

To our School Community

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## Hillsmeade School Improvements – Information Technology 2016

With the exciting opening of the new school oval now two months old the school has turned its focus to **Information Technology** and updating the current IT infrastructure throughout the school.

In 2015 the school purchased **14 x 60" HD TV's** and installed these in classrooms. The school also began preliminary work in devising a plan to begin the **replacement of over 80 desktop and notebooks computers.**

Early 2016 the school arranged the purchase of **14 more 60" HD TVs** and these have been installed in the remaining classrooms throughout the school. These screens are used daily to provide explicit instruction and engage students in learning activities.

Furthermore, the school committed to purchasing **120 x IPADs, 90 Netbooks and 28 Notebooks.** These resources will be distributed throughout the school and Learning Centre and will provide both students and teachers with access to current technologies in teaching and learning. The first roll out of these devices is expected in the upcoming month of **May.**

Over the year the staff will continue to receive professional development on the use of these IT devices in the classroom and how to maximise their effectiveness for student learning and engagement.

Planning for the attainment of more digital devices in **2017** is already underway as the school strives to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

Have a wonderful week.

Scott Clode  
Assistant Principal

On Tuesday 26th April students from Alkira visited our school to conduct an ANZAC Day service with our year 5/6 student. We were fortunate to hear from two ANZAC veterans and learn more about the ANZAC story.



School Captains, Stef and Joel with City of Casey Mayor Sam Aziz, Ms Harry & veterans Bill Shephard, & John Boothroyd

## APRIL

27th

Gr 4 Camp Info Night  
(Postponed to a later date)

28th

School Tour 10am

29th

Assembly 2.45pm

## MAY

Happy Mothers Day

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 grade 3 & 5

13th

Assembly 2.45pm

20th

CURRICULUM DAY

## TERM DATES 2016

Term 2 11th April—24th June

Term 3 11th July— 16th September

Term 4 3rd October—20th December

# IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!

# Look what's going on at Hillsmeade .....

## Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee 2016 Think Big, Dream Big

The HFC members are all gearing up for the Mother's Day/Special Friends Day Stall, on TUESDAY 3rd May 2016. This will be an all day event for all our grades to pop over and buy some special goods. Specialist items are also available to buy that will be a surprise on the day. Remember we will be open TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY between 3-4pm. This is open to our community and also for our past students to pop in and purchase.



VISION PORTRAIT forms are going out with this week's Link, our next fundraiser May 21st (Saturday) and 22nd (Sunday). The HFC team are all excited for this event as we have not had family photos for a few years we hope you enjoy this event as much as us. Thankyou to Kerry for organising this delightful event.

Lastly, our quotes are now in for our Grade 5 & 6 playground. Kerry will be presenting this to our School Council so we can get the go ahead for this amazing project.

Have a super duper week. I hope to see some of you at our stall next week.  
Kindest Regards

Inez Crowe (Mothers Day/Special Friend's Day - Stall - Queen Shopper)





**9/10 year old girls top 14 places**

Kira Emery, Ella Ryan, Gemma Mouette, Caitlyn Shane, Isla Lewis, Maggie Rawley, Milani Kraja, Jasmine Belot, Scarlett Gniel, Hawra Al Dukhaile, Abbie Hunter, Aysha Mahmood, Rita Asghari and Illira Saliru.



**11 year old girls top 16 places**

Jess Catheray-Harvey, Alisha Kennedy, Tara Niven, Jayde Dykes, Farida Nazari, Shayli Gehlsen, Maria Gringi, Kyah Hearn, Hailee Geddes, Tiarna Gates, Palwasha Reza, Lucy Hwang, Hailey Watson, Brigitte Dickinson & Fatima Balasim.



**12/13 year old girls top 15 places**

Holly Van Der Loop, Krystal Hayes, Melis Selvi, Poko Tereva, Sherry Cui, Emily Meade, Monique Sugianto, Bella Bastin, Ally Dunn, Ivana Pavasovic, Brianna Braithwaite, Zahraa Al Dukhaile, Laura Patella, Somaya Younos, and Chanel Oddy.

# 2016 Senior Cross Country

**Congratulations to everyone who participated in the senior cross country held on the first Friday of term. It was a beautiful day to showcase the great talent at Hillsmeade and also try out our brand new winners podium. District Cross Country will be held on Monday the 16th of May.**

**Notices will be out shortly. Usually the first 10 placings go through to the district event.**

**9/10 year old boys top 14 places**

Logan Klat, Omid Alizadah, Ben James, Tyson Waters, Tarkyn Nicholls, Sahil Gawade, Darrence Mai, Riley Landweir, Jack Holbrook, Tom Norton, Mujtaba Mohmmaddi, Zac Del Papa, Mustafa Jaffari and Nathan Zboril.

**11 year old boys top 15 places**

Matthew Nelson, Joel McConchie, Nicholas Greene, Daylan Van Sanden, Brandon Sourbutts, Mitchell Sam, Kyan Buselli, Jayden Blackman, Deng Maler, Sahil Fazel, Lachlan Rodger, Tyler Paltridge, Mahdy Abbasi & Josh Quinn.

**12/13 year old boys top 15 places**

Jack Cornish, Matt Pollard, Kur Maler, Murtaza Jaffari, Ryan Lewis, Charlie Mills, Mobasher Qasimi, Liam Stokes, Matt Mills, Kai Maas, Owen Wolfenbuttal, Blake Bell, Tyler Finn, Alexander Hill and Robert Mouette.



## Grade 5 & 6 CyberSafety Presentation

Last week the Grade 5s and 6s took part in a CyberSafety Education presentation hosted by the local police. Acting Seargent Jason Dickinson and Leading Senior Constable Richard Walter spoke to the students about cyber bullying, digital footprints, online safety and being responsible digital citizens.



***Did you know children aren't allowed to have a Facebook account until they're 13 years old?***

The students learned about the potential dangers of misusing the internet. Having people as friends that you don't know is like letting a stranger go through your photos and personal things. Students were engaged in many thought provoking videos and facts as they were asked to think about the question, "Are you more careful about your own personal safety in the real world than your safety online?"



***Did you know every photo you post on Facebook becomes Facebook's property?***

## Finding head lice

Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head, so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot because they move quickly.

The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to use the conditioner and comb treatment weekly. This includes:

- Step 1. Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
- Step 2. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 3. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 4. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.
- Step 5. If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again, since the eggs could be from the old infection.
- Step 6. If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.



### NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Grade 2 School to Home Newsletter
- Vision Portraits
- Interschool sport ( Selected student)
- Melbourne Aquarium (Grade 1)

### Breakfast Club for 2016

Breakfast club has started this term.



### Entertainment Books 2016-2017.

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



If you wish to order Online our Order Page is now active and ready to take orders for the new Entertainment™ Memberships at [www.entbook.com.au/189q056](http://www.entbook.com.au/189q056)

### 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.