

Wednesday, 7th December  
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Dear Parents & Guardians,

What an exciting week we have had at Hillsmeade. Last week's MAD day was a fantastic student run event, which raised a lot of money to go towards the Year 6 Graduation events. Thank you to the year 5 & 6 students for working hard with their teachers and families to produce some wonderful, creative stalls.



### Grade 4 Camp

This morning the year 4 students were excited to set off for their 3 day camp to Kyneton. They are going to be involved in some very exciting activities. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to



seeing pictures next week of the fun they will have.

### What's happening next week?

The grade 2's are very excited to be off to their camp on Monday and Tuesday next week. They will be heading down to Mt Eliza for their camp at Camp Manyung. We wish the grade 2's nice weather, a safe trip and a great time.

Next Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December we will have our Step Up Day. This will happen in the morning block. Students will meet their 2017 teacher and find out their classrooms and class mates. Current Year 6 students are still expected to attend, as they will be involved in their normal program.

Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December is also the 2016 Year 6 Graduation. Preparations are well under way for an exciting and memorable event. Families of the graduates please remember to arrive promptly and be seated in the gym by 6:15pm.

Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December is the Hillsmeade annual HFC Christmas raffle. This will take place in a special morning assembly, to be held in the gym at 9:15am Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December is also the Hillsmeade HFC Christmas Concert. Please come and join the celebrations from 5:30 – 8pm.

### A letter from the School Council President – Stewart Johnson

Dear Hillsmeade Parents / Guardians,  
I would like to congratulate our Principal Deborah Harry on successfully applying for a Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) role in Victoria's South Eastern Region.

Deborah has been an enormously positive influence on Hillsmeade over the last few years. Every facet of the school has changed significantly for the better due to Deborah's hard work and leadership. Hillsmeade is now better focused on teaching, more collaborative and getting better results for our children than ever before.

We are of course very sad to see her leave, but we are truly excited and happy that Deborah has found a new and challenging opportunity, and wish her all the best bringing her experiences and insights to other schools across Victoria – they will be better for her involvement.

Please join me and the School Council in congratulating Deborah on her new role, and giving sincere thanks for the positive influence she has had on our children's education.

Jodie Bray will continue as Acting Principal for the remainder of Term 4, and we will work as quickly as possible to appoint a new permanent Principal.

Stewart Johnson  
School Council President

*Congratulations!*

DECEMBER

**6th-8th**

Grade 6 Alkira Transition

**7th**

Prep Transition Evening

7-8:30pm

**7th-9th**

Grade 4 Camp

**9th**

Junior Cross Country

9:15am - 10:45am

**12th-13th**

Grade 2 Camp

**14th**

Grade 6 Graduation 6pm

Step Up Day

**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

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

## Think big, dream big

WOW what a year it has been, two more weeks left!!

Our HFC has had a huge year in buying amazing products to our school; including some gardening at the ELC, the brand new goal posts on the new oval and also our grade 5 and 6 playground area.

Our fundraising continues this week with our Christmas Raffle - remember to hand your BLUE raffle tickets back. Our first prize is valued at over \$500 and includes headphones, yummy chocolates, a suitcase and a mini iPad!!! We have 82 over the top prizes to give away and I want to thank our school community but also our amazing sponsors for this year. Raffle announced at morning assembly Friday 16th December at 9.15am - Hope to see you there...

THANKYOU TO: L J Hooker Narre Warren South (Metin and his fabulous crew), Baker's Delight Casey Central (Melanie and Lachlan), Paul Saddler Swimming Narre Warren South, Casey Central Dry Cleaners, Woolworths Casey Central, Harris Scarfe Head Office, Spotlight, Coles Casey Central, Anaconda, Myuna Farm, K-Mart Westfield Fountain Gate, Lunar Drive In Dandenong, BIG 4 Caravan Parks, Ace Carparking Tullamarine, Zagame's Berwick, Chemmart Casey Central, Pancake Parlour Westfield Fountain Gate, Ultimate Vet Clinic Narre Warren South, Puffing Billy Railway, Bunnings Cranbourne, Lombards Cranbourne, Kids Space Hallam, Jamberry by Kristy, Priceline Pharmacy Cranbourne, Nanna Nola, The Edwards (Karl & Annie) Family Business, Krispy Kremes Westfield Fountain Gate, The Family who donated the amazing Headphones (we cannot thankyou enough) & Partylite by Kay.....at present (more to follow in our last LINK next week.

