

Wednesday 2nd December No 38

Dear Parents / Guardians

As we continue the countdown until the last day of school on Friday 18th December, there are still many administrative matters to finalise before the holidays. As our student enrolments continue to increase, we are still in the process of recruiting new teachers to Hillsmeade PS. This process takes time due to the department's recruiting guidelines. I am hopeful that we have all teachers assigned to our 38 grades for 2016 before the end of the year.

Wednesday 9th will see the whole school involved in a transition day where the children go to their new 2016 grades. Where possible, the teacher will be with them during this three hour event. As mentioned above, we are not able to have all of our teachers in place and I know that you will support us with this. The process to allocate students and teachers to grades in a school of this size is complex, time-consuming and thorough. Our teachers know the students; they know how they learn, how they interact with other children and how they will be best placed for their continued educational improvement journey. Although I have received letters from parents requesting friendships and/or teachers for 2016, this is not always possible, nor preferable for the child's best interests whilst at school.

Hillsmeade PS would like to say a big thank you to Jack Croucher from the Berwick Woodworkers Club for contributing his time and efforts in creating this new sign for our school. The 'welcome' sign recognises 24 languages spoken by our families. We would also like to thank Sue Causon for the design and her liaison with Jack to make this project a reality. Keep a lookout for our next exciting and creative initiative recognising our wonderful, multicultural school.



Recently, a family returned school books accumulated over the years as part of the 'take-home' reading program. When we counted them, there were over 200 books at an approximate cost of over \$2000. These are valuable resources that the school has not been able to use for other children's reading program. **Please, if you have books at home: under the bed, in the cupboard or on the bookshelf, I urge you to return them to the school.**

As you can see from the list of upcoming events on this page, we are in for a very busy end of year. We welcome all families to our Twilight Sports, the Twilight Christmas Carols and the End of Year Assembly. All students must be collected at 2.30pm on Friday 18th December. Please put this into your diaries.

Deborah



3rd

Choir Concert 6.30pm-8.30pm

4th

MAD Day Grade 5/6

Whole School Assembly

2.45pm Grade 1 item

7th -8th

Grade 2 Camp

8th

Twilight Sports 3.45pm-5pm

9th

Prep Transition

9.30am to 12.30pm

Whole School Transition Day

(including Grade 6 to 7)

Prep Information

Night 7pm -8.30pm

10th

Book Sales 9am-6pm

Little Day Out Grade 5

Preps Picnic Excursion

Big Night In Grade 1

5pm- 8.30pm

11th

Free Dress Day

Bring donation for

Christmas Raffle

14th

Grade 6 Graduation

Family photos 4.30pm-6.15pm

Ceremony 6.30pm-8.30pm

16th

Big Day Out Grade 6

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**

2.30PM FINISH

It's cool to be at school

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big



Free Dress Day Friday 11th December and bring a donation for the Christmas Raffle. All our raffle prizes are made up from items donated to the school and we ask that on this day children bring an item. If you have several children at the school & ELC consider buying 1 bigger item rather than several small ones. Any cash donations are used to purchase gift vouchers for prizes & the school prefers that cash donations be sent to the school office.

Christmas raffle - There will be in excess of 150 prizes to be won including:

1st prize – an Apple iPad Mini 2, 16GB from The Good Guys using our “Cranbourne cash”

2nd prize - a Huffy Green Machine GM 20inch

Tickets are to be sold for \$1 each or 3 for \$2. The ticket butts, cash and unsold tickets need to be returned to school no later than **Tuesday 15th December**. Please ensure that you clearly write your NAME & PHONE NUMBER on the tickets, as we may need to contact you to pick your prize up.

The raffle results will be announced at First Assembly **Friday 18th December, 9.15am**.

Christmas Twilight Carols Concert & BBQ Thursday 17th December.

