

Dear Parents / Guardians

**Wednesday, 24th August
No 26**

The prep and grade one children have been inspired by the Olympics and headed down to the heated pool to participate in the swimming program this week. Jodie Bray and I visited them on Monday to watch the smooth flow of over 180 children being bussed down to

the pool in their groups for their ½ hour class. The pool was well prepared and had the children grouped according to their skill level – differentiating instruction in the pool! Well done to Kate Pollock and the teachers for getting this operation under control.



We are very pleased with our NAPLAN growth data this year. The Relative Growth Report shows the level of growth for each student **relative** to students who had the same NAPLAN score two years ago. Comparing the Matched School Mean against the State Mean, our matched cohort (those grade five children who were at Hillsmeade PS when they sat NAPLAN in grade three) is higher than state for all areas {Reading 87:74, Writing (76:74), Spelling (87:79), Grammar & Punctuation (98:73) and Numeracy (104:89)}. With the exception of spelling, the school has trended higher than state growth mean data for two years now.

For the first year, we have been able to see the Transitional Relative Growth Report which shows the relative growth made by the students we had in grade five (2014) who sat NAPLAN at their current secondary college (in year seven). The information provides us with a means of reviewing and assessing our year 5 & 6 Teaching and Learning programs. Again, we are very pleased with the data in comparison to the state 'expected' relative growth. There are limitations with this data (ie. how well the secondary schools prepared the students, however it is useful for us to answer the question, 'How well are we preparing our students for secondary school?')

Over the past three weeks, teachers have been working in triads to model and observe each other using the Hillsmeade Instructional Model. Our afternoon staff meetings have been used to provide the time for the triad members to provide feedback to each other. Yesterday afternoon, we asked teachers for some feedback regarding this professional learning opportunity. Here are some highlights:

'Provided the opportunity to observe, meet and reflect', 'Building professional relationships', 'Makes you reflect', 'Not as confronting as was first thought', 'The use of common language and consistent approach', 'Working and discussing with colleagues outside of our teams', 'Feedback – great to hear from peers (allows opportunity for improvement)', 'Opportunity to see others teach, see different classrooms', 'Modelling to students the importance of growth as a teacher', 'Really positive', 'Insight into different styles, levels, behaviour management, even classroom designs and displays', 'LOVED IT!'

AUGUST

22nd - 26th
Prep-1 Swimming Program
26th
School Disco
29th
Grade 5 Star Lab Planetarium incursion
30th
Fathers Day/Special Friends Day Stall
31st
Hands On Science Grade 2

SEPTEMBER

2nd
Book Week Dress Up Day
Assembly
5th - 9th
Canberra Camp
12th
Colonial Show Grade 4
10th - 14th
Parent Teacher Interview
16th
Last Day Term 3
Assembly
2:30 finish

TERM DATES 2016

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

Have a great week

Deborah

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

L O O K

W H A T ' S

G O I N G



Think big, dream big

Collection of pre ordered "Glow Products" will be available for before the disco.
From 3.15-3.45pm collection is available from the HFC room/ Rainbow room where our volunteers can help you.

Disco is this Friday night, so get your dancing shoes ready. All our HFC volunteers will be helping throughout the night, along with a huge group of our amazing teachers.
PLEASE BE PATIENT at the start of the night, we know the queue can get long but we are trying to be quick as possible!

Thankyou Hillsmeade community for making this event amazing.

Remember Father's Day/Special Friends Day stall is **NEXT TUESDAY**. All amazing gifts are priced between \$1 and \$5. Some of the items are shown in The Link today (and last week) but all **SPECIALIST** items per grade are a **SECRET** until the day. We all **LOVE** surprises!!

Hip Hip Horary It's Dancing Friday.
Inez HFC president



Peer Support

In this week's Peer Support session the Grade 5 students explored how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship groups. The activities gave the students a chance to practice skills such as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and how to invite others to join them.

Encourage your Grade 5 child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don't lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

Book Week Celebration

All classes will be celebrating book week on Friday, 2nd September. We are asking students to dress up as their favourite 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



Hillsmeade Heroes

Bounce Back Awards for Relationships

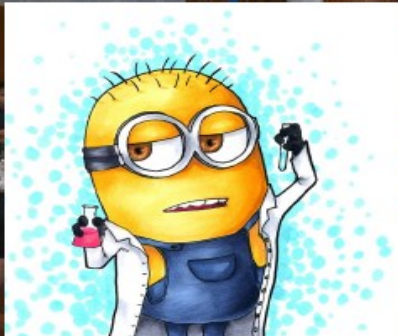
Caitlin Ware
Rony Xu Yi Yang
Neeraja Rajesh
Alisha Gupta
Jeremiah Collins
Rajvir Pawar
Lillyarna waters
Tushar Chintaram
Haley Moseley
Adem Ramic
Ruby Pawar
Rebekah Coco
Omid Alizadah

Georgia Wade
Daniel Peluso
Bradley Van Dyk
Nicholas Serra
Sean Afzal
Phebe Paroissien
Bailey Pepperall
Nadia Rahimi
Azita Ali
Navida Miakhel
Mezghaan Shifaie
Luca Dibiase
Lachlan Carruthers

Izzy Toland
Emilee Kelly
Cayven Teo
Jordan Coldebella
Logan Klat
Zac Mertis
Kira Emery
Trinity Thompson
Mustafa Shakar Khan
Aban Chaudry
Ahmad Reza
Tarrant Gniel
Alex Poussard



ON AT HILLSMEADE ...



