

HILLMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Firstly, welcome back to 2020! This week has flown by so quickly and it has been wonderful getting to meet the students and parents of the Hillman Primary School community. Having returned back to Rockingham from the North West, one of the first things that has struck me about the Hillman Primary School community was the warm, welcoming 'country-school' feel. Personally, I feel like this speaks a lot about the school and it is wonderful to know our students are being educated and raised in such an environment.

As we come to the end of our first week, I wanted to take the opportunity to ensure that our parents/caregivers were fully informed of some of the work that we are doing this year.

Staffing

This year, Mr. Aaron Young is on leave for 12 months and I have the privilege to fulfil the role of Principal at Hillman for 2020.

Mr. Rodney Graham, Deputy Principal, is working four days a week (Monday-Thursday) and is taking up a Student Services focus. This role will see Mr. Graham working closely with our School Chaplain, School Psychologist, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer and other support personal that provide services and supports to our students. Additionally, many of these staff members will be housed this year in our old Administration Block, which doubles as our P&C Uniform Shop, which we plan to refer to as our Wellness Centre inline with our Business Plan 2020-2022's Priority Area: Wellness.

At the end of 2020, Ms. Justine Scalise, Deputy Principal, won a position as the Deputy Principal of Charthouse Primary School. As a result, Ms. Vivien Stern has continued her work at our school as our other Deputy Principal. Ms. Stern will work every second Wednesday, each Thursday and Friday in this role for the remainder of Term 1. Ms. Stern has a Teaching & Learning focus and as part of this role she is working closely with our Education Assistants to set up an Academic Intervention Program for 2020. Further information about this can be found further on in this letter.

We have also recently advertised our Deputy Principal Pool on the Jobs WA website. Our advertisement closes in two weeks and we will be looking to fill our second Deputy Principal position permanently by the end of this term ready for a Term 2 start.

Mrs. Lisa Oliver, who works on a Tuesday, has joined Mr. Rodney Graham's Student Services Team as our school's Learning Support Coordinator. As part of this role, Mrs. Oliver will support with the coordination of case conferences and a number of other important roles that align to our Student Services Team.

This term, Ms. Silvana Tarling, Room 16 Teacher, has taken up a term contract at the State School Teacher's Union of Western Australia and as such Mr. Steve McCann is teaching in Room 16 on a Monday-Thursday for this term. Ms. Fiona Nutz is teaching Room 16 each Friday.

With Ms. Stern in a part-time Deputy Principal role for Term 1, Ms. Jo-Anne Riley has joined our staff for Term 1 to work in tandem with Ms. Stern in Room 8.

Welcome also to our new staff this year including Ms. Annette Hansen, Room 14 Teacher, Ms. Ivy Delios, Room 12 Teacher, Ms. Renae Marinich, Room 1 Teacher alongside Ms.



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Nutz and Ms. Dian Picijio, Room 7 Teacher. Welcome to the Hillman Primary School Community!

In order to support our parents/caregivers and students to get to know each and every one of us, a list of our staff, including their photos, will be attached to our next newsletter which will be sent out next week.

Hillman Hero Tokens

This year, our students are being acknowledged across the school for demonstrating positive behaviour by being awarded a Hillman Hero Token. These tokens are handed out to students by all staff and are placed into one of our boxes located around the school. Each Friday morning, before whole-school sport, all our classes come together to draw one out. The winner for the week receives a bag of icy poles to share with their class in recognition of their outstanding behaviour. At the end of each term, the class with the most tokens will receive an invitation to the Principal's lunch.

If your child comes home and tells you they received a Hillman Hero Token, it would be great if you could ask them why to further acknowledge the wonderful things your child is doing at school.

Academic Intervention

This term, Ms. Stern, Deputy Principal: Teaching & Learning, has already been working very closely with Ms. Marie Norris and Ms. Rebecca Twyman, two of our Education Assistants, to implement a targeted Intervention Program called Mini-Lit. Ms. Stern will be forwarding letters in the coming weeks informing parents of their child's involvement in the program.

Our Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Program will continue to be run by Ms. Jan-Maree Blumer and letters from Ms. Stern will be forwarded shortly to those parents whose children will be involved in this program as well.

If you have any questions in regards to our Academic Intervention, please feel free to contact Ms. Stern at the front office.

School Photos

Attached to this note, you will find a copy of our Term Planner. Included on the planner are the dates for our School Photos this year. Information about our School Photos has already been posted onto our Facebook page. Envelopes for School Photos will be distributed shortly.

Our staff are in the process of organising our Year 6 Graduation Shirts. Please note, that our office staff have organised for our Year 6 students to have their Graduation Photo taken at a later date once the shirts have arrived.

If you have any questions about School Photos, please do not hesitate to ask our friendly office staff.

Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions



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Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions are being held by our classroom teachers in the coming weeks. Individual classrooms will advertise when these sessions will take place. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about your child's classroom routines. Please keep an eye out for information being sent home about these sessions from your child's teacher.

Assembly

Our first assembly for the year will take place next week on Thursday 13 February at 8:40am in the new undercover area which is located near our canteen and Science Classroom. Information about our assemblies can be located on our Term Planner.

Finally, thank you for the warm welcome that I have received by the Hillman Primary School community. I am very excited about what 2020 will mean for Hillman Primary School and the work we will do together to ensure that everyone within our community both achieves and belongs!

Ben Jamieson
Principal
7 February 2020