

Wednesday 10th February 2016 NO 2

Dear Parents / Guardians

Our school community is abuzz with the progress of our new running track and AFL/Soccer field. Although slightly behind schedule, it is actually exciting for the children to see how the oval is being transformed. These shots are of today's work. It won't be long now before we're all enjoying the new grounds.



The Department of Education and Training has arranged a contractor to inspect schools for asbestos which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned. Asbestos is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. Yesterday, we had our inspection and as a result a number of portables have been labelled according to the DET's Health and Safety Management Plan. The labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. The DET outlines that our children's safety is our number one priority and this is why they are taking the extra step as a precaution.

Our lunch time activities are running again this year. These include Art Club, POD play, Band, Mandarin Club, Homework Club and Choir. We are also starting a Grade 3 -6 Elective Program timetabled every second Friday (alternative to our assembly) next week. Thirty-one electives have been allocated allowing children to meet other teachers and older/younger children. We have science, Design/Craft/ICT, Gardening, Connecting with community, Performing Arts, HPV and Sport/Health options.

I would like to urge our parents to remind their older children who attend Alkira Secondary College that they should wait on the soccer oval on Monday and Thursday afternoons between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Some of these older siblings are picking up their brother or sister to walk home or wait for their parent/s. Hillsmeade PS certainly support families with their arrangements, however we have had experiences of the older children interrupting classes, riding their bikes through the grounds when parents and little children are coming into the school and sadly, in some cases, they have verbally abused our teachers. There is an OH&S concern if children are on Hillsmeade PS grounds without the knowledge of the principal, particularly if an evacuation or lock-down occurs.

The School Council election process commences today. If you would like to nominate to be on School Council, please collect a notice from the office. Should we receive more nominations than the vacant positions, an election will be required. I am looking forward to working with the newly formed School Council after the election of office bearers on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

*Deborah*

## **FEBRUARY**

**12th**

Whole school assembly  
2.45pm Grade 6 item

**15th**

Curriculum Day  
**NO STUDENTS**

**19th**

Swimming Trials

**24th**

Twilight Sports/Oval  
opening

**26th**

Whole school Assembly  
2.45pm Grade 3 item

**29th**

Body Investigators  
Grade 3

## **MARCH**

**11th**

Whole school assembly  
2.45pm Grade 2 item

**17th & 18th**

Hands on science  
Grade 4

**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.

# Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

*Think Big, Dream Big*

We are 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 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 9am



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

1. we run events such as Mothers Day stall, Sausage Sizzles, Walk-a-thons
2. sell zooper doopers on a Tuesday afternoon 1.30–2.30pm
3. staple raffle ticket booklets for the Easter & Christmas raffle. This can be done at home in front of the TV & you don't need a WWC check for this
4. unstaple!! & fold sold raffle tickets for raffle draw

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

*As with all school helping you need a current WWC—Working With Children—check. This is free for volunteers and you can apply online – very quick and easily.*

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 9<sup>th</sup> March** (1 book per family).

**Free dress day & bring an item for Easter raffle Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

Raffle tickets due back no later than: **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**



## CANTEEN NEWS !!

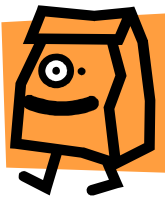
The new term 1 menu for 2016 is printed on grey paper. Please see the canteen or the office if you require a copy.

**Please Note:** There is a pricing error on the new term 1 2016 menu, Mini hotdogs are now \$2.00. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Wholegrain wraps are now available.

Please request with your order if you would like your child's wrap to be made with these.

600ml bottles of plain mineral water are now available for \$1.



## EXCURSION DUE DATE :

- ♦ Book club due 11th February
- ♦ Body investigators grade 3 due 24th Feb
- ♦ Hands on science grade 4 due 10th March

## NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Swimming Trials grades 4-6
- Karate grade 2-6



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



## MUSIC LESSONS

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







**WELCOME TO  
OUR 2016  
SUPER PREPS!**



## School council election process timetable 2016

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

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

### **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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef).

### 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.



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