

# Newsletter



**Term 4 Week 9**

**10 December 2018**

Wow. Where has this year gone?

As one tends to do at the end of a year, there is an opportunity to look back at the year just gone, and reflect on what has happened.

Firstly, there are the personal challenges. For us, it was finding a house. We spent a number of months living in what was essentially a B&B, before eventually settling in Sorell. In hindsight, we can see that the house that the Lord has given us is much nicer than what we were thinking about.

On a professional level, there was moving to a different state, facing different responsibilities and working with an entirely new group of people.

To list names always means leaving some out, but I would like to publically thank Damien Rabe and Susan Matthews, the Head of Primary and the Head of Secondary, for their support and advice over the year. Between them, they have prevented me from making a number of mistakes.

There has been the sadness of having to farewell people who have become our friends: Brian Gorman, Felicity Knight and Anne Bradburn all left during the year for personal reasons. We were blessed to have Katy Matteo join us to fill some of the void.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been saddened by the news that Mrs Matthews has been hospitalised. It is too early to know what the prognosis is for her in terms of next year; she is confident that she will be back and has inspired us with her positivity and sense of humour. Please keep her in your prayers as she faces her challenges.

I have no trouble admitting that the Primary years are a bit of a mystery to me. On Tuesday I spent a little over an hour teaching in Mrs Robertson's Prep and Year 1 Room, and I do

not know how she manages to arrive at school every day with a smile on her face. Give me the high school students any day!

I was so proud of our Year 10 students at the Leavers Dinner recently. They all looked fantastic (yes, Noah, I loved that bow tie) and spoke so well. They will be fine ambassadors for Hilliard Christian School as they move on to bigger and better things next year.

Finally, I would be remiss not to thank our families for making the school what it is. For entrusting your children to us; for having the confidence to advise us when you feel we have erred; for the support that you have given when we have asked for it. It has been an honour to work with you in the critical role of educating your children.

It is my prayer that you have a safe and happy holiday season, and we look forward to working with you again next year.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely

**Speech Night**

**Wednesday, 12  
December**

**See inside for more  
details**

*"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."*

Luke 16:10

We have three house teams at Hilliard Christian School for our sports events. Newman, Arnold and Eiszele. Newman and Arnold were names from Administration Leaders, however, Eiszele is a name tributed to George and Joan who have given an incredible service in our local community.

Both George and Joan had a passion in assisting immigrant and refugee families in settling into the Hobart area. Not only did they assist in the smaller things like picking them up from the airport. They also helped by buying a few houses that refugee families would be able to move into so give these families a smooth transition. George even received the honour of being awarded in the Order of Australia. Furthermore, both George and Joan Eiszele assisted some of these resettling families by bringing their children to Hilliard Christian School and providing financial support among other things.

Right now, we have a number of these children attending our school and they are a huge blessing to school community. The investment that George and Joan have made in these kids have not been in vain.

Sadly, George recently passed away. Our school was represented by our principal and our school captains at his memorial service last week. They spoke on our behalf and revealed the humble service of George and Joan Eiszele to our school community. It was no surprise to hear from some families that were helped by George and Joan. It was clear that George will be missed. However, he has left a legacy through these many people that he influenced with his love and generosity and the house team that will be always remembered at HCS.

George demonstrated what it means to live the love of Jesus and to be faithful with the small things in life. His faithfulness led to leaving a huge impression, not only in our school, but even in the wider community.

It is my prayer that our students will do the same and will continue the great service to our community.

*Pr David*



If you would like to discuss any of the things I write about or you just want a chat. Please feel free to get in touch with me.

## Exciting Changes Planned for 2019

We are excited to announce that next year will see the High School English and Mathematics classes taught in Year levels, rather than composite classes as they are at present.

We believe that this will enable us to strengthen the literacy and numeracy of the High School, which will reap a corresponding reward in other subjects.

We are also making some changes to the subjects in Year 9 & 10. While the same number of choices will be available, we will be adding a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subject which will be taught in a project-based format by Mr McAndrew and Mr Segovia.

