

Wednesday, 30th November
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an exciting few weeks we have ahead. With this week's Free Dress Day on tomorrow to support the Christmas raffle, followed in the afternoon by the Year 1 Big Night In, Friday's Year 5/6 MAD taking shape, next week's state wide transition day on Tuesday the 6th of December for 2017 Preps and Year 7's and then a Year 3 excursion, Year 4 and Year 2 Camp, all before the Year 6 Graduation and Hillsmeade Christmas Concert. It is an exciting time for the Hillsmeade school community.

Cinderella and Rockerfella

Congratulations to Lisa Scott, the specialist PLT, crew and the amazingly talented cast of the Cinderella and Rockerfella production that was held on Thursday last week. The gym was full of excited guests to see the production, with Ms Harry and the school council president Mr Stewart Johnson and school council members lining the first rows. The



students performed with confidence and flare, and were the hot topic of conversation throughout the school on the following day. A BIG THANK YOU to Mr Stephen Alter who provided equipment and technical support through the night and during stages of rehearsal.

THANK YOU

We would like to formally acknowledge and thank Mrs Cheryl Trimmings and Mrs Louise Schaffer who have dedicated their Tuesday afternoons for a very long time to Hillsmeade Primary School to support school banking. It is wonderful to see their smiling faces every Tuesday as they support the student community to save their money for a rainy day. This year they are handing over the banking rains to two new volunteers Mrs Gillian Mouette and Mrs Natalie Hale. Parent volunteers are a big part of our school community and are a wonderful support in allowing our school to offer so many rich and rewarding programs, activities and events.

ICT CURRICULUM

Hillsmeade Primary School is dedicated to the Education State Priorities of developing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Over the last year we have purchased a range of technologies to support the teaching and learning program at our school. The introduction and use of ICT programs and devices is complementing the explicit instruction provided across all curriculum areas. Teachers have been actively involved in professional learning during staff meetings (led by Mr Paul Zoudlik and Mr Scott Clode) to develop and enhance skills in integrating ICT across the curriculum. We look forward to offering more devices and ICT support programs to grow student engagement and learning in 2017. For more information please see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/learningdev/vicstem/Pages/default.aspx>

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

A big thank you to Mrs Carmen Collins and Mrs Dimple Bhardwaj for being out of their classroom to support leadership in the office. Their support is appreciated. They have been kept busy with attending PLT meetings, taking part in the Year 6 Alkira Science sessions, being involved in the Prep transition sessions and visiting all classes Prep-6.

ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder that this Friday the 2nd of December is our assembly starting at 2:45pm in the gym. It will be an action packed assembly with an exciting performance by the Year 1 students (I have heard the rehearsals, it is a performance not to be missed). There will also be certificates awarded for celebration of student growth in Mandarin, for student achievement in the Premier's Reading Challenge and HPV participation Certificates.

Jodie Bray – Acting Principal

DECEMBER

1st

Grade 1 Big Night In
Xmas Raffle Donations & HFC
Free Dress Day

2nd

Grade 5 & 6 Mad Day
Assembly 2:45 pm

6th

Book Sale Day

6th-8th

Grade 6 Alkira Transition

7th

Prep Transition Evening
7-8:30pm

7th-9th

Grade 4 Camp

12th-13th

Grade 2 Camp

14th

Grade 6 Graduation

16th

Mini Carnival/Carols Night
5-8pm

20th

Last Day of School

1:30pm Finish

January

25th

Book Sale Day 9am-6pm

TERM DATES 2017

Term One 31st January— 31st March
Term Two 18th April—30th June
Term Three 17th July—22nd September
Term Four 9th October—22nd December

Think big, dream big

Who wants to WIN an iPad Mini??? Well that's our first prize in this years Christmas Raffle - with extras, first prize is valued at over \$500!!!

Get your BLUE RAFFLE TICKETS in fast, we have had an awesome response already.

Remember to also "LIKE" our Facebook Page: Hillsmeade Fundraising & Information Page, we now have over 150 members!!!

I hope all the children love FREE DRESS TOMORROW - 1st of December and thanking you all in advance for your donations to our giant raffle - OVER \$4000 of prizes donated from local companies. Thankyou list will be in next week's LINK - please support our sponsors - when you can.

Kindest Regards
Inez - HFC President 2016

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

USING playing cards

87. Play matching number games with playing cards.
88. Put cards in order from largest to smallest by counting the shapes (hearts, spades) or using the numbers on the cards.

ASKING questions to investigate

Ask your child questions to encourage them to investigate maths:

89. What shapes can you see?
90. How could we measure the...?
91. How will we find half?
92. What is the best way to share...?

