



# Hillman Primary



## School

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

EDU-DANCE

TUE RM 3,6,11

FRI RM 17,16,8,7,14,1,2

## Message From the Principal

### Calling for SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS by 4pm Friday 2 September 2016 Would you like to contribute to the progress of our school?

To ensure that there is not a complete turnover of all positions on the Board, within our Terms of Reference we set some positions with a one year tenure whilst others have a two year tenure. At this point in time two Parent Representative positions have become available. If you would like to nominate for the Parent positions please email the school at [Hillman.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Hillman.ps@education.wa.edu.au) with your expression of interest by 4pm, Friday 2 September 2016. Please attach a brief candidate profile with your nomination. As a School Board we endeavour to have the membership reflect our student needs, population and community.

### NAPLAN

The 2016 NAPLAN preliminary data will be available simultaneously to schools this Friday 19 August. These data are preliminary and subject to change. School, State and Australian calculations may change following the release of the final 2016 NAPLAN data in December. While suitable for school self-assessment and planning purposes, the preliminary data is also provided so schools are able to check and advise the School Curriculum and Standards Authority of any data anomalies or concerns. Individual student reports will be sent home before the end of Term 3 once we have received them from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

### A little success story

Even though we were not successful in our playground grant this year (and I still haven't given up on badgering them for why we were unsuccessful) we have been fortunate enough to win a \$10 000 grant from the Sidney Myer Foundation, that will support the operation of the Nurture Group. The Nurture Room started this term after 12 months of research and preparation and stemmed from our LCange2 process last year. It is a school-based engagement program which complements students' current mainstream classroom provision where students attend a tailored small-group program with an applied learning focus as part of their school week. Specifically the Nurture Group is a small class of eight to 10 children who spend each morning learning in the School's Home Room but still remain members of their mainstream classes.

August	
Fri 19	P&C
Mon	Book Week
Wed 24	Book Week Character
Thurs 25	Room 11 Assembly
Wed 21	Spring Carnival
September	
Mon 5	School Board
Thurs 8	Assembly Room 10

### School Survey

Since 2014, as directed by Australian Education Ministers, all Australian schools are required to conduct parent, student and staff satisfaction surveys. The Survey responses are then used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. Later this term we will be rolling out the Parent, Student and Staff surveys which are designed to take no more than 10 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be. Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential.

### Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework Survey

The Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework is part of the Department of Education's broader reform to deliver the best possible education for all students. Earlier this year, the Department released the framework in order for schools to familiarise themselves with the document so as to plan for implementation in 2017. The framework sets expected standards for school staff when working with Aboriginal students, their families and communities. It guides staff to incorporate culturally responsive attitudes, values and behaviours into their everyday work. Staff will be reflecting on our approaches to Aboriginal education and identifying ways for us to strive for improvement and engage Aboriginal families and communities at Hillman Primary School.

# Sports Report

## Interschool Cross Country

I wish to start this sports report by congratulating all of the children who represented Hillman at the 2016 RASSA Cross Country Carnival. The interschool cross country is perhaps the toughest single event children participate in at school. Held at the Lark Hill Sports Complex, each child completes a 2km race through the nature area of the complex. I was very impressed with the positive attitude the children displayed towards competing and the effort they applied during their race.

I'd like to remind everyone that the RASSA Spring Carnival for Year 5/6 children is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Sports to be competed in are: Soccer; League Tag; and Ultimate Frisbee. Children selected to represent Hillman will receive permission slips early next week.

Finally, congratulations to Cameron in Year 6 for being selected into the state Under 12's rugby league team. I believe he played very well in the tournament, saving several tries throughout the week.

Hope you all enjoy the rest of the term!

Regards,

Mr Johnstone



## Supporting Kids in Primary Schools (SKIPS)

Free Hillman Primary School Community  
morning tea

### Details:

#### What is SKIPS?

Supporting Kids in Primary Schools (SKIPS) is a **mental health education** program for primary schools. SKIPS was developed in 1999 by the community service 'Each' and Queensland Health. This program was brought to Western Australia in 2012.

#### SKIPS at Hillman Primary School:

SKIPS is currently being run at Hillman Primary School by **HelpingMinds**. **HelpingMinds** are inviting all parents, guardians and carers of students at Hillman Primary School to attend a morning tea where you can receive an overview of the program and have your questions answered. The program will be provided to the year **5/6 students** as well as staff from all year groups. This means **HelpingMinds** extends the invitation regardless of the age of your child.

**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016

**Time:** 9:30am (following the school assembly)-11:00am

**Location:** Conference Room

**RSVP:** by Tuesday, 23 August to the front office on 9527 3600

For information on these programs please visit:

[www.helpingminds.org.au](http://www.helpingminds.org.au)

[www.skips.each.com.au](http://www.skips.each.com.au)



## U 12'S STATE TEAM

This year I have made it onto the U12's State Team for Rugby. We have 17 Players in our team. We went to Canberra to compete against other states in Australia.

