The wheels on the bus went round and round and round again last week as our Hillcrest Early Childhood Centre provided some wonderful opportunities for the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students to have a special play date. As you can see from the generous smiles and friendly faces everyone had a fantastic day as staff demonstrated their commitment to ensuring all students in our Early Years program were able to play and engage with their peers in both our Hudson Street centre and our main Hillcrest site. Preliminary discussions are already underway with the Education Department to ensure all students attending Hillcrest Primary School in 2015 will be catered for on our main Bay View Street site. Thank you to the early years assistant and teaching teams for making our Play Date so special for all the children. Looking forward to doing it again next term!

**Hillcrest S.T.A.R.R.** is the inspiring acronym our school has developed to remind us of the behaviours and expectations of everyone who attends Hillcrest Primary School. S.T.A.R.R. reminds us about the need to ensure Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect and Responsibility.

It is extremely important that these expectations are also applied when travelling to and from school, especially when using the roads. If you are cycling, walking, skateboarding or just being picked up in a car please remember to ensure you are Roadwise, use correct safety equipment and ensure appropriate road etiquette.

**Universal Ramp Access** is being completed at the front entrance of the school as well as an upgrade to the Acrod Parking bays to ensure legal compliance. This construction has and will impact on staffing for the remainder of term one. We are looking forward to the completion of this project which will provide access to our site for anyone who requires assistance. ie: wheelchair, walking frame etc. Thank you for your understanding during this period of minor disruption.

**Community Day of Action**

**Tuesday April 1st 2014**

As you would be aware the State School Teachers’ Union, CPSU/CSA and United Voice have announced “A Community Day of Action” on Tuesday 1 April 2014. Parents and carers are encouraged to seek information regarding this proposed action. The latest information regarding action on the day can be located online at: http://www.education.wa.edu.au/ http://www.puttingourkidsfirst.com.au/

The Department does not endorse any form of strike or industrial action and all public sector staff have a responsibility to implement and work within any decision taken by the government of the day. Staff involved in the strike will **not be paid** for the time they are absent while taking stop work action.

Steve Fairs will assume the role of Principal during the next five weeks as I will be on long service leave from next Thursday.

Dan Bralic

We had an awesome time on our Hillcrest Early Childhood Centre Kindy and Pre-Primary Play Date.
A NOTE FROM NURSE LILLY

Vision and Eyes
Good vision is important for learning and quality of life. Watch for any of the following in your child.

- Coving/closing one eye when reading;
- Holding books very close;
- Complaining of eyestrain or headaches;
- Complaining of double vision or blurred vision with reading or board viewing;
- Complaining of words moving on the a page;
- Losing place when reading, or skipping words and lines;
- Inattention or short attention span when reading, or; rubbing the eyes.

Please note: Medicare covers the cost of an eye examination. If you have concern about your child’s vision please contact a doctor, optometrist or your community health Nurse on 9473 4019.

FRIENDLINESS IS OUR VIRTUE FOR WEEKS 9 & 10
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

City of Bayswater HAVE A GO DAY Sunday 30 March, 10am -12noon. The Rise, 28 Eighth Ave, Maylands Free! Sport and Recreation Art & Culture activities. For more information or to RSVP contact: inclusion@bayswater.wa.gov.au

City of Bayswater 2014 Scholarships The City of Bayswater is once again awarding scholarship to residents who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen field. Three scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants of up to $1,500 in the following fields; Education (achievement), Education (Assistance), Music, Visual Arts, Sport/ Sports Official, Local Sports Representation. Applications available now! Download an application form from the city’s website: www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/events or contact the Events team on 9272 0622. Applications close Friday 16 May, 2014.

