

Wednesday 21st October No 32

Dear Parents / Guardians

The children who attended Somers Camp returned safe and sound and from all accounts, a fantastic time was had by all. Ms Toni Barker who went with the children shared how the Hillsmeade students participated in new learning opportunities, team challenges whilst developing new friendships. Ten days is a long time to be away from home (for the children and the parents), but an adventure that the boys and girls will remember for a very long time.

On Monday and Tuesday this week, Mrs Jodie Bray and I attended the C4 Casey Cardinia Network of Schools conference, *Building Staff Capacity*. Michael Fullan, OC, professor emeritus at the University of Toronto in Canada worked with us to take control over our own situation (ie. Hillsmeade PS) by linking to others locally and in networks. He challenged our thinking on being able to improve our own school but also to be a 'system player' by having greater influence in the bigger system (ie. other schools in the DET). He referred to the **right drivers** for change (capacity building, collaborative work, pedagogy and systemness). As I type this edition for the Link, I observed the Grade 4 team of teachers come back into the school after visiting one of our network's schools to observe their teaching of VCOP. Our second presenter, Simon Breakspear focused more on the micro-management of pedagogical practice and set out developing practical, evidence-based strategies for mobilising staff and shifting professional practices.

At our last assembly, the grade 6 student leaders modelled the new green vests that are being worn by the recently trained Peer Support Leaders in the yard at lunch time. Mr Scott Clode informed all boys and girls that if they needed some help or support at lunch time they could look for the leaders in these vests who are now trained to guide and work with the younger children. The leaders have reported working with children on peer relationships and friendship interactions.



Monday 2nd November is a **pupil free day** (Curriculum Day) for our teachers to undertake professional learning and commence the discussion around the 2016 curriculum. The new Victorian Curriculum has been announced and although there are not too many major changes, there are new areas that need to be worked through by the teams. We are also hoping to plan our 2016 incursions & excursions so families have a better idea at the beginning of the year as to what is happening and when.

I trust you all enjoy the remainder of this week.

Deborah

OCTOBER

23rd

Whole school Assembly
2.45pm grade 6 item

29th

Laptop info Night
6pm—7pm

NOVEMBER

2nd

Curriculum Day
NO STUDENTS

3rd

Cup Day Public
Holiday
NO STUDENTS

4th -6th

Grade 4 Camp

5th

School Tour 10am

6th

Grade 3 Incursion
History Box

9th

Prep Transition

10th

Grade 4 Incursion
Colonial Show

16th

Prep Transition

23rd

Prep Transition

30th

Prep Transition

It's cool to be at school

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big

Bus Shopping Tour, Saturday 7th November – all day, leaves from school for a day of factory outlet shopping, including a sit down 2-course lunch; \$65 per person. Thanks to those that have paid their deposit & **its now time to pay the balance** at the office.



WE NOW HAVE 4 SEATS LEFT so ring and book your seat.

If you have a business you would like to advertise in our “goodie” bags, or an item for a raffle prize that advertises your business, (and you are a Hillsmeade parent), please contact Inez Crowe 0425 896 874.

Tuesdays at lunchtime we will continue to sell zooter doopers for \$1 and hot chocolates for \$1.50.

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TERM 4 2015:
TERM 4 5th October—18th December

Hillsmeade Primary School 1 to 1 Laptop Program – Grade 5 Students 2016

Families with students in Year 4 have received an information flyer last week regarding the 1 to 1 Laptop program for 2016.



Can you please return the expression of interest form by **Friday 23, October?**

The Parent Information session will be held **on October 29th from 6-7pm at Hillsmeade PS.**

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Scott Clode (Assistant Principal).

NOTICES DUE BACK :

- Grade 4 History The Colonial Show due 27/10
- Grade 3 History Box Incursion due 4/11



GRADE 4 CAMP

Camp is on November 4th-6th

Balance of camp money must be paid **NO LATER THAN 30th October.**



Breakfast Club

Portables near junior playground (next to Ms Crowe's room)
Tuesday **8.15am-8.45am**

SCHOOL TOUR

5th November
Meet at the school office at 10am.
Enrol Now for **2016**



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Grade 1



Design, creativity and technology

Our Dream Playground



Making a moving swing!



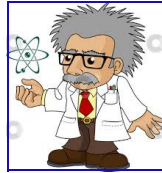
Building the tallest tower using sticks and masking tape



We are designing and building our dream playgrounds in grade 1 this term. We are the **'MASTER BUILDERS!'**

Grade 6 Alkira Science Excursion:

- 6B 28th October
- 6C 4th November
- 6D 11th November
- 6E 18th November



Please return permission slips no later than 2 days before visit date. There is no cost for this excursion

No dogs allowed in school grounds Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

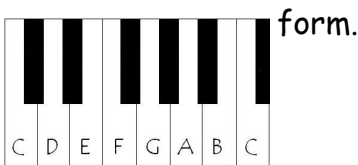
Refer to "The Link" dated 17th June, 2015 when this motion was passed at School Council.



MUSIC LESSONS:

Private lessons are now available for keyboard/vocal/drum and guitar . Please see the office or

Mrs Scott for an enrolment



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Plus Extended Lay-by until 27th January 2016

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
 _____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parents Signature _____



Please indicate which school they will be attending.

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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.