

Wednesday, 15 June 2016 No 18

Dear Parents / Guardians

Thank you to those families who have already provided feedback as part of our self-evaluation process. The following questions are in the survey and should only take about 10 minutes to complete.

- How long have you been a parent of students at Hillsmeade PS?
- During the years 2013-2016, what do you believe are the positive changes you have seen at Hillsmeade PS?
- Is there anything you think we need to STOP doing?
- Is there anything you think we need to START doing?
- Is there anything you think we need to KEEP doing?
- When your child finishes grade 6 at Hillsmeade PS, what knowledge and skills do you hope your child has achieved?
- From the list of values below, please choose the top 5 that you would like to see Hillsmeade PS promote to our school community.
- Are there other values that you would add to your list that are not listed above?
- Do you have any other comments?

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please log onto the address below, or go to our website www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au ([Recent Posts](#), [Parent feedback: Please complete the survey!](#)) and complete the survey to help us evaluate the past few years and have an input into the direction forward. Survey closes Friday 17th June. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83Z7X2R>

Next term, Hillsmeade PS will host an applicant undertaking the **Unlocking Potential: Principal Preparation Program** for aspiring leaders. Adriana Dickinson is currently an Assistant Principal at Heaney Park PS and will spend four weeks as a principal intern. As her mentor, I worked with Adriana to agree on a leadership project that suited her Intern Development Plan and her Placement Plan. As the program is designed for the intern to 'walk in the shoes of the principal' and actually lead a project in the school, Adriana will lead the discussion with our school community on our future vision and values. The timing of her internship is perfect as it supports the development of our new Strategic Plan.

As we know, learning does not stop over the holiday break. Before the end of term, all Hillsmeade children will have access to **Mathletics**, an online program that we have resourced to support the children with their love of learning math. Please ask your child about this program and help them to access the program to get them engaged with tasks aligned to our curriculum.

Parent helpers needed for book covering, student banking, volunteering in the canteen and supporting our HFC members. It would be great if you could help us for even 60 minutes each week.

Kind regards

Deborah

JUNE

16th

Aquarium excursion

(Grade 1)

ICAS NSW

Testing - Writing

17th

Lightning Prem

(selected students)

21st

School tour 10am

24th

Crazy Hair & Sock Day

Assembly 1:45pm

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

2:30pm FINISH

JULY

11th

First Day of term 3

TERM DATES 2016

Term Three 11th July— 16th

September

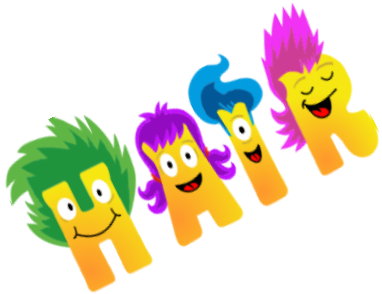
Term Four 3rd October—20th

December

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

LOOK WHAT'S GOING

Think big, Dream big



It's official, lock in the date: Friday 24th June is "Crazy Hair & Sock Day" for Hillsmeade Primary School, and ALL week at the ELC starting 20th June. Gold coin donation or more, we are really excited to announce that monies raised shall be donated to Cancer research. We hope our community will embrace this amazing NEW event.

Can you believe that I am already organising our Father's Day & Special Friends Stall. This year is going so quick! This event shall take place on TUESDAY 30th August. With an amazing response we will continue after school sales on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and also Wednesday lunch time. If you would like to volunteer on any shift please send me a text on: 0425 896 874 as I am organising rosters - yes already!!!



Our 2nd Hillsmeade Shopping Tour has been booked for Saturday 12th November, an all day event. \$65 a ticket and we are visiting 9 outlets during the day. Outlets are still to be finalised but Natio Cosmetics and Bambis Homewares, our two favourite shops will definitely be on the list. A sit down lunch in a restaurant is also included. If you would like to pre book a ticket (no payments taken at this stage) please again text me on 0425 896 874. We already have 20 people booked (from last year's tour)!!!

A special thank you to our new member Jessica and her amazing friends who donated some items for our future raffles, very appreciated and very generous. Additionally the amazing Nanna Nola who hand made some beautiful secret items for our future Father's Day - Special Friends Day Stall, again thank you so much for your time and generosity.

Last of all, a CALL OUT to our amazing school community. Wesley City Mission together with Woodlands Retirement Knitting Club are requesting donations of: New or semi used balls of wool. The Knitting Club will be making scarves and blankets for those less fortunate, for this upcoming winter. A laundry basket will be placed in the office area for collections, until the last day of school. Photos of items made will be put into The Link in the weeks to come.

