



Dear Parents & Carers

The year has passed so quickly and once again we have achieved so much. Four years as Executive Principal of Hillvue Public School. Where has the time gone? 2016 has been a breakthrough year for us. We are being recognised across Tamworth and NSW for quality teaching and learning and innovative practices; including the development and implementation of dedicated professional learning and Instructional Leaders K-2 and 3-6.

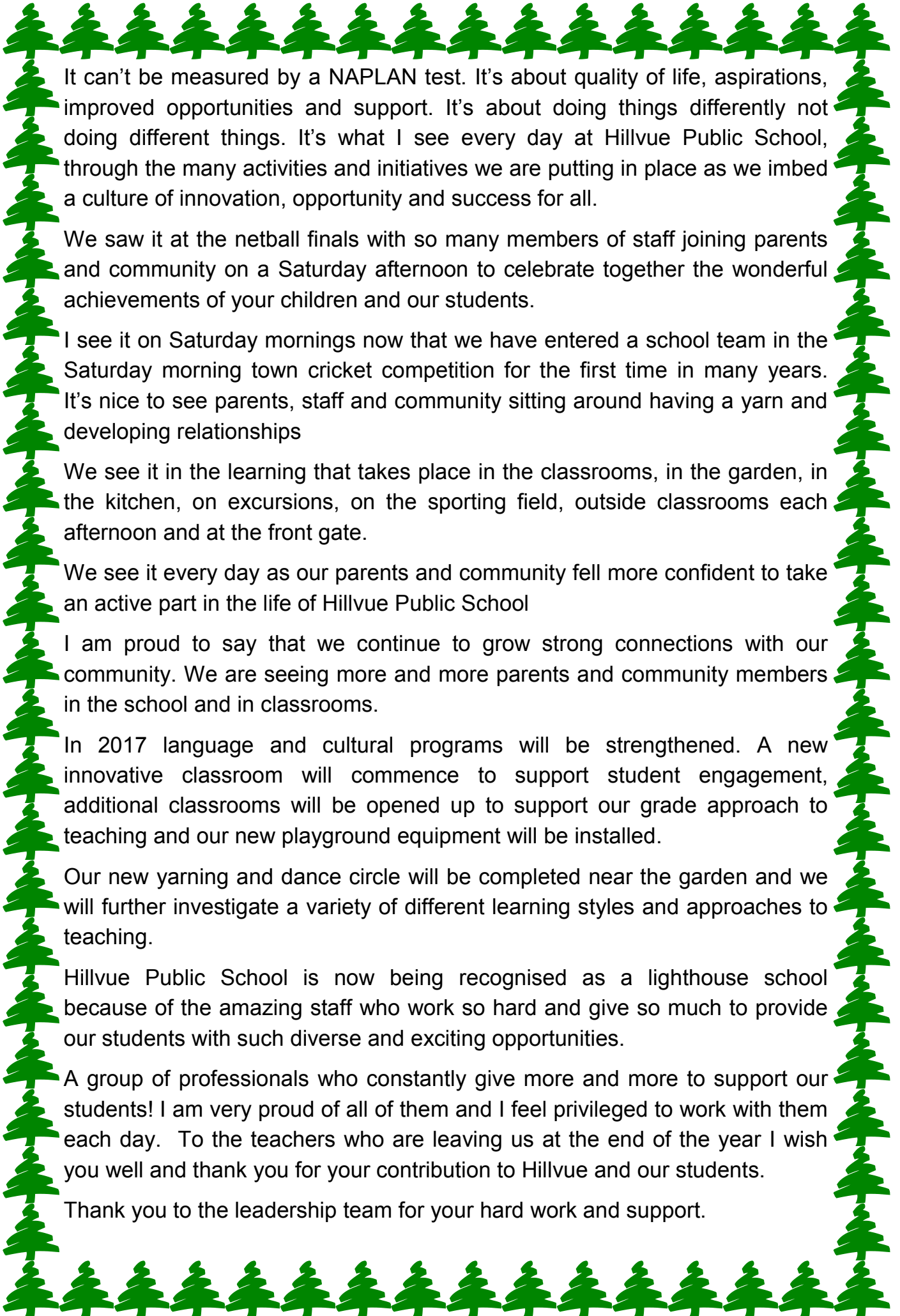
This year we have provided support and guidance to the following schools:

- Griffith Public School
- Narrabri Public School
- Tamworth West Public School
- Inverell Public School
- Ross Hill Public School
- Moree East Public School
- Curlewis Public School and
- Rosemeadow Public School in Campbelltown

These schools have spent time at Hillvue engaging in Professional Learning, collegial sharing and obtaining deeper knowledge of our flexible, differentiated learning environments. This sharing has also provided us with an opportunity to share, learn and grow.

