

**Wednesday, 2nd November  
No 34**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope all families enjoyed an extra-long weekend and took pleasure in the festivities of the Melbourne Cup. This week is an exciting week, with Pizza Bun day happening over the next two days and Friday's HFC Walkathon fundraiser.

## **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October Curriculum Day**

The week started slightly differently for teachers this week. With no students at school and teachers working in teams to compete in some educational challenges. The tone for the morning was set with the Grade 1 Team working well to win the challenges. All staff participated in a professional learning presentation focussed on Diabetes. After morning tea, which was kindly supplied by the ES staff to celebrate World Teachers Day, teachers worked on some Key Improvement Strategies to begin setting the direction for the schools four year Strategic Plan that is being developed. This was exciting work as it lays the continued improvement agenda for Hillsmeade Primary School. Teams then worked collaboratively to develop planning for the 2017 school year. A big thank you to teachers that worked solidly through the day.



### **Reading Intervention**

This year reading is a school wide priority for Hillsmeade Primary School. It has been exciting to see students engaged in explicit instruction and purposeful intervention to ensure that they receive the support necessary to ensure they develop these important life skills. A big thank you to our reading intervention teachers: Mrs Poulter, Mrs Kidd and Mrs Monroy.



### **Important statistics on reading:**

- Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.
- Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf>

### **A report from our School Captains Stefanie Stan and Joel Vigilante.**



As school captains we are very honoured to complete important jobs in our community. 17th March was an action and fun filled day. First we were off to Coles at Casey Central to participate in the ribbon cutting. This honour filled us with great happiness. From this event we rushed straight back to school to compete in Survivor Day. We changed into our team uniforms and transformed in to warriors for Survivor Day 2016. This was a proud moment as we worked with our teams to display sportsmanship, team work and commitment. Another exciting moment for us as school captains was the participation in Casey Youth Service. Here we met the Mayor of the City of Casey Mr Sam Aziz. Here we heard a motivational and inspiring speech from experienced and student leaders. We were awarded badges that recognised us as leaders in the City of Casey.

These, and many other experiences have helped us to recognise that if we put our minds to it, the sky is the limit and anything is possible.

**Stefanie Stan & Joel Vigilante.**

### **Hillsmeade Art Show**

If you have visited the school lately you will have seen the amazing art work displays taking shape as you walk through the corridor. This is in preparation for next week's Art Show to be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of November from 4 – 6pm. Please come along and take part in Art activities and walk the wonderful corridors lined with pieces of work from Hillsmeade students. These could very well be future artists in the making. A big congratulations to Ms Elliott and the Specialist team for coordinating this exciting event.

Jodie Bray Acting Principal

## **November**

### **3rd**

2017 Year 5/6 Managed BYOD  
Parent Information Session  
4:30pm in the Library  
(please enter via courtyard)

### **3rd & 4th**

Grade 1 Hands on Science

### **4th**

HFC Walk A Thon Fundraiser  
Assembly 2:45pm

### **8th**

School Tour 10am  
Prep Transition Session 1  
11:40 - 12:40

### **10th**

Prep Woodwork Incursion  
Art Show 4-6pm

### **11th**

Prep Woodwork Incursion  
Remembrance Day

### **15th**

Prep Transition Session 2  
11:40 - 12:40  
HPV Sports Star Dress Up Day  
Gold Coin Donation

### **19th**

Progressive Choir Dress  
Rehearsal

### **24th**

Cinderella & Rockafella  
Production 6:30pm in the hall  
Entry - Gold Coin Donation  
(All Welcome)

**IT'S COOL TO  
BE AT SCHOOL**

## *Think big, dream big*

This week is our massive Weird and Whacky Walkathon - Friday from 9.15am. Our ELC kids are walking for 10 minutes, Prep and Grades 1 and 2 for 20 minutes and Senior school for 30 minutes ~ on our brand new oval.

Remember to wear a whacky item as each grade will have a winner for funniest dress up (NOT a free dress day). Also hand your Walkathon forms back ASAP. For those who hand their forms in early with over \$10 sponsorship money, you go into a draw to win an awesome prize (presented at whole school assembly). Each child should have a form but if you missed out, the office has lots of spares. Cannot wait for a great day (if raining will be held in gym).

See you all on Friday morning, I'll be wearing the pink cowboy hat!

Have a great week

Inez - HFC President 2016

### CANTEEN SPECIALS

#### MONDAY / WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

Salad Plate*, Frozen fruit and a drink	\$5.50
* <b>extra salad 50c Each</b>	
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
<b>Add Chicken \$1.00</b>	

### Canteen Reminders

All frozen fruit, ice-creams & slushies need to be collected from the canteen at lunch time (They will not be delivered to the class room)

Preferred Payment Method



## **WANTED**

**(To borrow) For the school production: brightly coloured girls gumboots in sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 (1 pair in each size).**

**If you can help with this please contact the office or Mrs Scott.**

**Thank you**

### GRADE 4 CAMP

Reminder to all parents. Final payment for Grade 4 Camp is due 21st November. Payments can be made via Qkr!

Preferred Payment Method



### NOTICES DUE BACK

- Hoop Time Due 12th November
- Grade 2 Camp Medical Forms Due 18th November

### NOTICES SENT HOME

- Grade 2 Final Payment Reminder
- Grade 1 Big Night In

### GRADE 2 CAMP

Reminder to all parents. Final payment for Grade 2 Camp is due 4th November. Payments can be made via Qkr!

