

Wednesday, 20 April 2016 No 10

Dear Parents / Guardians

On Friday afternoon at our assembly, Judith Graley MP presented our School Captains, Stefanie Stan and Joel Vigilante and their fellow school leaders with their badges. Three of our leaders recently attended the City of Casey Youth Services Planning for the Future Summit. We congratulate all twenty leaders as they continue to develop their skills supporting our school community.



ANNUAL REPORT 2015

School Council is inviting parents to a half hour information session to present our 2015 Annual Report on **Thursday 28th April @ 7pm-7.30pm** in the Library. Our Annual Report showcases an overview of how the school is contributing to the objectives of the Education State and how it compares to other Victorian government schools. Following this session, the members of School Council will be undertaking a 2 hour Strategic Planning workshop to deepen their understanding in three areas:

- *How to work with the leadership team to develop key documents in the 4 plan strategic cycle;*
- *How to use data to identify what the school is doing well and what needs to be done to further improve student outcomes;*
- *How to fulfil the governance role by ensuring the school's planning and practices reflect Departmental guidelines and community expectations.*



On Sunday morning, the HFC held their first Car Boot Sale. On a beautiful, sunny morning, the sausages sizzled (provided by the HPV fundraising team), hot coffee was consumed and goods were sold. Thank you to our dedicated group of parents who organised this day.

Wear your PJ's day - Yesterday, many children and teachers wore their PJ's as part of our Book Donation day. A very quick tally shows that we received 928 books. A special thank you to Meg Yates for organising this day and we thank all children for donating their pre-loved readers.

Have a wonderful week.

Deborah

APRIL	
21st	Gr 5 Sovereign Hill
22nd	Interschool Sport
25th	ANZAC Day School Closed
27th	Gr 4 Camp Info Night
28th	School Tour 10am
29th	Assembly 2.45pm
MAY	
3rd	HFC Mothers Day Stall
6th	Interschool Sport
9th	Bounce Back Parent Information Afternoon 2.30-3.30 Evening 5pm -6pm
10th-12th	NAPLAN Testing
13th	Assembly 2.45pm



Congratulations Kira



Kira was the sole school representative at the regional swimming finals at MSAC swimming in the butterfly event. What a great effort.

ANZAC Badges for Sale

Our Student Representative Council will be selling badges from Chloe's Garden at recess from Thursday 14th April on behalf of the Berwick RSL. Badges range in cost from \$1 to \$5.



Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee 2016 Think Big, Dream Big

Well what a marvellous Sunday morning we had our very first Car Boot Sale. We were solidly booked out, the weather was amazing and the feedback we had on the day was "*When is the NEXT one?*" Good news is we will be having another later in the year, in Term 4. Congratulations to Hayden Tate for winning "Guess how many lollies in the jar" and also to Nicole, a former teacher of Hillsmeade, who won the Star Wars Storm Trooper and Raffle Prize. Thank you also to our school community for supporting this event.



Our next major event will be our "Mother's Day/Special Friends Day Stall" to be held on TUESDAY 3rd May. The stall shall also be open for after school sales on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th May, from 3-4pm. We have really tried to source beautiful items for this event so I believe all recipients will love their gift/s. If you can help with this event, please call/text on 0425 896 874 (Inez).

A reminder that on TUESDAY lunch times we (The HFC) sell: Zooper Doopers for \$1, Zooper Dooper Holders for \$0.50 and HOT CHOCOLATES at \$1.50 each.

Lastly for this week, I invite you all to attend our next meeting on Tuesday 26th April from 9.15am. Coffee/Tea provided as well as amazing chats with all HFC members!!

May you all enjoy the beautiful weather this week.

Kindest Regards

Inez Crowe (One Direction Microphone Hog & \$1 Loaves of Bread Queen - as per Car Boot Sale!!!!!!)