We talk about the Connected Communities Strategy all the time and the key deliverables that underpin the strategy. What is a Connected Community? It is more than just words on paper and a series of boxes to be ticked and reports to be completed and returns submitted? It's about people and relationships. It's about doing with not to and it's about valuing, listening, learning and sharing.





It can't be measured by a NAPLAN test. It's about quality of life, aspirations, improved opportunities and support. It's about doing things differently not doing different things. It's what I see every day at Hillvue Public School, through the many activities and initiatives we are putting in place as we imbed a culture of innovation, opportunity and success for all.

We saw it at the netball finals with so many members of staff joining parents and community on a Saturday afternoon to celebrate together the wonderful achievements of your children and our students.

I see it on Saturday mornings now that we have entered a school team in the Saturday morning town cricket competition for the first time in many years. It's nice to see parents, staff and community sitting around having a yarn and developing relationships

We see it in the learning that takes place in the classrooms, in the garden, in the kitchen, on excursions, on the sporting field, outside classrooms each afternoon and at the front gate.

We see it every day as our parents and community feel more confident to take an active part in the life of Hillvue Public School

I am proud to say that we continue to grow strong connections with our community. We are seeing more and more parents and community members in the school and in classrooms.

In 2017 language and cultural programs will be strengthened. A new innovative classroom will commence to support student engagement, additional classrooms will be opened up to support our grade approach to teaching and our new playground equipment will be installed.

Our new yarning and dance circle will be completed near the garden and we will further investigate a variety of different learning styles and approaches to teaching.

Hillvue Public School is now being recognised as a lighthouse school because of the amazing staff who work so hard and give so much to provide our students with such diverse and exciting opportunities.

A group of professionals who constantly give more and more to support our students! I am very proud of all of them and I feel privileged to work with them each day. To the teachers who are leaving us at the end of the year I wish you well and thank you for your contribution to Hillvue and our students.

Thank you to the leadership team for your hard work and support.



A special thank you to Mrs York. Mrs York mentors and coaches, teaches, leads curriculum development and does so much behind the scenes to support our most vulnerable students. Mrs York knows our students and their stories; she celebrates their successes and provides caring support when they need it. A teacher, a leader, a colleague and an amazing support for me. Thank you Vicki.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of our Executive Director Michele Hall. Shell is here today and I sincerely thank you for your support and constant reminder that we must make a positive difference every day for our children.

Their future is far too important not too. That can only be achieved by ensuring we embrace and engage our community with sincere and genuine partnerships.

Thanks to Tom Flanders and our Reference Group Vickie Fisher and the P&C for your support and guidance. A big thank you to everyone that has contributed to and supported Hillvue Public School throughout 2016!

Mrs Coombes, Ros what can I say retiring after over 30 years at Hillvue Public School. Ros Coombes is a wonderful person and a caring and dedicated teacher. Ros cares about her students and has been a strong advocate for Hillvue Public School for many years. Ros has made the decision to retire, spend more time with family, travel and enjoy more time with her grandchildren. Hopefully Ros will visit us and keep in touch. Ros we wish you a long and happy retirement and on behalf the thousands of children you have taught, helped and supported over the years. Thank you!

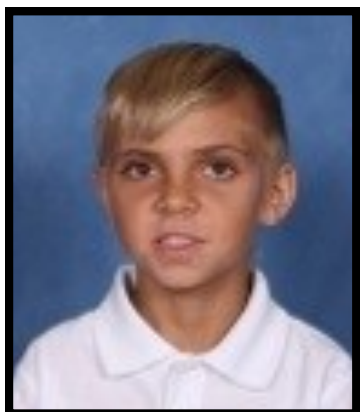


In conclusion a special thank you to Cherie Willis for her support with today's event. Cherie won't be happy that I have acknowledged her but her attention to detail and organisation is valued and appreciated.

