



### *Amended Principal's Address from Presentation Day*

Special guests, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls welcome to our annual presentation day assembly. Today is a celebration of all that is good about Hillvue Public School! Today is recognition of outstanding student achievement, effort and success.

At Hillvue Public School we are caring, smart and proud. We work together to ensure our teachers, students and families are supported and recognised as important members of our school community. It is our aim to further the development of each student by providing a happy and safe environment where everyone is encouraged to be the best person they can be. This message was supported this week with a visit by Troy Cassar-Daley. He talked about hard work and dedication and having a dream. (Troy's Facebook page is worth a visit)

He wrote; I had an Amazing day at Hillvue Public School in Tamworth yesterday, I was moved by the kids and teacher's. That school is going places and in the right direction. I want you kids to dream big and you're all beautiful!! Love Troy



And how could we forget the visit by Benson Saula. Benson is an ex Hillvue Public School student. Benson is the director of the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy based in Melbourne. He talked about the importance of knowing and sharing culture and his journey to the United Nations in Switzerland and New York. His message about contributing to positive change in your community and not being afraid to stand alone and be different was really inspiring. Some very powerful messages!



We really have had so many highlights this year and so many foundations have been put in place to support the implementation of the Connected Communities Strategy. This year has been about systems and strategies and next year as we move into phase two, my second year as Executive Principal you will see even more change as we develop and grow the strategy with our focus on improving student outcomes and opportunities for the wonderful young people who attend Hillvue Public School.

As I sat and thought about what I would include in my speech today! Almost at the end of my first year, many things came to mind.

The joy on a young student's face who received glasses and words on a page come to life and became sentences and stories. The amazing staff at this school that work so hard and give so much to provide our students with such a diverse and exciting curriculum.

The wonderful grounds and how this is such a lovely place for us all to come and work and play. The small but very dedicated members of the P&C who give so much time and effort.

The partnerships that continue to grow between Hillvue and the University of New England and University of Newcastle! And the list could go on and on. We have achieved so much this year. Much of what we have done, you will see on the slide show in a minute.

In 2014 we will continue to focus on; the physical environment, a rigorous curriculum, community engagement, welfare and attendance.

We will commence our involvement in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen project with upgrades to our kitchen facilities and the development of a community garden. Our new Deputy Principal Primary Curriculum commences in January and will add support to the outstanding work our Instructional Leader Lynette Grimes has been doing with her team throughout 2013. New flagpoles will be erected to allow us to proudly fly both the Australian and the Aboriginal flags; additional gardens will be built by students and maintained by students,. A significant upgrade in technology will take place to support teaching and learning in the classroom and across the school and we will search and investigate the possible purchase of a school bus. 2013 has been a wonderful year at Hillvue Public School and I urge and encourage parents and carers to get involved in your children's education. Be an active participant in school life and help us support your children to be the best person they can be.

Thank you to everyone for coming today and for your continued support of our school. Have a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in 2014.

Chris Shaw—Executive Principal

**Happy Christmas from all the staff at  
Hillvue Public School!**



# SPORTSVUE

## Primary School Monday Touch Competition

The Senior Mixed Team has qualified for the Grand Final in their division. Congratulations to the team who has had a great season. The team will play Tamworth South in the Final. Good luck to all involved! Thank you to our coaches and parents that have given up their time to be involved with the team.



## Premiers Sporting Challenge

The Premiers Sporting Challenge has been completed for 2013. All students will be presented with their PSC certificates over the next two weeks. Congratulations to all of our students! It was a great team effort with most students being awarded with Gold certificates. This means that a student completed at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily. Well done HPS!

## Promoting Healthy Ideas

Hillvue PS is a health promoting school. There are lots of ways to stay fit and healthy. As the school holidays approach try and stay as active as possible.

## **Turn off the TV or computer and get active**

Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.

On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run. When you hear "I'm bored" – think of something active to do.

During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.

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## **DIARY DATES**

### **Term 4**

#### **Week 10**

Thurs 12/12 Student reports go home  
Last day of Swimming

Fri 13/12 Party Day

#### **Week 11**

Wed 18/12 Last day of school

**2014**

#### **Week 1**

Tues 28/1-Fri 31/1 Staff Development Days

#### **Week 2**

Mon 3/2 All students K – 6 return to school

#### **Week 4**

Tues 18/2 School Photos

Fri 21/2 Newcastle Knights visit

#### **Week 5**

Fri 28/3 Grandparents Day/Health and  
Well Being Expo

CONGRATUALIONS TO ALL STUDENTS RECEIVING PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS

**Dux of School - Jack Kostyn-Smith**



**Outstanding Student - Thomas McGrath**



**Tamworth Teachers' Assoc Award  
Amika Johnson**



**Hillvue Staff Medal  
Caleb Bergan**



**Sportsperson of the Year  
Sharika Nean-Bell**



**Major Award Winners 2013**



James Kellner KIDCO Service Award, Courtney Adams Library Monitor, Brody Barrie Premier's Sporting Challenge, Sharika Nean-Bell Sportsperson, Mathieu Fogden Computer Monitor, Thomas McGrath Outstanding Student, Jack Kostyn-Smith Dux, Caleb Bergan Hillvue Staff Medal, Amika Johnson Tamworth Teachers' Award.

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Class Awards  
1/2D - 1H



KL - KM



SELECT AWARDS



CULTURAL AWARDS



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Class Awards

5/6G -

6F



5C -

3/6G



4B

3/4O



3G

4B

2/J



STUDENTS LEADERS FOR 2014



Zali Lake  
Prefect

Shontaia Berry,  
Vice Captain  
Absent: Stephen Murray, Vice Captain

Olivia Flett,  
Captain

Caleb Bergan,  
Captain

Mathieu Fogden  
Prefect



CULTURAL BLUES  
SPORTING AND  
ACADEMIC



HIGHLIGHTS  
FROM  
PRESENTATION  
DAY



Yr 6 Gift to school - wooden seat

# YEAR 6 FAREWELL. WHAT A NIGHT!





## 4B From the Classroom

In 4B we have been writing poetry and have been writing our own version of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas.

On the twelfth day of Christmas Notch gave to me twelve Christmas trees, eleven iron ingots, ten rocket ships, nine storage chests, eight writing books, seven stealing enders, six chickens laying, five golden blocks, four glass panes, three loaves of bread, two creepy creepers and a blaze setting things on fire.



By Noah



On the twelfth day of school the principal gave to me twelve sporty Calebs, eleven krazy Kamyras, ten silent Tyreses, nine bouncy Biancas, eight ratty Rhiannas, seven crazy James, six chatty Tauras, five dancing Sophies on an abandoned stage, four weird Jakes in a circus tent, three jumping Jacks, two hungry Mr Hurns and a crazy Miss Brooks up a gum tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my best friend gave to me twelve Christmas trees, eleven presents, ten silly dogs, nine growing giraffes, eight presents in the ute, seven surfing Santas, six aching Alex, five sleeping tigers, four jingling Jakes, three bouncing Biancas, two jumping Jacks and a kicking Kobee in my class.



By Bianca and Kobee



**Merry Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year**

On the twelfth day of Christmas someone gave to me twelve tiny elephants, eleven limey lemons, ten Tyrese throwing a tantrum, nine naughty Noahs, eight legged spiders, seven Santas surfing, six broken trees, five crazy kids, four Santas running, three elves jumping, two bells ringing and a Jake playing on the football field.

By Tristan

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