

Dear Parents / Guardians

On Tuesday a very concerned parent reported that a driver of a vehicle, after dropping off their child/ children in the staff car park exited the grounds rather quickly causing concern for her and other families walking on the external footpath. I must remind parents that the staff car park is **out of bounds** for parents to use except to pick up and drop off children at Out of School Care before 7.30am and after 5.00pm. For their own safety, children are not permitted to be walking through the carpark where there are moving vehicles. **Please, do not use our car park.** This is our workplace and all staff members need the space to park their cars.



Mayor Aziz from the City of Casey came to visit the Grade 4 children today to talk about local government, why he became the Mayor and what his roles and responsibilities were. It was impressive to hear the children asking insightful questions of the Mayor. While he was here, I talked to him about the damaged fence between the school and the City of Casey soccer grounds. I am hopeful that it will be fixed very soon and please be careful when entering the school from this entrance.



What a treat the children had yesterday...Fun Bun Day! The HFC members and volunteers must be congratulated for a great fundraising event which surely put smiles on the children's faces. Iced finger buns and a drink for over half of our school community (that's a whopping 450+ orders) were packaged and delivered to the classrooms. From the children: 'Thank you HFC'.

I love walking into the classrooms and around the school grounds, if only to have a break from the paperwork that always seems to be never ending. This week, I saw children engaged in our specialist classes – music and art.



I read an article this week, '**Connecting school, family, and community: The power of positive relationships**', by George Otero. Some of the quotes that might excite you to read it are:

'However, in a complex world improving learning relationships inside the schoolhouse is not enough. Relationships at home matter. Relationships with neighbours matter. Relationships with community members matter. Relationships with every unique student matter.'

Parent and community engagement is as crucial to student success as an effective classroom'.

The biggest factor in a child's learning turns out to be how parents relate to the school, to each other, to their children and to fellow citizens.'

'...the biggest [student] gain comes when parents read a book with their child, when they talk about things they have done during the day, and when they tell stories to their children' (OECD, 2012).

'.... playing board games at home just once a week helped improve the children's concentration, social interaction and cooperation with siblings. It also boosted their patience, concentration, teamwork, sharing, communication, sportsmanship, critical thinking skills, maths and spelling.'

Have a great week

Deborah

Wednesday, 10 August 2016
No 24

AUGUST

10th

State School Spectacular rehearsal

11th

Interschool athletics (selected students)

16th

ICAS Maths Test Grade 3-6 (Selected students)

16th & 17th

Grade 1 Post Office Walk

18th

Science Expo Evening

4-6pm

19th

Assembly 2:45

22nd - 26th

Prep-1 Swimming Program

26th

School disco

29th

Grade 5 Star Lab

SEPTEMBER

Planetarium incursion

2nd

Book Week Dress Up Day

12th

Colonial show Grade 4

**HILLSMEADE Primary School & ELC
Shopping Tour 2016**

WHEN: Saturday 12th November 2016
WHERE: Hillsmeade Primary School - Soccer Oval Car Park
 The Promenade, Narre Warren South.
TIME: Meeting at 7.45am at the Soccer Oval Car Park and
 departing at 8am sharp.
 Return time approximately 6.30pm
Remember to bring your LARGE shopping bags
 Coffee Van will be in the Car Park from 7.20am

COST: \$65 per person **DUE: Monday 31st October 2016**

The Price Includes; Coach, Driver, Hostess and Lunch. Morning
 Tea will be provided, as well as cold drinks throughout the
 day. Lunch includes a sit down 2 Course Meal & Non Alcoholic
 Drinks. Alcohol at bar prices.
Dietary requirements, please advise – Inez (HFC President) on:
0425 896 874.

The 10 Outlets This Year Include:

Candy Stripes, Bambis Homewares, Natio, Siricco, Newmans/
 Ernest Hillier, Bonds, Nothing over \$6, Entertainment Town &
 Footscray fashion bazaar.

Our amazing GOODIE BAGS for Everyone Attending
 DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE

Thanks for supporting Hillsmeade Primary School & ELC 2016.

Payment DUE no later than Monday 31st October 2016

Payment to HFC the amount of: _____
Via Eftpos/Credit Card to Office: _____
Name/s of attendees being paid for: _____
Contact daytime phone number for updated communication
from HFC: _____

IDEAS FOR CREATING AND SUPPORTING A GROWTH MINDSET

Work on yourself To teach your child to have a growth mindset you first need to have one yourself. If you believe you have a fixed mindset, you will have to acknowledge that you also have to change. Don't worry about perfection or a desire to please everyone and use criticism positively.

Praise properly It is natural to give praise to children but it can be detrimental. If they are always praised for being smart, some children may face a serious challenge the first time they don't do well at something, because they have a fixed mindset that they are always going to succeed. Over time, children may shy away from challenges due to fear of failure. Praising in specific ways by focusing on the learning process and strategies used is a way to suggest hard work and dedication contributed to their success not just because they are smart. Phrases like, "Wow, you really practiced that, and look how you've improved," or, "You tried different strategies, and you figured it out."

