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## HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

Term 3, Week 2, 2025

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Interschool sport starts (weather permitting)      | Friday 1 August            |
| P&C Meeting                                        | Tuesday 5 August           |
| Education Day mufti – dress up as your future self | Wednesday 6 August         |
| Assembly                                           | Wednesday 6 August         |
| Spelling Bee                                       | Thursday 7 August, 11.30am |
| Athletics Carnival, Annangrove Park                | Friday 8 August            |
| Book Week celebrations                             | Tuesday 19 August          |
| Hoodwinked                                         | Tuesday 9 September        |
| School Photos                                      | Monday 15 September        |



Welcome back to what promises to be a fun, action-packed Term 3! We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the busy weeks ahead.

This term is full of exciting events, with our **school pantomime "Hoodwinked"** being a major highlight – we can't wait to see our talented students shine on stage! We're also looking forward to our **Athletics Carnival, Education Week** (including a fun dress-up day where students can come dressed as who they aspire to be), **Book Week**, and our much-loved **Grandparents Day**.

We're also thrilled to launch **interschool League Tag every Friday**, giving students the chance to build skills, teamwork, and school spirit. Additionally, students will be taking part in **golf lessons** this term to further enhance our students' physical education experiences.

Please remember to **check your emails and School Bytes regularly** to stay up to date with all events, permission notes, and important information.

Here's to a fantastic Term 3!

*Mrs K Neorcsik*

Principal

## NAIDOC Week

During NAIDOC Week, our students engaged in meaningful discussions about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture, and achievements. A highlight of the week was our Yarning Circle activity, where students from Kindergarten to Year 6 came together to share thoughts, listen respectfully, and build deeper connections with one another. Through storytelling, reflection, and collaborative conversations, students explored the importance of reconciliation, respect, and understanding. It was a powerful opportunity for our school community to celebrate culture and strengthen unity.



## SRC Fundraiser – PJ Day



Last term, our Student Representative Council (SRC) organised a fantastic PJ Day, turning the chilly weather into a cosy celebration! It was wonderful to see everyone embracing the spirit of the day by wearing their favourite pyjamas. A heartfelt thank you to all the families for your generous support of our fundraising efforts.

## Bikers' Rally

The Macquarie Towns Motorcycle Restoration and Preservation Club enjoyed a wonderful lunch here on Saturday. The day was a fantastic success, with over **120 participants** representing 17 clubs from around the State taking part! The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and it's all thanks to the incredible support from our **Hillside parents and staff**.

From cooking up a delicious BBQ, preparing fresh salads, homemade quiches, and warming soups, to setting up, cleaning, and packing away—your hard work and generosity made this day truly special.

Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without our amazing community.



## Reminder – change of canteen day to Thursday – all Term 3

Due to our sporting commitments on Fridays in Term 3, we will be changing our canteen day to Thursday for the whole of Term 3.

## Interschool Sport Competition – Term 3 – Years 3-6

This Friday (weather permitting), the interschool sport competition will commence at Hayes Park, where years 3-6 students will be participating in a friendly League Tag competition with other local schools.

Details are as follows:

- Dates: Fridays in weeks 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 of Term 3 (Week 10 is a wet weather backup)
- Travel: Students will be travelling by bus to and from Hayes Park.
- Departure: Students will leave the school at 11:00 AM.
- Junior (years 3 & 4) games start by 11:30 AM.
- Senior (years 5 & 6) games start at 12:20 AM.
- Students will return to school by 2:00 PM.

To ensure a successful and enjoyable experience, please remind your child of the following:

- Uniform: Students are required to wear their sports uniform and a school hat.
- Jewellery: For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear any jewellery during the games.
- Food and Hydration: Students need to bring their own recess, lunch, and water bottle.
- Sun Protection: Please ensure your child has appropriate sun protection.

We believe this will be a fantastic experience for our students, promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical activity. The emphasis is on sport participation and friendly competition, so as such a points table is not kept.

**The cost for the term is \$70 to help cover bus costs. Payment and consent can be given via School Bytes.**

## Sporting Schools Program – GOLF!

Hillside is excited to offer 4 weeks of Learn to Play GOLF, starting here on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Running our program will be the Australian International Sports Organisation (AISO), School Golf Deliverer of the Year - Jack Newton Junior Golf/Golf NSW.

Dates for Golf will be:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August (no Golf due to Education Week celebrations)

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Students can wear sports uniform for the 4 weeks while Golf is running.

## Ignite your Potential Dress Up – Wednesday 6 August

As part of Education Week celebrations, we are inviting students to dress up as their future selves, showcasing the diverse occupations they aspire to pursue. Whether it's a scientist, artist, engineer, or builder, students will have the opportunity to express their dreams and ambitions through creative costumes.

