

Wednesday, 13 April 2016 No 9

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to term 2, an eleven week, busy term filled with lots of explicit teaching and learning, student assessment (including NAPLAN for grade 3 & 5 children) and reporting, excursions, incursions, sporting activities and fundraising events. I encourage all parents/guardians to check the events list on this page and keep an eye on the letters coming home from the children. Our website, www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au also has a calendar for you to look at. If you register to subscribe on the website, you will automatically receive email notification of changes.

In the last week of term 1 and over the holidays there have been some staffing changes:

- Sharon Whiting's last day was Friday 8th March and she spent time over the break ensuring everything was ready for our new Business Manager, Julie Hale.
- Di Leeming (Office Administration) has finished work at Hillsmeade PS after 11 years in both the office and working as an Integration Aide.
- Four Integration Aide staff members have been contracted until the end of the 2016 school year. Please welcome Michelle Spellman, Louise Chaplin, Belinda Lane and Cheryl Zubcic to our school. These experienced and/or Certificate III qualified staff members will be providing support for children through our PSDMS program. Integration Aides already on staff will be working with the Grade 1 classes.
- We have been fortunate to recruit Karen Kenny, an experienced office administrator, currently working at Timbarra Prep-9 to join our office team. Karen will start on Monday 2nd May.

After the assembly on the last day of term 1, the HFC organised a huge Easter Egg Hunt for children with eggs donated by LJ Hooker. Many of us on staff thought this would be a difficult event to manage, however we were very excited and pleased to see the children having so much fun collecting their eggs off our new sporting field. Thank you to all volunteer parents and community members who helped with this hunt. I believe our HFC President, Inez Crowe is already planning next year's event to be bigger and better.



Yesterday we received notification that our enrolment data will be audited for this year. On Census Day we provided information to the department that we had 903 students enrolled at the school. An audit confirms our attendance records for all children and determines whether funding received correlates to the number of children regularly attending school. It is therefore vital for **students to be at school** to secure the funding which we use to operate the school.

I will be taking three weeks long service leave from 9th—27th May to travel to South Africa. Mrs Jodie Bray will be acting as principal during this time with additional leadership support from Mrs Mandy Ryan. The school will be in very capable hands.

Have a great week and it's fantastic to be back into the routine of coming to school.
Deborah

APRIL

15th	Cross Country Grades 4/5/6 9.20am-10.50am
15th	Assembly 2.45pm
17th	Car Boot Sale 8am till 1pm
18th	Gr 3 Billy Cart EX.
19th	Pj's For Books Day
	
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

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee 2016 Think Big, Dream Big

WOW what a Term 1 we had. This year we broke a world record for school and sold over \$3000 worth of tickets for our Easter Raffle - AMAZING. I really think we have a great community and also our amazing prizes help. I do hope the Tate family enjoyed their first prize and the Soda Stream too. Remember THE GOOD GUYS at CRANBOURNE and mention our school so we can get awesome Christmas raffle prizes this year.



Metin, Sam, Jaimie Lee and The LJ Hooker Narre Warren South Team sponsored our first ever EASTER EGG HUNT which was loved by all the kids.

This year we are using most funds to support the installation of a brand new Grade 5 & 6 playground. Currently we are finalising quotes (big thanks to Kerry) and will work with School Council to try and have this project ready for Term 3, Watch this space...

Thankyou to two of our community members who were able to donate rolls of cellophane and ribbons for the raffle. Thanks also to Kylie for organising our massive roll at cost. Its not what you know, it's who you know!

Last of all our MASSIVE CAR BOOT SALE is on THIS SUNDAY 17th April in the staff carpark between 8am-1pm. This event is nearly booked out. Some sites are still left so please text Kerry or me if you still want a site. The Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Team 2016 are running a fundraiser BBQ and a Coffee Van will be on site. Please pop down for a sausage and grab yourself a bargain.

The event has already been advertised on 2 websites and look for us in the local Berwick paper. A massive thanks to Sue for her amazing artwork promoting our event.



May you all have a super week. Do pop in on Sunday and say Hi to Kerry and me (we will be the ones drinking lots of coffee!!)

