



Hillside Happenings



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Term 3, Week 6, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interschool Sport at Hayes Park	Fridays until 26 September
Golf session	Tuesday 2 September
P&C Meeting	Tuesday 2 September
Zone Athletics	Thursday 4 September
Jersey Day	Friday 5 September
Father's Day	Friday 5 September, 2.20pm
Hoodwinked	Tuesday 9 September
School Photos	Monday 15 September
Assembly	Wednesday 17 September
Last Day Term 3	Friday 26 September
Staff Development Day	Monday 13 October
First Day Term 4 - students	Tuesday 14 October

Principal's Message

Hillside Public School would like to extend a sincere thank you to our wonderful community for their incredible support during Education Week and Book Week activities. Your enthusiasm in joining us and sharing a picnic lunch truly made these events memorable and special for everyone involved.

We are incredibly proud of our students' progress and their amazing talents as they prepare for the upcoming pantomime — it's inspiring to see their creativity and dedication shine through.

Additionally, we are thrilled to celebrate our students' outstanding academic achievements, having performed above the national average in NAPLAN. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and success — we couldn't be prouder!

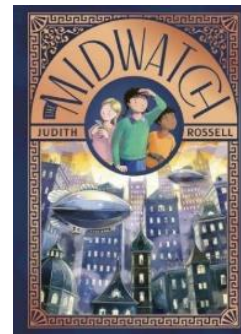
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Book Week & Grandparent's Day

Last Monday, Banksias had the exciting opportunity to participate in an online webinar hosted by **Judith Rossell**, the acclaimed author of *The Midwatch*. Judith shared the fascinating process behind her writing, explaining how she developed the concept and drew inspiration from real-life historical events to create her characters and illustrations. The students gained valuable insight into storytelling techniques and learnt how to craft their own engaging narratives, making it an inspiring and educational experience for all.



Waratahs were lucky enough to be part of a Zoom session with **Christopher Cheng** through the NSW State Library 'Spotlight on Authors' program. Christopher's many books include: *Powerful Like A Dragon*, *Dragon Folding*, *Wombat*, *One Tree*, and *Bear and Rat*. We learnt about how the inspiration for Christopher's books drives his storytelling and listened as he discussed the many ways that dragons feature in his writing and ideas. We are so lucky to have spent the afternoon with Christopher and we thank The State Library of NSW for involving us!

On Tuesday Hillside Public School embarked on an exciting journey through three captivating genres: **Historical Fiction**, **Fantasy Quests & Adventures**, and **Biographies/Autobiographies**! By delving deeply into each genre, our students developed a rich appreciation for diverse text types and discovered reading materials they might not have explored otherwise.

The day was made even more special as we shared a delightful picnic lunch with our families and grandparents. Our special visitors also helped the students borrow books and read with them. They were then treated to a sneak peek performance from our upcoming pantomime, *Hoodwinked!*

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined us, and congratulations to our students for their curiosity, enthusiasm, and love of learning.



Regional Spelling Bee

HUGE congratulations to our Senior Regional Spelling Bee Champion Esther! She received 1st place and is off to State Finals at the Q Theatre Penrith on 7th November!

Congratulations also goes to our Junior Regional Spelling Bee contestant Daniel, coming in at 4th place.

Both these students have demonstrated their personal best and we are so proud of the amazing collaboration between home and the Hillside Public School teachers in reaching this milestone together. Both Esther and Daniel had limited English when they first started here at Hillside. This is wonderful recognition of their hard work and perseverance.



Beyond Basketball Schools Program

Hillside Public School were delighted to host Hoops Capital Academy for a basketball clinic. We learnt so much about technique and gameplay. Spending the afternoon with the Sydney Kings Lion was AWESOME!

Thanks also to Beyond Bank for creating this opportunity for us.



Jersey Day – Friday 5th September

Hillside Public School students are invited to wear a sports jersey to school on Friday 5 September.

Jersey Day has been inspired by the story of 13-year-old Nathan Gremmo, who was tragically lost in an accident in 2015. Nathan's family chose to give the gift of life to others to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality. Jersey Day is all about raising awareness of organ donation.

Please note that classroom teachers **will not** be discussing organ donation with the students. If you would like to have these discussions with your children, this is a great chance for you to do so.

School sports uniform must still be worn with the jersey. Participation in Jersey Day is optional. No donations are required.



Father's Day – Friday 5th September

We warmly invite all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures to join our students for a fun-filled session of games and sport on Friday, 5th September at 2.20pm. We look forward to seeing you there for a fantastic time of connection and fun!

Hoodwinked – Tuesday 9th September!

With less than two weeks to go until our much-anticipated performance, excitement is building across the school! Our students are rehearsing intensively, pouring their energy and passion into every rehearsal. Costumes are coming together beautifully, and the lighting and sound teams are busy fine-tuning all the technical details to ensure a spectacular show.

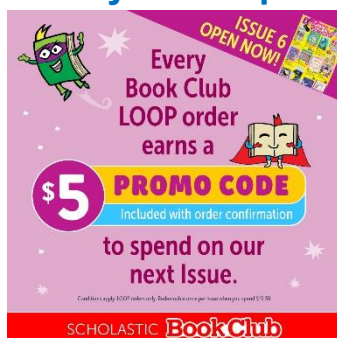
Every practice counts, so it's essential that all students attend each day to make this production the best it can be. We can't wait to see them all shine on stage!

There will be two performances on 9th September, a matinee at 11.30am and an evening performance at 6.30pm. At the end of each performance there will be an opportunity to take photos of your children. During the performance, we request that you sit back and enjoy the show, which will be filmed and edited for distribution.

We encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us for this fantastic event.



Book Club – orders due by 11th September



School Photos – Monday 15th September



Our school photo day is on Monday 15th September 2025, which is the second-last Monday of term 2.

Photo envelopes have already been sent home. If you do not have one, please ask the office to send one home.

ALL envelopes need to be returned to school, either:

- With online receipt number on envelope
- With cash inside (or in sibling's envelope)
- With "no order required" written on the envelope.

Please return these envelopes to the school.

To order your photos online, you will need to go to:

<https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/> and enter this code: **X1049EL54H**.

Sibling photos can also be ordered online using the same code as above. However, if you would prefer to pay cash, please pick up a sibling envelope from the front office.

Students are to wear full summer uniform, which means the summer tunic for the girls and shorts for the boys. All students are to wear black shoes.



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

Preparations are underway to welcome our Kindergarten Class of 2026 to Hillside Public School! Our Kindergarten Orientation sessions will be held on:

- Friday 17th October
- Friday 24th October

We are so excited about this important transition to school and warmly invite any families considering Kindy 2026 for their child to get in touch with us ASAP to be part of our readiness program. We can't wait to meet you!

If your child turns five on or before 31 July 2026, they are eligible to start school next year. For more information or to enrol, visit our website or contact the school office.



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The students of
Hillside Public School
invite dads, grandads or
father figures to our

**DAD'S
DAY**

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2.20PM



If you have a
jersey, please join
our students
for Jersey Day
by wearing a
sports jersey

Join us for
some fun
and games

Hillside Public School presents **HOODWINKED THE PANTOMIME**



**Tuesday
9 September
2025**

Performances:

11.30am

6.30pm

Location:
Covered Outdoor Learning
Area (COLA),
122 Cattai Ridge Road,
Glenorie

**Free entry
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welcome**



Suitable for all ages



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