

Wednesday 4th November No 34

Dear Parents / Guardians

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful spring weather yesterday and watched an inspiring young lady jockey the winning horse in the Melbourne Cup. Michelle Payne, 30 years of age, set her target high by wanting to win this famous race. What an achievement! The Herald Sun reported her as, '... *one impressive, humble, down-to-earth woman; one whose goal is clearly to inspire...*' The Age wrote,

"And I dreamt about it from when I was five years old and there is an interview from my school friends, they were teasing me about, when I was about seven, and I said, "I'm going to win the Melbourne Cup" and they always give me a bit of grief about it and I can't believe we've done it." (bold and underline inserted).

All of the 875 children currently at Hillsmeade PS could be the headline in the papers in the future. As parents and educators, let's encourage them to set their learning goals high, support them to persevere and challenge them to do their very best.

Maldon, here come the Grade 4 children on camp! Two buses were loaded this morning with 100 boys and girls off for three days. We hope they have fantastic time and I'm excited to be catching up with them tomorrow evening.



On Monday and Tuesday last week, I attended the Victorian Principals Association's Conference in Melbourne. The conference, '*Leaders – Believing in Self*' provided opportunities for us to reflect on how we, as leaders in our schools, work in relationships which impact both our professional and personal lives. We looked at our own behaviour through a profiling tool affording us the chance to consider how to change our behaviour when circumstances necessitated change. Resilience, reducing stress, increasing productivity

and identifying our own potential also featured through excellent presenters of the various workshops. As a State Councillor on the VPA, I value the professional association's support for the challenging and changing role of principals in schools. Our Assistant Principals and Leading Teachers are also members of the VPA. At the dinner on Monday night, I was fortunate enough to have received a Study Award of \$5,000 to build the capacity of our leadership team (including the PLT leaders). I received the award from Gill Callister (Secretary, DET), Gabrielle Leigh (President, VPA) and Mr Brooks (PSW Sponsor).



Last Thursday @12.30pm Hillsmeade Primary School joined more than 2,100 schools across Australia to participate in Music Count Us In 2015. Music Count Us is Australia's biggest school initiative and celebrates the importance of Music education in schools, with more than 500,000 participating students singing one song simultaneously. This year's song 'Gold' was written by four talented students ranging in age from 11-16 years old. The students will also perform this song at our assembly on Friday if you would

like to come and watch.'

Every Face has a Place - A mural project will commence this term celebrating the many cultures we have at Hillsmeade Primary School. We would like to thank Bunnings Cranbourne in supporting us in this project by sponsoring the paints required to make this mural project a success!

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Deborah

NOVEMBER

4th -6th

Grade 4 Camp

5th

School Tour 10am

6th

Grade 3 Incursion

History Box

9th

Prep Transition

11.40 am—12.40pm

10th

Grade 4 Incursion

Colonial Show

12th

Grade Prep

Woodwork Incursion

16th

Prep Transition

11.4am—12.40pm

23rd

Prep Transition

11.40—12.40pm

30th

Prep Transition

11.40am—12.40pm

**IT'S COOL
TO BE AT
SCHOOL.**



Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big

Bus Shopping Tour This Saturday, only 3 sleeps to go!

Any questions or queries to Inez Crowe 0425 896 874.

Tuesdays at lunchtime we will continue to sell zooter doopers for \$1.

Diary Dates: stay tuned for further information and notes home.
Free Dress and bring a donation for the Christmas raffle – Fri 11th December.

Christmas concert, cake stall & BBQ – Thursday 17th December.

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Remembrance Day Poppies

Our School Captains and SRC Captains will have the poppies for sale at Chloe’s Garden each day from 11am to 11.15am and again at 1.45pm to 2.00pm for students to buy.

Prices are : \$1—Metal Red Poppy Pin; \$2—Material Red Poppy

\$3—Wrist Band \$5—Material Red Poppy with “Lest we Forget”

The monies raised go to RSL welfare to help veterans of all forces in need of assistance. Involvement of the students both in selling and buying will significantly increase awareness of Remembrance Day within the school population.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.



Poppy Pin Badge

NOTICES DUE BACK :

- **Grade 3 History Box Incursion due 4/11**
- **Prep Woodwork Incursion due 11/11**

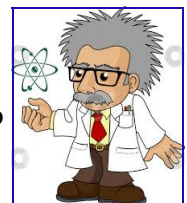


Grade 6 Alkira Science Excursion:

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.



Celebrating Children's Week!

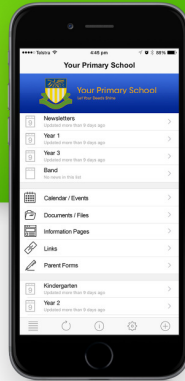
To celebrate Children's Week (October 24th – November 1st) the ELC held a picnic at the Hillsmeade Reserve playground. The children had a great time. Thanks to all the parent helpers.





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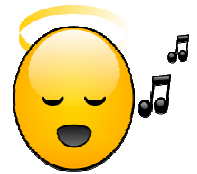
No dogs allowed in school grounds Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

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



MUSIC LESSONS:

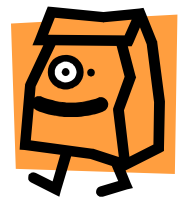
Private lessons are now available for keyboard/vocal/drum and guitar. Please see the office or Mrs Scott for an enrolment form.



CANTEEN NEWS

Monday Special

6 Nuggets, one brownie and one drink \$5.00



Please Note: The last day for canteen lunch orders will be Friday 11th December

Over the counter snacks will be available on Monday 14th to Thursday 17th December. The canteen will be **CLOSED** on Friday 18th December.

Thanks
Felicity & Bianca

Breakfast Club

Portables near junior playground (next to Ms Crowe's room)



Tuesday **8.15am-8.45am**

TERM 4 2015:

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)



Please indicate which school they will be attending.

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_____ Current Grade 2015

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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.