



# Newsletter 2022

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## *Dreaming with Eyes Open*

### Dates to Note:

- **Wed 24th August**

Book Wk Parade 9:30

- **Thurs 25th Aug**

Tennis Clinic

- **Mon 29th August**

Canteen

- **Wed 31st August**

PSSA Zone Athletics

- **Thurs 1st Sept**

Tennis Clinic

- **Mon 5th Sept**

Canteen

- **Thurs 8th Sept**

Visit to Hillside P.S

Tennis Clinic

- **Mon 12th Sept**

Canteen

- **Tues 13th Sept**

Brewongle Excursion

P & C Meeting 7pm

**Book Week /Education Week:** Costumes ready? Tomorrow we commence the morning with our book parade at 9:30am. This will be followed by 4 rotational activities for our students within their peer groups. Activities involve a story-telling session; a classroom visit including a “go Noodle” session; art activity and a free reading including a Crunch’n sip. Straight after this will be the sharing of student Design Tasks followed by morning tea. We hope parents will share in some of these sessions with us and enjoy a morning tea prepared by our wonderful canteen mums.

**Science Design Task:** Thank you everyone for your interest and involvement in this fun activity. We are just astounded at the quality and variance in all of these designs. So creative. We hope you also enjoyed the “together” time it offered.

**Tennis Clinics:** Our first session last Friday was excellent. Tammy is a no-nonsense kind of teacher who had every child engaged and focused throughout the session. We look forward to the sessions that will continue up until the end of term. Please remember that students should wear sports uniform on Thursdays and that this replaces the need to wear sports on Fridays.

**Hillside Visit:** On Thursday 8th September we will all be travelling to Hillside PS via community bus to watch their pantomime “The Lemonade Kid”. Mrs Clare has made herself available for the day to drive each of the classes in the community bus straight after their tennis session. We look forward to seeing the pantomime and to sharing some time with our Hillside friends. Permission note is attached.

**Brewongle:** On Tuesday 13th September, our school will be joining Hillside PS, Arcadia PS and Annangrove PS in a trip to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre where all students will be engaged in various activities around the history and culture of our First Nations People. We have hired a bus in conjunction with Hillside PS to take us to and from the venue. Notes for this excursion are attached. We ask for prompt reply with payment so everything can be finalised. This excursion forms part of our studies in Geography/Science and History.

**Zone Athletics:** The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Homebush on Wednesday 31st August. Students participating in this event have been given permission notes. Please ensure all signed notes are promptly returned to school. Mrs Urio from Annangrove PS will be the team manager for this event.

**Secure Fencing:** Delighted with the progress so far!

**Canteen:** I was so delighted that so many parents had the canteen orders in on Friday as requested. Thank you all so much for making that effort. I am sure our Canteen Mums were also delighted. It makes their task so much easier when they know the quantities they are dealing with in advance of the day.

**Learning and Support:** Our (APLAS) Assistant Principal Learning and Support Teacher will be assisting our school with some screening tests for language this term. This individual assessment takes only about 10 mins. If you do not wish your child to be included, please notify the school via email at your earliest convenience.



### Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = 3-6 PE

Wednesdays = Scripture, Library K-6

Thursdays = Tennis; Assembly every 2nd week

Friday= Japanese



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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day



= 3 days



30 mins per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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**Please ensure your child is at school before the 9am bell each day! Attendance matters!**

**Don't forget the  
"YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER  
BAGS OF HOMEGROWN  
MDPS ORANGES"  
\$2:00 A BAG  
Don't miss out!**

Our P&C will be meeting on

**Tuesday 13th September**

**7pm ALL WELCOME!**

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not join in to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.



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*If you're thankful, show it.  
If you love someone, tell them.  
If you're wrong, fess up.  
If you're confused, ask questions.  
If you learn something, teach others.  
If you're stuck, ask for help.  
If you made a mistake, apologise.  
If you trip, get back up.  
If someone needs help, help them.  
If you see wrong, take a stance.*

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

*Ann Mills*

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