

Talk, Talk, Talk

An article from The Age quotes Associate Professor John Munroe (University of Melbourne) on the importance of developing good oral language skills in young children. He makes the point that "Good language skills and the ability to communicate effectively are key foundations to students' capacity to learn". Parents often focus on the development of reading, writing and spelling whilst underestimating the importance of equally developing children's oral language. He offers these tips for parents to more effectively support their children's language skill development.

Talking Tips

- *Help children to learn new words and build a richer vocabulary. Encourage them to name items, actions and use descriptive words.
- *Encourage them to talk in sentences about experiences and events, expressing what they think and feel.
- *Show them how to use a broader range of sentences when they are playing with toys, listening to a story or talking with others.
- *Build their listening capacity. Share stories and play games in which they need to listen, respond to information and follow instructions.
- *Help them listen for and use sound patterns in words. Encourage them to rhyme words, sing and read stories that have rhyming words.
- *Teach them to ask different types of questions and to use questions to learn new ideas.
- *Ask them to predict what could happen next when sharing an experience such as shopping or playing, reading them a story or playing with toys.
- *Ask them to retell experiences. Show them photos of experiences you have shared or videos they have seen and ask them to say what happened.

Extract from The Age – August 29th 2011

If you would like to read the whole article it can be accessed at:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/chattering-classes-point-way-to-success-20110826-1je5n.html#ixzz1X8Xa60PG>

Our Prep enrolments for 2016 are well underway and we are planning the transition program for term four. If you have siblings or know of friends and neighbours that will be enrolling for 2016 please encourage them to enrol **now** so we can plan effectively for the number of Prep teachers needed next year and provide appropriate spaces for our transition program. We also have limited space in our Long Day Care program for 3-5-year old children at the Early Learning Centre. Just drop in for a tour and obtain a position for this year, or future years by enrolling on our waiting list. Sessional Kindergarten enrolments must go through Casey of Casey Council. You may need to fill in a change of preference form for 2017 and beyond to ensure your family does not miss out on the opportunity of attending the Hillsmeade 4-year old funded Kindergarten program.

Road Safety I want to remind and encourage families that we have approximately 850 students arriving and leaving the school every day. Walking to school is encouraged for healthy bodies and supports optimal learning after active movement. We need your support to drive safely and obey road laws when you are dropping off students for school.

A reminder to not park in the ELC & School staff car park, or obstruct the driveway, as children exit the school via this driveway.

We have a mini working bee this Friday from 4:00 to 5:00p.m., we look forward to your support in weeding garden beds, moving mulch and cleaning up areas to improve the appearance of our school. Thank you to the families who came to our last mini working bee. Many hands make light work!

Ms Harry returns from her holidays next week, so I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school community, as I have enjoyed the role of Acting Principal in her absence.

Shiona Watson
Acting Principal

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

Wednesday 12th August. No 24

AUGUST

12th

Learning Together
Parent Forum

13th

Interschool athletics
(selected students)

14th

Mini (working) Bee
4-5pm

17th-21st

Science week
4-5pm

18th

RACV Sausage sizzle
Grade 4-6

19th

Family Science Night
6pm-7.30pm

21st

Whole School Assembly
2:45pm grade 3 item

21st

School Disco

24th-28th

Prep-1 swimming

25th

Grade 2 Camp Info Night

27th

CERES Grade 2

SEPTEMBER

1st

Multicultural Day

2nd

Grade 6 Family suitcase
Expo 2:30-4:30

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big

DISCO Friday 21st August, Prep, 1 & 2: 5-6.30pm, Gr3-6: 7-9pm. \$3 Entry.

All students are required to bring along the signed permission slip that is at the bottom of the disco flyer sent home last week or available at the office. Teachers and parent volunteers will be in attendance at this Hillsmeade only event. The canteen will be open selling a few treats (50c-\$1.50), drinks (\$1) and glow sticks (\$1) & free water will be available. If you are able to assist on the night please call Jill 0400473082.

