

Wednesday 3rd February 2016 NO 1

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I'd particularly like to welcome our new children in prep and across the other year levels. I hope that your son/daughter has enjoyed their first few days at school this year as they get to know more about their new teacher and classmates.

This will be an exciting year for our school community as we continue on the school improvement journey. Last year, our priority focussed on using the VCOP Writing Framework and implementing the KidsMatter Program. We will continue with the changes already made including another VCOP PD Day on **Monday 15th February** (no children at school on this day). This year, we also undertake a review of our current Strategic Plan and develop a new four plan for 2017-2020.

I'd like to welcome **new staff** to Hillsmeade PS and ELC.

Emily Wahl (Prep F), Sarah Rhimes (1B), Brydee Wolf (2C), Angela Herres (3B), Simon MacAdams (3D), Kim Hynes (5B), Crystal Wells (5C), Laura Black (5E), Ashneigh Hughes (6E), Ahmad Chazbek (PE), Jessica Watts (Kinder teacher ELC), Ashley Coad (ELC).

Our **leadership team** for 2016 is:

Deborah Harry (Principal), Shiona Watson (Assistant Principal/Director ELC), Jodie Bray (Assistant Principal), Scott Clode (Assistant Principal), Sharon Whiting (Business Manager), Mandy Ryan (Leading Teacher Literacy) and Mitze Lau (Student Wellbeing Officer). We are privileged to be supported by our Professional Learning Team Leaders: Sarah Smith (Prep), Kristen Martin (Grade 1), Trisa Kett (Grade 2), Dimple Bhardwaj (Grade 3), Carmel Spruhan (Grade 4), Carmen Collins (Grade 5), Matthew Moore (Grade 6), Lisa Scott (Specialist). We also have Greg Clement and Paul Zoudlik supporting teachers with ICT and data collection.

We are again required to hold a **School Council Election** for the 2016 school year. Information will be attached to the Link next week however you will find an election process timetable with dates in this edition. The call for nominations will start on 10th February. Forms can be collected from the Administration Office from this date. We have 3 parent member and 2 DET member vacancies for the next two years.

The oval continues to be developed and unfortunately, due to the inclement weather and some plumbing issues, the contractors are slightly behind schedule. We are hoping to see the synthetic turf being laid within a week. You can see progress photos on our website www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au

Student Illness and Accidents

At this time early in the school year I'd like to remind parents about the necessity to keep us up to date with phone numbers and emergency contact details. **Please make sure you notify the Office of any changes to yours or your Emergency Contact details.**

Parents and guardians should also be aware that they are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any Ambulance transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. **The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold accident insurance for school students.**

FEBRUARY 2016

4th

Prep Photos

12th

Whole school assembly

2.45PM Grade 6 item

15th

Curriculum Day

NO STUDENTS

29TH

Body Investigators

Grade 3

Preps do not come to school on Wednesdays until March 2nd, except for their interview times. If parents are unsure of their times please contact your child's teacher.

Is other Insurance available? Yes.

There are commercial providers of insurance for students and they can be found Online or through your Insurance Broker.

Students, Parents & Staff Personal Property

On a similar topic, personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please note the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big

Welcome to 2016.

We are again selling **zooper doopers** at lunchtime on **Tuesdays for \$1** each. We have reusable wet-suit holders to stop little hands getting cold for **\$1.50** with a zooper dooper. Both are available from the HFC room from 1.40pm.

Kids please remember to put your wrappers in the rubbish bin.

We invite all parents, guardians & friends who would like more information about how they can participate in fundraising to a

Welcome Morning Tea from 9.00am

Tuesday 16th February

We will meet you at the school office where you need to sign in. There is no need to RSVP just turn up. Following this we will have our first meeting for 2016.

If attending meetings is not your thing, then we always need volunteers when :

- we run events such as mothers day stall, sausage sizzles, walk-a-thons
- collect raffle prizes from classrooms (twice a year)
- sell zooper doopers on a Tuesday afternoon 1.30–2.30pm
- staple raffle ticket booklets for the Easter & Christmas raffle (this can be done at home in front of the TV!)
- unstaple!! & fold sold raffle tickets for raffle draw

Anytime you have to contribute will benefit the school & our kids.

As with all school helpers you need a current working with children's check. This is free for volunteers and you can apply online – very quick and easy.

