From Dan’s Desk...

“There is a single light of science, and to brighten it anywhere is to brighten it everywhere” wrote Isaac Asimov, one of last centuries greatest thinkers and authors. The science light was shining brightly at Hillcrest Primary School last Friday when students, parents, staff and our friends from Weld Square Primary School embraced a fun day of learning. We investigated, inquired, hypothesised and discovered some amazing things about the world around us and concluded with a wonderful celebration of our learning as students showcased their understanding of the day by sharing their knowledge.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY Parents have nominated their preference and our Hillcrest Community survey results have been collated. There has been an overwhelming level of support from the community for the school council recommendation regarding CRE moving to a voluntary option for 2013. Asian Languages was reflected as being the most preferred Language Other Than English option. Physical Education and Music were reaffirmed as preferred specialist programs with strong support to retain Art along with science being identified as a focus for 2013. Thank you to the over 220 families that took the time to respond—you input is greatly valued.

IINet was our Science Day sponsor and their support allowed our students to ‘Connect Better’ with each other and the world around us. Thank You to Mr Stephen Dalby and the IINet team for providing the funding for the days activities and prizes.

SUSTAINABILITY DAY Maylands Sustainability Day was held last Saturday. The Hillcrest Primary P&C along with a few dedicated parents helped promote the sustainable living message. Sustainability is set to become a familiar term at Hillcrest in the future as our school considers taking up the Zero Carbon challenge and making a positive contribution to our environmental future.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE We are still seeking nominations for the Hillcrest Grounds committee. If anyone has a green thumb or is interested in enhancing our school grounds contact the office with your details.

APPRECIATION MORNING TEA Friends, parents, and supporters of Hillcrest Primary School were welcomed to our annual appreciation morning tea on Thursday. The adage that it ‘takes a community to raise a child’ was very evident as we acknowledged the efforts and contributions of the many individuals and community groups that enhance and enrich our schooling experience. Special mention to Mrs Vera McKinnon for her many years of service to Hillcrest Primary School and also to Jo Buswell past P&C president, school councillor and long term parent representative—Thank you all.

Have a happy and safe weekend. Student reports will be distributed next Friday 14th December. The final day for students is Tuesday 18th December.

Dan Bralic
Principal
VIRTUE OF FLEXIBILITY - WEEK 9

“As we near the end of the school year we reflect on our virtue of FLEXIBILITY. Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have our own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, we are willing to change our mind. If something doesn’t work, we try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better. During family discussion time reflect on the following:

What is it like to be around people who are not flexible?
Name some habits or ways of behaving that do not show flexibility.
Name some actions that do show flexibility.

Parent Recognition & Thankyou Morning Tea
On Thursday, parents and canteen volunteer helpers, crosswalk attendants, P& C and School Council Members, R.E. Teachers and other invited guests who were able to be present, attended a thank you morning tea in recognition of their wonderful contribution to Hillcrest School Community. Staff are grateful for their continued support and voluntary assistance.

As this is the last newsletter for 2012, I would like to thank all students and staff for a wonderful year. I would like to extend best wishes to families who are moving on from Hillcrest after many years of involvement in one way or another and I have appreciated their input and role in making Hillcrest the great school community it is."

MR STEVE FAIRS

SCIENTIST OF THE DAY

SCIENCE DAY 30 NOVEMBER, 2012

Joe G - Year 2 Room 3
Kasie M - Year 1 Room 4
Willis K - Y1 Room 5
Ziannay M - Y2 Room 6
Ashley Mc - Y2 Room 7
Ismail N - Y2 Room 8
Milla D - Y7 Room 9
Jade G - Y7 Room 10
Ahmed H - Y6 Room 11
Dali B - Y5 Room 12
Ngawai S - Y3 Room 16
Eliza T - Room 18
Oliver B - Room 19
Nuay Y - Room 20

