

Dear Parents and Guardians,

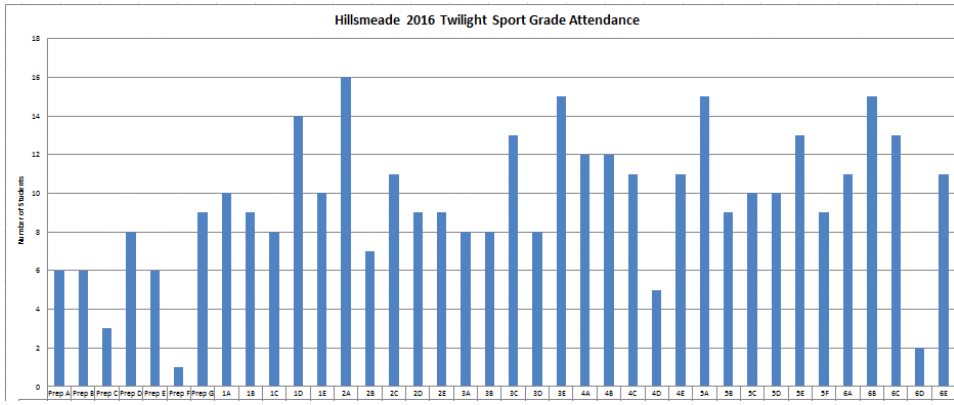
Today I am lucky enough to write the Principal section, as Ms Harry and Mr Moore set off early this morning with an excited group of school leaders to attend the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

Last week was our first school community event on Wednesday the 24th of February. The Twilight Sports / Sports Field Opening was a huge success. The weather contributed to a fun filled afternoon that saw many students, parents and teachers engaged in a wide range of sports activities. In order for events like this to happen there is a lot of behind the scenes planning that takes place. Ms Harry would like to thank:



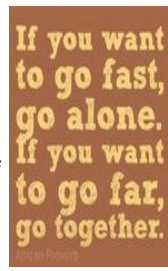
- Mr Fraser Gherig and his company Tuff Turf for providing and cooking over 400 sausages for the event
- Mr Chazbek and the Specialist team for organising and coordinating the event
- The school student leaders who were involved in setting up and leading activities
- Staff who lead, participated and promoted the activities
- Coles Narre Warren South for providing free fruit for families and
- Students and parents who came and participated in the event.

The specialist team collected and collated student attendance data for the event and were pleased that over 40% of our students attended.



On Tuesday this week we held our first school tour. We had 15 new families come to tour the school and they were very excited to see students hard at work, PE classes out utilising the new sports field and they were also pleasantly surprised by students who took the time to stop and welcome them to the school. Our next school tour will be on Wednesday the 23rd of March at 10am.

In line with Victoria as 'The Education State' Hillsmeade Primary School is continuing to utilise year level Professional Learning Teams. This means that year level teams of teachers work together for two structured hours per week to collaboratively plan, analyse data, design assessments and reflect on teaching and learning to better meet the needs of all students within a year level. Please talk to your teacher if you would like to know more.



Jodie Bray

MARCH

3rd
Prep Family Picnic
4 march - 17june
(each Friday)
Casey manor elective
Grade 3-6
9th
Prep Pet Incursion
11th
Free Dress Day
Whole School Assembly
2.45pm Grade 2 item
14th
Public Holiday (Labour Day)
17th
Hands on Science Grade 4
Survivor Day Grade 5& 6
18th
Hands on Science Grade 4
Cross Country Grade 4,5 & 6
20th
Working Bee 9-11am
23rd
School Tour 10am
24th
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
2:30pm FINISH
25th
Public Holiday
(NO SCHOOL)
Good Friday

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think BIG, Dream BIG

Firstly a HUGE thankyou to our outgoing leader and President "Natalie Hale." Thankyou Natalie for being my mentor this year. I (Inez Crowe) am hugely excited to be welcomed as the president this coming year and I also thank Kerry Lee-Jenkins for being my main advisor as Vice President this year. 2016 is going to be extremely exciting SO WATCH THIS SPACE...