MOTTO Growing & Learning Together

MISSION To provide a caring, safe and supportive learning environment for children to grow.

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.

ENCOURGING MATHS LEARNING

We encourage our children to read, write and speak outside of school, but often leave learning mathematical skills to the classroom. Like everything else, your child's skills and confidence in working with mathematical concepts will improve with daily practice, support and encouragement from you.

Be an example

Even if as a child you didn't enjoy maths at school you must be careful that you don't communicate that attitude to your child. Show that you are confident and have a positive attitude when completing routine tasks like counting money, completing a budget or your tax return. Point out the importance of maths in different professions.

Help your child use maths every day

Encourage your child to solve problems involving maths in real life. Buying items in the supermarket, measuring quantities in the kitchen, calculating scores at the football or distances in the car. There are endless examples.

Familiarise yourself with learning standards

It's helpful to know what mathematical skills your child is learning in their current grade. You can access the learning standards for your child's grade on the Victorian Curriculum Web site <http://vcaa.vic.gov.au>. If you know what your child will be learning, it will be easier to complement those skills with activities at home.

ADVERTISEMENT

Play maths games at home

Set maths problems for your child to solve. These can be found online. Cards, dice, board games and online maths sites can encourage maths to be fun, interactive and involve the whole family.

Read books that incorporate maths

There are a lot of stories for all ages that incorporate maths concepts.

Andrea Garwood - Classroom & specialist teacher.

<http://www.greatschools.org>

CANTEEN SPECIAL

AUGUST

Chicken strip sub with lettuce, cheese, tomato, mayo

\$6.00

Please Note: Warm Roast Beef rolls are no longer available

NOTICES SENT HOME

- Prep Transition (2017 prep students)
- Funtastic Gymnastics (selected students)
- Parent Teacher Interviews



Out of School Hours Care

Hillsmeade Holiday Program --- 19th Sept - 30th Sept

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| Monday the 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow a herb garden • Make spring butterflies • Games in the hall • Play with Oobleck • Bake and decorate cupcakes for afternoon tea | Tuesday the 20th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasure hunt • Drawing competition • Games in the hall • Make paper mache • Volcano to erupt on Thursday • Water spray painting | Wednesday the 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G rated Wii and Xbox games • Jewellery making • Games in the hall • Constructing 3D wood models • Rainbow rice paper rolls for afternoon tea | Thursday the 22nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erupt volcano with coke and mentos • Dancing popcorn • Games in the hall • 'Laser' maze • Chocolate balls for afternoon tea • Decorate coasters | Friday the 23rd Pajama Day Come in your comfy pj's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon and eggs for breakfast • Watch Finding Dory • Hide and seek • Build cubbies • Iron on beads • Games in the hall |
| Monday the 26th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancake breakfast • Play with slime • Games in the hall • Make lanterns • LEGO competition • Make cloud dough | Tuesday the 27th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make pokeballs • Pokemon hunt • Plastacine modelling • Make milkshakes • Shaving cream fun • Spring flowers | Wednesday the 28th Excursion to Melbourne Zoo Departing 9am Returning 3:30pm | Thursday the 29th FDDTY DAY Come in your footy colours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face painting • Football game • Banner and poster making • Sausage sizzle • Decorate glass jars | Friday the 30th GRAND FINAL C L O S E D PUBLIC HOLIDAY |

BOOKINGS ARE NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM ELC ADMIN

** RETURN THE BOTTOM SLIP TO OHSC OR ELC ADMIN BY 12/09/2016

Dear Families,

Please let us know on the tear off slip below what days you would like to book for our Term 3 Vacation Care Program by **Monday the 12th of September**. 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.

Hours of operation

7:00am-6:30pm

What we provide

Breakfast until 8:00am
 (selection of cereal and toast)
 Afternoon tea at 3:30pm
 (assortment of fruit, dip, crackers, muffins)

What to bring

Morning tea & lunch
 Sunsmart hat & sunscreen

Pricing

\$50 per day

* There is an additional charge of \$15 (no refunds) for children wanting to attend the excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Please fill in the permission form attached and return with the OHSC booking days.

Child's Name _____

☐ Mon 19th ☐ Tues 20th ☐ Wed 21st ☐ Thurs 22nd ☐ Friday 23rd

☐ Mon 26th ☐ Tues 27th ☐ Wed 28th (additional \$15 for the day) ☐ Thurs 29th ☐ Friday 30th CLOSED