Messages can be left at ELC or school office or contact Natalie President on 0417391345 or Inez Crowe Vice President on 0425896874.

Events for Term 1.

Raffle tickets out: **Wednesday 9th March** (1 book per family).
Free dress day & bring an item for Easter raffle **Friday 11th March.**

March.

Raffle tickets due back: **Wednesday 23rd March.**

NOTICES SENT HOME:

- 2016 VPA China Student Exchange grades 5 & 6
- Body Investigation Incursion Grade 3
- Hands on Science Grade 4
- ICT Information notice grades 4-6

BOOK CLUB 2016

Welcome to the first Issue of Book Club for the year. Reading is an important focus in our school and Book Club is one way to provide your child with enjoyable and quality books to enhance their reading experience. For those of you that are new to Book Club, I will briefly explain about it. There are usually 2 issues given out in a term. The new catalogue covers all ages in one brochure. There is no obligation to purchase anything through Book Club. However, any purchases made through the school, will help the school earn valuable reading resources for the classrooms.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE STUDENTS NAME AND GRADE IS WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF EVERY ORDER FORM. ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THERE IS NO NAME ON THE ORDER FORM.

If you would like to purchase some books from this issue, there are 2 options.

1.LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP You can now order and pay for your Book Club online. You must know your child's grade and teacher name to be able to use this option. An information sheet is enclosed with the link. You do not send anything to school. The order will be delivered to school.

2.Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or cash (which must be the correct amount).

Fill out the order form, with the child's name and grade on the top and put it in an envelope along with the **CORRECT MONEY** (cash or cheque) and mark the envelope **BOOK CLUB** with the child's name and grade as well. Please **do not** include any monies for other fundraising or school events in this envelope.

There is a How to fill out a Book Club Order Form information sheet with this Link Notice, which explains how to fill out the form and other important information about Book Club.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

For your information, it takes approximately 2 weeks, after the order has been sent to Scholastic, (in Sydney), for the books to be delivered



No dogs allowed in school grounds Monday to Friday 8am to



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2016

PREP PORTRAIT PHOTOS

Preps are having portrait photos done tomorrow. Envelopes to be given to photographer on the day.



HATS....

We are a Sun Smart School. Hats must be worn till end of May.



BOOK CLUB

Orders due back 11th Feb.



CANTEEN

Canteen is open every day except Tuesdays. When ordering please make sure you have Term One Menu.



SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will start next Tuesday 9th Feb.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will start Feb.16th. New location to be advised .



School council election process timetable 2016

Name of the School:...Hillsmeade Primary School.....

EVENT	DATE
Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 10 th February
Closing date for nominations	Monday 22 nd February
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 24 th February
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday, 29 th February
Close of ballot	Tuesday 8 th March
Vote count	Wednesday 9 th March
Declaration of ballot	Wednesday 9 th March (in HPS Link)
Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Monday 21 st March
First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Monday 21 st March

CSEF

“The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Eligible students will receive \$125 per annum which will be paid directly to the school. Eligibility will be subject to the parent’s Centrelink Health Care Card being valid on the first day of term one or two. A copy of the concession card is required with each application. Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by **29 February 2016**, so that payment can be made from March. Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

NARRE WARREN SOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN.

The development of the Narre Warren South area is almost complete and most of the projects have been delivered with exception of a tennis facility that includes courts and pavilion. Approximately \$830,000 has been collected however that amount is no longer enough. As Construction of this facility has not commenced, there is an opportunity to reconsider the allocation of these funds. Council is seeking your views on what you would like to see these funds spent on to support leisure and recreation within the western part of Berwick Springs Wetland Reserve. Council would like your feedback on the proposal to reallocate funds by;
Completing survey on .
[www.casey.vic.gov.au/
currentconstrtuctions](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/currentconstrtuctions) OR
Contacting the City of Casey customer service on 9705 5200
**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL FEEDBACK
BEFORE FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**



**February 4th 2016
SAVE THE DATE**

Dress up as your favourite character and celebrate the famous Boy Wizard with games, challenges, quizzes and more! Win Prizes!

6.00pm-7.30pm for ages 8+ will be held at:

Cranbourne Library 5990 0150
Emerald Library 5949 4600
Endeavour Hills Library 8782 3400
Narre Warren Library 8782 3300
Pakenham Library 5940 6200



FREE!! Bookings are essential.
Visit www.tinyurl.com/cclcevents
or phone the library.



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.