Embrace the word "yet" Adding the word "yet" to a sentence like "I can't," changes its meaning and opens doors for growth and opportunity. "I can't solve this problem yet" gives children a goal that can encourage persistence. It can take them out of a fixed mindset and into a growth mindset by implying that they can and will master a skill but it may take time.

Take advantage of mistakes Making mistakes and accepting failure are natural and important parts of learning. Having a growth mindset in the face of failure provides opportunities to turn mistakes into challenges. When children make a mistake, they should be praised for their efforts and encouraged to rise to the challenge to succeed.

Let children fail We can't solve all our children's problems but we can help them to deal positively with failure by teaching them to learn and discover for themselves through trial and error. By accepting failure we can create independent thinkers who learn to cope with the ups and downs of life. This gives them the skills to create and develop a growth mindset.

Jackie Gerstein - www.noodle.com

Andrea Garwood - Classroom & specialist teacher.

Hillsmeade Heroes

Bounce Back Awards for Emotions



Samrin Alekozai
 Varun Mothiravally
 Tyler Mackerness Maddocks
 Joshua Wallace
 Tyce Nguyen
 Travis Perry
 Tash Kearley
 Somayah Amiri
 Andrew Sourbutts
 Bahara Qalandar
 Joel Bartholomeusz
 Liam Hall
 Alyssa Dauer Haroon Sharif
 Piper Driscoll
 Belinda Nikitina-Li
 Kanwar Partap Singh

Stephanie Coldabelle
 Isaiah Iosua Tiauli
 Nasima Karimi
 Kali Paul
 Sadaf Mohammadi
 Afshin Hassani
 Matthew Nelson
 Jayde Dykes
 Ella Phipps
 Kaleb Davis
 Farisa Md Ala Uddin
 Madu Diblasio
 Autumn Coldwell
 Cedric Babet Pyndiah
 Lai Vergara
 Madison Mahon

Josh Quinn
 Tahlia Dauer
 Caelan Landwehr
 Liam Davis
 Measum Zargar
 Jaycea Cithers
 Ali Jabir
 Anika Abraham
 Charli Hill
 Lachlan Carruthers
 Paige Quinn
 Skyler Sparenberg
 Jed Lynch
 Alex Hill
 Jacques Belot
 Omar Akthar

Chanel Oddy
 Shraynik Sivakumar
 Sherry Cui
 Gemma Bray
 Mortaza Abassi
 Selena Aratangi
 Samuel Waters
 Kathleen Lunardi
 Evana Luo
 Mabel Johnson
 Suket Jayaprakash
 Tyler Sharp
 Deegan Canty
 Dabir Nota



2016

Middle & Senior

Hoop Time

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.

“Administration is one of the best industries for work-life balance, with part-time and home-based roles available”. Source: Seek.com.au

After the success of last year's program, Hillsmeade Primary School has again been offered funded places in a **Certificate III in Business BSB30115 course**. This offer is available to parents and friends of the school community who meet an eligibility criteria. More information can be found in the flyer from the school office or by

Visiting our website www.tiv.com.au Or calling one of our course advisors on 9888 3599.



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CANTEEN SPECIAL AUGUST

Chicken strip sub
with lettuce,
cheese, tomato,
mayo

\$6.00

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

- Peer support program
- Science expo family entries **(PLEASE NOTE SCIENCE EXPO DATE IS THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST)**
- Colonial show Grade 4 (Due 5th Sep)
- Interschool athletics (Due 9th Aug)

HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE PROGRAM 2016

August update: 'Our journey to the energy breakthrough' in Maryborough on Thursday 17th November – Saturday 19th November, 2016

As we make our way into the second half of term 3, the two teams for the RACV Maryborough event are getting excited, training is well underway and our students are working extremely hard at school and at home on their presentations. The students are learning about healthy living, science, sustainability and what we can do to make sure we create and support a sustainable future.

Celebrations;

We have been accepted into the **Holden Mentor Program**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and teachers to have extra support from one of the Energy

Breakthrough's major sponsors, Holden. Our Mentor, Sarah, will be supporting and visiting us at school, through emails and will attend the event. We are very excited about this!

A big thank you to our HPV MAJOR SPONSORS for 2016

- FESTOOL Australia
- LJ Hooker Narre Warren South

We would not be able to run this program without the support of the sponsors who allow the students to have the best opportunity and lifelong experiences from this program.

If you or someone you know would like to donate or sponsor our teams please contact Crystal Wells or Toni Barker on 9704 6313.

FESTOOL Australia

<http://www.festool.com.au/>



LJ Hooker Narre Warren South

<http://narrewarrensouth.ljhooker.com.au/>



Narre Warren South

(03) 8785 0377

Peer Support

This week's Peer Support session focused on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each other's lives. The Grade 5 students constructed a visual representation of this during their session.

Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.



**FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST - 6:00PM-8:30PM
CASEY FIELDS - OVAL 2 PAVILION**

FEE PRICING

Under 11's	\$110
Juniors	\$160
Juniors & Seniors	\$300

2nd child	\$140
3rd child or more	\$130

Incentives for paying in full on the day!