Now down to business: Remember Zooper Dooper Tuesdays are at lunchtime (\$1 each) in the HFC room again this year. Zooper Dooper Wet Suit holders are also available at \$1.50 with a Zooper Dooper. Again a huge thankyou to May Watts for co coordinating this amazing yearly fundraiser.

CAN YOU HELP US: Does anyone in our school community have a contact where we can buy a huge roll of cellophane at cost or donated (to wrap raffle prizes in)? Please let me know via a call or text please (Inez 0425 896 874).

Our main event for TERM 1 will be our **EASTER Raffle.**

Tickets go out Wednesday 9th March

Free Dress Day & bring an item for the Easter Raffle on Friday 11th March.

Raffle drawn at assembly on THURSDAY 24th March in the gym.

Our main prizes this year are a "Soda Stream and syrups", Portable BBQ and Knife Block Set. Kindly donated by "The Good Guys" at Cranbourne Homemaker Centre" also Harris Scarfe Head Office and the Lewis Family. Don't forget to mention our name when buying any items from the good guys.



TERM 2 on Sunday 17th April we have our first ever CAR Boot Sale, 8am-1pm in the teachers car park. BBQ for breakfast and lunch will be run by our amazing HPV TEAM. Look out for the details.

Reserve your spot/s with Inez (0425 896 874) or Kerry (0419 355 595).

Mother's Day Stall this year will be held on Tuesday 3rd May, volunteers required for half or full day. Please let me know if you are interested (Inez 0425 896 874). We will have endless supplies of coffee and tea and lunch will be catered for (so my amazing volunteers won't go hungry). This is such a fun day so please pop your hand up to help.

May you all have an amazing week, pop over to the HFC room and say hi to myself and our amazing Team. Bring on 2016...

Out of School Hours Care




Dear Families,

Please let us know on the tear off slip below what days you would like to book for our Term 1 Vacation Care, \$50.00 per day. Program by **Monday the 21st of March**. Please note numbers are limited. As per fee policy, if you do not notify your child's absence fees will be charged. The service is open from 7am to 6.30pm

At the Hillsmeade holiday program a healthy afternoon tea is provided each day by our Cook at the ELC and we have some fun cooking experiences that the children will be involved in and can also eat afterwards. The activities planned for this holiday program are based around children's interest from past vacation care, and the current interest of the before and after school care children. During vacation care the children will have an opportunity to play outdoors every day (weather dependant), **please make sure to bring a hat/coat for any weather conditions.**

Each day other activities will also be available for the children to participate in, each child is more than welcome to bring their electronics and wheels each day to use and play with.

Hillsmeade Holiday Program --- 29th March - 9th April

Monday the 28 th	Tuesday the 29 th	Wednesday the 30 th	Thursday the 31 st	Friday the 1 st
<p>C L O S E D</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter egg hunt Making chocolate Easter nests Egg and spoon race Bunny hop race Making chickens <p>Other Easter related activities will also run throughout the day.</p>	<p>Choose your own adventure</p> <p>What would you like to do today?</p> <p>Milkyway cars for afternoon tea'</p> 	<p>Creation Day</p> <p>BACON AND EGGS FOR BREAKFAST!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finger puppets Cubby houses Trains Box cars Photo frames Loom bands 	<p>Incursion today</p> <p>10:30am-12:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mad About Science 'Wicked Weather' Make a rain cloud in a jar Dancing colours Decorate fluffy Pavlovas with fruit for afternoon tea
<p>Monday the 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baking and decorating cupcakes for afternoon tea in our cupcake maker Make your own board games Crazy forts Games in the hall Computer lab 	<p>Tuesday the 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face painting Make your own doll house <p>Milkshakes during afternoon tea</p> 	<p>Wednesday the 6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G rated Wii and Xbox games Jewellery making Talent show Paper printing Cheese toasties for afternoon tea 	<p>Thursday the 7th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorate a glass jar or ceramic tiles to use as a vase Newly released G rated movie Popcorn 	<p>Friday the 8th</p> <p>LUNCH PROVIDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sausage sizzle Eat the hanging doughnut <p>Party games throughout the day</p>

**** RETURN THE BOTTOM SLIP TO OHSC OR ELC ADMIN BY 21/03/2016 or via email to nixon.angela.l@edumail.vic.gov.au**

Child's Name _____

Mon 28th CLOSED Tues 29th Wed 30th Thursday 31st Friday the 1st

Mon 4th Tues 5th Wed 6th Thursday 7th Friday 8th



TWILIGHT SPORTS



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.