Have an amazing week and keep rugged up, it's getting cold out there.
Kindest Regards
Inez (Queen of bubbling hot yummy chicken soup cuddled up under a blanket on the couch!)

NOTICES SENT HOME

- Grade 6 2017 camp
Due 24th June
(grade 5 students)
- Grade 6 Family Suitcase Expo.

JUNE CANTEEN SPECIAL

One chicken strip sub with lettuce,
cheese and mayo **\$5.50.**
Available in original or sweet chilli
Please check the green term 2 menu for other daily specials.

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.



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Tannen Pepperall
Taqya Qasimi
Chase Cole
Mohammed Jabir
Yahia Sadaqat
Jerome Whippy
Manuao Amuketi
Brandon Melville
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Maddison Utting

Rony Xu
Orlando Amiri
Erin Ashley
Homayun Alizadah
Kiara Lim
Liam Hall
Alannah Delacy
Cooper Johnstone
Seth White
Steven Abraham
Katie Cui
Keira Catheray
Harvey
Zach Bounsall
Rushil Panchal
Scarlett Gniel



Hamza Akhlaqi
Hanna Mariam Roy
Navya Bhardwaj
Braydon Van Den Bogaart
Jayden Mir
Kyah Hearn
Amelia Fink
Simone Carter
Nicholas Serra
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Sabawoon Afzal
Zuhail Hashimi
Flynn Howard
Ayva Lovett
Victoria Gringi
Ilir Saliu

Mahdiah Jaffari
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Adith Asokan
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Ben Palzer
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Cassandra Mardamootoo
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ON AT HILLSMEADE ...



2016



School Holiday Program

Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

Winter school holiday dates:

Week 1: Monday 26th June to Friday 1st July 10am -4pm

Week 2: Monday 4th to Friday 8th July 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$65.00 per day, or \$175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale Phone 5978 7935

Winter Treats

Saturday 2 July 2016, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm



Satisfy your winter cravings with Winter Treats at Wilson Botanic Park Berwick

Tastings
Entertainment
Workshops
Activities

TASTING SESSIONS ARE LIMITED - BOOK EARLY. TICKETS - \$10, FREE FOR CHILDREN FIVE AND UNDER

TICKETS: Visit trybooking.com.au/LKDB or drop in to the Visitors Centre at Wilson Botanic Park Berwick

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THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2016 / THE ELEMENTS

This year, Hillsmeade Primary School have 18 students participating in the massed choir section of the **Victorian State Schools Spectacular: The Elements**. The Spectacular will be held at the Hisense Arena on Saturday 10 September, with two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm. The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student's performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals. Talented young skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

If you wish to purchase tickets to watch the performance, visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849.

Using Children's Literature to Motivate Learning in Maths

Using children's literature can enhance mathematical learning in many ways. Maths becomes more interesting to a child when they can make a meaningful connection to it. Through stories children learn to recognize that maths is used all around them. They begin to use their prior knowledge to connect maths concepts to the outside world. This connection to the text can help promote critical thinking, assist in reviewing a concept or specific skill, assist with modelling problem solving and increase the level of interest in maths.

There are endless titles for children of all ages and levels of mathematical understanding. Check your library for books covering the following maths topics.

Addition	Shapes
Counting Backwards, Subtraction	Fractions and decimals
Size	Geometry
Measurement	Multiplication
Days of the week	Division
Time	Probability
Even and odd numbers	Estimation
Money	Fractions and decimals

The following websites lists lots of books with specific links to maths concepts.

<http://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/math-for-kids.html>

http://www.kilmoreps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/picturebooksthatteachmathsconcepts.pdf

Andrea Garwood - Classroom & specialist teacher.

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.

School Holiday Camp

3 Day Program Only \$100!!

27, 28 & 29 JUNE 9AM-3PM

BASKETBALL • NETBALL • SOCCER



\$50 per day \$5 extra for food
\$90 for two days \$5 extra for food
3 days \$100 (\$110 with lunch)

Sport Skills
& Drills Fun

Berwick Indoor Sports Centre
68 Bemersyde Drive, Berwick, Victoria.
Tel: 8786 7892 or Mob: 0435 056 460
Email: berwickindoorsports@bigpond.com
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Parent Name Child's Name

Email Phone Age

Days: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Lunch

Three Day Pass \$100 Three Day Pass with lunch \$110

Any medication or allergies Please fill out form and see a staff member for more information.