

Dear Parents & Guardians

What a windy few days we have had. You may have noticed a few trees that didn't survive the gusts from the weekend; I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Gardener Brett Gniel for his hard work in quickly removing the branches and making our school look lovely again. Over the past weeks he has worked hard to make some noticeable changes to our school grounds, so thank you Brett.

ICAS UNSW Awards

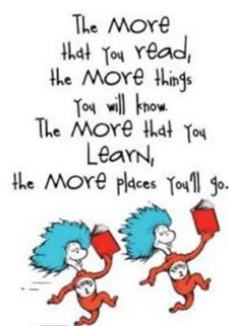
Well done to the students who participated in the University of New South Wales ICAS testing earlier this year. Some students were presented with certificates of achievement based on their high results. Congratulations to: Alisha Gupta 3B (Distinction Reading & Writing, Credit Maths); Ria Gupta 4C (Credit Reading & Maths); Harleen Khera 4D (Merit Reading & Writing); Rushil Panchal 4D (Merit Writing); Suwieeni Printhan 4E (Credit Reading and Merit Writing); Navya Bhardwaj 5A (Credit Maths); Caitlyn Smart 5A (Credit Reading & Maths); Amaan Fawazdeen 5C (Distinction Maths and Credit Writing & Reading); Lauren Page 5D (Merit Writing & Maths); Robbie Webb 5E (Credit Maths); Sahil Gawade 5F (Distinction Maths, Credit Reading and Merit Writing); Joshua Quinn 5F (Merit Maths); Alexia Cherrett 6A (Credit Writing); Chelsea Crampsey 6A (Credit Writing); Sanjue Printhan 6B (Distinction Reading, Credit Writing and Merit Maths); Reeda Ganji 6B (Credit Reading and Merit Writing); Jan Eli Segundo 6C (Distinction Maths and Credit Writing); Joshua Hicklin 6C (Credit Maths); Jacques Belot 6C (Credit Writing & Maths); Rithika Anilkumar (Credit Reading & Maths); Monique Sugianto 6C (Merit Maths); Omar Akhtar 6D (Merit Maths); Shreya Krishna 6D (Credit Maths and Merit Writing); Devmini Naraingha Bandara 6D (Credit Maths) and Stephanie Stan 6E (Distinction Writing and Credit Reading).

Thank you to the parents who attended assembly to see these awards presented and also a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Dimple Bhardwaj who coordinates these tests which are a wonderful opportunity for the students of Hillsmeade.

Reading in Focus

The importance of the parent and school partnership in promoting student learning is vital in growing student outcomes. In 2016 Reading is a focus across all year levels at Hillsmeade. Parents can work in partnership with teachers to promote and engage their children in reading and listening to reading. Research shows that learning to read is one of the most important factors in school success and that an early exposure to books and stories substantially contributes to success in early literacy. There are strong links between literacy, school performance, self-esteem and life chances with poor literacy skills being linked with lower education, earnings, health and social outcomes. For more information on how you can support your child in reading please see:

<http://www.edutopia.org/discussion/37-ways-help-kids-learn-love-reading>
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/support.aspx>



China Exchange

Early Tuesday morning Ms Harry and the students attending the China Exchange met at the Melbourne airport excited about the adventure ahead. I am pleased to report that all students arrived safely at the airport with their luggage packed. We wish Ms Harry and the following students, Naomi Alter, Chelsea Crampsey, Madison De Koning, Sahil Gawade, Joshua Hicklin, Meghana Kartha, Saracen Ma Ching, Sanjue Printhan and

Caitlyn Smart a fantastic and safe trip.

Jodie Bray Acting Principal

Wednesday, 12th October
No 31



13th

School Tour 10am

14th

Lightning Prem
(Selected Students)
District Athletics
(Selected Students)

19th

Alkira Grade 6
Science Session

21st

Assembly 2:45

November

1st

Curriculum Day
(NO SCHOOL)

2nd

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
(NO SCHOOL)

3rd & 4th

Grade 1 Hands on Science

8th

Prep Transition

19th

Progressive Choir Dress
Rehearsal

24th

Cinderella & Rockafella
Production 6:30pm in the hall

TERM DATES 2016

Term Four

3rd October—20th December

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

Think big, dream big

This week all children will be receiving their Weird & Whacky WALK A THON forms. This great event will be held on Friday 4th November on our new oval.

All welcome to watch and times will be advised closer to the date so you can pop down and watch the children. The HFC have an amazing prize on offer to those who hand back their forms by Friday 18th November with \$10 or more raised. The raffle will be drawn at the whole school assembly.

Start getting your outfits ready!!! Please note this is NOT a free dress day.

So far the HFC have sold just over half of the seats on our annual Shopping Tour. Make sure you pop in your forms with payment to the office so you don't miss out.

Also the CARBOOT sale is filling up nicely so please also register at the office to confirm your spot - Sunday 6th November.