Fathers day stall Tuesday 1st September.

Teachers will bring the children to the HFC room in grade groups where they are able to buy gifts from a range of products priced 50c-\$3.50. Each year level has items only they can buy. The purchase of items from the stall is at the discretion of parents and children do not need to participate if you do not want them to. If they do participate they do not need a lot of money. There are several grandparent items too. If you are able to assist on this day please call Natalie 0417391345.

To assist with either of these events you need a current working with children's check—paperwork is available at the office or enroll online; applications are free for volunteers.

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Thanks to all the families and friends that attended Bogan Bingo.
It was a really fun way to raise a massive \$8500!!!!!! Rock on!



Coaching Corner : Five love languages

Children need to feel loved to be able to succeed. But, if you and your child speak different love languages, your intentions may get lost in translation, in turn, affecting your child's attitude, behaviour and development.

Children have a primary and a secondary love language (as do adults), and we must learn to 'speak' their language if we want them to know that we love them. As with other areas of a child development, we must go to their interests to support their strengths, and stretch them to develop in new areas. With love languages, we must learn to first connect on their level and then stretch them to understand the world as others see it.

There are 5 love languages:

Words of affirmation: actions don't always speak louder than words, some children need to hear the words 'I love you', or be told specifics about why they are so special, why they are loved.

Quality time: Whether it be a quiet walk together or a special lunch date, being fully present and giving your child your undivided attention leaves your child feeling satisfied and comforted more than words.

Receiving gifts: Not all people who enjoy receiving gifts are materialistic, the notion is more about the thoughtfulness that goes into the gift. It doesn't have to be extravagant or elaborate, but rather a token of how much you know your child and their interests.

Acts of Service: Hearing the words 'let me do that for you', is like music to most people's ears, for those who see acts of kindness as the greatest expression of love, it's like hitting the jackpot. Easing the weight of responsibilities will speak volumes, while at the same time teaching your child independence through a 'gradual' release of responsibility.

Physical Touch: Everyday physical connections, like holding hands, sharing a cuddle, thoughtful touches on the arm or shoulder re-affirms that you are there for and with your child. A physical presence and accessibility to you are crucial.

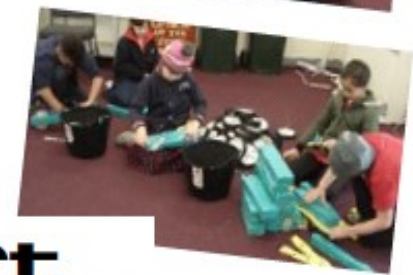
Remember, though you and your child might prefer particular love languages more so than others, it doesn't mean that you should stop expressing other love languages, we all still enjoy traits of the others.



Kelly Utting
Teaching and Learning Coach

Hillsmeade Heroes

Evelyn Park, Tomas Del Papa, Max Norton, Bailey Pepperall, Jake Ellerton, Joel Fleming, Shae Lewis, Tuarahi Mataio, Luke Benedicto, Harrison de Koning, Tyler Mackerness Maddocks, Sweeny Printhan, Louise Crowe, Sarah Simonsen, Riley Landwehr, Zahra Abassi, Hasib Behiar, Blossom Lim, Joshua Quinn, Khalarni Tangarao, Ommid Rezaye, Tejas Devarajan, Ethan Phelan, Zahraa Al Dulehale, Hailee Geddes, Tyra Feloman, Charlee Hulme, Caden Robbie, Nicholas Serra, Sagar Pai, Riley Browne, EJ Vidallon, Murtaza Jaffari, Whitney Hodge, Monique Sugianto, Tiarna Gates, Aidan Bartholomeusz, Hayden Cameron, Jaques Belot, Luke Braithwaite, John Pollard, Maddie Utting, Gianna Kasilag, Ezri Casey, Sahar Kamali, Christian Fernando, Nikolas Thamboo, Ava Leitch, Aliyah Hogan, Jaycea Cutthers, Chloe McCreery, Nathan Neang, Luca Diabiase, Trae Yan Chun Wing.