HAVE you tried these counting ideas at home?

93. Count the food items as they are placed in the trolley or unpacked at home.
94. Count each toss of the ball as you play a game.
95. Count the steps to the letterbox, front door, clothes line.
96. Collect and count objects such as toys, shells, and flowers from the garden.
97. Count days on a calendar. Count days down to a special event.
98. Read books that involve counting.



Don't forget to watch Channel Seven's broadcast of the highlights from the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2016, on Saturday 3rd December, 7.00-9.00pm.

The Spectacular contributes to a number of the Government Education State targets, including more students reaching the highest level of achievement in the arts, ensuring our kids are happy, healthy and resilient, and increasing pride and confidence in our schools.

The show will also be simulcast via livestreaming on the PLUS7 app and be available on the PLUS7 catch-up website for 30 days.

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	

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



Junior Cross Country and Activity Rotations Morning

The Junior Cross Country and Activity Rotations Morning will be held on Friday December the 9th from approximately 9.15 to 10.45 am. Included are the ELC, Prep and Grades 1 – 3. There will be a modified cross country run held over a course ranging from 800m to 1500m. This year the other grades will all be performing a fun activity on the school oval while another year level has their cross country run. Events may include skipping, shooting goals with soccer balls and running races. Closer to the day a schedule will be distributed which will include times that each year level will complete their cross country run.

ON AT HILLSMEADE ...



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.



**Summer School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club**

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Summer school holiday dates:

Week 1: Monday 9th Tuesday 10th Wednesday 11th January 10am –4pm
 Week 2: Monday 16th Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th January 10am –4pm
 Week 3: Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th Wednesday 25th January 10am –4pm

Cost: \$65.00 per day, or \$175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale Phone 5978 7935

Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
 Open daily between 10am and 5pm



NOTICES SENT HOME

- Mad Day 2016 Permission Slip
- Prep Picnic At The Playground
- Grade 5 Health Curriculum
- Grade 4 Camp reminder

NOTICES DUE BACK

- Grade 3 Wilson Park Due 1st December
- Grade 5 Day Out Due 9th December

LIBRARY BOOKS



All library books need to be returned to school immediately, There are several hundred books still outstanding.

KARATE

Karate Classes

Free Karate Uniform!!

All Ages—Male and Female

FRIDAYS:

HILLSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE PROMINADE, NARRE WARREN SOUTH

JUNIORS: 7 TO 13 YEARS: 6:30PM TO 7:45PM

TEENAGERS & ADULTS: 6:30PM TO 8:30PM

LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY

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Tuesdays: Fountain Gate Prim. School Prospect Hill Drive Narre Warren	Saturdays: Dandenong Primary School Cnr. New St & Foster St Dandenong	TUESDAYS ALSO AT: Heany Park Primary School Buckingham Road Rowville	Mondays: Patterson Lakes Community Centre 54-70 Thompson Rd. Patterson Lakes
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Free Trial Class Phone 9887 4098

Bookings available for Term 1 — 2017

Social-emotional skills

There is increasing research that non-academic skills relating to children's ability to regulate their emotions and interact with others help them succeed in and out of school. These are known as their social-emotional skills. To help boost your child's social-emotional skills, they need certain attributes. Below are some skills and ways to encourage thinking about them through questioning and modelling.

Adaptability - "What is something unexpected that has happened to you? How could you have dealt with it better?"

Next time your child is witnessing you confront change, point out how you are coping with it.

Attention - "Did you notice the sunset today?"

Because so much of our days are spent on autopilot, it is important to stop and notice the little things — like nature, sounds, or our own thoughts and emotions.

Empathy - "How can you tell if someone is sad?"

Be intentional about sharing your feelings and emotions at home so that your child can see that even grown-ups feel different things all the time.

Forgiveness - "How do you feel when someone says they are sorry for hurting you? How do you feel when you say you are sorry to others?"

Share a story about a time you forgave someone and what you learned from the experience.

Gratitude - "What are you grateful for today?"

Post a simple gratitude list on your refrigerator door or in a common area of your home. Encourage every member of your family to add an item once a day.

Honesty - "When was the last time it was difficult for you to tell the truth about something? What about that situation was difficult?"

Practice sharing honest observations about yourself ("I notice that when I do X, Y happens").

Resilience - "When is the last time you had to try something a few times before you got the hang of doing it?"

Make a list of five difficult things you've overcome, then share this list with your child.

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Andrea Garwood - Classroom and Specialist teacher

ATTENDANCE AT HILLSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2017.

My children, listed below **WILL NOT** be returning to Hillsmead 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 _____