

Dear Parents & Guardians,

What a wet, windy week we have had so far. This week has seen the commencement of NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 & Year 5 students. Students complete assessments in the areas of: Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The final test will take place on Thursday the 12th of May. A big thank you to students and teachers in these year levels for ensuring that NAPLAN week has run smoothly.

On Monday Mrs Watson and Ms Lau conducted two parent information sessions to promote awareness about Bounce Back. These sessions involved parents across our school and ELC community to engage in rich discussion about the importance of teaching values. In the sessions, we discussed our school's Kidsmatter journey, providing parents with a quick snapshot on what Kidsmatter is and what it looks like in action as our school enters Component two which focuses on Social and Emotional Learning for students. We discussed the Bounce Back program which was implemented this year as part of Component two of Kidsmatter. Some topics covered were the language that is used in the Bounce Back program, the units which we will be covering this year, as well as a video to demonstrate a Bounce Back session in action. The parents who attended provided useful feedback and found the presentation informative.



This week our professional learning session after school included a session for PLT planning time, as well as a session related to our Instructional Model @ work in the mathematics classroom. Teachers and pre-service teachers worked together to share current practice and ideas to ensure we are learning and building innovative ideas to



engage and motivate learners in maths. Next week is Education Week. The focus across Government Schools is **Technology – create your future**. We will be running lunch time activities for students to participate in mathematics and technology-based activities. To find out more about Education week follow this link:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/edweek.aspx?Redirect=1>

Hillsmeade Primary is committed to improving student access to technology to support learning and recently purchased **120 x IPADs, 90 Netbooks and 28 Notebooks**. These resources will soon be in classrooms for all students to utilise.

Just a reminder that next Thursday the 19th of May we will be holding our annual Bedtime Stories night. The night begins at 5:30 and concludes at 6:30pm. It would be wonderful to see many students, parents and friends at the event. Have a wonderful week, rug up and keep warm.

Jodie Bray
Acting Principal

Wednesday, 11 May 2016 No 13

MAY

10th-12th

NAPLAN Testing Grade 3 & 5

13th

Assembly 2.45pm

16th

Interschool Cross Country
(Selected Students)

18th

Grade 4 Camp Meeting 5-6pm

19th

Bedtime Stories 5:30-6:30pm

20th

CURRICULUM DAY

31st

Mandarin Night 4pm

JUNE

7th

Professor Bunsen incursion Grade 4

13th

Public Holiday **NO SCHOOL**

16th

Aquarium Excursion (Grade 1)
ICAS NSW Testing - Writing

21st

School tour 10am

24th

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

2:30pm FINISH

TERM DATES 2016

Term 2 11th April—24th June
Term 3 11th July— 16th September
Term 4 3rd October—20th December

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Think big, Dream big

WOW WOW WOW how exciting was our Mother's Day and Special Friends Day Stall last week. We additionally opened on Wednesday lunch time as a few children forgot and we had NO TEARS due to this new procedure. After school sales went really well too and I'm sure you all loved your thought out gifts. I was lucky enough to receive a whisk from my son, so I can make HIM eggs for breakfast!!

I really hope you all enjoyed this event, we had amazing feedback and I am already onto Father's Day/Special Friends Day for September. My work is never done!

Last week I volunteered in the canteen with our beloved Felicity (EX PRESIDENT) and beautiful Bianca. The girls love volunteers, especially on Fridays so please if you can pop in and see them to get information on volunteering - it's really fun and you can even have a slurpee on the house!!

Our school is really trying to be rubbish free for our environment. To cut down on paper bags please think about purchasing a REUSABLE LUNCH ORDER BAG for \$10.50 (the original) or insulated for \$12.50. They will last for ages, your entire primary years so it is really worth investing in one. AS A SPECIAL UNTIL THE END OF MAY, purchase a bag and get a FREE drink bottle and Zooper Dooper Holder. Payments and orders just need to be popped in the canteen baskets each day (except Tuesdays).



Additionally ALL PROFIT buys seedlings for our garden club and when we have surplus of herbs and vegies we will be selling them before and after school assembly's super dooper cheap. Our OWN farmer's market.

REMEMBER: Vision Portraits, our next fundraiser is on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May. \$15 per booking either indoors or outdoors (outdoors you can even bring your beloved pet) and you get a FREE 10'x13' photo. BOOKINGS are on line: www.trybooking.com/LFGM and choose your time or if you prefer calling, on: 9596 9400.

URGENT

Our amazing member, JILL, is organising our next school disco, so keep an eye out for the confirmed date and start getting your outfit/s ready!! Dress To PARTY!!!

