



Hillman Primary School

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Important Dates To Remember

Welcome to the first Hillman Primary School Newsletter for 2018.

This column is used to remind our school community of important events and upcoming incursions and excursions.

Hillman Primary School Newsletters are published fortnightly on a Tuesday and are published on Skoolbag and the School Website.

The school newsletter does not carry Paid advertising for businesses but the school is more than happy to promote sporting and community groups that may interest our students and the wider community.

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Welcome to the 2018 school year. The children tell me that they all had a wonderful vacation with many of them loving the simple things in life, building sandcastles and swimming at the beach, whilst others went on amazing adventures like visiting relatives overseas. The parents I have had an opportunity to chat with, also inform me that they had a great summer, however, now seem quite happy for us to take over the 8.30 to 2.40 shift of educating young minds and active bodies. We're happy to do it too! The teachers are ready and raring to go and are loving the enthusiasm with which the children are embracing this year's learning programs.

I would like to welcome to the teaching staff Ms Katie Atterton (Kindergarten) and Ms Justine Scalise (Year 1) to Hillman Primary School. Ms Atterton is a graduate from Notre Dame University and Ms Scalise is a Level 3 Teacher and a very experience educator and they will make a wonderful contribution to our Early Childhood team. We are also very lucky to welcome back Mrs Graham from leave and Ms Suzanne Robertson, Mrs Fiona Nutz and Ms Claire Brown will again join us for another year.

The children's classrooms do not look inviting and engaging by chance. Teachers spend many hours of their own time preparing their rooms for the commencement of each new year and I would like to publicly thank them all for their efforts. At Hillman PS we are privileged to have an outstanding team of teachers, supported by a fabulous education assistants and administration staff, and I would like to thank them all for the excellent start that we have had to this school year.

Class meetings are an important opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and gain an understanding of operational procedures for the coming year. Please make every effort to attend these meetings. If you have further queries please do not hesitate to make a time to see the classroom teacher individually.

A big "Thank You" to those many people who have supported their child's school by paying their contributions and charges, including voluntary contributions, which ensure that we are able to offer their child a range of exciting and varied programs.

Without this parental support we would not be able to provide the staffing and resources to differentiate Hillman Primary from any other school. Your contributions have a very positive impact on the range of opportunities we can afford your child which include our Reading intervention program, specialist music instruction, subsidised sporting carnivals and playground equipment.

Aaron Young
Principal

Gardening Club

We are re-starting the school community garden club on Wednesday 7th February. This will again be run as an after school club, which will be held each Wednesday from 2:45-3:40p.m in the school garden.

We will be planting and growing our own vegetables, learning about what we need to help our plants grow and how growing our own vegetables is good for our environment.

As we are hoping to make this a community event, if your child wishes to participate we ask that a family member (mum/dad/grandparent/aunty/uncle) attends with your child each week.

If you and your child are interested please request or collect a form from the front office and hand in to the school as soon as possible as numbers are limited. You will receive a separate letter informing you whether your child can attend.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Suzie Robertson via the front office. 9527 3600 Hillman.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Students knit for a cause

■ David Salvaire

Hillman Primary School students have been keeping their hands busy for a good cause during a knitting program that will donate scarves to the new Frank Konecny Community Centre's sensory playground.

Volunteer Nancy Brandhoff, whom the children affectionately call Grandma Nancy, has been taking the students through lessons during their Tuesday recess.

Ms Brandhoff said she was overwhelmed by the interest

the children had shown in the "dying art" of knitting.

"Initially we thought we'd be lucky to get six kids but the first day we opened the door, 35 kids rocked up," she said.

"We trained up some of the kids that knew a little bit about knitting and they're now teaching the other kids in the class as well.

"The people at the Frank Konecny Community Centre said they needed something colourful for their new sensory playground, so it just seemed like a really good fit."

The program has been so successful the school will run it next year, with plans to make teddy bears to be donated to Rockingham General Hospital.

Kaitlyn Butson, 11, said she was excited about donating the scarves and making a difference in her community.

"It's going to make it much brighter and they'll feel happier," she said. "I love knitting because it's colourful."

Neurological research has shown that mobility and dexterity in the hands can stimulate brain development, with

the rhythmic activity of knitting also calming young children. Principal Aaron Young said the program was a great way to provide pastoral care for children while teaching them the importance of giving back to the community.

"This stemmed from an opportunity of getting kids together to talk and debrief over knitting," he said.

"When your hands are busy it calms the mind and now we've got all these scarves, we're able to give them back to people in need."



Volunteer knitting instructor Nancy Brandhoff with students from Hillman Primary School. Picture: David Salvaire

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Community News

Rockingham Central Library on Dixon Road is running a free coding session , CODER DOJO, every Tuesday from 6th February 4 pm - 5.30 pm ages 7-17. bookings essential 9528 8683 or rclcontact@rockingham.wa.gov.au.



Hillman Family Playgroups!

A Playgroup for children aged 0-4 and their families.

Where: Hillman Primary School

When: Monday Mornings 9 am—10.30 am in the Performing Arts Room

Please bring a hat & a piece of fruit to share

At Playgroup ...

- You can have fun playing with your child
- You can meet other parents
- Your child can become familiar with the school environment ready for future years.

For more info, please call:

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TERM 1 2018 Parent Planner



	Koala	Possums	Koala	Possums	Possum/ Koala
Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st FEB	2 nd 
2	5 th	6 th NEWS LETTER	7 th	8 th	9 th 
3	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th P&C AGM 8.45 AM Harmony Room. 
4	19 th	20 th NEWS LETTER School Board Meeting	21 st	22 nd Assembly – Student Councillor badge presentation.	23 rd 
5	26 th NEXUS Incursion (Ab'l Science)	27 th	28 th	1 st March	2 nd 
6	5 th Labour Day	6 th NEWS LETTER	7 th	8 th Assembly Rm 14	9 th National Young Leaders Day – Perth Exhibition Centre 
7	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th RASSA Summer Carnival	16 th 
8	19 th	20 th NEWS LETTER School Board Mtg	21 st Harmony Day	22 nd Assembly Rm 16	23 ^d 
9	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th Yrs pp. – 3 Easter Hat Parade	30 th Good Friday Public Holiday
10	2 nd April Easter Monday	3 rd Easter Tuesday	4 th Red Cross Pillow Case workshops – Years 3 & 4	5 th Monty Prior Incursion	6 th 
11	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th ANZAC 

Special Days	Public Holidays	Sports Days	School Holidays	School Development Day
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