It has been an amazing few weeks at Hillcrest Primary School. Our school community should feel proud of the level of commitment displayed from everyone who has volunteered, helped out or come along and supported the many events that have been held recently. It is pleasing to note the wonderful support that is regularly shown for our students by parents and community members who attend our weekly Friday morning assemblies. Last’s week’s Harmony Day assembly was a resounding celebration of our cultural diversity as students, teachers and community members, with representation from over 36 different nationalities, were entertained by a display of Polynesian fire dancing from Valentino Luafalealo.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The preliminary meeting of the Hillcrest School council was held on 15th March. The council is seeking to increase representation by two (2) and have called for nominations which close this Friday 30th March. Please contact the school office to complete a nomination form.

FETE POSTER COMPETITION
Our Parents & Citizens committee met last Wednesday 21st March. The meeting was again well attended by our school community. This years major fundraising event will be the Hillcrest School Fete scheduled for Sunday November 4th. If you would like to be part of the planning for this year’s event the fete committee will be getting together this Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

Students are invited to enter the Hillcrest Fete Poster competition. The focus for this years fundraising will be the completion of a shade structure overlooking the school oval. If you have a great idea complete the competition form and submit your design to the front office by Wednesday March 28th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CLASSROOM CAPERS
It has been very rewarding visiting our classrooms over the past few weeks. I have been impressed with the focus our students have as they strive to improve their personal bests in every facet of schooling. One recent visit was to the year three student’s of Miss Winship’s class where I listened to some amazing children practising their reading.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE
You can support your school by donating items for the P&C Easter Raffle. Simply place your donation of eggs, lollies, soft toys, crafts baskets, bags, etc. into the ‘black box’ located in the school office.

This annual fundraiser will be drawn next Thursday April 5th.

BRAINTEASER
Last week’s solution: A shadow
It has roots that nobody sees, is taller than trees, yet never grows.

Dan Bralic
Principal
Hillcrest Primary School will be holding a ceremony to honour our fallen soldiers, on Thursday 5 April starting at 9.15am in our assembly area, our special guest is Mr Garry Burgoyne OAM from The Korea & South East Asia Veteran Ass W.A. Branch.

After the ceremony the children from Room 10 will take flowers to Embleton Aged Care Facility where they will have Anzac cookies and lemonade with the residents.

Parents please remember to send flowers to school with your child on the day.

Assembly Information – 16 March

Junior: Black  Harrison R
Junior: Gold  Chekayla W
Junior: Red  Holly T
Senior: Black  Damien B
Senior: Gold  Mikayla G
Senior: Red  Lachlan S
Winning Faction  Red
Cupid Faction  Room 5

Assembly Information – 23 March

Junior: Black  Samuel S
Junior: Gold  Olivia D
Junior: Red  James St
Senior: Black  Georgia M
Senior: Gold  Rachel B
Senior: Red  Brayden W
Winning Faction  Red
Cupid Faction  Room 8

CONGRATULATION MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Merit Award Winners - 16 March

R3 Doris W
R4 Rosie S
R5 Providence M
R6 Jade J
R7 Ashley M
R8 Trishia B
R9 Jakob T
R10 Maxime R
R11 Sofia Rose B
R12 Samantha E
R16 Emirana R
R18 James C
R19 Sophie P
R20 Mia C
Music  Sofia Rose B
Music  Safiya A
LTA  Alicia A, Kaci F
L.O.T.E  Heath Ja, Malachi M,
Hayley W, Thomas R

Merit Award Winners - 23 March

R3 Hans Di
R4 Sienna Pi
R5 Jenny V
R6 Henry J
R7 Anahera S
R8 Rosa D-T
R9 Milla D
R10 Country N
R11 Yuvam M
R12 Kaylem H
R16 Sunny G
R18 Claudia Di
R19 Sebastian S
R20 Brayden W
Music  Sienna P, Paris S
LTA  Jessica S
L.O.T.E  Annabelle, Aikira W
L.O.T.E  Nathan S-M
On Tuesday 20 March the children from Room 3 and Room 7 went on an excursion to Lockridge Farm School. When we arrived at the farm we got off the bus and met Farmer Rob. He took us all into a large shed with benches and we sat down to have our play lunch. Later we all met Farmer Vicki. Then we went to a big paddock. After that we went to see Penny the dairy cow and Farmer Rob and Farmer Vicki showed us how to milk her. While they were milking her we stood in a line and caught the milk in cupped hands. And Farmer Vicki squirted us with the warm milk. **That was fun!**

Then we went to see another cow called **Fanta** and brushed her coat.