Last of all a special mention to Nicole, Kellie and Nat (EX PRESIDENT) for helping me with the stall last week, much appreciated & a HUGE thankyou to Grandmother "Nola" for all her work organising and creating our plant jars. Thankyou Nola for all your support and creativity.

Have an amazing week.
Kindest Regards

Inez Crowe (Queen of getting my PRETTY on for Vision Portraits)

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
THE
ENVIRONMENT
BY
GOING
PAPERLESS
IN TERM 3**



Everyone can now go online to see our weekly newsletter

Just go to:

Hillsmeade.vic.edu.au/subscribe

Subscribe to get notifications.



**Breakfast Club
Has moved to the Library
starting Tuesday 17/5/16
from 8.15am - 8.40am**



Hillsmeade hosted the annual Anzac commemorative ceremony. The Berwick News featured an article on the 5th of May & is also available to be viewed on the Berwick news website: <http://berwicknews.starcommunity.com.au> search 'Students are all class for ANZAC'.

Hillsmeade Primary School
invites you to
BEDTIME STORIES!

Thursday, 19th of May @ 5.30 - 6.30pm

**WEAR YOUR PJ'S,
CUDDLE IN TIGHT,
IT'S TIME FOR A
STORY,
BEFORE WE SAY...
GOODNIGHT!**



**Come along as a family to listen to
some stories being read by our
teachers in their PJs.
...And don't forget to wear your PJs!**

Exploring maths with your child

Maths is everywhere around us. We are constantly using maths in our everyday lives. There are so many opportunities to explore maths concepts with your child. Here are some ideas for encouraging maths 'talk' and engagement with younger children (pre-school – grade 2).

Playing shop

Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices or cut pictures out of shopping catalogues. Practice paying for items using notes and coins. Make paper money or use play money to buy and sell goods from the shop. Order the food items depending on cost. Introduce kitchen scales to weigh some food such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice and order items by weight.

Playing games

Dice are a great addition to any toy collection. Roll the dice and say, make or write the numbers identified. Roll the dice and add the numbers together to find the total. Play board games like Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4, Trouble, Twister, Junior Monopoly or Battleship. Play number games online.

Making patterns

Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry. Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper or cards. Use coloured pegs, blocks or beads to begin a pattern for your child to continue. Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders or greeting cards.

Measuring things

Use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family. Use a cut piece of string to measure the objects in your house. Ask your child to identify anything that is the same length, or bigger than or smaller than the string. Explore other ways of measuring using a cup, jug, teaspoon, icy pole sticks, foot prints or hand lengths. Build towers of blocks to compare heights and count and add totals.

Go on a number hunt

With your child find numbers around you, for example house numbers, calendars. Look at and say the numbers on car number plates, signs, calendars, newspapers, shopping catalogues or speed signs. Use different numbers as the starting point for practising counting, for example start counting from 6 or 10. Ask your child to count forwards and backwards. Ask what number comes before or what number comes after. Use a calculator.

Moving with maths


These ideas use movement of the body, hearing sounds, using eyes and feeling with hands to experience counting. How many throws can we do without dropping the ball? How many jumps does it take to get to...?

How many times can you tap the balloon before it touches the ground? How long does it take you to skip to?

The list of things to do with maths is endless. Next week..... Things to do with older children (grade 3 - 6)

Department of Education and Early Childhood.

Andrea Garwood - Classroom & specialist teacher.

 Waverley Gymnastics Centre
NARRE WARREN CAMPUS

Waverley's Narre Warren campus at Fountain Gate Primary offers fun & challenging gymnastics classes for primary school-aged children of all abilities. Classes are held on Wednesdays & Thursdays!

CALL 9887-9611 TO BOOK A FREE TRIAL CLASS!!

All classes are taken by qualified and registered coaches and are held in the Fountain Gate Primary School Gymnasium
Prospect Hill Road, Narre Warren (Melways Ref. 110 B1)
For enquiries or a FREE trial class, please call the office on 9887-9611 or visit www.waverley.gymnastics.org.au

MANDARIN NIGHT



Tuesday 31st of May
(Week 8)

4:00pm Junior Corridor for Chinese activities
4:45-5:45pm Sports Hall for performance

Hillsmeade Primary invites all the students, families and friends to experience the Chinese culture and we hope to see you there!

Grade 4 Camp

The grade 4 camp information evening will be held on the 18th of May 5-6pm in the library. A \$50 deposit for grade 4 camp is due back by the 4th June to secure your spot & full payment is required by the 20th November.

NOTICES DUE BACK

- Year 7 Transition Due 13th May
- Aquarium Due 9th June
- Interschool Cross Country Due 14th May
- Professor Bunsen Due 27th May

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 at www.entbook.com.au/189q056

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

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.