Nearer to Nature Community: April School Holiday Activities - for all dates and times contact The Perth Hills Discovery Centre on 9295 2244 Email: n2n@dpaw.wa.gov.au,Web: dpaw.wa.gov.au/n2n

Northern Star Saints Basketball Club: ages 7– 17 years are taking registrations now, new season starts on Saturday 3 May Altone Park Rec Centre Benara Rd Beechboro. Enquiries to Registration Officer on 0417 974 179, or Peter on 0417 924 514.
Merit Award Winners - Term 1  
21 March, 2014

R3 Kemalie Ediriweera  
R4 Dannita Herman  
R5 Aiden Serdar  
R6 Jaylee Smith  
R7 Lauren McPhee  
R8 Sienna Plumb  
R9 Mikky Gerry  
R10 Elise McGrath  
R11 Sarah Gregory  
R12 Caitlyn Steiner  
R18 Rhiley Butler  
R19 Shereena Brown  
R20 Kaileb Foley  
Music Joshua Elliott-Oldfield, Leila Tucker  
Art Room 4, Room 19, Ethan Lam

Merit Award Winners - Term 1  
28 March, 2014

R3 Daniel Steiner  
R4 Evie Jensen  
R5 Tina Strain  
R6 Finleigh Cope  
R7 Kane Rawlins  
R8 Ruhan French  
R9 Adam Justice  
R11 Alan Hoang  
R12 Tjiirdm McGuire  
R18 Doris Wantee  
R19 Kyeson Barker  
R20 Blake Austin  
Music Savannah Barrett, Max Bennett  
Art Janalie Riley, Minh-Thi Phan, Hayley Watkins

GREEN SLIP WINNERS - March 14

Junior

Gold       Jacob Rohde  
Red        Shurina Suresh Kumar  
Black      Cardell Headland

Senior

Gold       Hussein Cheaib  
Red        Mia Cook  
Black      Lillian Meldrum

CUPID BEAR ROOM 10
WINNING FACTION RED

GREEN SLIP WINNERS - March 21

Junior

Gold       Jacob Rohde  
Red        Charlie Roberts  
Black      Shifa Siraj

Senior

Gold       Emmison Ilich-King  
Red        Sienna Plumb  
Black      Bradley Headland

CUPID BEAR ROOM 5
WINNING FACTION RED

Canteen Rooster - Term 1 weeks 9 &10

Mon 31 March  
Rachel Roberts  
Help required  

Wed 2 April  
Celeste McColl  
Help required  

Fri 4 April  
Sharon Poh  
Help required

Mon 7 April  
Celeste McColl  
Help required

Wed 9 April  
Janet Slabbert  
Help required

Fri 11 April  
Celeste McColl  
Help required

The Crest Canteen is open each  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
If you would like to be a parent helper  
Phone Melissa Emanuele on 0413 418 037  
If you cannot work on your rostered day please  
phone Melissa so she can find a replacement.

UP AND COMING EVENTS ..............

Thursday 3 April  
Yrs 6/7 Fundraiser  
Yummy Cake stall

Friday 4 April  
School Banking  
End of term draw

Friday 4 April  
Fine Pupil Assembly

Friday 11 April  
ANZAC Day Assembly  
LAST DAY OF TERM  
Students return Tuesday 29 April

Morning Tea Madness  Tuesday 8 April  
Hot Cross Bun & Juice $3.50  
Return forms to the canteen by 4 April, 2014
Thousands of school students across Western Australia took part in the annual national Ride2School Day on Wednesday March 19 as part of Bike Week organised by the Department of Transport’s Bike west. Ride2School Day aims to increase the level of cycling in primary school students in Years 5–7 and high school students in Years 8-12.

It was an opportunity to encourage more Western Australian students, parents and teachers to cycle to school, improving their fitness, addressing climate change and congestion around schools and helping families with their household budget by reducing the number of car trips to school.

Riding a bike is a fun activity and a popular and convenient way for people of all ages and abilities to be active. It also has benefits for our community, environment, transport system, health and well-being.

There is a real potential for increase in the number of children cycling to school, especially for those who live within a 10-minute cycle (2-3km) and a 10-minute walk (less than a kilometre) from school. Parents and teachers are the best role models for students and it is important that we encourage all children to participate in physical activity. Students under ten years of age should be supervised by parents or a guardian on their way to school. Only parents can decide whether their children are competent to cycle to school.

Mr Steve Fairs A/Principal   Wargado to Strive

Room 19 celebrated Harmony Day with an special assembly on Friday 21 March, 2014. They entertained the school with singing, dancing and a hat parade.