

Dear Parents / Guardians

Last Friday evening our wonderful HFC volunteers hosted the school disco. The prep – 2 children danced, jumped and screamed from 5.15pm to 6.45pm. We then had a very short break until children from grades 3-6 showed up at 7.30pm to 9pm. It was a well organised and well attended event. A few teachers might have had a good night sleep afterwards though. Thank you to all parents who volunteered on the night to ensure this disco was a huge success.

I realise that some parents were not happy that they were requested to sit behind the barrier provided to separate the children from all parents. Our School Council and the Department of Education take child safety very seriously. All volunteer parents must have a Working With Children Check and have their details registered with the school. Those volunteers on the night wore high visible vests so all attendees knew who were volunteers. The government has also recently introduced Child Safe Standards that schools must adhere to as part of policy and process. Hillsmeade PS is committed to implementing these standards for the safety of our children.

On Monday, the School Review Panel of ten leaders met to discuss the self-evaluation of the past four years of the current strategic plan. Three colleague principals, our Senior Education Improvement Leader, our school reviewer and members of the principal class here worked the entire day looking at our various data sets around student achievement, engagement, wellbeing and productivity. We were extremely proud of the fact that our student growth data has grown over the past three years. We also identified our 'where to next' areas and will investigate these more on Monday.

You may recall that we recently developed the new Mission and Vision statements. After two months of collecting feedback from the children, parents, teachers and support staff, we have identified what values our school community would like to see; for our children, our teachers and our community. We've identified an '**I RESPECT**' model which we will introduce in 2017 as we start our new strategic plan. Work on the presentation of this model is underway. Keep a look out for an exciting new visual.

Integrity

Responsible, Enthusiastic, Successful, Persistent, Encouraging, Courageous, Teamwork

Have a great week  
Deborah

Wednesday, 31st August  
No 27

**AUGUST**

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  
Interviews  
16th  
Last Day Term 3  
Assembly

**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

Amazing response to our school disco with over 500 students attending,  
The social event of the year went OFF!!



Personally I would like to say a huge thank you to Gill for her hard work, the HFC volunteers, School Council President Stewart and all of our amazing teachers and senior staff.



### FATHER'S DAY



The teachers were hilarious dressing up and getting into the groove.

A special guest appearance was even made by AC/DC.

Our Fathers & Special Friends Day is continuing this week. Everyone has loved this event and just a reminder for anyone who forgot we are open today and tomorrow after school between 3-4pm.

Thank you Hillsmeade community for your support.

Kindest regards  
Inez HFC President

### Peer Support

In Peer Support this week, the grade 5 students focused on the skills of winning in a friendly way and coping with losing. The students participated in various activities and discussed how to accept the outcome of a game, no matter what it was, in a friendly way in order to maintain those friendships.

During the week, encourage your child to practice these skills in all aspects of life - whether it be weekend sport or choosing what to watch.

### Book Week Celebration This Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Our book week activities will be happening this Friday so get your costume ready. Each class has organized special literacy activities for the morning. Each grade level has organized Literacy week activities for the day so please check with your classroom teacher to find out what's happening for your year level.  
The Literacy Committee



### NOTICES SENT HOME

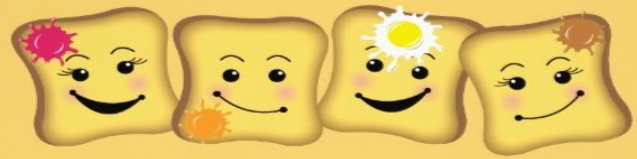
- Soccer for juniors
- School gymnastics comp (selected students)
- Division Athletics (selected Students)

### Dont forget



### Students must wear a hat

### starting September 1st



### Breakfast Club

Next week is the last week for breakfast club this term and will resume week 2 term 4.

I like swimming  
because I can go  
under the water.  
I also like swimming  
forwards.

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Swimming is  
fun because  
we get to  
go under water.

Emilia



Swimming is  
fun because  
we get to  
play with the  
ball in the pool.

Harry

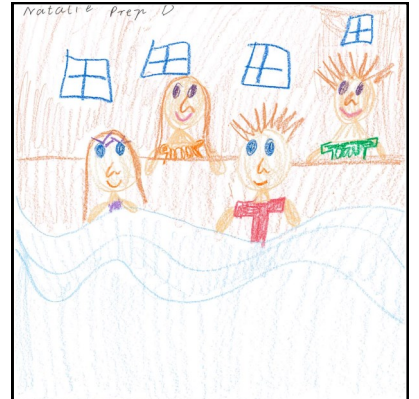


\* Swimming  
is fantastic.



# PREP SWIMMING REFLECTION

\* Swimming is  
excellent.



Swimming is fun  
because I get to go  
in the water with my  
goggles. My goggles are  
pink.

Noori



Swimming was fun  
because I got to  
duck under the  
boards in the  
games.

Mavei



\* Swimming is  
extraordinary.



**MOTTO** Growing & Learning Together

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

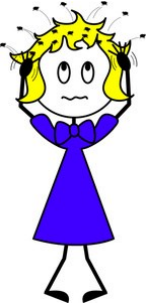
**VISION:** At Hillsmeade Primary School, we aim to continually grow and learn together by: supporting individual abilities and excellence in academic achievement, celebrating diverse backgrounds and cultures, and becoming global citizens prepared for the needs and expectations of our ever changing society.

# Finding head lice

Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head, so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot because they move quickly.

The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to use the conditioner and comb treatment weekly. This includes:

- Step 1. Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
- Step 2. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 3. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 4. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.
- Step 5. If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again, since the eggs could be from the old infection.
- Step 6. If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.



# CANTEEN SPECIAL AUGUST

Chicken strip sub with lettuce, cheese, tomato, mayo

\$6.00

Please Note: Warm Roast Beef rolls are no longer available



## DUE DATES

- Colonial show Grade 4 (Due 5th September)
- Grade 2 camp deposit (Due 2nd September)
- Selected choir students Woolworths store opening (Due 5th September)
- School gymnastics comp (Due 5th September)
- Division athletics (Due 9th September)

## 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.

## ATTENDANCE AT HILLSMEADE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2017.

My children, listed below **WILL NOT** be returning to Hillsmeade in 2017.  
(This does not apply to Grade 6 students)

\_\_\_\_\_ who will be in grade \_\_\_\_\_ in 2016

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Please indicate which school they will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