We left on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and came back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July we had our first game against Victoria. We lost 20-6. We had our next game against the Northern Territory team and won 20-12. The next day we played ACT (Australian Capital Territory) and we came a draw. The score was 6 all. We played New South Wales for the quarter final. We lost 28-0.

The thing I mostly liked on my trip was meeting new friends and being with my friends. I liked playing against other teams.

Cameron, Room 17



Chloe in room 16 has been selected to represent Western Australia at the Australian National Taekwondo Championships in Bendigo in August. Chloe received a gold, silver and bronze at the recent WA state championships and qualified for Nationals. She will be competing in full contact sparring at the championships.

Congratulations Chloe. We wish you all the best.



# It's Not Ok to Stay Away!!!



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but....

If your child misses.....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 ½</u> years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2 ½</u> years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5</u> years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8</u> years

How about 10 minutes a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

If He or She is only missing just .....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly <u>½</u> year
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly <u>1</u> year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 ½</u> years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly <u>2 ½</u> years

If you want your child to be successful at school - Attendance matters!

**Should I notify the school if my child is away?**

If your child is too sick for school (or absent for any other reason, including arriving late or leaving early), please let the teacher or school admin staff know by phone, email, Skoolbag or written note as soon as possible.

## When is it ok to stay away?

**Sickness or Injury**—If your child has a fever, has vomited or has had diarrhoea it is recommended that they stay away from school until the fever has passed or in the case of vomiting or diarrhoea—keep them home for 24 hours after the last episode. If your child is sick for a prolonged period then it is recommended that you supply a doctors certificate to your school. If your child sustains an injury please follow medical instruction as to whether it is safe for your child to return to school. If there is a chance of a prolonged absence, please speak to your child's teacher to organise work at home and notify the front office as soon as you are able to.

**Appointments**—Please try and schedule appointments after school hours—however we do recognise how difficult this can be, so if your appointment is during school hours, don't be tempted to stay away for the whole day, you are more than welcome to come into the front office and sign the student out for the duration of the appointment and bring them back when finished. Please note that only people listed in a student's emergency contacts can sign a student out unless prior arrangements have been made.

**Holidays/Vacations**—If you are planning on taking a holiday during the school term please email the school or write a letter to the Principal requesting the time off. If you do not receive their approval ,your child's attendance will be recorded as unacceptable.

If you would like some more information please feel free to speak to your school or follow the links below:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/policies/detcms/policy-planning-and-accountability/policies-framework/policies/students-attendance.en?cat-id=3458017>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/are-they-too-sick-for-school/>





Hello

I would like to say **Thank You** to all those that are helping us here at Hillman Primary School as we work together in building our community.

There is so much happening!

### **DISCO**

The Disco last term was amazing THANK YOU to Guche Grande, Michelle and team. The students had a great time and we raised over \$700.00 which we have used to purchase a range of equipment for Our New Playgroup including ride-ons, tunnels, tents, toys, puzzles and more.

## **PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup is running on Monday mornings at 8.30 in the Music Room and Thursday afternoons between 1.30 and 2.30 in the Nurture Room. Come and join in, meet new friends and introduce your child to our school in a fun and friendly environment.

**ZUMBA** is on in the music room, with our fully qualified instructor Clair Brown on Thursday mornings. Its free ladies, so no excuse! Come along and have some fun and meet new people while getting summer fit.



### Breakfast Club

The bread run is still on Monday and Thursday afternoons, please come and help yourself to the bread on offer. This is a Second Bite initiative partnered with our local Coles Store at Rockingham City. The kind donations from Coles support our breakfast club.



## **COUNSELLING**

You may or may not be aware that we have a qualified counsellor available onsite. If you have any concerns with your child please come and see me Allana, (Miss V) and we will arrange an appointment for your child. Greg is happy to see any of the children who are having difficulty in adjusting to their current life circumstance whether it is from a loss of a relationship, divorce, separation, emotional or behavioural issues, anxiety, sadness, stress or loneliness. This is of no cost to the school or the parents. So please take advantage of this free service.

### **Just a reminder!!**

Keep your eyes out for the next **Community Connect Meeting**. Notices will be displayed on the classroom windows.

With so much happening ...WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! We have a lot of empty places that need to be filled. If you can spare any time at all to volunteer at the school. PLEASE come and see me I'm sure we can find you a place here whether it be helping in the garden, the breakfast club or in or around the school.

We would really appreciate your contribution in helping to build our community.

Allana ( Miss V)

Chaplain

