

Wednesday 9th March 2016 NO 6

Dear Parents / Guardians

As Jodie wrote in last week's edition of the Link, Mr Moore and I went to the National Young Leaders' Day with our 20 grade 6 student leaders. The theme for the day was 'Master the Little' with presenters who spoke about how doing little things can lead to greater opportunities. It was an inspirational day for the 4,000 participants seated in the convention centre. The student leaders will be reporting back to our school community at this Friday's assembly.



Our students showcased their artist talents at the Berwick Show recently and received an **Encouragement Ribbon**. Here is the proud principal standing in front of the display. I hope families went along and saw the display also. Thank you to the children and Ms Elliott for entering artwork into the local show.

All teachers are involved in a professional learning series on Tuesday afternoons focusing on the development of a whole-school, consistent evidence-based **instructional model** to be used in all classrooms. An instructional model supports the development of a shared language about teacher practice, supports teachers to reflect and identify professional learning needs and engages and motivates teachers to consider how their teaching practice can best support student learning.

At yesterday's session, teachers did a self-assessment against 7 classroom techniques based on "Effective Schools Model: 'Purposeful Teaching', Principles of Learning and Teaching (PoLT), DEECD e5 model, elements from the Performance and Development Culture. These are: Positive relationships, Protocols for teaching, Knowledge of content, How students learn, Explicit teaching, High expectations and Feedback & reflection. The self-assessment rating scale (not using, beginning, developing, applying and innovating) was used. These types of activities provide leadership with identifying what professional learning our teachers need to improve their teaching practice.

Deborah

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL !

MARCH

10th

Parent Helpers Course

2.30pm-3pm

11th

Free Dress Day

Whole School Assembly

2.45pm Grade 2 item

14th

Public Holiday

(Labour Day)

NO SCHOOL

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

Parent Helpers Course

9am-9.30am

24th

Whole School Assembly

1.45pm Choir item

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

2:30pm FINISH

25th

Public Holiday

(NO SCHOOL)

Good Friday

APRIL

11th

BACK TO SCHOOL

Term 2

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee Think Big, Dream Big

Our exciting Easter Raffle is coming up! Tickets to sell will be sent home with this week's newsletter. Extra ticket booklets are available at the office.

Free Dress Day and bring an item for the raffle is THIS FRIDAY 11TH MARCH. Cash Donations may also be made at The OFFICE if you prefer.



Start booking your spots for our First Ever Car Boot Sale, Please TEXT your details to Kerry (0419 355 595) or I (Inez 0425 896 874). This is a COMMUNITY EVENT where everyone is invited. The HFC will also have a stall.

We are selling FUNDE DISCOUNT VOUCHER booklets for these school holidays. Most offers are local, which we loved. They are \$10 a booklet, which is SUPER Cheap and you will make your money back after 1 or 2 coupons are used. A booklet is also available at the HFC Rainbow Room for everyone to view, so if the door is open please pop in to have a look. All offers run to the end of June 2016. Please pop your \$10 (or more for multiple booklets) in an envelope marked HCF FUNDE for your book to be delivered to your child's classroom.



Last of all a special THANK YOU goes out to the: Tantra Family, who kindly donated Easter Cellophane for our Easter Raffle, it was greatly appreciated.

May you all have a beautiful week and kindest regards
Inez Crowe (El Presidente' 2016)

1st Hillsmeade Car Boot Sale Sunday 17th April 8am- 1pm in teachers car park

1 x Full Car Park Space \$10, 2 x Spaces \$20 or 3 Car Spaces \$30.

1 x Table Space (Limited spaces available) only \$5

**ALL SPACES MUST BE PREBOOKED & PREPAID
Must BYO table to use.**

To book a space or enquires text

Inez Crowe 0425 896 874 or

Kerry Lee Jenkins 0419 355 595

Payment to HFC via Cash or Eftpos at the Office (\$20+, make sure it is referenced as Car Boot with your name and PH please).

Breakfast and Lunch BBQ will be run by "HPV".

Coffee Van Man on site too.

This event will be extensively advertised in "The Link" & the school website, LJ Hooker website, Window at Casey Central Shopping Centre, large notice board outside teachers Car Park; Garage sales.com; Gumtree & local newspapers.



Hillsmeade Primary School 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.

Out of School Hours Care



Hillsmeade Holiday Program 29th of March to 9th of April

<u>Easter Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday 29th</u>	<u>Wednesday 30th</u>	<u>Thursday 31st</u>	<u>Friday 1st April</u>
CLOSED	Easter related GAMES and easter egg hunt	choose your own adventure What would you like to do today? Milky way cars for afternoon tea	<u>Bacon and egg breakfast</u> Finger puppets Cubby houses Trains Box cars Photo frames Loom bands	Incursion today 10.30am – 12.00pm MAD ABOUT SCIENCE Make a rain cloud in a jar Dancing colours Decorate fluffy pavlovas with fruit for afternoon tea.
<u>Monday 4th</u>	<u>Tuesday 5th</u>	<u>Wednesday 6th</u>	<u>Thursday 7th</u>	<u>Friday 8th</u>
Baking & decorating cup cakes Make your own board games Crazy forts Games in the hall Computer lab	Face painting Make your own doll house Milkshakes during afternoon tea	G rated games and X box Jewellery making Talent show Paper Printing Cheese toasties for afternoon tea	Decorate a glass jar or ceramic tiles Newly released G rated movie Popcorn	LUNCH PROVIDED Sausage sizzle Donut games Party games throughout the day

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



Body Investigators



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.

CANTEEN NEWS !!!!

The canteen ladies would like plastic bags (eg Coles shopping bags) because they are making a Scarecrow for their vegie patch. Vegetables from the patch are used in the canteen for the children's lunch orders.



Also lunch wallets have been ordered as soon as delivery comes in they will be given to child's grade.

skybeaks lunch wallets

MUSIC LESSONS

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



NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Raffle books (eldest)
- Get Active Sports (eldest)

EXCURSION DUE DATE :

- ◆ Hands on science grade 4 due 10th 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.

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



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.



School Holiday Camp

3 Day Only \$100

4TH - 6TH APRIL 9AM-3PM

BASKETBALL • NETBALL • SOCCER



**\$40 per day \$5 extra for food
3 days \$100 (\$110 with lunch)**

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Email: berwickindoorsports@bigpond.com
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Parent Name Phone
 Email Child's Name
 Days: One Day Pass Monday Tuesday Wednesday Lunch
 Three Day Pass \$100 Three Day Pass with lunch \$110
 Any medication or allergies Please fill out form and see a staff member for more information.

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 15th and 22nd from 9.00 to 10.00 to help us out in the library it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Mandy Ryan

Leading Teacher – Literacy

I am able to help on:

March 15th _____

March 22nd _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____