

Dear Parents / Guardians

As we move into our new Strategic Plan for 2017-2020, we have finally developed our new mission and vision for Hillsmeade PS. I'd like to personally thank Adriana Dickinson for her work leading this process.

Our motto: *Growing & Learning Together*

Our mission: To provide a caring, safe and supportive learning environment for children to grow.

Our vision: *At Hillsmeade Primary School, we aim to continually grow and learn together by:*

- *supporting individual abilities and excellence in academic achievement,*
- *celebrating diverse backgrounds and cultures, and*
- *becoming global citizens prepared for the needs and expectations of our ever changing society.*

The next step in this process is to reaffirm our values to promote throughout the school community. With the introduction of Bounce Back as a social and emotional program, teachers and parents have already provided feedback of the values they would like the school to uphold. I am meeting with the SRC children tomorrow to gain their insight.

NAPLAN reports will be made available for parents to collect from the classroom teacher from Wednesday 17th August. As the data was made available to schools on Monday 15th August, we are analysing the various data sets to see where we have made improvement and identify our areas of improvement. This data is one set that is used during our peer school review currently underway. Leadership, teachers and School Council members will all review the data to contribute to the discussion.

Last Friday I roamed the corridors, classrooms and outdoor areas to join the Prep -2 children during their elective program. I saw lots of smiles on the children's faces as they danced, ran, hula hooped, jumped on pogo sticks, crawled through tunnels, drew beautiful pictures, created masks, competed in Olympic teams, played Twister and much, much more.



Earlier this month I was required to submit our 2017 indicative enrolment numbers to the Department of Education. If you are looking at enrolling your son/daughter at another school, please let the office know as soon as possible. Enrolment numbers determine the number and size of grades in each year level and allow us the opportunity to advertise for teachers if required. The earlier we know exact numbers, the easier this job is to complete.

Our grade 1 students ventured off to the Post Office at Casey Central this week to post a very important letter. We were very lucky with the weather as they strolled in the sunshine. I heard the sun might hide behind the clouds on the weekend so please enjoy it while you can.

Have a great week

Deborah

**Wednesday, 17th August
No 25**

AUGUST

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

Planetarium incursion

30th

Fathers day/Special friends
day stall

SEPTEMBER

2nd

Book Week Dress Up Day

12th

Colonial Show Grade 4

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



FATHER'S DAY

Think big, dream big



Oh wow what an amazing "fun day bun day" and we officially sold 478!!! Thankyou to everyone in our school community who supported and also to Melanie and Lachlan at Baker's delight Casey Central. Hoping to do it again in term 2, 2017.

us

Now it's all about our Father's Day and Special Friends Day on Tuesday 30th August. All amazing gifts range from \$1 to \$5. See the photos of gifts below and also on our Facebook page.

Last of all, glow stick orders have officially finished. Please note only limited stock will be available on the night. Friday 26th August

Have a great week

Inez (HFC President)



Peer Support

During Peer Support this week the grade 5 students looked at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities students discovered the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game.

This week, help your child practice these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

CANTEEN SPECIAL AUGUST

Chicken strip sub with lettuce, cheese, tomato, mayo

\$6.00

Please Note: Warm Roast Beef rolls are no longer available



CASEY MAYOR VISITS GRADE 4 CHILDREN.

On the 9th August, the mayor of Casey, Cr. Sam Aziz, visited all the Grade 4s as part of the Civics and Citizenship learning. Part of this learning unit is exploring the three levels of government: Local, State and Federal. To deepen the children's understanding of how the local government works, Cr. Aziz spoke to them for over an hour and answered many interesting questions at the end. By the end of the talk, a lot had been learnt. A very big thank you to Cr. Aziz for his time and energy!





District Athletics

On the 11th of August a team of 52 Hillsmeade students travelled to Casey Fields Athletics Track to represent the school in athletic events. The students competed proudly and displayed excellent behaviour on the day. Special congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the next round.

- Paris Borsos in High Jump
- Esetera Veaeu in Shot Put and Discus
- Khalarni Tangaroa in Hurdles
- Jade Dunn in Discus
- Jack Cornish in 100m, 200m and relay
- Malachi Veaeu in Discus
- Jessica Belle Catheray Harvey in 800m
- Ella Ryan in 1500m and 200m
- Gemma Mouette in 100m
- Ben James in 200m
- Shayli Gehlsen in 800m
- Ryan Lewis in 100m and the 12 year old boys relay including Brooklyn Munemo, Jack Cornish, Ryan Lewis and Liam Stokes.



