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Dear Parents / Guardians

Winter has well and truly arrived. It's an important time to take care of yourselves and the children by ensuring healthy eating, regular sleep patterns, maintaining fitness and rugging up when wet and cold. It has certainly been nice to see the children play on the new sports ground without having to worry about the 'Hillsmeade Lake'. We encourage the children to have a spare set of clothes in their bags in case of an emergency.

Our teachers have been busy writing student reports and we are now preparing for proofreading, editing and printing. Although every effort is made to ensure the reports are 100% accurate, an occasional error does slip through the many sets of eyes that read over them. When they are distributed, please take the time to read how well your child is doing at school and how far they have improved from their last report.

Last night on the ABC, the 2nd episode of **Revolution School: Putting education to the test** (Kambrya College, Berwick) showed how important it is to have independent reading time and how students' confidence had improved when this was introduced. At Hillsmeade, we have worked collaboratively to develop our evidence-based **Instructional Model** which includes an element of independent work. This year, teachers are expected to trial the model in their reading hour with some already using the model for writing and maths. Our model includes teachers having Learning Intentions & Success Criteria statements, explicit teaching of what the children are expected to learn, independent reading and literacy tasks, Guided Reading group work and reflection. The model is flexible to allow teachers to continually adapt teaching during the lesson in response to students' understanding. Observations and modelling of the Instructional Model in operation will start to occur next term.

A school self-evaluation of the past four years forms part of the DET's School Review leading towards the development of our new strategic plan. The self-evaluation *'is about identifying where a school is on its improvement and development journey and understanding the impact of its previous efforts. It provides schools with a process to collect data from diverse sources to inform action for improving student and professional learning much the same as we use student data to identify a student's zone of proximal development. School reflection and self-evaluation helps identify what is working well, what needs to continue and which areas of the school's work may need to be improved or further developed. It informs decisions relating to priority-setting, initiatives, strategies and actions for improvement.'* <https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edrms/project/fiso/SitePages/SelfEval.aspx>

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please log onto the address below 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>

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who continually support us each and every day. Yesterday, we held a morning tea to say 'Thank you'. There are many ways you can volunteer at Hillsmeade: hearing children read, canteen, covering books, school banking, HFC, gardening and Library support. If you have the time, we can offer you some way to help us help the children.

Kind regards
Deborah

JUNE

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

NOTICES DUE BACK

- Aquarium due 9th June

TERM DATES 2016

Term Three 11th July— 16th September
Term Four 3rd October—20th December

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade ...

Think big, Dream big

BULA (Hello in Fijian), I am BACK and re energised for the rest of the year.



While I was away, Louise (my daughter) and I went to a local school called "Nokonoko District School" to hand over a suitcase full of supplies from my wonderful neighbour. What was in the bag you ask?

Clocks! The Principal wanted each classroom to have a clock! It really makes you realise how wonderful HILLSMEADE really is and what the HFC has raised for our school. It was truly a wonderful experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone travelling - get out of the "Tourist Destinations" and see the REAL country and people. Thank you to our Vice President Kerry for stepping up and helping me while I was away too.



On the agenda this term is our "CRAZY CRAZY HAIR & SOCK DAY" with all donations going towards "Cancer Research". We have all been touched in some way or another with this awful disease and the HFC really wanted to help our community as a whole. Next week we will have the date set. The school will have one whole day and the ELC will have it over the week so all children can be involved. Gold coin donation or more is what we will be asking. We hope everyone will embrace this event.

The Grade 5 and 6 playground is underway, all ordered and we are all so excited to see it open in Term 3.

A reminder that the HFC on Tuesdays are selling: Zooper Doopers \$1, Holders to keep those hands from catching frost bite 50c and beautiful warm Hot Chocolates \$1.50. If there is anyone wanting to help for a day next term please let me know on 0425 896 874 and our lovely May will organise a Tuesday that suits. Canteen are still selling REUSABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS for \$10.50 Traditional or \$12.50 Insulated. Please pop your money, child/rens name and grade in an envelope and pop in the lunch order basket - every day except Tuesdays.

Vision Portrait photos will be arriving within the next two weeks for those that chose prints over a USB. I cannot wait to see mine. I saw a few friends' shots and they truly looked great.

Last of all, remember The Good Guys at Cranbourne Homemaker Centre for your electrical needs and wants. For every \$20 spent and you mention Cranbourne Cash at Hillsmeade Primary School the school is donated \$1. Last year it bought our "Mini iPad" for our first prize for the Christmas Raffle.



