

Wednesday, 7th September  
No 28

Dear Parents / Guardians

**Canberra, here we come!** Seventy-six grade 6 children and teachers hit the road on Monday morning at 8am Canberra bound. As they made their way through the Monash Freeway traffic, they reached the Hume Highway around 9.30am. At 6.50pm on Monday night, Ms Barker sent me a text to let me know they arrived safely, had the rooms allocated and were heading



off to dinner. Here they are on a beautiful, spring morning at the National Museum on Tuesday. The day was full of activities after the museum; National Capital Exhibition, lunch at Regatta Point, Australian War Memorial and the Mount Ainslie Lookout. Today, the children visit Parliament House, The Royal Australian Mint, Government House and Geoscience Australia.



### The thrill of maths...

Last week, the children were able to participate in numeracy activities every day as Mrs Bray set challenging problems to solve, for example, 'How many yellow tiles are there in the mosaics above the water troughs?' It was indeed a sight to behold as teams of students, across all grades, worked together or individually to count over 1000 tiles (poor Ms Szalek had to actually calculate the answer). Our assembly was jam packed full of maths awards for participation, closest to the answer etc. These maths activities and the Mathletics program are certainly developing a love of maths in our children.



The prep children had the opportunity to bring their dad or special friend along for breakfast this week to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday. It was a great turnout with lots of activities to do together – hula hooping, tennis, skipping, playing on the playground. We hope all dads enjoyed their day on Sunday with their special loved ones from Hillsmeade PS.

We celebrated Book Week by dressing up last Friday. Lots of favourite book characters roamed the corridors, paraded in front of our peers and just had plain, old fashioned, good fun. I must admit I enjoyed being Captain Hook for the day and spent most of the day asking 'Where's Wally' as Mrs Bray seemed to be nowhere to be found!



Have a great week  
Deborah

## SEPTEMBER

5th - 9th

Canberra Camp

12th

Colonial Show Grade 4

10th - 14th

Parent Teacher Interviews

14th

Division Athletics

16th

Last Day Term 3

Assembly

2:30 finish

## OCTOBER

3rd

First Day Back Term 3

## TERM DATES 2016

Term Three

11th July— 16th September

Term Four

3rd October—20th December



*Think big, dream big*

Well Our Father's Day & Special Friends Day Stall was hugely successful. A lot of children accidentally forgot to bring their money on Tuesday so were over the moon that we opened on Wednesday at lunch time, we were inundated. I do hope that every recipient loved their goods and had a wonderful Sunday.



Well That is it for functions this term, We are busy organising Term 4. In Term 4 we will have a Walkathon (October), another Car boot Sale (November), Shopping Tour (November), Carols by Twilight and Fair (December) and our amazing Christmas Raffle (December).

More information on all the above in next week's Link.

Have a Happy and Safe week  
Inez HFC President

**GRADE 6 CANBERRA CAMP**

Our grade 6 students are undertaking an education tour of the national capital this week. Students have been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. Today they will be visiting Parliament house and getting a tour of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

This is an exciting and memorable experience for both students and teachers. We can't wait to share it with you next week.

A reminder to parents that we are expected back to school at 8.45pm Friday night.

Please remember to see your child's teacher before leaving the school.

**DUE DATES**

- 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.

**Dont forget**

**Students must wear a hat**



**starting September 1st**

*Hillsmeade Heroes**Bounce Back Awards for Relationships*

Christian Fernando  
Taqwa Qasimi  
Savvaj Hayer  
Kiarah Taing-Sun  
Jahvaree Vaeau  
Gabrielle Mills  
Mark Abbott'  
Lillyarna Waters  
Alamah Delacy  
Noah Imms  
Hailee Geddes  
Sophie Walden  
David Randak  
Aarav Bhargava

Hana Ramic  
Daniel Schmidt  
Michelle Xu  
Dylan Ryland  
Tanya Wines  
Ryan Suhr  
Shae O'Brien  
Keisha Lowe  
Summer Gibson  
Jasmine Keefer  
Shanelle Jackson  
Seth White  
Jalen Bremner  
Stephanie Coldabella

Moneil Shan  
Isaiah Iosua Tiauli  
Georgia Groza  
Sadiyah Nazari  
Logan Kemp  
Tody Bown  
Eliana Sidiqi  
Wahaj Hayat  
Billal Amiri  
Danan Earle  
Lauren Ashley  
Chanelle Anderson







# Book Week



**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.



**Children's Literature to Motivate Learning in Maths**

A great way to encourage Maths conversation is through reading. Here are some examples of children's stories that include maths concepts for all ages. The list is endless...

