Dear Parents & Guardians

This last week of term 3 has proven to be a typical Victorian spring week. We had twenty-seven degrees and beautiful sunshine on Monday. As the grade 3 students, teachers and volunteer parents hopped on the bus to visit Melbourne Zoo today (Tuesday), raincoats, umbrellas and jackets were evident as we hoped for 15 degrees. Tomorrow when I travel with the grade 5’s up to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, I’ll be prepared with the full ensemble of winter/spring attire. If you’ve visited Sovereign Hill before, you’ll know that a jacket, scarf and even gloves are in order.

Congratulations to team Bull Rush, the overall winner of Survivor Day last Friday. The grade 5 & 6 children supported each other in their teams to get through the many and varied challenges set by the teachers. I think the team had an advantage given Ms Tierney has been part of this event for a number of years.

This week the Government and the Department of Education launched The Education State by announcing $747 million in extra funds to deliver great schools for every community and great teachers in every classroom. If you would like to read more about this, please have a look on the DET’s website http://www.education.vic.gov.au.

Developing the Education State involved consultation with various stakeholders where six key themes emerged:

1. Improving the quality of teaching;
2. Ensure the overall wellbeing of children and young people;
3. The need for all students to have access to quality education;
4. The importance of ensuring students see clear learning and career pathways;
5. Partnerships with communities; and
6. The need to consistently monitor student learning progress and school improvement.

Five and ten year targets have been set to improve reading, maths, science, arts and critical and creative thinking results for all Victorian children. Other initiatives include a new Victorian Curriculum F-10 (incorporating AusVELS), a School Leadership initiative, additional Regional Services & Support, a Framework for improving Student Outcomes and a new Online Assessment Platform (Insight). Hillsmeade PS has already been advised that we will receive additional equity funding which has been calculated based on the levels of social disadvantage of our school. We will be afforded some exciting and challenging opportunities in the next few years of education and more particularly, as we develop our next Strategic Plan.

I wish you all a relaxing two week break with family and friends.

Deborah

It's cool to be at school
Look what’s going on at Hillsmeade .........

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big

That was a very busy term 3 for fundraising we all wish you a safe and happy break in the school holidays.

Coming up in Term 4:

Bus Shopping tour is full but we do we have a waiting list. Thanks to those that have paid their deposit & its now time to pay the balance. Any questions to Inez Crowe 0425 896 874.

Christmas raffle and party/concert – date to be announced.

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

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

Due back TODAY Wednesday 16th September.

Drawn at assembly Friday 18th September.

Thanks to all the families for your support From the grade 5/6 HPV teams and staff.

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 any 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.

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GRADE 4 CAMP

Camp is on November 4th-6th

Balance of camp money must be paid no later than 30th October.

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Notices Sent Home

• History : The Colonial Show grade 4

• Grade 6 Year Book

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EXCURSION CUT OFF DATE

• Grade 4 History The Colonial show

Due back 27/10/15

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Peer support program

Hillsmeade Primary School is so pleased to announce the successful completion of our first peer support program. The key skills that all grade 5 students focused on in the module “Keeping Friends” were critical thinking, empathy, conflict resolution, assertiveness, and relationship building.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be starting back on the second week of Term 4, Tuesday 13th October 2015 @ 8.15am in the Happy Hub. See you there!
On Thursday 10th September, all grade 5/6 students were involved in Survivor Day at Hillsmeade. It was a day full of team building, looking after our friends, confidence, persistence, MUD, tasting weird foods, completing quizzes, team chants, more MUD, resilience, showing initiative, school wide clue finding and most of all——getting along with our class mates!

Congratulations to BULL RUSH who were the WINNERS on the day. Earning the most points throughout the 10 activities on the day, showing co-operation, comradery, encouragement, great sportsmanship and they had an excellent team chant!
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.

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)

__________________________________Current Grade 2015
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(PLEASE PRINT)

Parents Signature __________________________

No dogs allowed in school grounds Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Refer to “The Link” dated 17th June, 2015 when this motion was passed at School Council.

KAMBRYA NETBALL CAMP – 2 days

Or

KAMBRYA BASKETBALL CAMP – 2 days

Where: Kambrya College – 68 Bemersyde Drive, Berwick
When: 23rd (Wednesday) – 24th (Thursday) of September 2015
Time 9am till 3pm
Ages: 5 – 13 years old

$80 per child for 2 days. MUST be paid before the day. Early bird price of $70 if paid before the 11th of September 2015.
Payment by cash or cheque
Children will need to bring: Snacks (no peanut products), refillable water bottle & lunch. Lunch can be ordered for both days for an extra $10.

To confirm or for more information contact Ngarelle on 0434 271 815.

Name: ____________________________ Basketball □ Netball □
Age: __________________________
Contact 1: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________
Contact 2: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

Optional: Select 1 hot food and 1 drink for both days ($10)
☐ Sausage Roll ☐ Prima
☐ Meat Pie ☐ Water

Please indicate which school they will be attending.

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PLEASE PRINT

 Parents Signature __________________________