

Dear Parents / Guardians

Wednesday, 1 June 2016 No 16

What a welcome back to school after my short break! Last night we held our first Mandarin Cultural Evening hosted by our senior students including a number of those travelling to China in October. We estimated around 300 parents & children attended. On arrival, children and their parents could participate in Chinese cultural activities including: using chopsticks, paper cutting, calligraphy, fish-making (from paper), trying on Chinese costumes and providing feedback about our Mandarin program. After a sausage and drink, parents were entertained by performances from Ms Bao (Alkira SC), junior and senior grades. A special thank-you must go to our Mandarin teachers and the Specialist PLT who organised this whole school event. More photos in next week's edition of the Link.



Meghana, Naomi, Caitlyn and Madison dressed for the occasion and will represent Hillsmeade PS proudly at Nanjing Primary School, China in October).



Our school is continuing to prosper for our local community children. School Council recently approved the installation of an additional playground for the senior students as a result of the dedicated work of our HFC members. Children's toilet floors and new carpet for our Library and office administration area are also being quoted. It is anticipated that work will commence on these shortly. All grades recently received new computers and iPads for student use. Staff have developed an Instructional Model to ensure a consistent approach to teaching and we are trialling this in our reading sessions. All teachers will be involved in observations and modelling of this model as part of our evidence based professional learning program. It is an exciting time for Hillsmeade PS with an enrolment figure today of 912 students (844 in 2014; 854 in 2015).



As you will be aware, our new neighbouring school (currently known as Casey Central East PS and through consultation, to be changed to Tulliallan Primary School) will be opening in 2017. Kathy Sharp is the newly appointed principal and we welcome her to our network of government schools. There is an information session on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> at Arbourlea Family and Community Centre 5pm-7pm. Hillsmeade Primary School Council encourages all our families to consider continued enrolment at Hillsmeade PS with a strong curriculum, consistent teaching, learning and assessment practices and well established facilities. However, we are aware that some families will be considering enrolling their children at Tulliallan PS. It

would be greatly appreciated if you could advise our office if you are making a move to the new school so we can accurately allocate resources for 2017.

Deborah

# 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**

# JULY

11th

First Day of term 3



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

## Think big, Dream big

It's been a bit quiet in camp HFC this week, gearing up and looking into what we are going to do with Xmas Carols this year - looking at mixing it up a little to encourage more families to come and enjoy a great evening out with our school community.



Just a reminder that hot chocolates are being sold on Tuesday's from the HFC room at lunchtime for \$1.50.

Our monthly HFC meeting will be held next Tuesday at 9.30 in the HFC (rainbow) room for anyone that would like to attend.



I must say it was nice to not see 'Lake Hillsmeade' for the first time ever last week in all the rain!

Stay warm and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

Kerry

Signing off as Inez is back next week.



## Hillsmeade Heroes Hillsmeade Heroes

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Laura Skrobo  
Murtaza Jaffari  
Whitney Hodge  
Holly Van De Loop  
Tyler Finn  
Neve Trimmings  
Tharushaka Kottogoda  
Omar Akhtar  
Stefanie Stan  
Tijana White  
Anna Nicola  
Bianca Visentin  
Ethan Phelan  
Bek Coco  
Cooper Porter  
Noah Boribon  
Georgia Wade  
Taylor-Jade Mihaere  
Ella Ryan  
Jack Perry  
Floyd Danato  
Chelsea Vella  
Mikayla Robbie  
Ethyn Ky  
Olivia Berry  
Matthew Delacy  
Grace Dykes  
Xavier Shomos  
Moqadesa Aliffi  
Sienna Beattie  
Ava McMahon  
Trlin Alo  
Milan Bosevski  
Candice Beamish  
Hayden Fraser  
Charli Hill  
Luca Dibiasi



Lilly Earl  
Hayden Tate  
Nathan Neang  
Mia Avery-Russo  
Maddie Carbery  
Darcy Rawley  
Sahar Lalizada  
Cameron Hicklin  
Yassine Dai  
Zarah Alter  
Olivia Mayworm  
Danan Earle  
Aekam Lamba  
Lachlan Ryan  
Selena Aratong  
Luke Humphreys  
Aleks Culibrk  
Elyce McDonald  
Isabelle Keoylian  
Cooper Kennedy  
Krystal Dekoning  
Chase Potts  
Erin Gyett  
Xavier Tereva  
Riley Landwher  
Justin Oral  
Rita Asghari  
Tarn Fazel  
Haera Aldukhaile  
Zahra Haidery  
Mujtaba Mohammadi  
Haroon Sharif  
Ellie Haracca  
Zak Mertis  
Leanna Chheuy  
Mrs Jodie Bray

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## 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.



## SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEERS

Our lovely ladies Louise Schaefer & Cheryl Trimmings who do the school banking will be finishing up at the end of this year. We are currently seeking new volunteers who are available on a Tuesday arvo or Wednesday morning for around 1-2 hours to assist with the school banking. Please speak to office staff if you are able to help.



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Last Tuesday the grade 3 area got a visit by some crack science students from Monash University. The Monash team put together a well-crafted and highly engaging sequence of activities which were both thrilling and educative for students.

We learned to understand the difference between dissolving and melting (with the help of some hot water, marshmallows, chocolate chips and skittles) and we also had the opportunity to create our own slushies.

The slushies in particular were a hit.

One student put it as such:

“On Tuesday we did science, we made slushies. My partner was Ethan he was really fun to be with. Then we got juice and ice cubes. We shook it, it was so fun. It turned into crushed ice Ethan and I had 3 so we shared a red one it was so yummy”.

- Homayun

More testimonies from the great day!

“On Tuesday we made slushies. Listen to these steps and you will know how to make a slushie.

Step 1 - Put salt and a lot of ice in zip-up bags.

Step 2 - Put your fruit juice in zip-up bags.

Step 3 - and shake, shake, shake. After you will have your icy drink, enjoy! J”

- Joel





**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 9545 2000 Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

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TOMORROWS

**THE BIG FREEZE**  
**WINTER FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
**JULY 2-10, 2016**  
**CRANBOURNE RACECOURSE**

**9 INTERACTIVE KID ZONES including a snow pit**

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE**

SNOW PIT - WINTER SLIDE - GIANT SNOW GLOBE - SNOW FALL FOREST  
SNOWBALL TOSS - LITTLE SHREDDERS - SNOW VILLAGE  
SUPERHERO TRAINING - ARTS'N' CRAFTS - CONSTRUCTION ZONE - WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCES  
CPR TRAINING LAB - CONSERVATION PLAY

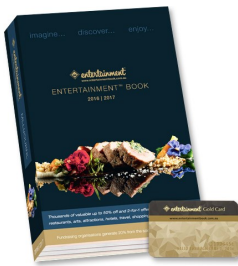
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**\$38 PER DAY**  
**JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2016**  
**AGES 8 - 15**

MONASH UNIVERSITY  
CLAYTON CAMPUS  
WELLINGTON RD & BLACKBURN RD  
CLAYTON, VIC 3800

**MELBOURNE SPORTS INSTITUTE**

**CAMP SELECTION:**

CAMP	DATE	LOCATION	AGE
<input type="radio"/> BASKETBALL CAMP	27th June - 1st July 2016	Monash University Clayton Campus, 42 Scenic Boulevard, Clayton Vic 3800	8-15
<input type="radio"/> SOCCER CAMP	27th June - 1st July 2016	Monash University Clayton Campus, 42 Scenic Boulevard, Clayton Vic 3800	8-15
<input type="radio"/> MULTI-SPORT INTERMEDIATES	27th June - 1st July 2016	Monash University Clayton Campus, 42 Scenic Boulevard, Clayton Vic 3800	9-11

ALL CAMPS RUN FROM 9.00<sup>AM</sup> - 3.30<sup>PM</sup> | AFTER CARE FROM 3.30<sup>PM</sup> - 5.30<sup>PM</sup>

Please return the completed application form (one form per child) by mail or scan both sides and email to:  
MELBOURNE SPORTS INSTITUTE  
339 North Road, Cuxfield South, VIC 3162  
Contact: Corey Pandey  
Phone: 95717676 | Mobile: 0452 391 143  
Email: [spartsamps@msisport.com.au](mailto:spartsamps@msisport.com.au)

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[WWW.MSISPORT.COM.AU](http://WWW.MSISPORT.COM.AU)

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**NARRE WARREN CAMPUS**

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**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](http://www.waverley.gymnastics.org.au)

**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.

**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.