Enjoy your day and celebrate your children. Everyone is a winner today.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Chris Shaw
Executive Principal



**2017
CAPTAINS,
VICE CAPTAINS
AND
PREFECTS**



**2017 Boy Captain
Bailey Bergan**

**2017 Girl Captain
Kiani Haines**



**PRESENTATION
DAY 2016**



**2017 Boy Vice Captain
Denzel Johnson**

**2017 Girl Vice Captain
Kida Schlenert**



2017 Prefects

**Kiani
Duckett**

**Jamie
Taylor**

**Tyson
Barnes**

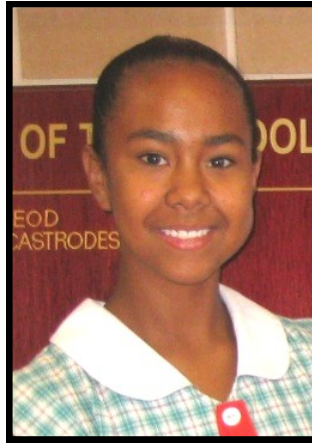
**Bailey
Honeysett**



**Dux Award:
Rochelle
Castrodes**



**Sportsperson of
the
Year Award:
Kiani Duckett**



**Premier's Sporting
Challenge Award:
Kiani Haines**



**Premier's Sporting
Challenge
Encouragement
Award:
Sarah Power**

PRESENTATION DAY 2016



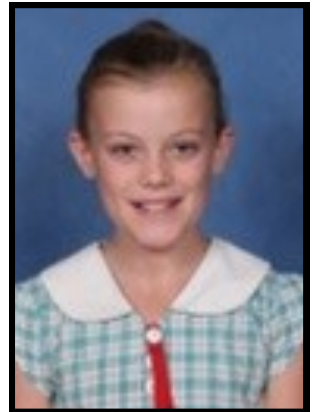
**Outstanding
Student Award:
Kassidee Dawson**



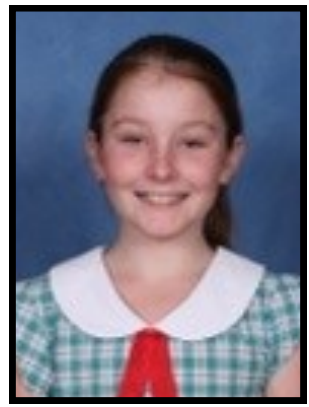
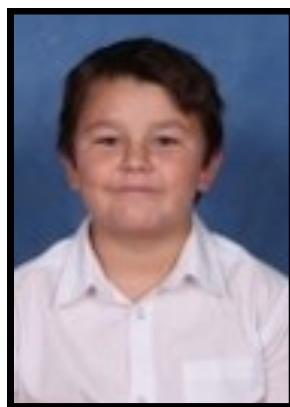
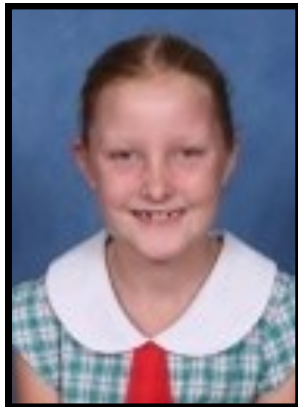
**Tamworth
Teachers' Assoc
Award:
Jada Croaker**



**Hillvue Teachers'
Award:
Shontaya Slater**



**Hillvue
Citizenship
Award:
Eleisha McKay**



**Service to the School:
Payton Richards, Hollie Schlenert, Tyson Barnes & Kida Schlenert**

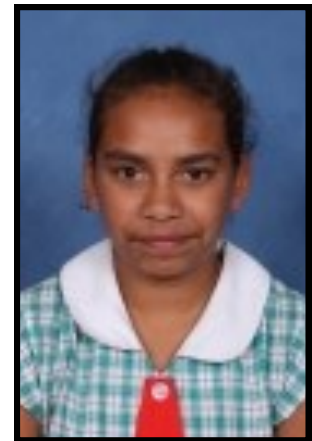
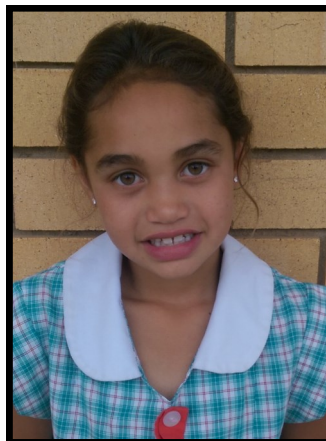
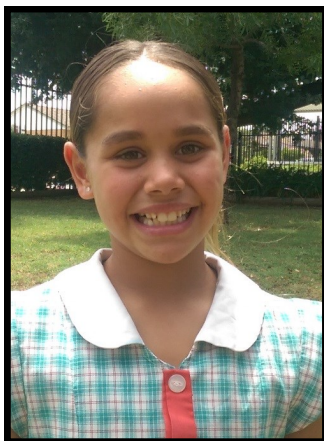