Have a great week
Inez - HFC President 2016

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

Reading with your child will begin when your child becomes familiar with the story and can take over some of the reading.

When your child **reads to you**, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.

If your child is trying to read a long or tricky word, give your child time and ask questions like these:

24. Look at the picture, what can you see that might start with that letter?
25. Look at the picture, what word makes sense?
26. What letter does it start with? What sound does the letter make?
What letter does it end with?

It's also important for you to show your child how you read every day for different purposes, for example: recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, maps, newspapers, emails, signs, and websites.

Book talk is an important part of reading. Chat about the book before, during and after reading and really encourage your child to talk about their ideas and ask questions about the book.

Here are some questions you can ask at different times before, during and after reading the book:

27. What would you like to read about?
28. Would you like to choose a book you know?
29. Look at the cover – what do you think this book is about?
30. What is happening in the pictures?
31. How could we work out these tricky words?
32. What do you think is going to happen next?
33. What was your favourite part of the book?
34. Who was your favourite character in the story? Why did you like that character?
35. If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be?

Hillsmeade Heroes Term 4 Week 1



Henna Amin
Stefano Chrysanthopoulos
William Beer
Scott Robinson
Chloe Keer
Jack Holbrook
Aliesha McClumpha
Haroon Sharif
Cooper Johnstone
Kanwar Singh
Javelle Rowe
Shanelle Jackson
Mustafa Jaffari

Annabella Woo
Arya Goswami
Zahraa Aldukhaile
Zack Del Papa
Brooke Galloway
Brigitte Dickinson
Annabel Christian
Jasmin Bailey
Allanah Mirtschin
Blossom Lim
Sabawoon Afzal
Nawal Shams
Morwan Eisa

Fatima Aziz
Bella Williams
Naveed Sahadat
Isabel Roy
Charlie Kneale
Matthew Delacy
Sanah Amin
Anisa Ali
Zarina Azadzo
Ali Ibrahim
Natasha Sony
Tyren Faoliu
Sienna Beattie



**Football
with
Collingwood FC**



**An exciting
start to Term 4
Sport at
Hillsmeade P.S**



**Golf with
PGA Professional
Paul Boxall
(0414 982 535)**



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.

The Importance of a healthy self-esteem.

Self-esteem is how we value ourselves; it is how we perceive our value to the world and how valuable we think we are to others. Having a healthy self-esteem gives us the strength and flexibility to take charge of our lives and grow from our mistakes. Children with healthy self-esteem are more likely to be happy, to make and keep positive friends, and to persevere in working through difficult situations. Studies support the notion that a healthy self-esteem is more important in determining a child's success later in life than their academic achievements. They are able to pursue new careers, deal with changes, seek out employment opportunities and compete successfully with others. Someone with a healthy self-esteem:

- Learns to take risks without fear of failure
- Doesn't dwell on mistakes and failures but sees them as a part of learning
- Shows initiative and confidence by trying new things with a positive attitude
- Understands that success is linked to the effort put into achieving something
- Displays a positive attitude towards others and doesn't feel threatened by them or their successes
- Can bounce back easily when setbacks occur and
- Is assertive about expressing what they want, need or think

A child not displaying these traits will have a low self-esteem. They tend to have negative thoughts and behaviours, are less likely to be happy, and more likely to have emotional and social problems. Lower self-esteem children are less likely to persevere through tough situations, because they assume they lack the ability to be effective in difficult circumstances and so give up too soon. There are ways to develop a child's healthy self-esteem. Ideas in the Link next fortnight.

Andrea Garwood - Classroom and Specialist teacher

CANTEEN SPECIALS

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

Salad Plate*, Frozen fruit and a drink **\$5.50**

* extra salad 50c Each

Chicken & Salad Roll and drink **\$6.00**

Pizza or Pasta and a drink **\$6.00**

THURSDAY SPECIAL

Aussie Pie or Sausage Roll & a drink **\$4.00**

Caesar Salad Wrap, Frozen fruit & a drink **\$6.00**

Add Chicken \$1.00

Preferred Payment Method



QKR is now available for canteen ordering

Issue 7 Book Club brochure has been given out to the students. In this issue there is a \$1.00 book offer and also some great books for \$2.00. Also parents that use LOOP to order and pay for Book Club could qualify for up to 4 Bonus Books. Conditions apply. With Christmas fast approaching you can purchase books for your children. If you would like them as gifts, please attach a note with your name and phone number to the order form. There is provision on LOOP to have the book as a gift too, and it will be tagged and you can pick it up from the office.

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!

Cheques 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 full 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 TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

Say goodbye to paper bags from the canteen

REUSABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS

PRICE: \$10.50



Place your order through our School then visit the Stickybeaks Website www.stickybeaks.com.au to get your FREE Name/Class + Order Tags



PRICE: \$12.50

NOTICES DUE BACK

- Grade 1 Hands on Science Due 28th October
- Hoop Time Due 12th Nov
- Production Cast Permission Form Due 14th October

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 _____