Best Wishes

Inez (Car Boot Sale Queen 2016)

REMINDER

GRADE 6 CANBERRA CAMP

Monday 5th September – Friday 9th September

The total cost of the camp \$510

Suggested instalment dates given were

- \$50 deposit by the 31st July, 2015
- \$100 by the 9th October, 2015
- \$40 by the 4th December, 2015
- \$110 by the 18th March, 2016
- \$100 by the 27th May, 2016
- \$110 by the 12th August, 2016
(FINAL PAYMENT)

These were **only suggested** dates, however the camp must be **paid in full, no later than, 12th AUGUST 2016.**

If you wish to pay instalments via BPAY please contact our business manager Julie Hale. If you are a recipient of CSEF this can be used to pay for part of the camp.

THERE ARE STILL PLACES AVAILABLE FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS WISHING TO JOIN US ON THE CANBERRA EXPERIENCE.

Please speak to your child's teacher for more information.

PJ's for BOOK'S DAY – Tuesday 19th April

Our classroom libraries are in need of a bit of sprucing up. Please donate a book and come dressed in your snuggest, comfiest pyjamas on Tuesday April 19th.



Donations of good quality pre loved or second hand books would be perfect and much appreciated (please no damage, rips, tears, scribbles, etc. of any kind).

Book donations are in lieu of a gold coin donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.



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





Hillsmeade Multicultural Day

On the last day of term 1 we celebrated our diverse school community with Multicultural Day. Students and staff looked fantastic dressed up and it was great learning about everyone's cultural background.



Kids Matter

BOOK CLUB

The 3rd issue of Scholastic Book Club is now being distributed. Children love owning their own books and Book Club is one way to purchase books at great prices. There are books for as low as \$2.00. Take a look through the brochures to find other great bargains. I just love seeing the excitement of the children when they receive their book club orders.

There is no obligation to purchase anything through Book Club. However, any purchases made through the school, will help the school earn valuable reading resources for the classrooms.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE STUDENTS NAME AND GRADE IS WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF EVERY ORDER FORM. ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THERE IS NO NAME ON THE ORDER FORM.

If you would like to purchase some books from this issue, there are 2 options.

1. LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) You can now order and pay for your Book Club online. You must know your child's grade and teacher name to be able to use this option. You do not send anything to school. The order will be delivered to school. You can also download LOOP on App Store or get it on Google play.

2. Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or cash (which must be the correct amount).

Fill out the order form, with the child's name and grade on the top and put it in an envelope along with the

CORRECT MONEY (cash or cheque) and mark the envelope BOOK CLUB with the child's name and grade as well. Please **do not** include any monies for other fundraising or school events in this envelope.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

For your information, it takes approximately 2 weeks, after the order has been sent to Scholastic, (in Sydney), for the books to be delivered

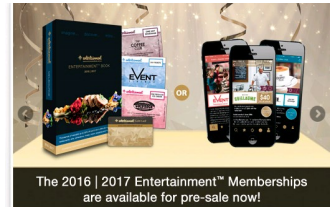
NOTICES SENT HOME:

- NAPLAN Grade 3 and 5
- Kelly sports grade Prep to 4
- E-News app changes Whole School
- Canteen menu term 2 whole school
- Bounce Back Information Events
- Technology Institute Flyer

Entertainment Books 2016-2017.

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

Thank you



The 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Memberships are available for pre-sale now!

Breakfast Club for 2016

Breakfast club will start again 19th April term 2



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

Spend the holidays cleaning out your garage and come and sell it at the
1st Hillsmeade



Sunday 17th April 8am-1pm in Teachers' Car Park

- 1 x Table spot only - limited spots available \$5 (No car allowed)
- 1 x Car Park Space \$10 (Pop your car in and sell on a Table out the front)
- 2 x Car Park Spaces \$20
- 3 x Car Park Spaces \$30

ALL SPACES MUST BE PREBOOKED & PREPAID

Must BYO table to use.

To book a space or enquires call

Inez Crowe 0425896874 or Kerry Lee Jenkins 0419355595

Payments to be made via CASH to the HFC Team or Credit/Eftpos at Office Administration (Only payments \$20+, Reference your name & Car Boot Sale)

HPV Fundraising Team will hold a Breakfast (Egg and Bacon Rolls) & Lunch BBQ as well as Cold Drinks
Coffee Van Man will also be on site

This event will be extensively advertised on the following sites: The Link Newsletter & the school website; LJ Hooker website, Window/s at Casey Central Shopping Centre, large notice boards out the front of school, Garage sales.com; Gumtree & local newspapers.



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.