**Executive
Principal's Award:
Kassidee Dawson**

**THS P&C
Scholarship:
Cody Brett**

**Kitchen Garden Awards:
Uche Anyanwu &
Haylie D'Angelantonio**

PRESENTATION DAY 2016



**Sporting Blues:
Kiani Duckett, Kirrawahn Duckett, Lateia Duckett, Alice Colonel**

**Thank you to
Year 6 for the
lovely
farewell gift
of a Welcome
Board**



NOTICEBOARD

Remembrance Day Commemoration

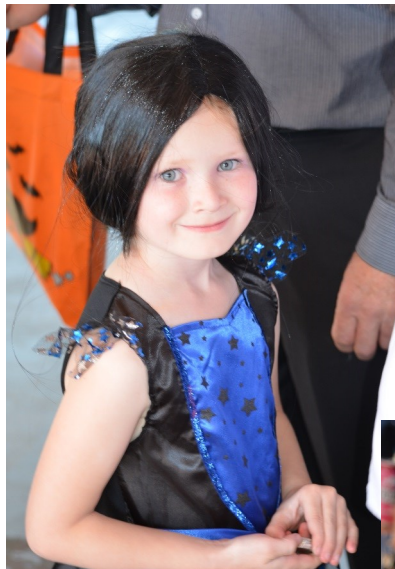
Words can't describe the respect and emotion evident in the hall for our assembly on Friday morning. As I said to our students I was so proud of them. They were amazing! Thank you Mr Jones and his wonderful team! The music, the props, the work with students and their presentations and the attention to detail combined to make this a memorable, sincere and respectful commemoration.

In addition to our ceremony Bridget, Kassidee and Tino represented Hillvue Public School at the Town Remembrance Day Commemorative Ceremony in the Tamworth Town Hall. Brigette and Tino laid a wreath and Kassidee read the recitation of the Remembrance Day Poem. Wonderful ambassadors for Hillvue Public School! Thank you Mrs York for driving and supervising Kassidee, Bridget and Tino!



Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education, and Frank Potter, Executive Director, Public Schools NSW were greeted by school captains Kassidee Dawson and Tino Van Staden on a recent visit to Hillvue Public School. Mr Scott was very interested to hear about and see the many wonderful initiatives that are supporting our school motto of Innovation, Opportunity and Success.





Halloween Disco





Year 2 Personal Narratives

The Race

One sunny afternoon, after school, my brother and I rode our red and black shiny bikes zooming down the footpath with the wind behind us making us go faster. I was in front of Jamahl and I was winning the race!

Then suddenly, out of nowhere, there was a rock sticking up out of the ground. I swerved and dodged but then crash! Poor Jamahl. I heard him screaming. I was afraid to turn around. Slowly I turned and opened my eyes to see Jamahl holding his arm with pain all over his face. I picked Jamahl up off the ground and helped him on his bike. We made the slow journey home. Still holding his arm and tears streaming down his face, mum put him into the car and took him to the hospital.

After a long exhausting wait and some x-rays, Jamahl had broken his arm.

Josh J

The Skate Park

One sunny day Mum and Dad drove us to the skate park because it was my brother's birthday. Boom, boom! Dad pulled the bikes noisily out of the truck. Malakai and I rode our bikes and we were very happy.

Suddenly I heard a loud clunk! My wheel stopped turning and swoosh I flew like a rocket into the air! Thump! I landed on the sharp prickly rocks on the cement. I felt a snap in my ankle. The pain made me feel as miserable as when I had a needle in my arm! I called out to Mum in horror.

Like a shifting shadow my mum was gliding towards the hospital in the car.

When I was in hospital the doctor moved my ankle. I was in agony!

