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
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 Cellophone 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 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.

Gigantic Garage SALE

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.

Please return the bottom slip to OSHC or ELC Admin by 21/03/2016 or email to

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

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*RETURN THE BOTTOM SLIP TO OSHC OR ELC ADMIN BY 21/03/2016 OR EMAIL TO* nixon.angela@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Child's Name __________________________

- Mon 28th CLOSED
- Tue 29th
- Wed 30th
- Thu 31st
- Friday the 1st
- Mon 4th
- Tue 5th
- Wed 6th
- Thu 7th
- Fri 8th

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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.

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)

Parent Helpers needed to cover library books and readers.

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Kind regards
Mandy Ryan
Leading Teacher – Literacy

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