BBQ from 5pm –

6.30pm. The canteen will be open for drinks, ice-creams & treats. Performances commence at 6.30pm, including school choirs. This year sausages will be **pre-order and pre-pay & must be in no later than Monday 14th December**.

Cake stall: we are again calling all bakers to donate an item to the Christmas cake stall. **Forms & raffle ticket books are available from the school**

and ELC offices.

Thank you to the following businesses who have donated items for the Christmas Raffle: Coles Casey Central, Kmart Fountain Gate, Lunar Drive-In Dandenong, Margaret Kavanagh.



JO-ANNEBOWES, OWNER AND CREATOR

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STEMCREATIONS AU

LJ Hooker – Casey Central Christmas colouring competition - **For extra copies of colouring sheet & to hand them in go directly to LJ Hooker's office at Casey Central** – not to the school office.

Breakfast Club

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



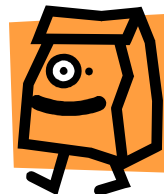
CANTEEN NEWS !!!!

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



NOTICES SENT OUT:

- **Mad Day** all students (Preps - grade 4)
- **Family Sports Afternoon 8th December** (eldest)
- **Prep Picnic 10th December**
- **Little Day Out grade 5**
- **Get Active Sports** (eldest)

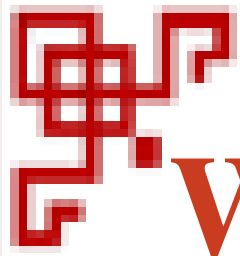
No dogs allowed in school grounds Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Refer to “The Link” dated 17th June, 2015 when this motion was passed at school Council.



Notices due back :

- Grade 1 Big Night In due 4/12
- Grade 5 Little Day Out due 8/12
- Preps Picnic due 9/12
- HFC Cake stall 17/12
- Carols by twilight Sausage sizzle orders 17/12

TERM 4 2015:
5th October—18th December
(2.30pm finish)



We love Mandarin

In the Asian Art Elective and Kung Fu Panda Club, we have participated in many fun activities!

Ink Blow Painting



Asian Shadow Puppet Show



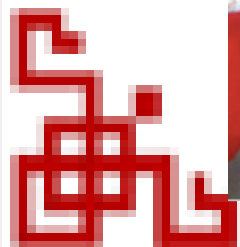
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My Little Chinese Book




Making Kites with Chinese Writing



Lunar Drive In

115 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HWY, DANDENONG. 9706 9988

 <p>STARTS 26 NOV</p>	 <p>STARTS 17 DEC</p>
 <p>STARTS 26 DEC</p>	 <p>STARTS 26 DEC</p>
 <p>STARTS 26 DEC</p>	 <p>STARTS 1 JAN</p>
 <p>STARTS 14 JAN</p>	

SESSIONS AT WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU
Information correct at time of printing. All dates and films are subject to change.

LOST PROPERTY.

We have a **huge** amount of lost property in the foyer of the gym. All of these items are not named. If your child has lost any uniform items please feel free to go into the foyer and if you find an item that could replace lost clothing please take it home. Please make sure you name all parts of your child's uniform as it is easier to return to the child if it is lost.

This will be cleared by the last day of term.



The Summer Reading Club.

Hey kids aged 5-16 years....
 Join the Summer Reading Club for 2015-2016 . Sign up online at www.tinyurl.com/cclsrc or at your local Library from December 1st and start reading!



Collect stickers, bookmarks and temporary tattoos as you read. Read 10 books and go into the draw to win a iPad mini and other great prizes!
 Everyone who reads 10 books is eligible to receive a Summer Reading Club certificate which will be presented at a special event in late January 2016- you will receive a personal invitation. Entries must be returned by Tuesday 20th January 2016. Join in the fun and read, read ,read!!!

Grade 6 Graduation December 14th.

On the night a professional photographer will be in attendance for family photos from 4.30pm until 6.15pm in the library. Envelope outlining costs will be available on the night .
 Photos are optional.



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.

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.