May you all have a beautiful week, and I hope too see you if it's not raining!!

Vinaka (Thankyou in Fijian)

Inez Crowe (I'm Backkkkkkkkkkk - yeah I hear you all say! No sun tan though, I have two colours red or white)

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



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.



INDEPENDENT READING



AT HILLSMEADE





GIRLS COME AND TRY AFL PROGRAM

Privately Affiliated with the Hawthorn Football Club

AFL IS THE FASTEST GROWING FEMALE SPORT IN AUSTRALIA. WITH THE AFL WOMEN'S LEAGUE STARTING IN 2017 IT NOW PROVIDES ALL GIRLS WITH A GENUINE TALENT PATHWAY AND POTENTIAL PROFITABLE SPORTS CAREER

FREE 6 WEEK PROGRAM FOR GIRLS AGED 8-17

FREE PIZZA
1st training session only

**1ST SESSION:
5-6PM WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE
SEEBECK OVAL, ROWVILLE**

FREE SHOWBAG
with lots of fantastic goodies and a Rowville Hawks Football Club Membership valued at \$30



Please contact Tony on 0409 691 969 or tony.costanzo@rowvillefc.org.au for any enquiries or to book your place in this program.



Moonlit Sanctuary *the best way to see Aussie animals*

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
Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au/juniorrangers.aspx
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

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.





Out of School Hours Care

Dear Families,
Please let us know on the tear off slip below what days you would like to book for our Term 2 Vacation Care Program by **Monday the 20th of June**. Please note numbers are limited to a maximum of 30 children. As per fee policy, if you do not notify your child's absence fees will be charged. The service is open from 7am to 6.30pm.

At the Hillsmeade holiday program a healthy afternoon tea is provided each day by our Cook at the ELC and we have some fun cooking experiences that the children will be involved in and can also eat afterwards. The activities planned for this holiday program are based around children's interest from past holidays and the current interest of the before and after school care children. During vacation care the children will have an opportunity to play outdoors every day (weather dependant), **please make sure to bring a coat for any weather conditions.**

Each day other activities will also be available for the children to participate in, each child is more than welcome to bring their electronics every day to use during allocated times, which they are responsible for.
BOOKINGS ARE NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM ELC ADMIN

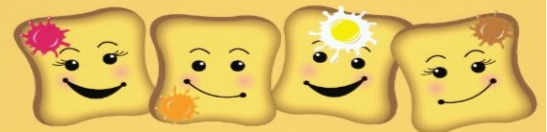
Hillsmeade Holiday Program --- 27th June - 8th July

Monday the 27th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairy heads Shaving cream fun Make sherbet Hall Foil paintings Chocolate balls for afternoon tea 	Tuesday the 28th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make your own doll house Computer lab Hall Milshakes during afternoon tea 	Wednesday the 29th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G rated Wii and Xbox games Jewellery making Talent show String printing Cheese toasts for afternoon tea Hall 	Thursday the 30th <p>Creation Day BACON AND EGGS FOR BREAKFAST!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finger puppets Cubby houses Box cars Water spray painting Hall 	Friday the 1st <p>Animals of Australia Incursion 1pm-2pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal incursion Face painting Bottle cap animals Animal hand prints Hall
Monday the 4th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baking and decorating cupcakes for afternoon tea in our cupcake maker Crazy forts Lux slime Computer lab Hall 	Tuesday the 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorate a glass jar or ceramic tiles to use as a vase Newly released G rated movie Popcorn Hall 	Wednesday the 6th <p>Choose your own adventure</p> <p>What would you like to do today?</p> <p>Mini pizzas for afternoon tea*</p>	Thursday the 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playdough Decorate fluffy Pavlovas with fruit for afternoon tea Masking tape painting Hall 	Friday the 8th <p>LUNCH PROVIDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sausage sizzle Eat the hanging doughnut Hall <p>Party games throughout the day</p>

RETURN THE BOTTOM SLIP TO OHSC OR ELC ADMIN BY 20/06/2016

Child's Name _____

- Mon 27th Tues 28th Wed 29th Thursday 30th Friday the 1st
 Mon 4th Tues 5th Wed 6th Thursday 7th Friday 8th



Breakfast Club

Last day is Tuesday 14th June for term 2 and breakfast club will commence again week 2 term 3



Entertainment Books 2016-2017.

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