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Hillsmeade Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a

competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



Hillsmeade Heroes

Xavier Imms, Maya Nitsiopoulos, Lucas Skrobo, Nyanyuat Lel, Brody Goodall, Taqya Qasimi,
Fraiser Martin, Jackson Howard, Jude Faithful, Cassandra Istratoaie, Zolykha Ashroy,
Keirra Bulner, Archie James Ryan, Isabel Elsa Roy,
Christian Fernando, Chantelle Visentin, Savraj Hayer,
Tahlia Marinucci, Andrew Sourbutts,
Milad Ahmadi, Rayan, Rayan Eisa, Alyssa Dauer, Noah Imms

OUR AIM: To reduce the number of paper copies of the LINK. Term 3 will be a paperless version.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP
TO HELP
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ENVIRONMENT

BY

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PAPERLESS

IN TERM 3



Everyone can now go online to see our weekly newsletter

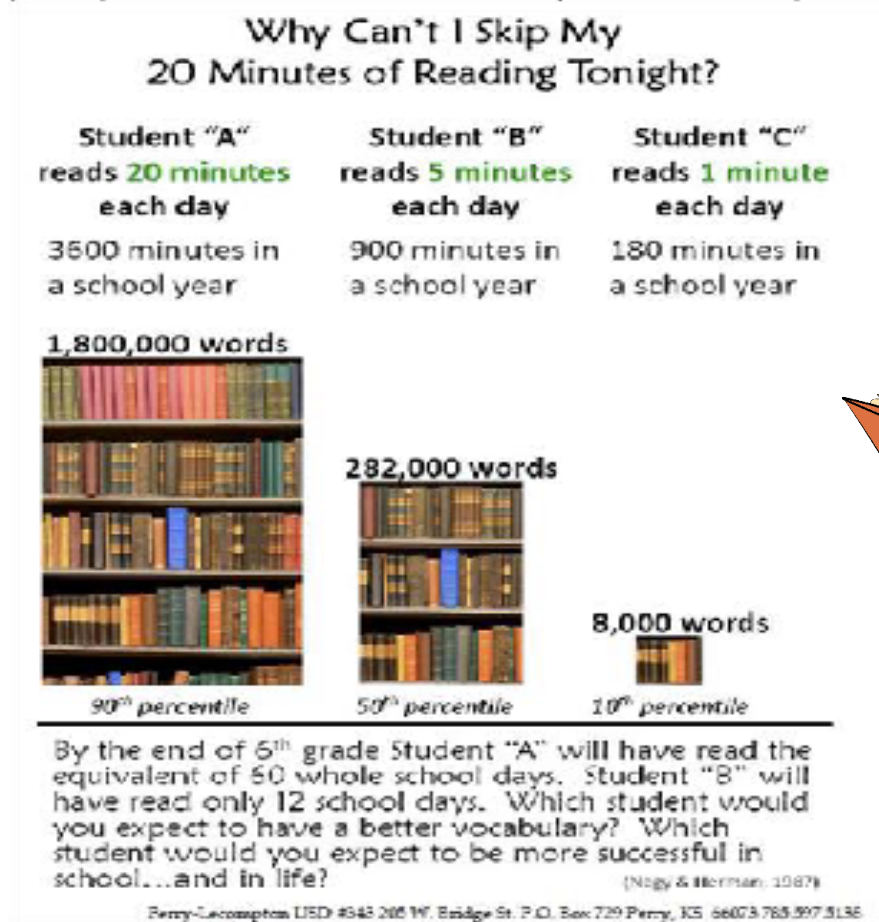
Just go to:

<http://www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au>

Subscribe to get notifications.

Why Reading is Super Important

Reading is an essential skill for all children to master. As parents we need to encourage our children to read as often as possible to enhance this skill. The graphic below depicts how much reading over a child's school life is achieved by reading for 20 minutes everyday compared to reading for only 5 minutes per day (or less). The difference demonstrates the importance of time required for daily home reading.



Andrea Garwood - Classroom and Specialist teacher

NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Bounce Back Information Events
- Transition to Year 7
- Early Bird Reading Club
- Hooptime flyer

Entertainment Books 2016-2017.

Entertainment Books have arrived please send an order or see office staff.



Thank you

If you wish to order on line our Online Order Page is now active and ready to take orders for the new Entertainment™ Memberships at www.entbook.com.au/189q056

Breakfast Club for 2016

Breakfast club has started this term.



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.