## Spelling Bee – Thursday 7 August (Week 3)

We will be hosting The Premier's Spelling Bee on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August. All students in years 2-6 have access to the word lists on School Bytes. These are password protected, please see your emails with the password to access these documents. The word lists can also be found at: <https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee>



The most successful students from the Junior and Senior classes will be eligible to attend the Regional Final, to be held online in Weeks 4 and 5 in Term 3.

We wish all our Hillside students the very best of luck and look forward to a successful day of spelling!

## Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Friday 8 August

The Small Schools Athletics Carnival is being held at Annangrove Park on Friday 8 August. All children will participate in a variety of races and the younger students will also enjoy novelty events with the other students. This year we have hired a bus for the trip to and from Annangrove Park. The activity can be found on School Bytes for you to make the \$15 payment and give consent.

Annangrove P&C are running a small canteen. Please see email/note for more information.

Parents are welcome to join us on the day.



## Book Week & Grandparents Day – Tuesday 19 August



We're excited to celebrate Book Week and Grandparents Day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August! Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to join us for a special afternoon of fun, learning, and connection. **Bring along a picnic lunch to share with your child at 1:20pm, followed by open classrooms and activities.**

Throughout the week, students will be engaging in author studies, book explorations, and a range of exciting literacy activities as part of our Book Week celebrations.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the joy of reading and the special role families play in our school community!

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 went home last week.

Orders are due by 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025.



## **Hoodwinked – Tuesday 9 September – please note slight date change!**

Students have been working very hard preparing for our upcoming production of HOODWINKED in Term 3 this year. There will be two performances on 9 September, a matinee at 11.30am and an evening performance at 6.30pm. Flyers were sent home last week. Please remember to invite your friends and family.



## Financial assistance for bus travel

To support our community and ensure that our students are able to participate in all our off-site events, the school has decided to subsidise the cost of the buses for interschool sport and the athletics carnival. We are pleased to inform you that we have managed to reduce the costs to \$15 per student for the athletics carnival bus and \$10 per student per week for the interschool sport bus which we are sharing with Arcadia PS. We hope this will help alleviate some of the financial pressure and make these events accessible to everyone.

## Enrolments - Hillside Public School

Hillside Public School is a nurturing small school where every child is known, valued, and supported. Our close-knit community fosters strong connections between students, families, and staff, and our small class sizes mean more personalised learning experiences. We pride ourselves on delivering quality education with big opportunities – from leadership development, robotics and coding, French lessons, to sporting and academic programs that extend and inspire. OOSH is also available mornings and afternoons.

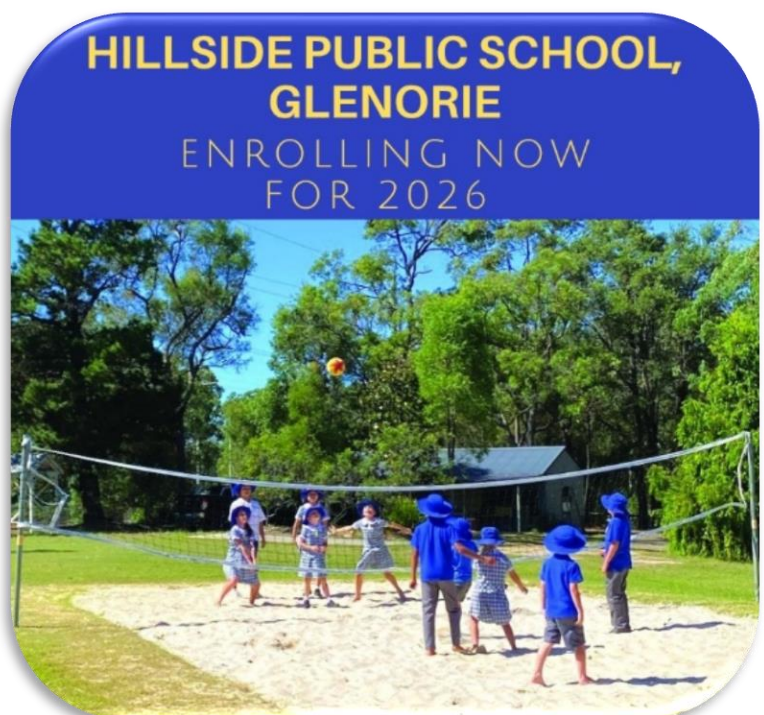
**If you're looking for a welcoming and inclusive environment where your child will thrive, we'd love to meet you. Enrolments are now open, and we invite you to come and experience the Hillside difference!**

Please contact the office for a tour or follow the online enrolment process on our website: <https://hillside-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Out of area applications considered.

## Kindergarten 2026

Hillside Public School is now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2026. If your child turns five on or before 31 July 2026, they are eligible to start school that year. Early enrolment helps the school with planning and gives children the best start through a supported transition. For more information or to enrol, visit our website or contact the school office.



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## Glenorie Gumnuts Playgroup



Bring your little ones to Glenorie Gumnuts, where imaginations blossom and friendships grow. All ages welcome!

Tuesdays during school term  
9am - 10:15 am

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