This means that Mrs Matteo will be used primarily in the High School and technology areas, and we have employed a new teacher in the Primary School.

## Staff Changes

It is with sadness that we will say farewell to two of our longest serving staff members, Mrs Christine Gorman and Mrs Merrie Wilson, who have both chosen to retire. The school is losing almost 50 years of service from these two ladies. We wish them well as they move into the next phase of their life.

Miss Kristy Baker will take over the Learning Needs Coordinator. Miss Baker's Masters degree is in this area, so she is well qualified to step into this role. In order for her to do this, Mrs Hannah Rabe will move to the Year 5 & 6 Classroom to provide a day of relief.

Miss Monique Calais will be joining us from Adelaide to teach a day in the Year 1 & 2 classroom and take some release classes in the Primary School as well. Miss Calais comes with an excellent reputation and was well loved by the students at her current school, where she has previously taught with Mrs Littlewood and is currently teaching with Miss Acuna.



Leavers Dinner 2018





## Term One

21 Jan	Office Opens
31 Jan	Book Day
6 Feb	First Day of School
11 Feb	Regatta Day
21 Feb	Dedication Service
4 Mar	Primary Swimming (to 15 Mar)
15 Mar	Primary Swimming Carnival
11 Mar	Eight Hour Day
21 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews
8 Apr	STOMP Commences (to 12 Apr)
12 Apr	Last Day of Term
19 Apr	Good Friday
22 Apr	Easter Monday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day

## Term Two

29 Apr	First Day of Term
12 May	School Improvement Survey
14 May	NAPLAN Online Window Opens
27 May	Week of Worship (WOW) (to 31 May)
10 Jun	Queen's Birthday
11 Jun	Pupil Free Day
15 Jun	School Church Service @ Rosny
24 Jun	High School Exams Commence
4 Jul	Parent Teacher Interviews
5 Jul	Last Day of Term

## Term Three

23 Jul	Students start of Term (Tuesday)
19 Aug	Book Week Commences (to 23 Aug)
22 Aug	Book Week Parade
31 Aug	Glenorchy Church Service
27 Sep	Last day of Term

## Term Four

14 Oct	First day of Term
24 & 25 Oct	Show Days
3 Nov	School Fair
10 Dec	Beach Day
11 Dec	Speech Night & Final Day for Students

## Speech Night Information

The Annual Hilliard Christian School Speech Night will be held on Wednesday evening.

Venue: Hobart City Church of Christi  
8 Goulburn Street  
HOBART

Time: Students by 6:45pm for a 7pm start.

All students to be in their summer dress uniform.

In order to facilitate this, students will be allowed to wear free dress to school on Wednesday.

## Beach Day Information

Tomorrow the school will be heading to the beach for the day.

We will be leaving school in time to arrive at the beach by 10am. Parents who wish to attend are also invited.

The students will be given the opportunity to swim in the water under supervision. As well as teachers, we have organised to have two life-guards present.

There is no expectation that students will come in uniform to the beach. We ask, however, the beach dress is kept modest. Sunscreen will be provided,



We are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to help out with the canteen next year.

If you are able to help out, please let the school know by contacting the office or emailing [info@hilliard.adventist.edu.au](mailto:info@hilliard.adventist.edu.au)

## Bethlehem House Donation

In conjunction with ADRA, our *Ignite* leaders purchased some essential clothing items for the men's shelter, Bethlehem House. They are seen here handing over the clothing.



## Enrolments 2019

Know someone who is looking at attending Hilliard next year? Check and make sure they have returned their enrolment forms as some of our classes are already full for 2019.



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## Happenings

11 December	Beach Day
12 December	Last day for Students Speech Night
2019	
21 January	Office Opens
31 January	Book Day
6 February	First day of classes.

*Remember to return your forms with your email address so that we can email the Newsletter directly to your inbox.*



*Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere*

*— Chinese proverb*