

Dear Parents / Carers

Wednesday, 20 July 2016 No 21

This is an exciting week for the children in grades 5 & 6. The long-awaited senior playground installation has commenced at the end of the oval. The **Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee** set this as their 2016 goal and thanks to all of our parent community who have supported the fundraising activities we have been able to start this project. On behalf of the School Council, the HFC sourced the quotes, negotiated with contractors and liaised with School Council who approved the final plan. How determined is this group of volunteers? On behalf of the Council and the children of Hillsmeade, I wholeheartedly value and thank each and every member.



Welcome to Adriana Dickinson, Assistant Principal of Heany Park Primary School. Adriana is participating in the **Unlocking Potential: Principal Preparation Program** through the Bastow Institute. Over a 20 day period, Adriana's placement here allows her to work alongside a school principal to develop her capabilities for the role of principal. The project we agreed upon is for Adriana to work with our community to lead the development of our new vision as part of our 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

Using data to guide our school improvement decisions, we have commenced a **Reading Support Program** for a cohort of children Prep – Grade 2. The aim of the program is to support the children to focus on the concepts leading to independent reading where they build upon skills and strategies around oral language, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Parents of children involved in this program have already received a notice from Mandy Ryan, Leading Teacher Literacy. We also welcome two new Learning Support Officers who will work in the prep grades.

Taking note of feedback from our parent community around improving our communication, you will have this week received a notice from Scott Clode about our plans for a **Student and Parent Portal**. Your email addresses are necessary to set this system up. Please remember to respond to this request for information so accounts can be set up.

Our **Performance & Development process** is at the mid-cycle stage with teachers reflecting on the strategies listed in each of their goals in the Professional Practice, Professional Knowledge, Professional Engagement and Student Outcomes domains. Common goals around the use of the newly developed **Hillsmeade Instructional Model** and improving **student outcomes in reading** ensure that the teams continue to develop a consistent approach to their teaching. A very busy time for all involved.

Have a wonderful week.
Deborah

JULY

22nd

Assembly 2:45pm

26th

Grade 3 & 4 Hoop time

School tour 10am

27th

Grade 3 Zoo excursion

28th

Grade 5 & 6 Hoop time

AUGUST

2nd

ICAS reading test grade 3-6 (selected students)

4th

School photos

(Bring photo envelopes on the day)

5th

Assembly 2:45

10th

State school spectacular rehearsal

16th

ICAS Maths test grade 3-6 (Selected students)

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

Exciting to see that construction is underway on our fantastic grade 5/6 playground. Hopefully we can play on it very soon. A date will be advised of the grand opening in the Link.

On our calendar this term.

A "Fun Bun & Drink Day" with the date and details to be announced very soon. Our school disco has a set date of Friday 26th August, so get your dancing shoes ready! Our ever popular Father's Day/Special Friend's Day stall will be held on Tuesday 30th August, with gifts priced from \$1-\$5.

Enjoy your week, stay healthy and keep your eyes on our playground progress.

kindest regards
Inez (HFC President 2016)

HILLSMEADE STUDENT AND PARENT PORTAL

Planning is well underway for our new initiative, the Hillsmeade Student and Parent Portal.

The portal will provide families with direct access to discreet information about your child as well as an interactive area to communicate directly with your child's teacher and the school via a secure application managed by the school.

Initially, the portal will provide parents with access to your child's enrolment details and will allow you to update these records. Parents will be able view your child's attendance records and provide explanations for any unexplained absences. As a parent you will be able to view school newsletters, class notices and communicate directly with your child's teacher.

As the portal is developed it will provide you with more significant information about your child and their progress at school.

To facilitate access to the portal all families will require a current valid email address. A form was sent home this week asking families to provide the school with these details.

Once we have updated the email address details on our school records we will be able to start the process of arranging portal access keys for our families.

Further details regarding the School Portal will be provided later this term to families.

Thank you.

Scott Clode

Assistant Principal



We love to read in grade 2!



Here are some of the authors we have studied:

Pamela Allen

Mem Fox

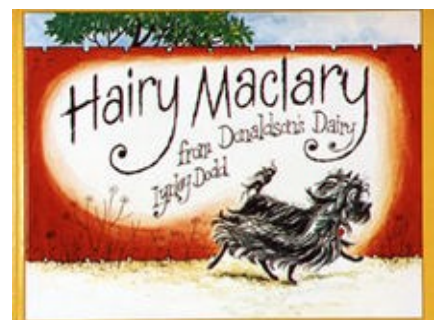
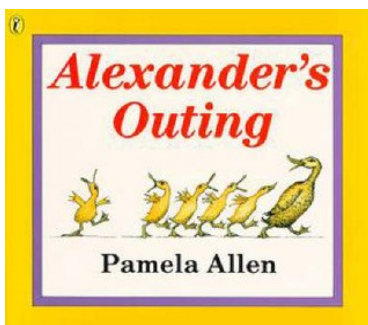
Nick Bland

Lynley Dodd

Dr. Seuss

Roald Dahl

Who is your favourite author?



SCIENCE EXPO 2016

Thursday 18TH of August

4.00 – 6.00pm



Please arrive promptly to participate in a science experiment in the main building, followed by a viewing of our amazing displays in the hall.

Great prizes for family entries!



Main building from 4-5pm

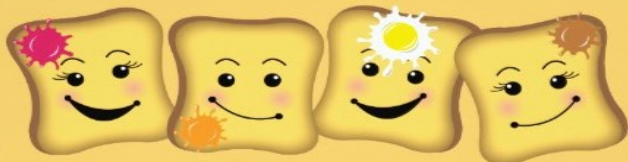
School hall for display viewing and family entries
from 4.45 – 6pm

Don't forget to dress up!



NOTICES SENT HOME

- HPV (selected students)
- Photo Envelopes (DO NOT bring envelopes to school until photo day) Thursday 4th August
- Grade 6 camp 2016 payment notice
- Parent Portal
- Spectacular Rehearsal (Selected students)
- Hands on science grade 2



Breakfast Club

IS BACK!! Tuesdays between
8.15am to 8.45am in the library

Peer Support

We commenced our first 2016 Peer Support lesson this week. The grade 5 students participated in Peer Support for 30 minutes on Monday. Groups of two grade 6 peer leaders facilitated small groups of 11-13 students, who worked together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher supervised 2 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called *Keeping Friends*, which explored the concept of friendship, relationship building and helps students develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enabled the grade 5 children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will be working together and interacting cooperatively with others. They also began to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your grade 5 children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.



REGISTRATION DAYS

10am-2pm SATURDAY 6th AUGUST

&

10am-2pm SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

STRATHAIRD RESERVE, COMMUNITY PARADE
NARRE WARREN SOUTH

PLAYERS WANTED!

MILO & T20 BLAST

U11s U13s U15s U17s & SENIORS
VOLUNTEERS & JUNIOR COACHES

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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.