Billy Cart Incursion 2015



HILLSMEADE SCIENCE EXPO

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST
6:00PM - 7:30

PRIZES FOR
BEST DRESSED!!!



- *Activities in the main building from 6pm
- *Amazing class displays & family entries in the hall from 6:30pm
- *Come dressed as a **MAD SCIENTIST!!**



GRANBOURNE CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT Season 2015-2016

DATE: Friday 21st August 2015

TIME: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

AT: J & P Cam Reserve
Cnr Clarendon St & Fairbairn Rd
Cranbourne

Pay in full by 1st November to receive \$10 club voucher

Under 11's = \$120 Under 13's/15's/17's = \$160

Eftpos, Cash & Bank Deposit accepted

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

BOOK CLUB

The latest issue (6) of Scholastic Book Club is now out. Children love to own their own books and Book Club has some great bargains. Once again there are \$2.00 books in each of the brochures. Also the newest book in the Andy Griffiths' Treehouse series is available in this issue. For those students doing the Premiers Reading Challenge, you can find books that are on the reading list by looking for the letters PRC next to the book.

SCHOLASTIC HAVE CHANGED SOME OF THEIR PURCHASE OPTIONS

CREDIT CARD – USING LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP You can now order and pay for your Book Club online. You must know your child's grade and teacher name to be able to use this option. You do not send anything to school. The order will be delivered to school. It is very easy to use!

Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or cash (which must be the correct amount). If you use this option, you must still fill out the order form and return it to school. Fill out the order form, with the child's name and grade on the top and put it in an envelope along with the **CORRECT MONEY** (cash or cheque) and mark the envelope **BOOK CLUB** with the child's name and grade as well. Please **do not** include any monies for other fundraising or school events in this envelope.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE STUDENTS NAME AND GRADE IS WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF EVERY ORDER FORM. ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THERE IS NO NAME ON THE ORDER FORM.


BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

Notices Sent Home

- Grade 3 Zoo Excursion

PEER SUPPORT PRORAM

This week in the Peer Support session, the Grade 5 students will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each other's lives. Students will construct a visual representation of this during the session. Encourage your Grade 5 child to identify the friends they have who can provide support to them when the need arises.



"LEARNING TOGETHER"- Free Parent Forums

Engaging Parents and Families in Understanding Children's Development.

Wednesday 29th July- 9th September (fortnightly)
2:30pm-3:30pm / Meet @ Hillsmeade P.S. office

ATTENTION HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS


- **Don't forget if you have a Health Care Card to apply for \$125.00 to go towards payment for Camps, Sports Excursion Fund.**

Applications will close at the end of Term 3 but the sooner you get your application in the sooner the money will be credited to your child.

To apply just come to the school office with your Health Care Card, current as at 13th April or 14th July, to be photocopied and fill in the application form. The Health Care Card needs to be in the name of the parent / guardian.


Once you have applied and you receive any excursion, incursion, sport or camp notices please write on the bottom of the permission slip **"Please use CSEF"**

If you have any enquires please phone the school on 9704 6313 and



GRADE 4 CAMP

Camp is on November 4th-6th
Balance of camp money must be paid
no later than 30th October.



EXCURSION CUT OFF DATE :

- Swimming Prep - Grade 1 Due Back 14th August
- CERES grade 2 Due Back 24th August
- Sovereign Hill grade 5 Due Back 9th September
- Zoo Grade 3 Due Back 11th Sep

HILLSMEADE VISION STATEMENT

Hillsmeade Primary School is a warm, friendly and diverse learning community where students have opportunities to learn in a manner that is personalised and caters for their interests, needs and strengths. We strive to prepare our students and families for a life of continual learning and we pride ourselves on our unique learning environments. We aim for Hillsmeade students to investigate, communicate and become lifelong learners with curious minds and a bright future.