



Dear Parents / Guardians

Thank you to all of our families who have attended a Parent/Teacher Interview this week. This is an important time for you to have a discussion with the teacher about how your son or daughter is showing growth in their learning. If you haven't had the opportunity to make an appointment, please call your classroom teacher. They may have some spare sessions tonight or tomorrow night.

An exciting and challenging professional learning opportunity has been offered to me for Term 4. I have accepted to take on the role and responsibilities of an Acting Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), commencing Monday 3rd October until the end of the school year. The position requires me to work with a network of 23 schools and their principals in the West Gippsland area. With the DET's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO) our priority, it is a wonderful opportunity to learn how other schools are implementing their improvement strategies and to share our successes also. I still have permission to travel to China with Hillsmeade PS students from 11th—24th October.

After approval from the Regional Office, **Mrs Jodie Bray will be the Acting Principal** for next term. Mrs Bray is already on School Council, been involved in all improvement initiatives introduced this year and is well supported by other members of the leadership team—Shiona Watson, Scott Clode and our eight Professional Learning Team leaders. Further support is yet to be decided to back fill Mrs Bray Assistant Principal role.

A special thank you to Mrs Lisa Scott and the choir who took part in the State Schools Spectacular last weekend. After many rehearsals and trips to the city to join the rest of the schools, our page 3 photos today shows us just how big this event was. Congratulations to all involved.

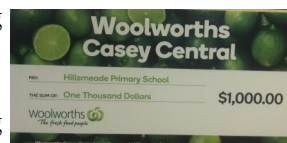
Last week, the choir sang the National Anthem at the opening of the new Woolworths at Casey Central. We had a brisk walk down to the shopping centre at 8.15am before the children performed before a large group of customers waiting for the doors to open. On behalf of our school community, I thanked Woolworths for their generous donation of \$1,000.

If you are travelling during the term holiday break to take a rest from the routine of schooling and to spend more time together as family, please do so safely. Hopefully the Spring weather will eventually arrive so we can get into the garden, out into the yard or park and take long walks in the sunshine.

16th
Footy Day
See page 4 for details
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

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.

Think big, dream big

Over the school holidays you may like to do a clean out and get ready for our next **Carboot Sale** on Sunday 6th November.

Price is \$10 per carpark space. A separate flyer will be distributed next term.

A huge thank you to the "Buckley" family. A generous donation to our Christmas raffle was made and I cannot wait to tell you more closer to December.

Our next HFC meeting will take place in the first week of Term 4 - Wednesday 5th October, 9.15am in the HFC (rainbow) room.

Last of all, thank you to everyone in our school community for your support this term.

A special thanks also to Grade 5 and 6 students who have helped the HFC team and I, or given suggestions - you know who you are!!

Enjoy the school holidays & stay safe.

Kindest regards

Inez (President 2016)

PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Program came to an end this week. All the Grade 5 students came together to play one last game facilitated by all the Peer Leaders to celebrate their hard work together this term and the completion of the program. Through this program, the Grade 5 students explored different friendship skills



and how to be a good friend to one another, while the Peer Leaders were able to enhance their leadership and facilitation skills. Congratulations Grade 5 students on completing the Peer Support Program and well done Peer Leaders for leading your respective Peer Support groups!

INTERSCHOOL GYMNASTICS

On Wednesday the 7th of September a group of students took part in the 2016 Interschool Gymnastics. All the students had been training for close to 6 months and all improved and developed new skills over that time. It was the first time Hillsmeade have ever sent a team to the gymnastics and all were very proud of their efforts. A very special thank-you must go to Anna Hicklin, Gillian Mouette and Bronwyn Smart for coaching the students every Thursday lunchtime for the entire six months.

Congratulations to all these students for their hard work: Cameron Hicklin, Sam Mouette, Alexandria Johnson, Rosie McKenzie, Rameen Hassan, Amra Fawazdeen, Bella Williams, Alisha Gupta, Hayley Moseley, Ria Gupta, Lucy Pollock,



Gemma Mouette, Belinda Nikitina-Le, Caitlyn Smart, Alisha Kennedy, Simone Carter, Jade Dunn, Annabel Christian, Madison De Koning, Naomi Alter, Bella Russo-Avery, Maddison Utting, Ella Phipps, and Ella Ryan. Noora Rashim, Isabel Slaney and Brianna Braithwaite also trained for the entire time but were unable to attend the competition.



THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

2016 / THE ELEMENTS

A big congratulations to the 17 students who participated in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular on Saturday 10th September at the Hisense Arena. Well done on your commitment, patience and hard work!

3000 students from 200 schools came together in a show that featured singing, dancing, a magician, roller skaters, a gigantic robotic cat, a 64 piece orchestra and state of the art lighting and sound.

Make sure that you watch the show when it's broadcast on Sunday 3rd December @ 7pm on channel 7.



***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.*

Hillsmeade Primary School's annual

FOOTY DAY



Friday 16th September

Please dress in your football, soccer or sporting colours and support your favourite team.



Starting with the annual **parade** at 9.30am, followed by the **longest kick** at 11am, a **lunchtime teacher vs year 6** football match umpired by our own Ms Harry and finishing off with the end of term **assembly** at 1.30pm... **This is a day you do not want to miss!**

Literacy Tips to help your child.

Working together, families and schools provide the greatest opportunity for children to have the best possible start in life. Supporting what and how your child learns at school and at home builds positive outcomes for your child. Over the coming weeks literacy tips, including practical activities for you to do at home and questions you can ask your child to help them learn will be included in the link and on the website. Doing these practical activities will help your child develop reading and writing skills, to speak well and be a good listener. Happy reading, writing, speaking and listening.
Mandy Ryan (Literacy Co-ordinator)

Helping your child to Read, Write, Speak and Listen.

In the early years of primary school, students learn to read through rhymes, story-telling and following along with their favourite book. Learning to write begins with scribble and drawings. The activities below will help your child develop these skills.

1. Share rhymes and songs and encourage your child to join in.
2. Save safe cardboard and household items for your child to build with. Ask your child to describe what they are building.
3. Have a dress-up box for your child to use for imaginative play.
4. Listen to your child and respond to their ideas with questions and ask for more information.
5. Write down your child's stories as they tell you and encourage him or her to read it back to you.
6. Point out and talk about letters and words all around you. For example, on cereal boxes, car number plates, signs.
7. Cook simple things together. Read out the recipe, talk through what you are doing.
8. Join a toy library and choose toys together.
9. Look at junk mail and talk about the things for sale.
10. Provide materials and create a writing/drawing table or area.
11. Talk about family photos and histories.



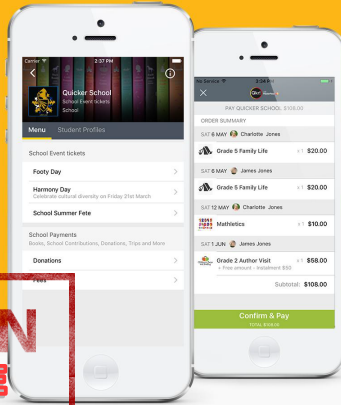
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COMING SOON TO HILLSMEADE



EARLY YEARS LEARNING CENTRE

The Early Learning Centre has limited vacancies for the 3 year old sessional program for 2017

Monday 9.15am to 12.00pm and
Wednesday 12.30pm to 3.15pm
Cost per term is \$340.00
Please visit the ELC to enrol

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
 _____ who will be in Grade _____ in 2017
 _____ who will be in Grade _____ in 2017
 _____ who will be in Grade _____ in 2017

(PLEASE PRINT)

Please indicate which school they will be attending _____

Parents Signature _____

