

Wednesday 16th March 2016 No 7

Dear Parents / Guardians

With the **2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence** coming up on Friday 18th March, Hillsmeade PS is taking a stand and showing our support by tying orange ribbons on our front fence this week. If parents would like to show their support for this very worthwhile cause, please call into the office, collect an orange ribbon and add it to our collection. Ribbons will be available Thursday and Friday.



On Friday the 19th of February approximately fifty grade 4/5/6 students competed to create a District Hillsmeade Swimming Team. Thanks to an extremely supportive parent community this event ran beautifully. District trials were held at Doveton Swimming pool with three students successful in making it to the next round. Congratulations to Charlotte Lawrie, Isla Lewis and Kira Emery for representing the school in the divisional swimming finals. They were held at Noble Park Aquatic Centre on Wednesday the 9th of March. Everyone placed with Kira also securing a position in the Regional final which will be held at MSAC on the last day of school. Good luck Kira, and thank-you very much to everyone who participated. (by Kate Pollock)

School Council will hold their AGM on Monday 21st at 7.30pm where the President, Vice President and Treasurer will be elected. Unfortunately the Annual Report template has not been made available by the DET for completion and will not be presented. When developed, School Council will hold a parent information session to present the report. The normal council meeting will follow the AGM on Monday night. We will also be undertaking a Strategic Planning professional learning session on Thursday 28th April to support us with our school review this year.

Next week is the final week of term 1. We all knew it was a short term (only 8 ½ weeks), but it has simply flown by. Don't forget the big Easter Raffle draw will be held on Thursday 24th and prizes will be handed out the 1.45pm assembly. We finish school at 2.30pm on this day.

Deborah

MARCH

17th

Hands on Science Grade 4
Survivor Day Grade 5 & 6

18th

Hands on Science Grade 4
Cross Country Grade 4,5 & 6
National Day of Action
Against Bullying

20th

Working Bee 9-11am

23rd

School Tour 10am
Parent Helpers Course
9am-9.30am

24th

Multicultural Dress Up Day
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

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL !

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee 2016

Think Big, Dream Big

Our Easter Raffle tickets are now out. If you require extra booklets either see the office or pop into the HFC room to collect more.

Tickets due back Thursday 24th March. Good Luck.

The HFC team are considering a Twilight Fete this year, to be held on a Saturday at the end of November. We need help with a sub committee and volunteers for the day.

This is our ONLY Call Out for volunteers. WE NEED 40 Volunteers or unfortunately this event will NOT go ahead.

Please register your details at "The Office" (Name Email & Phone number) on our Fete Clip Board.



EXCITING NEWS: HFC together with LJ Hooker - Narre Warren South are holding an EASTER EGG HUNT on the last day of school, after Assembly. Gold Coin Donation to participate.

To make this event fair and so we have enough eggs, this event is for Hillsmeade and ELC Children ONLY

Time Table: ELC and Prep children 2.35pm-2.40pm Grade 1,2 and 3 2.45pm - 2.50pm and Grade 4,5 and 6 2.55pm - 3pm

Whilst your waiting for your timeslot, the HFC will have a table selling Royal Children Hospital Bags at \$2 each and FUNDE Discount Booklets at \$10 each. Remember Funde Books give great discounts over these upcoming holidays.

Last of all our Car Boot Sale. Stalls are selling really well with 25 stalls already sold.

TEXT Inez on 0425 896 874 or Kerry on 0419 355 595 to reserve your spot.



Next HFC meeting Tuesday 22nd March at 9.10am in the HFC room. ALL WELCOME

Best wishes for an amazing week
Inez Crowe (Top Dog 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 .



Your Brain Needs Exercise

Your brain is a muscle and like all other muscles in the body it needs exercise to keep fit. When you are going to school and work every day the brain is exercising constantly. But what happens when you go on holidays? Your brain goes on holidays too!

Here are some ways to keep the brain exercising during the term break.

Games to play in the car. I Spy. Look for things – a blue car, train, a chimney etc. Make silly names using the letters of car number plates Count cars by their colour and keep a tally Sing songs or tell stories.

At home or away. Write a diary of somewhere you go. It could a holiday destination or a day out. Interview a visitor. Write and perform a play. Watch a movie and write a review.

Play a board game. Scrabble, Chess, Battleship, Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4, Twister. There are lots of games that only need a deck of cards.

Do a puzzle. A crossword, word search, Sudoku. Find them on the internet.

Be a chef. Get in the kitchen - read recipes, measure ingredients, plan weekly meals.

Continue daily reading. Try reading different things like the news paper or a magazine, information books, information from Google.

We all need time to just 'chill out' by watching TV and playing games on IPADs and computers. But set limits, monitor what your child is doing and become involved.

Have a great term break and don't forget to exercise!

Andrea Garwood - Classroom and Specialist teacher

WORKING BEE



DATE: Sunday 20th March

TIME: 9:00am – 11am

WHY: To get our new garden beds looking great to go with our new oval and cleaning up pathways. Plants generously donated by Bunnings need to be planted and gardens need soil and mulch.

Shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, buckets and other general gardening/maintenance tools all needed.

ALL WELCOME!

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

Taqwa Qasimi, Cody O Donnell, Alisha Gupta, Hayley Jones, Somayeh Amiri, Jahvaree Vaeau, Natasha Sony, Devyn Taru, Mark Abbott, Mandy Wong, Cooper Williams, Hayley Moseley, Thuy Anh, Shaylah Langford, Raina Liu, Ben James, McKenzie Tabone, Jonty Somervell, Lara Nittoli, Lilly Dillon, Jaylina Van Sanden, Lucas Utting, Measum Zargar, Mortaza Abassi, Emma Zlatkovic, Kathleen Lunardi, Moalik Akhaqi, Natalie West, Lucas Peluso, Imogen Ware, Tyler Sharp, Chloe Kerr, Isabelle Flemming, Robbie Webb, Mereana Barnes, Charlee Hulme, Brandon Sourbutts, Hana Ramic, Tyler Paltridge, Joel McConchie, Mariska Paltridge, Cooper Savage, Navid Rezaye, Fatima Aziz, Tomas Delpapa, Alexandria Johnson, Harrison Dekoning, Amelia Klat, Hanya Chaudhry, Jorja Kane, Christian Sakal, Aleisha McClumpha, Chelsea Crampsey, EJ Vidallon, Malachi Vaeau, Neve Trimmings, Isabella Bastin, Caleb Deed and Fatimah Balasim.

Entertainment Books 2016-2017.

Please pre order your books now for Term 2 delivery.



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.

BUILDING RESILIENCE - PART 1

Some children are naturally resilient, and can easily manage disappointments. While other children may need some assistance in managing disappointments and struggles. Parents can help using the following strategies to build resilience in their child.

1 Be a great role model

Over anxious parents can lead to over anxious kids. If you are anxious, find ways to cope with difficult situations. Take time out, exercise, eat balanced meals and get plenty of sleep. Remember kids learn by watching body language and tone.

2 Don't get over involved

Many parents try to help their kids with everything. Start making small steps towards building their own resourcefulness. Check and offer guidance with homework rather than helping to do homework. Get them helping at home with cleaning their room.

WATCH THIS SPACE... PARENT SUPPORT GROUP COMING IN TERM 2

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



NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Expression of Interest Gymnastics Club grade 2-6
- Lyndhurst Secondary College Open Night grade 6
- How to get Working with Children Check (eldest)
- Entertainment Book flyer (eldest)
- Junior Basket Ball (eldest)

EXCURSION DUE DATE :

- ◆ Uni of NSW Due 24th March

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 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 22nd _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____