

Dear Parents / Guardians

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the **Parent Opinion Survey**. This year, we are aiming to improve on the response rate of 35.6% so have offered an incentive for the children to remind you to complete it and send it back. A **\$5.00 Canteen Voucher** will be handed to each family who return the survey. They are due back on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. No vouchers will be handed out for late returns next week.

The prep children and teachers have recently celebrated the children's first 100 days of school in style. T-shirts, crowns, smiles and bags full of 100 items all formed part of the occasion! Well done to our 153 prep children and our 7 teachers.



### Sport, sport and more sport...

So much is happening at Hillsmeade in the way of sporting events. Lightning Premiership, Divisional events and now Regional Finals are all underway. Grade 4 to 6 children also had their Sports Day last Friday using our wonderful new facilities. It was a very encouraging moment to see the children running around the track at school (a far cry from last year when the children could have been swimming!). Feedback from teachers, parents and the children have confirmed that our Hillsmeade boys and girls are great sportspeople, displaying teamwork, respect and commitment to their chosen sport.



**Tonight at 6pm**, Adrian Dickinson is facilitating a Parent Session aimed at gaining feedback for the development of our new vision. If you haven't already responded via the electronic survey last term, please consider coming along to share your ideas.

Today, The Sydney Morning Herald headlined, **'2016 NAPLAN results not good enough, says federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham'**. <http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/2016-naplan-results-not-good-enough-says-federal-education-minister-simon-birmingham-20160802-gqiv7y.html>

Some of the statements in the article resonate with Hillsmeade as we undertake our school review and school improvement priorities:

*"Literacy and numeracy are the foundations of learning in and beyond school. Literacy and numeracy achievement needs to improve to ensure the wellbeing of individual students and the country as a whole."*  
Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education

*"It takes three to five years for change in practice to clearly show up in a change in learning," he said. "Sometimes it can take up to seven years to turn a school around."* Peter Goss, Grattan Institute

*"Some schools are making great progress by changing teaching practice," he said. "But it's one thing to make a change and another to sustain it."* Patrick Griffin, Professor, University of Melbourne

Have a great week

Deborah

**Wednesday, 3 August 2016  
No 23**

## AUGUST

4th

School Photos  
(Bring photo envelopes on the day)

5th

Assembly 2:45

9th

Bun Day - Fun Day

10th

State School Spectacular rehearsal

16th

ICAS Maths Test Grade 3-6  
(Selected students)

16th & 17th

Grade 1 Post Office Walk

18th

Science Expo Evening

6-7:30pm

19th

Assembly 2:45

22nd - 26th

Prep-1 Swimming Program

26th

School disco

29th

Grade 5 Star Lab

Planetarium incursion

## SEPTEMBER

2nd

Book Week Dress Up Day

## *Think big, dream big*



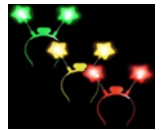
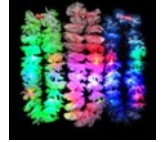
Fun Day - Bun Day has been a huge success. Our school loves finger buns! Tuesday will be a great day. Remember finger buns are delivered in time for morning snack.

Disco "glow" forms are out this week (due back 15th August). To guarantee you don't miss out on glow products please pre order as only a very limited supply will be available on the night.

HFC meeting Wednesday 10th at 9:15am in the HFC room.  
Watch this space next week for information about our annual shopping tour.

Enjoy your week

Inez (president 2016)



This Friday August 5 is Principals Day 2016. The School Council would like to acknowledge and give sincere thanks to Deborah and her Assistant Principals (Jodie, Scott and Shiona) for their enormous efforts over the last few years. The significant improvements in student performance, student and teacher engagement and the many physical changes to the school we've seen recently are a testament to their tireless efforts and relentless focus on our students. Thank you for having such a positive impact on our kids!

- Stewart Johnson, on behalf of the School Council and Hillsmeade Families

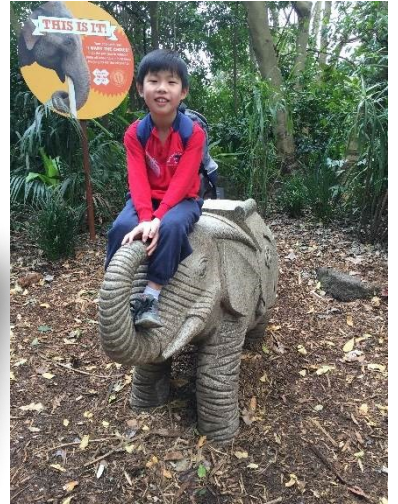


# Happy 100 Days!

Congratulation to our prep students completing 100 days of prep on Wednesday the 27th July



# Grade 3 on Safari



Zoo



Melbourne



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### Peer Support

"Types of friends" was the focus in Peer Support this week. The Grade 5 students explored what encouraged them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc.). Through various activities, students explored categories of friendships such as 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Students also discussed the fact that friendships could change over time for various reasons. Discuss with your child this week the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change at different times in their lives.

### **NEW TERM 3 WINTER MENU**

TERM 3 PRICE DROP!!!

Hot Chocolates now  
only \$1

Please check the  
Term 3 Menu for  
new midweek  
specials



**NO DOGS  
ALLOWED  
IN SCHOOL  
GROUND**

### Book Week Celebration

All classes will be celebrating book week on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We are asking students to dress up as their favorite book character on the day. Each class has organized special literacy activities for the morning. Keep an eye out for further information closer to the date.  
The Literacy Committee



**THIS IS A  
SMOKE FREE  
SCHOOL  
SMOKING  
PROHIBITED**

### Enrolments for 2017

If you have a child you wish to attend Hillsmeade PS in 2017 please collect an enrolment form from the school office.



### NOTICES SENT HOME

- Prep-1 Swimming (due 12th August)
- Grade 1 Post Office walk (due 12th August)
- Grade 5 Star Lab Planetarium incursion (due 22nd August)
- School Disco (pay at the door)
- School Disco "Glow" products (due 15th August)

### Reminder

Final payment for grade 6 camp is due no later than Friday 12th August

### **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.*