Well done Scientists of the day (photo in inset)
Last Friday the whole school participated in a fun Science Day which was sponsored by iiNet. Classroom teachers designed a 'hands on' experiment for their class which was then shared by two other classes on a rotational basis. The buzz, interaction and enthusiasm that was displayed by the children was a sight to see. What a great way to learn!
Another successful series of dance lessons has finished. We have been very happy with the positive response and the continuing improvement of the students. Thank you to the P&C for their support. Without the subsidy provided to every participant the cost of the lessons would be prohibitive and the students would not receive the very real benefit derived from the lessons. Mrs Julie Belohlawek

Pre-primary  Room 2  Assembly Friday 23 November

If you were an animal what would you be? That’s the question the children from Pre-Primary 2 answered at their assembly on Friday 23 November. They look gorgeous in their animal costumes as they went on to entertain us with poems about the noises animal make.
WANT TO WIN AN IPAD MINI?
All you need to do is make a deposit in your youth saver account (at school) between now and 14 December, 2012. There are 12 iPad minis to be given away. So come and see us in the canteen on Friday between 8.15am – 8.50am for your chance to win!  

School Banking Co-ordinates Anne Carrick & Sarah Harrington.

Scorpions Netball Club is a new netball club looking for players for the 2013 season. The Club will train on a Wednesday night and play on a Saturday at Noranda Netball association. Please contact the club on 0430 484 884 or send an email: scorpionsnetball@hotmail.com

Perth Chinese School - are you interested in learning Chinese (Mandarin) at weekends? Perth Chinese school is a non-profit organization that aims to provide the best opportunities for children 4 years and above to learn the Chinese language.

Time: Sunday 9.30am –12.00pm (for Chinese) 12.00pm – 1.30pm Chinese Martial Arts
Venue: Yokine Primary School 39 Woodrow Ave, Yokine
Contact: Mrs. Trinh Quach 0400 963 774 or 9344 4821. Dr Li - perthmuzil@gmail.com
Website: www.perthchineseschool.com

Foster Carers (DCP) are urgently needed for children across W.A. There is specific need to recruit carers for sibling groups, teenagers and Aboriginal children. Foster Carers are needed for emergency placements, respite care, short and long-term placement and home for life care. Call Fostering and Adoption Services, Department for Child Protection on free call 1800 182 178 or visit www.childprotection.wa.gov.au.

Get Active Sports Morley, Aussie Rules for Juniors, get your child introduced to the fun and excitement of football through our Aussie Rules for junior programs. Our non-contact program is specifically designed for children aged 3 to 8 trying the sport for the first time.

Where - John Forrest Senior High School Gym, 180 Drake Street, Morley
Starts - Sunday 17 February 3 Yrs. old- 9.00am to 9.45am, 4 Yrs. old - 9.45am to 10.30am.
5 and 6 Yrs. olds—10.30am to 11.15am, 7 and 8 Yrs. olds - 11.15am to 12.00noon.
Cost $80 for 6 weekly sessions and a football for you to keep. Phone 1300 772 106 to register.

SynchroWA is the governing body for Synchronized Swimming in the state and we are staging a number of 'Come & Try Synchro' events in January 2013. These sessions are open to absolute beginners and all swimming abilities are welcomed. The session will be healthy and fun. The sessions closes to Hillcrest are Altone Park Leisure Centre, 332 Benara Road, Beechboro, Tuesday January 22, 1.30pm-3.00pm and Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre, 62 Alexander Drive, Inglewood, Tuesday 22, 4.30pm-6.00pm.
Girls are welcome to attend both of these Free events.
For further information contact Alexandra Miller, Project manager SynchroWA - www.synchrowa.com

Merit Award Winners - 7 December
R3 Angelo
R4 Leila
R5 Max
R6 Pennetté
R7 Rhiley
R8 Nuha
R9 Jan
R10 Jamie
R11 Sarani
R12 Shanelle
R16 Ngawai
R18 Elise
R19 Heath
R20 Yolanda
Music Samantha
Music River
Music Elise
Art Samantha
Art Cameron

Assembly Information - 7 December
Senior: Gold: Ella
Senior: Black: Damien
Senior: Red: Aryan
Junior: Gold: Cooper
Junior: Black: Emirana
Junior: Red: Sienna
Winning Faction: Black

Cupid Bear Winner: Pre-Primary 1