: Rosie Streeton
- Gold: Rachael Baxter
- Red: Ty Dawson-Smith

Winning Faction: Black
Uniform ‘Cupid Bear’ Award: Room 20

**25 October**
- Black: Stephan McDaid
- Gold: George Poh
- Red: Hyani Quila
- Black: Jasmin Schroeder
- Gold: Janice Stevens
- Red: Lah Yu Klin

Winning Faction: Black
Uniform ‘Cupid Bear’ Award: Room 9

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- Sporting goods available at discount prices

PHONE: 09284 9588
MOB: 0408 945 509
FAX: 5264 9908

Free Racquet for Pre-school children when first enrolled
- Private Lessons
- Equipment advice
- Racquet restringing and repairs

Equipment available at discounted prices at Enrolments

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**SCOLASTIC BOOKS CLUB - ISSUE 7 IS NOW CLOSED**

**VACANCIES FOR PRE - PRIMARY 2014 STILL AVAILABLE**
Hillcrest Primary School partnering with YouthCARE Chaplaincy would like to invite you to our

Christmas Cocktail Party

Tickets available from Admin

7pm - 10pm
29th November 2013

Hillcrest Primary School
2 Bay View St, Bayswater

Dress Code: Cocktail Attire

Tickets: $25 each

This event is to celebrate the Staff and Students who have gone before us and fundraise money for the Pastoral Care Team at Hillcrest PS.

There will be a Silent Auction and opportunities to give a LOVE donation as support to our School. There will be live entertainment, cocktail food, and alcoholic beverages for SALE.

Please RSVP and purchase your ticket at the School
NAIDOC 2013

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 was the start of our first NAIDOC for 7 years. Flag raising day was well planned and to be held on the netball courts at the Coode Street entrance of the school.

Thank you to Bunning's, Ms Tina Pain, Mr Watkins and several students, our native garden was planted near the new flag pole and all was in readiness. Mother nature had other ideas sending us strong winds and heavy rain so plan B was put into action, off to the undercover area we went.

Lataya Martin from Year 5 and Mr Bralic began proceedings and Mr Glowacki and Riley Cameron raised the flag for us on the special contraption set up for this purpose. A very special welcome to country in Noongar Language from Mrs May McGuire, elder and grandmother of two of our students and a speech of encouragement from Mr Ben Wyatt MLA Shadow Treasurer and Shadow Minister for Aboriginal affairs. NAIDOC 2013 underway. Other VIP guests included Mrs Gaye Swannell, elder and member of our school community for many years, Mrs Lisa Baker MLA and Francesca Lefante CEO of the City of Bayswater.

Lots of students started coughing when the smoking ceremony began but they soon forgot the smoke when Barry McGuire began to sing in language and then joined the Gya Ngoop Noongar Dancers to present some dances including Trapdoor Spider Dance.

It was beautiful to see Year 4 student, Tjiirdm McGuire, dancing with his father and uncles in this family group. To finish off our flag Raising Ceremony, Miles Deakin Thomas from Year 5 explained the Sea of Hands and then each child from Hillcrest PS placed a hand of reconciliation on our Sea of hands around the flag. It was a beautiful sight to see

Tuesday bought us the very busy Art and Craft Day with the undercover filled with children, parents and teachers painting faces, painting gum nuts, plaiting headbands and making badges. I was very proud to see the children from Room 20 in the Dreaming theatre with their dilly bags of goodies teaching the smaller children about dreamtime, animal dances and string games.

A highlight of the day was the Men’s and Women's business activities brought to us by Koodha Cornwall and his daughter Delvene. One teacher was moved to tears by the Women’s business and some of the boys were seen trying to copy Koodha’s gum leaf antics at recess. They made bush jewellery with the children in the afternoon. It was a pleasure to have them with us.

Throughout the day Ms Duggan had every child paint their hand and place a handprint on a canvas, it looks spectacular and can be seen hanging in the undercover area.

It was a very busy and tiring day but well worth the effort.

Thursday was our cooking day YUM! In the morning we had “clash of cultures cooking” where we made chocolate crackles with a very special native plant ingredient LEMON MYRTLE. They were delicious and we wonder what tasty morsel Tina Pain will come up with next year. Mrs McGuire, Mrs Swannell and Mrs Thomas made huge dampers to dip into our Kangaroo Stew at lunch. Mrs Thomas learned a lot about how to knead that dough to make damper lovely and smooth. We also had bush honey donated by Wescobee to put on the damper. The best honey most of us had ever eaten.

Mrs May McGuire and Liza McGuire made the beautiful Kangaroo stew. Mrs Thomas had some made from tails and ‘oh my goodness’. The queue for stew and damper was around the basketball courts in no time and many students lined up for seconds and thirds.

Many thanks to Melissa and Sarah De Silva from the canteen for their great help on the day.

In the afternoon the Year 5 & 7 students were very lucky to have Barbara Bynder from the Berndt Museum of Anthropology at the University of WA chat to them about NAIDOC.

Friday, our final day of celebration, an assembly run by the Indigenous students from Year 5 & 7 with items from many of the classes in the school. Thank you to Mrs Neo and the school choir for their two songs, Wanjoo, a welcome song sung in Noongar Language and Gundulla We Dance sung in Wongi Language and English. The Year 1’s entertained with the Wombat Wobble, Year 1/2 sang two lullabies from the central desert, Year 2 taught us a lesson with the reconciliation poem, Room 6 showed us how to play some traditional games, Room 8 gave us some information they had learned about Indigenous culture and Room 19 taught us about some famous Indigenous people & Room 10 told us about the indigenous contribution to our defence forces.

I would like to thank NAIDOC 2013 committee, especially Ms Tina Pain and Liza McGuire for the superb effort put into our week of celebrations and I can’t wait to do it all again.

Charmaine Thomas AIEO 2013