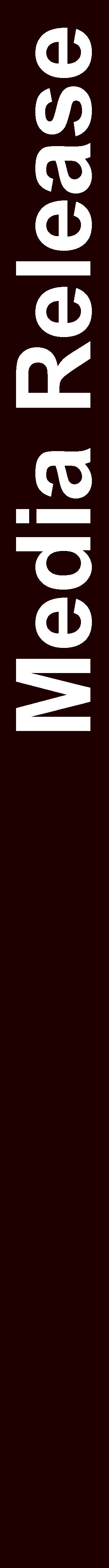
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**Hilltop SC Welcomes Community to Book Week celebrations: Prize-winning author to speak**

Kelvin Grove, Australia, 14 May, 2013

The 17 August marks the start of Book Week. This event, which applauds the importance of books and Australian authors and illustrators nationwide, is an annual highlight for Hilltop State College’s vibrant reading community. Library staff are running a series of events leading up to the week, including displays, book readings from shortlisted books, visits by authors and competitions with prizes. This year, in a major break from tradition, the college is inviting the wider community to two special functions to be held at the school.

The first is a Literary Luncheon to be held on Monday 12August, a Student-Free Day, in the dining room in the O’Connell Building. The school is delighted that Phoebe Cathcart, a former student and winner of last year’s Man Booker prize, has agreed to be the guest speaker. While she may not have to come from *Across the Universe*, Phoebe will be making the trip from New York City where she now resides and writes full time.



Phoebe Cathcart is delighted to be visiting her old school

The second function will be a free lunchtime address on Wednesday 14 August from   
1–2 pm by Cairns-based Phineas Grey. Phineas’s second book, *Daisy and Lily on the Rampage,* is shortlisted in the [Picture Book Notables](http://cbca.azurewebsites.net/files/2013PBNotables.pdf). Phineas will speak about his own life, from being homeless for a short period during his adolescence to being a published author and award-winning conservationist. This lecture will be held in the college Assembly Hall.

For Frances Tran, Hilltop’s long-serving librarian, the ultimate aim of all of this activity is “promoting the love of reading and increasing literacy”. It appears to be working, as Hilltop students, supported by their parents and teachers, have again achieved outstanding NAPLAN results in 2012 in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, and Spelling ([http://www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au/ResultsInNumbers/Index/70890/KelvinGroveStateCollege/47578/2012)).

Book Week is sponsored by the Children’s Book Council of Australia; this year’s theme is **Read Across the Universe**. The shortlist has been announced (see <http://cbca.org.au/Shortlist2013.htm>) and the winners will be announced on Friday 16 August at noon.

To book for either of the community events, ring Jason Sargent on 33225678. If you require more information, please contact Frances Tran (contact details below).

**About Hilltop State College:** Founded in 1952, Hilltop SC is an inner city Brisbane P–12 college with schools of excellence in soccer, tennis and the arts.

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