

Wednesday, 25 May 2016 No 15

Dear Parents & Guardians,

What a busy few weeks we have had. I have enjoyed my time keeping Ms Harry's seat warm, but look forward to her returning to school on Monday the 30th of May.

Bedtime stories

A huge thank you to families and teachers who battled the wind and rain to attend the Bedtime Stories event last Thursday. It was wonderful to see students, siblings, parents and teachers in their PJs and listening to fantastic stories.



Monash Science Visits

This week we had Monash University Science pre-service teachers come in to deliver Science lessons to grades Prep – 6. The students demonstrate interest, curiosity and wonder throughout the lessons and provided valuable teaching opportunity for the pre-service teachers. Hillsmeade continues to value our strong partnership with Monash University and the



opportunities provided for our students through this partnership.

Division Cross Country

On Thursday the 3rd of June 12 students will be representing our school at the Division Cross Country event to be held at Casey Fields. We wish the following students the best of luck for the event: Holly Van Der Loop, Krystal Hayes, Matthew Nelson, Joel McConchie, Ella Ryan, Kira Emery, Jess Catheray, Alisha Kennedy, Kur Maler, Matt Pollard, Jack Cornish and Logan Klat.



Mandarin Event

Just a reminder that on Tuesday the 31st of May we will host our first Mandarin Community Event. The event begins at 4pm and concludes at 5:45pm. Please come along to participate in activities and see the wonderful work our students from grades Prep – 6 have been engaged in.

Parent Engagement

There is strong research around the importance of parent engagement in education. When you are positively engaged in your child's education, they are more likely to attend and perform better at school. The Australian Government has released a free app that assists parents with useful tips and inspiring ways to be more involved in their child's learning. See website <https://www.studentsfirst.gov.au/engaging-parents-education>.

How can you help your child do well at school?

- Have high yet achievable expectations of your child
 - Talk regularly about school and the value of learning
 - Encourage positive attitudes and respect for school and teachers and Model the behaviours you would like to see in your child.
- Other things you can do which have also been shown to have a positive impact are to:
- Read out loud with your child and listen to your child read out loud
 - Talk and ask about what they are learning
 - Ask what was and was not fun at school and Help them to develop strong work habits.

One of the most effective ways parents and families can help children to do better at school is to make sure they go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.

Jodie Bray
Acting Principal.

MAY

31st

Mandarin Night
4pm– 5:45pm

JUNE

7th

Professor Bunsen
(Grade 4)

13th

Public Holiday **NO**
SCHOOL

16th

Aquarium excursion
(Grade 1)
ICAS NSW

Testing - Writing

17th

Lightning Prem
(selected students)

21st

School tour 10am

24th

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

2:30pm FINISH

NOTICES DUE BACK

- Professor Bunsen due 27th May
- Book Club due 26th May
- Aquarium due 9th June

TERM DATES 2016

Term Two 11th April—24th June
Term Three 11th July— 16th September
Term Four 3rd October—20th December

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Think big, Dream big

We had vision portraits come out on Saturday. Unfortunately we didn't have enough families booked to fill both days and had to cancel Sunday sessions. We were able to accommodate most families on Saturday.

Later this term we are hoping to hold a crazy hair/crazy sock day for a gold coin donation. All monies raised will be donated to ovarian cancer research. Dates and details to follow soon.



The senior playground has now been ordered and we are hoping the seniors will see this early third term.



Finally we have our fundraising meeting on June 7th, 9.30 in the HFC (rainbow) room. Always looking for new members as a few of our current members finish at the end of the year when their kids do. Everyone is welcome to pop their heads in.

Have a great week
Kerry (Inez is living it up in Fiji!)

Exploring maths with your child

Grade 3 – 6 ideas

There are plenty of opportunities to teach everyday maths concepts to older children. Understanding the real life uses for the maths they are learning at school provides meaning and relevance.

WEATHER maps

Look at weather maps in newspapers or watch weather reports on the television. Talk about difference between the minimum and maximum temperature for each day? Find a seven-day forecast then record the actual temperature for each day and compare. Was the forecast accurate? Use the information on a weather website to explore differences in weather from your area to others. Look at forecasts before you travel. Explore where in the world it would be a great place to live considering the temperature, rainfall, humidity etc.

RECIPES

Cooking provides a great opportunity to use maths in a fun and practical way. Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millimetres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons. Discuss how you would double a recipe. Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe. Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe. Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full, for example, L for litre, mL for millilitre, tsp for teaspoon, tbs for tablespoon.

CATALOGUES

How would you spend \$40 from a catalogue? How many products can you buy for \$40? Select five products from the catalogue then calculate what the cost would be if there was a 50% sale. What is the best value sale item in the catalogue? Can you explain your reasoning? Compare the cost of a product across different stores using different catalogues. What did you find?

TRAVEL timetables

Can you identify your starting point on the timetable? What is the earliest and latest time to travel on this route? What is the difference? How long does it take to travel the entire route? How many stops are there on this route? What is the difference in the time travelled when not making all stops? What is the cost? Is it good value compared to other travel options?

MONEY

Encouraging children to think about money, saving money and considering how they spend money are important skills for all children to develop. Encourage your child to work out how much change you will get after buying something. Investigate costs for family trips together. For example, a visit to a theme park may include transport costs, entry ticket costs and food costs. Discuss saving money for presents or something your child may want to buy. Work out how long it will take to save this much if they get a small amount of money each week. Encourage your child to save a percentage of their pocket money or birthday money, and work out how much this would be. For example, how much money would you have if you saved 40% each week?

Include your child in discussions about family spending and budgeting. It's never too early to teach them to appreciate the value of money.

Department of Education and Early Childhood.

Andrea Garwood - Classroom & specialist teacher.

Victorian premiers' reading challenge

Hillsmeade Primary School invites
you to participate in the
Premiers Reading Challenge!!!
For children from Prep to Year 2
the Challenge is to read or
experience 30 books

For students in Years 3 to 10 the
challenge is to read 15 books.
For more information about the
Victorian Premiers' Reading
Challenge and to view the
booklists, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



Inspiring children and young people to read more 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.
Please see Mrs Ahlgren
or Ms Carter with any
queries.

These are last year's students who got an extra certificate for reading more
than 50 books!!!

Hillsmeade Heroes

Sahil Fazel, Zeba Shafahi, Kai Maas, Vini Tuaepepe, Noah Gehlsen, Ivana Pavasovic, Hayden Cameroon, Marwa Hasib, Shreya Krishna, Brooklyn Munemo & Giselle Presta Miller



LIVING WITH AUTISM. DEALING WITH BEHAVIOURS AND ASD

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum?
Join with other parents/ carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.
During the 4 weeks you will:

- Discuss why the behaviours are happening
- Identify new ideas and strategies
- Hear from other parents and share experiences
- Identify new supports

WHEN: Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th July and 4th August
TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am
WHERE: Ballam Park Primary School Belar Avenue Frankston
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011
or Joanne Templeton 0499 007 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au
FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided



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BETTER TOMORROWS

 **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.waverleygymnastics.org.au

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



CHANGE OF CLOTHES

With the wet weather and plenty of puddles around, could you please pack a spare set of clothes in your child's school bag just in case of an accident.



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!

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.

Grade 4 Camp

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. Reminder to all families who have CSEF it can be used for the Grade 4 camp and please contact the office if you wish to do so.