BOOK CLUB

This week the Issue 6 Book Club brochure has been given out to the students. When I looked through it, I was really excited by the great range of fantastic books available. With Book Week quickly approaching, this might be a great time to purchase a book at discounted prices for your child.

SCHOLASTIC PAYMENT OPTIONS

CREDIT CARD – USING LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) You can now order and pay for your Book Club online. You must know your child's grade and teacher name to be able to use this option. You do not send anything to school. The order will be delivered to school. It is very easy to use!

Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or cash (which must be the correct amount). If you use this option, you must still fill out the order form and return it to school. Fill out the order form, **with the child's full name and grade on the top** and put it in an envelope along with the **CORRECT MONEY** (cash or cheque) and mark the envelope BOOK CLUB with the child's name and grade as well. Please **do not** include any monies for other fundraising or school events in this envelope.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK BY THURSDAY, 25TH AUGUST. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

For your information, it takes approximately 2 weeks, after the order has been sent to Scholastic, (in Sydney), for the books to be delivered

CHICKENPOX

Chickenpox (varicella) is a highly contagious viral disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). The main symptom is a blistering skin rash. Outbreaks are more common in winter and early spring. Children and adults can be immunised against chickenpox.

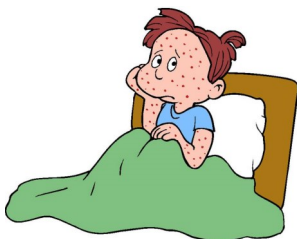
Children with chickenpox should not go to school, kindergarten or creche until the last blister has dried. You should tell your child's school, kindergarten or creche if your child has chickenpox, as other children may need to be immunised or treated.

For most healthy people, chickenpox is mild and the person recovers fully without specific treatment. Complications do occur in approximately one per cent of cases. Chickenpox is more severe in adults and in anyone (of any age) with impaired immunity. Immunisation is the best way to prevent chickenpox.

Symptoms of chickenpox

The symptoms of chickenpox include:

- low-grade fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
- intensely itchy skin rash - appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin known as 'dew drop on a rose petal' (blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs and the blisters usually burst and develop crusts after about five days)
- ulcers - may develop in certain areas, including the mouth and vagina.



MS Readathon turns 37!

It's that time of the year again so dust off your books, Kindle, iPad or tablet and get ready to take part in the MS Readathon. The MS Readathon was launched 37 years ago in Australia and over the years thousands of students have picked up their books and raised over \$40 million - all to support Australians living with MS.

Registrations are now open at www.msreadathon.org.au

The program is open to all ages, and we encourage everyone to register and fundraise. As little as \$50 will help a newly diagnosed person attend an information session where they can learn about their diagnosis and get much needed support.

Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to all students and schools and the Top 100 individual fundraisers will each receive their very own digital tablet!

For more information call 1300 677 323 or email msreadathon@ms.org.au

NOTICES SENT HOME

- Swimming Prep-1
- Grade 6 Canberra camp

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

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Narre Warren South

(03) 8785 0377

Wanted 10 to 15 year old girls to play cricket 2016/2017 season

Cricket Victoria Southern Metro are keen for clubs to put up their hands to join the

Southern Metro Girls Only Competition

By putting together girls only teams for either of our Competition

U15 STARS Division, 16-20 over (min 8-a-side), modified hard ball cricket

We are looking to start a first ever season of a girls competition. We need 4 teams with a minimum of 8 players per team. Games to be played over 7 weeks leading into Christmas.

Season dates: 6 x Monday Nights – Beginning November 7th to 12th December 2016

Finals – Monday 19th December 2016

Games to be played at grounds within the City of Casey. Funding available for ALL equipment and uniforms.

No experience needed just need to be between 10 and 15 years old to compete.

For further information please contact

Adrian Jones (Regional Cricket Manager)

ajones@cricketvictoria.com.au or 0433574865

Book Week Celebration

All classes will be celebrating book week on Friday, 2nd 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

