

Wednesday 2nd September No 27

Dear Parents / Guardians

Yesterday we celebrated the many cultures combined into one Hillsmeade school community. Did you know that we have 53 cultures in our school with 47 different languages being spoken in our children's homes? This is surely something to celebrate. The celebrations included international songs, traditional dress, flag or photo, conversations around multiculturalism in the classroom, creating flags of our heritage and learning to say 'hello' in different languages. Our assembly on Friday will showcase the cultures when the children wave their flag in unison. I'd like to thank the members of our KidsMatter Action Team, our Welfare Committee and particularly, Mitze and Sakina (student Social Worker) for organising this special day for us to reflect upon our own heritage and learn more about our community.

*Krystal and I both have Hungarian heritage.*



We are currently working on upgrading our school website with the aim of providing our current and prospective parents updated information about Hillsmeade. Suggestions are most welcome as we believe our parents are the primary users of our website and the information needs to be able to answer the questions they may have about our school. Please drop any ideas into the office so we can take them into consideration.

The School Council Buildings and Grounds sub-committee met recently to discuss what maintenance could be completed this year and within budget. The painting is ongoing, with the gym foyer being completed on Monday, the Library will start in a week or two and the children's toilets will be painted during the holidays. We also agreed to spruce up the garden at the front entrance to the school, clean the shade sails and have the heaters/air-conditioners maintained. Most importantly, we also discussed the possibility of obtaining quotes for our much needed oval upgrade. As this is a major works project, we are required to follow the department's guidelines around obtaining quotes, getting approval etc. However, we are very keen to start the discussions and with fingers crossed, we will see significant improvement with our oval in 2016. Very exciting news for our school.

Families are reminded that students MUST be collected after school by 3.45pm. Recently we have had children here till 4.30pm and on occasion, 3.30pm on our last day of term. Our teachers can supervise for 15 mins after the bell but we have other commitments such as staff meetings. If you require after school care, please contact the ELC to see if there are vacancies.

Finally, I would like to wish all our dads a special Father's Day on Sunday. May you have a day filled with laughter, love and precious moments with your family.

Deborah

## SEPTEMBER

2nd

Grade 6 Family suitcase

Expo 2:30-4:30

3rd

School Tour 10am

4th

Whole School Assembly

Grade 5 item

15th

Grade 3 Zoo Excursion

16th

Grade 5 Sovereign Hill

18th

Whole School Assembly

Choir

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Finish at 2:30 (Please be on time as teachers have a end of term meeting).

## OCTOBER

5TH

First Day Term 4

Return to School

It's cool to be at school

## Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

*Think Big, Dream Big*

Thank you to all the parent helpers for the fathers Day stall yesterday:

Inez, Bronwyn, Jenny, Jill, May, Marchelle, Kerry, Alesha, Rachael & Natalie. Thanks to the teachers for bringing the students over to the stall and interrupting their day. We hope you have a Happy Fathers Day!

Remember: The stall will also be open **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 3-4pm** for sales.

Thanks to all our GOLD SPONSORS for BOGAN BINGO

**Ava Maria Dental:** 87902500, 370 Pound Rd, Narre Warren South

**Cr. Sam Aziz:** Springfield Ward Councillor, City of Casey

**Harcourts Real Estate:** Shop 21, Casey Central shopping centre

**Jewels of Eden:** Shop 14, Eden Rise Village, 87868266

**Life Track Personal Training,** 2 The Elms, Narre Warren, Michelle: 0410519212

**Prestige Chemdry:** 1300880968, shane@prestigechemdry.com.au

**Russell's for Hair:** 39 Webb St. Narre Warren, 97047260

**Dr Snip:** 1300 377647, 232 Cheltenham Rd., Keysborough

**Victoria Statewide Conveyancing:** 87905488, Peter Gajanovic: Level 1, Suite 6

58-60 Victor Cres., Narre Warren,

[info@victorianstatewide.com.au](mailto:info@victorianstatewide.com.au),

**Mr Jason Wood MP:** Member for La Trobe, Victoria  
**Zagame's Berwick:** 9702 6223, 288-296 Clyde Rd, Berwick.

## 2015 RACV Energy Breakthrough Fund Raising Raffle

Hillsmeade has 3 teams representing the school by constructing and racing human powered vehicles and need to raise funds for repairs and equipment.

**2 PRIZES to win of \$50 Village cinema gift card**

**Tickets \$1 each.**

**Write your name, phone number & child's grade on ticket**

Due back Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Drawn at assembly Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Are you a business looking for a way to get your name out in the community? Have you heard about the RACV Energy Breakthrough? Would you be interested in sponsoring and supporting our teams who will be participating in the 2015 event?**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, 24 of our students from grades 5 and 6, their parents, Mr Kay, Ms Barker and Ms Aoun will be attending the 3 day RACV Energy Breakthrough Human Powered Vehicle event at Maryborough. To get to this event takes a lot of preparation, extra out of school hour commitment and training by both students, teachers and their parents. The students not only race the Human Powered Vehicles but present a full script and presentation to judges about their 'Energy Breakthrough Journey.' Unfortunately one of our vehicles, after many years in the program does not meet the safety requirements and we are unable to participate without a total remake or without purchasing a new machine. We are kindly seeking your help to find sponsorship to help the teams get a safe approved machine together in time. All sponsors will have their names on our vehicles and display boards for the event. If you or someone you know are interested and are able to support we are hoping to cover our new machine with the names of our supportive community.

A6 Stickers (of family/business name) - \$20 sponsorship

A5 Stickers (of family/business name) - \$50 sponsorship

A4 Stickers (of family/business name) - \$100 sponsorship

If you have any further enquiries please contact Ms Barker at the school on 9704 6313

On behalf of the 2015 Human Powered Vehicle Team we thank you for helping us to find sponsorship towards getting our 'Community Machine' to the November event.

### Notices Sent Home

- Get Active Sports (eldest)
- Dream Puppets Grade 4

### EXCURSION CUT OFF DATE :

- Sovereign Hill grade 5 Due Back 9th September
- Dream Puppets grade 4 Due back 9th September
- Zoo Grade 3 Due Back 11th September

### CHANGE OF CLOTHES

With the wet weather and plenty of puddles around, could you please pack a spare set of clothes in your child's school bag just in case of an accident ?

Also if your child has borrowed a change of clothes from sick bay could they be washed and returned to the office.





# MULTICULTURAL DAY



1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2015

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WEAR PSW** have advised the school that they will be increasing their prices from 1st November, 2015. Any-one wishing to receive a copy of the new price list please contact the office.



**"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

**HATS HATS HATS**

Its that time again being a Sun Smart School hats must be worn as from September 1st.



**GRADE 4 CAMP**

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



**TERM DATES 2015:**

TERM 3 13th July— 18th September  
TERM 4 5th October—18th December

**ATTENDANCE AT HILLSMEADE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2016**

My children, listed below **WILL NOT** be returning to Hillsmeade in 2016.  
(This does not apply to Grade 6 students)



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\_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade 2015

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which school they will be attending.

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- **DO YOU NEED MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS?**
- **DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD?**

*We may be able to help you if you are the holder of a Health Care Card. The Government have made available \$125 per child to support families to cover the costs of camps, excursions and incurSIONS.*

*Please come to the office to fill out the application and bring your Health Care Card for photocopying. If you have an queries please phone and speak to one of the office staff on 9704 6313.*

*Any future notices you can then write "Please use CSEF" and you do not need to send any money.*

**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.