We saw a man shearing a sheep and we also patted a lamb. The lamb’s wool was very soft. Then we met Shaun the Sheep and we were able to feed him some pellets. He tickled our hands with his mouth. He stepped on Mrs Haines foot, that hurt a lot!

Afterwards Farmer Rob and Farmer Vicki took us to the veggie garden. Then we went onto the hen house where we collected eggs and a photo was taken of each of us holding an egg. We all smiled!

Look at the giant radish. We got to take one back to school.

Finally Farmer Rob and Farmer Vicki took us to another shed where there were some fish called **Rainbow Trout** and there was some yabbies too!

We had to yell “**Jump Fish Jump**” One of the fish jumped out of the water. That was very interesting!

At last we got on the bus and came back to school a little tired, but happy, because we all had a great experience at the farm.
VIRTUE FOR WEEKS 9 & 10

FRIENDLINESS
Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of our way to make others feel welcome or to make an invited stranger in our school or house feel at home. When we are friendly, we happily share our belongings, time, ideas and feelings. We share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness. During the next few weeks think about what it is you do to be a friend. Notice the things you say and do with those that are your friends. Talk together about how it feels to both receive and give those gifts of friendship. You might like to tell each other what you see that shows

FRIENDLINESS. Remember: “The best way to have a friend is to be one.” Peggy Jenkins

Hillcrest Community News

John Forest Secondary College Parent information Evening -
The principal and staff invite you to attend an information evening. Parents of students in year’s 5, 6, 7 are welcome to attend. Where: John Forrest Secondary College Date: Tuesday 8 May 2012 Time: 6.15pm to approx 8.00pm. There will be an opportunity for questions about College Organisation, Curriculum and Student Services.

Information will be provided about, Languages, Education Support Unit, Technology & Enterprise, Cricket, Netball, Tennis and Physical Education, Mathematics, Enrichment, Science and Bush Rangers, Instrumental Music, Society & Environment, Academic Excellence Program. Vocational Education Options

HBF- 2012 Run for a Reason get a team together, (Staff v’s Students) and join in on Sunday 27 May, 2012 to support a cancer free future. Starting and finishing at the WACA you can choose to walk or run the 4.5km or 14km distance. For more information call the Cancer Council Helpline 131120 or email www.cancerwa.asn.au

ECHO Community Services are looking for Volunteers to help in your communities.
Help is needed with Driving clients to appointment, Bus driving (‘C’ class licence only)
Bus assistants, Social Support training and support provided, kms and expensive reimbursed.
Call and chat to Pamela or Lurleen on 9271 7011

Ex –students Alex’s Gerry, Lyric & Jarrah Duckett next gig is as follows:-
Where: The Indi Bar When: Weds 28 March Time: 7pm onwards Cost: $15 entry
The band (“Board of Shamen”) is the 4th band on stage so they should be live at about 8pm.

Ballajura Junior Netball Winter season will commence Saturday April 28, Wednesday
Nominations for teams and Individual players by contacting, Jenny Loiacono on 92496611

FOUND MOBILE PHONE
PLEASE CALL INTO THE ADMIN OFFICE IF YOU THINK IT IS YOURS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHESS CLUB IN WEEK 10 OF TERM 1.

CHESS FOR LIFE - Chess club will recommence on the second Thursday back at school in term 2, in Room 17 after school from 3pm till 4pm. New members are welcome.

NAME ____________________ YR ___ SIGNED _________________________ Please put form and payment $70, ($50 each if more than 1 child, cheques made payable to Jack South) in envelope marked chess club with child’s name. Payment to be made to the office or to myself before or on the first club day please.
Thankyou for your on going support. Jack South, Chess For Life Ph 92711006.

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