

Dear Parents / Guardians

Work on the oval has begun! As we near the end of the 2015 school year, we couldn't have asked for a better way to see the progress made this year. The fencing is up, the digger is in and the children are excited to see the start of this project. The grass will be much greener when we return in 2016.



On behalf of our whole school community, I would like to wish the following teachers all the very best as they take up new roles/schools in 2016.

- Scott Clode accepted a substantive Assistant Principal position at Hillsmeade PS
- Kelly Utting has accepted an Acting Principal role for Term 1 at Garfield PS
- Bret Mottrom has been appointed as the Assistant Principal at Bayswater South PS
- Clint Sezney has a two year contract teaching at Springvale Park Special Development School
- Nick Sugrue has accepted a family leave position at Penders Grove PS (where he was this year)
- Rob Kay has a one year teaching position at Berwick Chase PS
- Kathy Symons and Bruce Kersey is heading off to enjoy retirement
- Brooke Begovic has a teaching position at Oatlands PS
- Kathy Hengel, Jolene Hazel, Sarah Jeffs, Steve Crook, James Corkill and Michelle Spellman have finished their contracts with Hillsmeade
- Deman Wang (Chinese exchange teacher) heads back home on Sunday 20th. We have valued Deman's contribution to our new Mandarin program
- Kate Crilly from Out of School Hours Care starts her teaching career at Pakenham Consolidated PS.

Finally, Loretta & Tony, our cleaners for the past 12+ years are hanging up their brooms and mops and have decided to head off to enjoy retirement. We wish them both all the very best and hope they both find the time to relax and travel.

I recently received a letter from the Berwick RSL to thank Hillsmeade for the \$107.45 raised in support of the Remembrance Day Appeal. The author wrote, *'It is pleasing to know that the past efforts and sacrifices of our veterans continue to be recognised by the younger members of our community'*.

The grade 6 children had their graduation on Monday evening celebrating their end of primary schooling at Hillsmeade. Today they are off to Geelong for their Big Day Out. A final assembly on Friday 1.45pm will see the whole school community farewell them for the last time. Good luck to the boys and girls as they go to their secondary school.

Don't forget to come along to the Twilight Christmas Carols tomorrow evening. The children have been practising and will love to show you their singing talent.

Wishing all of our Hillsmeade community a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. We look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Deborah

December

17th

Twilight **Christmas Carols Concert and BBQ.**
BBQ. 5pm-6.30pm
Performance 6.30PM

18th

First Assembly 9.15am
For raffle prizes
Second Assembly 1.45pm

**LAST DAY
OF SCHOOL
2.30 PM
FINISH**

January 2016

21st

Book Sales 8.30am-6pm

28th

Welcome back all students.

February

4th

Prep Photos

15th

Curriculum Day



Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big



Christmas Twilight Concert & BBQ tomorrow night.

BBQ & cake stall from 5pm – 6.30pm. The canteen will be open for drinks, ice-creams. Performances commence at 6.30pm, including school choirs.

If you have pre-ordered and pre-paid for your sausages you can pick them up from the canteen window inside the hall foyer.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our volunteers

The bakers who cooked wonderful treats for us to share: Tamara McDonald, Ally James, Megan Shields, Kate Wilkinson, Jan "Nana" Bray, Nicole Johnstone, Nicole Forbes, Gail Page, Wendy Beamish, Angela Watkins, Kelly Myers, Gaylene Moseley, Jenny Ryan, Bronwyn Smart, Michelle Kenner, Inez Crowe, YUM!

Honi Bremner for help with raffle prizes. Felicity and Bianca in the canteen.

Music, lights, sound, stage, action: Karen Hounsome, Lisa Scott, John Sutton, Alison Elliot and Rob Kay.

LJ Hooker for a generous donation to purchase prizes 2, 3, 4 & 5 & sausage sizzling. Kmart, Spotlight and Zesty Joes pizza for raffle donations.

The students who applied tattoos & stickers.

The ELC and school teachers and students for practising and performing

Especially the hard working committee who put the FUN in fundraising! Inez, Kerry, May, Erica, Bronwyn, Jenny, Gill, Sue, Michelle, Kellie, Nicole & Natalie.

Christmas raffle ticket sales closed.

The Christmas raffle has its OWN ASSEMBLY
this Friday 18th at 9.15am in the gym

Where all the Christmas raffle prizes will be handed out. The teachers will bring the children to the hall. Parents, after morning drop-off come over to the hall and stay and see if you have won—then you can take your prize home (before it gets too hot). We hope to see you at first assembly for some Christmas fun.



Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

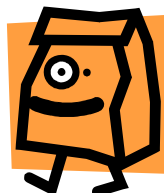
Notices due back :

- HFC Cake stall 17/12

CANTEEN NEWS !!!!

**The canteen will be CLOSED
on Friday 18th December.**

Thanks
Felicity & Bianca



READERS AND LIBRARY BOOKS.

It would be appreciated if you have any readers or library books at home that you return them to school as soon as possible.



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.



**GRADE 6
CLASS OF 2015
THE YEAR THAT
WAS**



Attention OSHC parents, Carers,

The current enrolment at OSHC will continue next year. If you want to cancel enrolment please ensure you notify us.

NON NOTIFICATION will result in fees being charged ongoing in 2016.

You can call the ELC /OSHC or email to address on your fee statement to advise you no longer want to use the program.

We will be at capacity enrolments for 2016, therefore to ensure we can assist as many families as possible we ask that you notify by next **WED 16th of December,**

Thank you and Merry Christmas
The OSHC and ELC team.



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 _____

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.