Hillsmeade Heroes

Caleb Kraja, Natasha Coldbella, Caden Roobie, Ella Phipps, Riley Thornton, Brigette Dickenson, Charli Ansell, Luke Cornish, Lukshan Adihetty, Bella Russon-Avery, Quratullane Ali, Ethyn Ky, Shayan Ali, Aleisha Crane, Tahlia Marinucci, Jerry Collins, Lilly Waters, Ethan Hayes, Maddison Mills, Noah Imms, Scott Robinson, Varun Mothiravally, Mia Buckley, Eliana Sidiqi, Rameen Hassan, Luke Geddes, Denise Vargas, Mostafa Mohammadi, Sam Mouette, Emily McDonald, Tayte Gehlsen, Darcey Maas, Stevie Jenkins, Yusaf Ms Ala Uddin, Anastasia Ristas, Gurshan Singh, Lachlan Meade, William Tantra, Shae O'Brien, Tenielle Bray, Lakeisha Martin, Harley Marinucci, Raffaele Mckenzie, Samuel Waters, Taya Beale, Abid Saedi, Charlotte Marshman, Hannah Marshman, Mabel Johnson, Hamed Naimyar, Munroe Watts, Alyshia Chung, Deegan Canty, Addison Carver, Casey Furzer, Sumehra Mamun, Owen Pemberton, Sanjue Printhan, Jacques Belot, Tiarna Gates, Esterea Vaeau, William Amaru, Ali Alyasery, Elias Beckwith, Zahra Abassi, Logan Klatt,

“LET’S TALK”

Almost all children learn to speak through practice, with little or no formal instruction, but learning to talk requires time. It also requires good role models to demonstrate the correct uses and pronunciation of words, correct grammar and uses of expression.

Oral language is an essential part of the development and success a child has in all areas of literacy. Research indicates that children who have strong oral language skills learn to read and write with greater ease than their peers with less knowledge of vocabulary and language.

There are many simple ways parents and care-givers can assist in improving a child's oral language.

- Engage your child in conversation by listening carefully, asking questions and provoking thoughts and discussions
- Encourage your child to interact with other children, especially in mixed aged play groups
- Reinforce good habits of speech by modelling appropriate language, including expression, grammar and vocabulary
- Read to your child, regularly and at length using a variety of genres
- Encouraging storytelling, both orally and in written form so children understand the link between speech and writing
- Let your child explain things to you.
- Ensure you are not 'talking for them' by finishing their sentences or cutting them off

Take every opportunity to encourage and increase oral language whenever you get the chance - in the car, at the dinner table or before bed, because the skills they develop now will be beneficial to their success at school and for the rest of their lives.

Andrea Garwood - Classroom and Specialist teacher

EXCURSION DUE DATE :

- ◆ Hands on science grade 4 due 10th March
- ◆ Casey Manor Due 3rd March
- ◆ Uni of NSW Due 24th March

The Early Learning Centre

The Early Learning Centre remains open during the school holidays for children enrolled in the Long Day program. There is no 4 year or 3 year sessional kinder during the holidays, this resumes the 11th of April.

NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Parent Helpers Course (Prep-grade 2)
- Student Leaders Reception (Student Leaders)
- Easter Special

WANTED

Volunteers to help water the new gardens at school.
Please see Julie in the office for further information

Breakfast Club for 2016

Every Tuesday between 8.15am to 8.40am at the courtyard outside the library.
For those who are new to the school, there is no cost for Breakfast Club.



Parent Helpers needed to cover library books and readers.

We have some lovely new books for the students to borrow in the library and brand new take home readers needing to be covered. If you are available on Tuesday March 8th, 15th and 22nd from 9.00 to 10.00 to help us out it in the library it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Mandy Ryan

Leading Teacher – Literacy

I am able to help on:

March 8th _____

March 15th _____

March 22nd _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____