**Money**

- The Penny Pot, by Stuart Murphy
- Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday, by JViorst
- A Dollar for Penny, by Julie Class
- Trouble with Money, by Stan & Jan Berenstain
- Curious George Saves Pennies, by Margret

**Measurement**

- Who Sank the Boat? by Pamela Allen
- Tracks in the Sand, by Loreen Leedy
- Just a Little Bit, by Ann Tompert
- Millions to Measure, by David M. Schwartz
- Measuring Penny, by Loreen Leedy

**Counting Backwards, Subtraction**

- Monster Math, by Grace Maccarone
- The Action of Subtraction, by Brian P. Cleary
- Monster Musical Chairs, by Stuart Murphy
- If You Were a Minus Sign, by Speed Shaskan
- Subtraction Action, by Loreen Leedy

**Even and Odd Numbers**

- My Even Day by Doris Fisher and Dani Sneed
- One Odd Day by Doris Fisher and Dani Sneed

**Other concepts**

- Mr Archimedes Bath by Pamela Allen
- Five Creatures by Emily Jenkins
- The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
- Nesta and the Missing Zero by Julie Leibrich
- Math Curse by Jon Scieszka

**Counting, Adding**

- Quack and Count, by Keith Baker.
- 12 Ways to Get to 11, by Eve Merriam.
- Mission Addition, by Leedy, L
- From One to One Hundred, by Teri Sloat.
- On Beyond a Million, by David M. Schwartz.
- Two Ways to Count to Ten, by Ruby Dee
- 365 Penguins, by J Fromental and J Jolivet
- The Great Pet Sale, by Mick Inkpen
- One Hundred Days of Cool by Stuart Murphy
- The Shopping Basket by John Birmingham
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

**Size**

- The Bad-Tempered Ladybird, by Eric Carle
- The Blue Balloon, by Mick Inkpen
- Hop! Flop! by Corey Schwartz
- A House for Birdie by Stuart Murphy
- Just Teenie, by Susan Meddaugh
- Tall, by Jez Alborough
- Watch Out Big Bro's Coming! by Jez Alborough

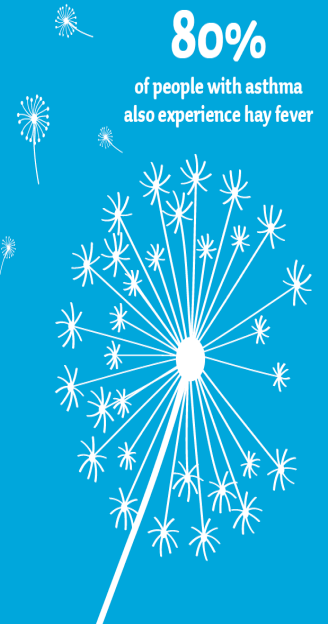
**For older students**

- A cloak for the dreamer, by Aileen Friedman
- The Warlord's Messengers, by V Walton Pilegard
- The Warlord's Kites, by Virginia Walton Pilegard
- The Warlord's Alarm, by Virginia Walton Pilegard
- Sir Cumference (Series), by Cindy Neuschwander

*Andrea Garwood - Classroom & specialist teacher.*

**BLOW AWAY HAY FEVER**  
and get on top of **ASTHMA**

**80%**  
of people with asthma  
also experience hay fever



Hay fever can worsen asthma symptoms and can trigger an asthma flare up.

If you have asthma and experience symptoms of sneezing, watery eyes, and an itchy nose, talk to your pharmacist about the right medication to manage both your hay fever and asthma to breathe better.

Donate to your local asthma foundation today at [www.asthmaaustralia.org.au](http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au)



**HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE PROGRAM 2016**

August update: 'Our Journey to the Energy Breakthrough' in Maryborough on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2016



**Holden Mentor Program**  
During electives on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August Sarah, our mentor from the Holden Mentor Program, came to visit the students. She was very kind and helpful in answering many great

questions our students had to ask. Students were learning about the vehicles, the materials and what it means to be aerodynamic. The students shared their design ideas for the 2016 vehicles and they were able to get some excellent advice and help with their presentations.



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. We would like to thank **Rob from Minke Drinks** for his kind donation to the program.

Thank you Rob!

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



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**CANTEEN SPECIAL AUGUST**

Chicken strip sub with lettuce, cheese, tomato, mayo

\$6.00

Please Note: Warm Roast Beef rolls are no longer available



**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 2017
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(PLEASE PRINT)

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

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