Preferred Payment Method



**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 Walk-a-thon!

### Friday 4th November 2016

Wear your weird and wacky items. Example ; wigs, tutus, masks, feather boas, crazy hats or glasses.

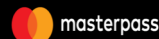


**NOT A FREE DRESS DAY**

Qkr! Is here!



Qkr! Is a payment app that Hillsmeade parents can now use to make payments for Incursion/ Excursions, School Camps and also lunch orders from the Canteen.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

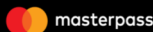
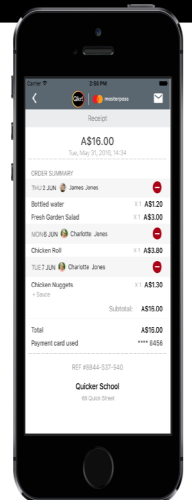
1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:

1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

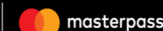
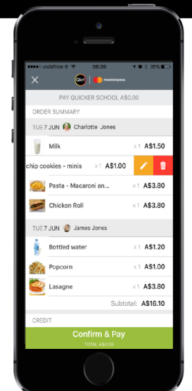


TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I remove unwanted items from my shopping cart?

A. It is easy to remove or amend items in your shopping cart prior to paying for them.

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Under 'Active Carts' tap on your school.
3. Tap on the order or item you want to remove or update.
4. Tap the garbage bin icon to remove the item from your cart; or Tap the pencil icon to update or amend the item in your cart.



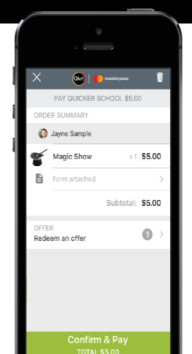
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Q. How do I complete my payment after submitting a form?

A. Some activities have electronic forms attached that need to be completed prior to making the payment for the item. It is important to ensure that after you complete the form, you also complete the payment step.

To complete a form and the payment:

1. Open Qkr!
2. Select the activity that you are purchasing and 'Add to cart'.
3. Tap 'OK' when prompted for additional information.
4. Enter your Qkr password to sign in to the form then complete the information as required. Fields with a red asterisk (\*) are mandatory to be completed.
5. Sign the form if required and tap Next or Submit when complete to add the activity and form to the cart.
6. Tap Checkout at the bottom of the screen to display your order summary.





## 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.

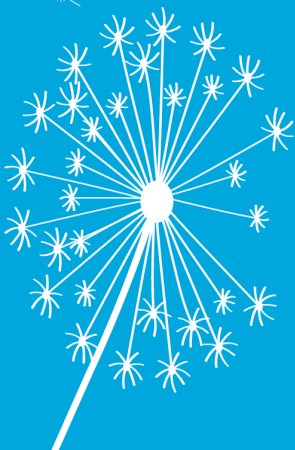


## BLOW AWAY HAY FEVER and get on top of ASTHMA

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.

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



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



ARE YOU LOOKING TO DEVELOP YOUR RUGBY SKILLS? THEN COME AND JOIN US AT RUGBY STAR ACADEMY.

EVERY TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

5 TO 7 YEAR OLDS 4PM TO 5PM

8 TO 12 YEAR OLDS 5PM TO 6PM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE

[WWW.RUGBYSTARACADEMY.COM.AU](http://WWW.RUGBYSTARACADEMY.COM.AU)

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Waverley Gymnastics Centre

## NARRE WARREN CAMPUS

Waverley's Narre Warren campus at Fountain Gate Primary offers fun & challenging gymnastics classes for primary school-aged children of all abilities. Classes are held on Wednesdays & Thursdays!

**CALL 9887-9611 TO BOOK A FREE TRIAL CLASS!!**

All classes are taken by qualified and registered coaches and are held in the Fountain Gate Primary School Gymnasium

Prospect Hill Road, Narre Warren (Melways Ref. 110 B1)

For enquiries or a **FREE** trial class, please call the office on

**9887-9611** or visit [www.waverley.gymnastics.org.au](http://www.waverley.gymnastics.org.au)

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

### OPPORTUNITIES to write everyday at home

Like reading, writing becomes an everyday activity at home. Let your child see you writing.

Try some of these writing ideas at home:

49. Write a shopping list or add items to the list and tick off the items as you buy or unpack them.
50. Keep a board to write and read family messages.
51. Give your child a pad of sticky notes to write reminders for themselves.
52. Plan and write your weekly menu together.
53. Write captions for photographs in your family photo albums.
54. Write labels for your child's art works and creations.
55. Make words using magnetic letters and stick them on the fridge.
56. Make and write greeting cards, birthday cards, and thank you notes.
57. Keep a family calendar on display and write down family events. Talk about upcoming events with your child, for example, where, when, and who will be there.



### DOING MATHS TOGETHER AT HOME

Children need lots of experiences in making, counting, drawing and talking about numbers. Make connections for your child by explaining how numbers and counting are a part of everyday life. The activities below will help your child develop these skills.

You may feel that the maths your child is doing at school is different from how you were taught, but you will still be able to support your child in many ways.

#### Playing shop

Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices written on sticky notes or prices cut out of shopping catalogues.

58. Talk about how we pay for items using notes and coins.
59. Make paper money or use play money to buy and sell goods from the shop.
60. Order the food items by height (tallest to the shortest) or by cost (least expensive to most expensive).
61. Introduce kitchen scales to the shop to weigh some foods such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice and order items by weight.



## 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)

Childs Name _____	Current Grade _____
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(PLEASE PRINT)

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

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