Shontaya

Year 2 Imaginative Narratives

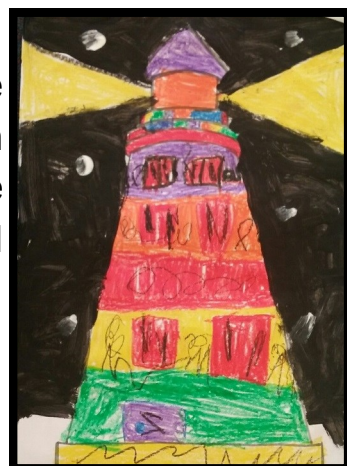
The Lighthouse

It was a cold windy night and everyone in the village was celebrating Christmas eve, dancing and singing their way through the night. All except the poor lighthouse keeper. He felt sad and miserable writing his reports and watching the village people having fun. Bang! The window swung open and his candle blew out.

Click! The light went out. The lighthouse keeper heard a noise up the spiral staircase. He jumped up out of his chair and tripped over. He rushed up the stairs in horror. He opened the door of the light and looked in. Panicked, he tried lifting the light but SMASH! The light shattered into a million pieces.

Quickly the lighthouse keeper sat up in terror. He looked out the window and saw a big ship. BEEP! The lighthouse keeper ran down the spiral staircase and opened the arched door. All the village people were coming towards him with their lanterns. They gathered around the lighthouse with their lanterns so the ship could see the light. Everyone was safe.

Amarli B

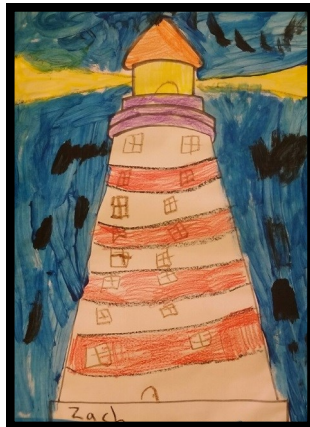


The Poor Lighthouse Keeper

Whoosh! The wind echoed through the small village on Christmas eve. The village people were partying and clinking cups all except the lighthouse keeper. He was watching everyone having fun but he was just sitting there writing reports. He was feeling sad. BANG! The window smacked open and his candle blew out. It was all dark and still.

CRACK! The lighthouse keeper heard a loud noise up stairs so he pushed his chair out and stumbled. He grabbed his shining lantern and rushed up the spiral staircase. He got his toolbox as well. CREAK! The door creaked as he pushed it open. He saw the light had gone out. He then heard a ships horn. He panicked. He picked up the light and...

SMASH! He dropped the light and it shattered into a million pieces. The lighthouse keeper sat up in horror. He turned and looked out over the sea and the ship was getting closer. He had to think of a plan and quick! He ran down the stairs. The lighthouse keeper opened the arched door and saw the village people trudging up the hill with their lanterns. The lighthouse keeper breathed out a sigh of relief. The village people lit up the hill with their lanterns and lead the ship away. The lighthouse keeper celebrated with the village people for the rest of the night.



Year 2 Art Work

Boundary Rock



**Some photos from the
Year 2 Culture and
Language Excursion**

DIARY DATES

WEEK 9	
Thursday 8 December	Year 6 Graduation 12 noon
Thursday 8 December	Year 6 Farewell/Dinner Disco 6.30pm
WEEK 10	
Wednesday 14 December	Party Day
Friday 16 December	Last Day of Term 4
WEEK 1	TERM 1
Monday 30 January	School Starts today

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place Thursday 8 December in the school hall and will start at 12 noon. Please be here 10 minutes earlier to be seated. Children will go home after the ceremony.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Disco

The Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Disco will be held Thursday 8 December from 6.30pm at the Ibis Styles Tamworth on the corner of Ebsworth St & Bridge St. Dinner will be served at 6.45pm with a disco following. The night will conclude at 9.00pm and parents are to pick their children up from inside the Ibis Styles. **Payment to attend needs to be received at the Hillvue front office before 12 noon tomorrow.**

School Student Bus Pass Applications for 2017

Applications for Bus Passes for 2017 are now being taken. We encourage all students who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2017 to apply now. The link to apply for a bus pass is: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

Transport for NSW also ask that any student with an expiring bus pass at the end of 2016 should update their details before 31 December 2016. The link to update details is: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

After 31 December 2016 students must apply for a new pass at: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

Completed forms must be printed, signed and dated and sent to the school for verification. Please see the front office if you require assistance.



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