From Dan’s Desk

Season’s greetings and best wishes for the coming year from everyone at Hillcrest Primary School.

It has been an incredible year for our students and school community. We have partnered together to create magnificent learning experiences for our children that has been reflected by their enthusiasm, effort and energy all year. The contributions of the dedicated and committed group of parent representatives that meet regularly and plan many school events are to be congratulated for their input and focus throughout the year.

Congratulations also to the many students who have been recognised for their achievement during the year. Our final student reports were distributed on Friday and Book Prize and Awards Presentation the Year Seven Graduation Ceremony was held on Monday, 17 December.

2013 staffing processes are already underway and as we search for an Asian Language specialist we unfortunately must say farewell to our Italian L.O.T.E Specialist, Mrs Pauline Jones. I’d like to thank Pauline for her contribution to Hillcrest School during her tenure as our Italian Specialist and wish her the very best with her next appointment.

We also farewell two individuals who came to Hillcrest as graduates and leave us as fully registered teachers, Miss Naomi Byles and Miss Michelle Winship. Thank you for the vibrant approach to creating wonderful learning opportunities for our students. You will both enhance any school that is fortunate to have you appointed to their community. Good luck and thank you.

The education department recently approved our school roof replacement upgrade to minimise ongoing costs associated with current maintenance and upkeep. As a result when students return to school on Monday 4 January there may be some disruptions to normal class timetabling as we negotiate completion of this major refurbishment before school returns. The end result will be a new corrugated iron roof that integrates seamlessly with the local heritage of our school.

The holidays are almost upon us and I’m sure everyone is looking for ways to successfully enjoy strong and loving relationships during this time. Here are seven effective parenting tips to help navigate the festive season.

Always love your children unconditionally
Practice flexibility and adjust your parenting style when necessary
Give your child undivided attention and time
Be clear in your communication with your child
Be a good role model
Nurture self-respect in your child
Always show appreciation when your child behaves or does good

I wish all our families and friends who are leaving Hillcrest Primary School the very best for their future. I hope you have enjoyed your stay and leave with happy memories of your time with us.

Thank you to entire Hillcrest Primary School team that have worked tirelessly throughout a very rewarding year.

Have a very safe and happy holiday.

Dan Bralic
Principal
Congratulations are extended to all recipients of awards at yesterday’s Graduation / Presentation - Assembly.

They were:

**Dux:** Analissa Yang

**Swan Medal of Excellence:** Katya Lyashenko

**Community Participation:** Toriana Engelen

**Citizenship:** Katya Lyashenko, William Dunster

**Felicity Dear Art Award:** Jan Diep

**Sportsmanship:** Pippa Hall, Jason Poole

**Natalie Sampson Music Award:** Niamh Fereday

**Barry Vince Awards:** Katya Lyashenko, Analissa Yang

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**Woodside Science Awards:** Milla Davey, Jasmin Moore

**L.O.T.E**

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The staff and your parents are proud of your consistent efforts to always be a fine pupil and demonstrating the virtues we value so much at Hillcrest Primary School. Thank you for your contribution towards making Hillcrest a terrific school.

Angelo Sablad
Jasmine Lebanc
Room 3
Mrs Vera Apai & Miss Siobhan Duggan
Sophie Roberts
Liliana Rance
Room 16
Miss Michelle Winship

Jasmin Schroeder
Julia Lim
Room 4
Mrs Rita Pinnock
Edward Lyndon
Jasmine Bland
Room 18
Ms Alex Nienaber

Ashton Fry
Caitlin Seaward
Room 5
Miss Liz Ford
Serhat Argalioglu
Sebastian Steens
Room 19
Mrs Linda Glendinning & Miss Michelle Winship

Evan Rickman
Minh -Thi Phan
Room 6
Mrs Joanne Barratt
Caitlin Egan Martinez
Yeaun Lim
Room 20
Mrs Kerry Manuel

Kaitlin Steward
Cameron McDonald
Room 7
Mrs Melanie Haines & Mrs Catriona Harrison
Pennette Spiers
Mavis Lyndon
Middle
Ashleigh Benfield
Senior

Charlotte Poh
Trishia Bandoit
Room 8
Mrs Marilyn Jackson
Nicholas Clark
Carol Joseph
Lillian Hounslow

Jayde Dean
Isaac Karafilis-Smith
Room 9
Mr Richard Glowacki
Mikayla Petrusich
Milla Davey
Junior
Senior

Jade Gulliver
Chloe Egan Martinez
Room 10
Mr Ken Spencer
Amy Morris
Mikaela Gerry
Middle
Matthew Hartland
Senior

River Armenti
Holly Mortimer
Room 11
Mr John Maffei
Lataya Martin
Tjilrdm McGuire
Room 21
Mrs Catriona Harrison

Brenny Nash
Jake Meredith
Room 12
Mrs Kerry Langley
Harrison Robins
Daniel Tan
Art
Miss Siobhan Duggan

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARD WINNERS FOR 2013

Reminders and Important Dates 2013:

School opens – Tuesday 29 January, 2013 (Admin staff return)
Teaching staff return for 2013 – Thursday 31 January, 2013
Thursday 31 January - Uniform shop open (for new students only) 11.00am - 1.00pm
Class lists displayed in undercover area

Monday 4 February - students commence 2013 school year
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW CLUB CHAMPION AND RUNNERS UP.

This was the club’s 12th annual championship and great sportsmanship was shown by all the players over this seven week competition.

**CHESS FOR LIFE CHAMPION 2012**

1st River Armenti
2nd Chloe Egan Martinez
3rd Jenny Lim

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER 2012**

Jim Lim

**PARTICIPATION TROPHIES 2012**

Catlin Egan Martinez
Luka Chotard Noble
Mathew Sadler
Jake Meredith
Daniel Podgorny
Cameron McDonald
Lachlan Barr
Xavier Barr

The Chess club will be taking new members in 2013. Mr South would like to thank all members, parents and especially Mr Fairs for 2012, he would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new Year. Mr Jack South Chess for Life.

**SCITECH MYSTERY EXCURSION FOR GREEN SLIP WINNERS TERM 4**