Also put in your diary's our Christmas Twilight Carols Night - Friday 16th December 5.30 - 8pm

### LIBRARY BOOKS



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

### NOTICES DUE BACK

- Grade 5 Day Out Due 9th December
- Progressive Choir Due 9th December
- Grade 6 Big Day Out Due 15th December

### CANTEEN

The canteen will reopen for lunch orders and counter sales on Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

We would like to thank the school community for their support over the last 3 years and we look forward to this continuing in 2017.

A special thanks to all our volunteers this year. We would not be able to run a successful canteen without your help! Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Felicity & Bianca

### 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



### *Hillsmeade Heroes Bounce Back Awards For Star Champ Winner*

Maddison Utting  
Karapoto Amuketu  
Gianna Kasilag  
SHayan Ali  
Ezri Casey  
Jahvaree Vaeau  
Keely O'brien  
Zack Watson  
Suliman Fazel  
Charlotte Kenner  
Hailee Geddes

Jayde Dykes  
Taneisha Van Den Bogaart  
Kaleb Davis  
Emilia Watts  
Farisa Md Ala Uddin  
Khalarni Tangaroa  
Tom James Medhurst  
Megan Shaw  
Marwa Haidari  
Bryce Fernando

Keira Catheray- Harvey  
Riley Smith  
Patrick Feeny  
Annabella Woo  
Darrence Mai  
Haadi Hassan  
Toby Pemberton  
Jamie Partridge  
Waqar Habibi  
Isla Lewis

Jacob Schaefer  
Jack Holbrook  
Ali Ganji  
Alexandra Santos  
Alexander Hill  
Kezia Lunardi  
Gulpreet Arora  
Ryan Lewis



# Grade 1 Big Night In



Last Thursday the Grade 1 students got together to celebrate a fantastic year of learning.

Students arrived in a variety of pyjamas and some very interesting slippers. Our night began with a delicious dinner of pizza and chips, with many going back for seconds.

After dinner it was movie time! We made our way to the library (cinema) and settled in with our popcorn to watch 'The Emperor's New Groove'. We laughed, we cried (from laughing too much), but most of all we had fun.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers on the night. You helped to make it a big success.



**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 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 10am –4pm  
Week 2: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 10am –4pm  
Week 3: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au)  
Open daily between 10am and 5pm



### NOTICES SENT HOME

- Spectacular expression of interest Grade 3-4
- Grade 6 Jumpers

### Junior Cross Country and Activity Rotations Morning

The Junior Cross Country and Activity Rotations Morning will be held on Friday December the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has finished for 2016 and will re commence in week 2 term 1 2017 On Tuesday 7th February.

#### Team Vic State Team Trials Registrations Open

Have you ever thought you know someone who shows a high level of sporting ability, but not sure where to guide them? SSV Team Vic state

team trials are now open for these sports;

Australian Football - 12 Years and Under & 15 Years and Under Girls

Baseball - 17 Years and Under

Basketball - 12 Years and Under

Football (Soccer) - 12 Years and Under

Hockey - 12 Years and Under

Netball - 12 Years and Under

Tennis (Pizzey Cup) - 18 Years and Under

Touch Football - 12 Years and Under & 15 Years and Under

Volleyball - 16 Years and Under

All the Team Vic Trial dates can be found on the [State Team page](#) of the SSV website.

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/teamvic/Pages/default.aspx>

### SPOTLIGHT on counting

Counting is one of the first experiences of maths for young children.

Learning the counting words often begins with a favourite song or rhyme and the repetition of the number names.

Listen for the counting sequence in these songs and rhymes:

Five Little Ducks

Ten in the Bed

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Ten Green Bottles

Five Little Monkeys

1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

As children move on to counting a collection of objects they begin to link each object with one number name. In the beginning, encourage your child to touch each object as they say the matching number's name.

Children will begin by counting all objects in a group, for example, fingers and toes, the buttons on their clothes, steps to the house or their toys.

When beginning to count a group of objects, children may arrange the objects in an order to help them. Later they will be able to start counting at any object to find the total.

Some children will need to repeat the count of the objects if the arrangement has been changed, such as the blocks were in a row and now they are in a group. This can be a good way to explore the idea that the last number counted says how many there are in the group.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_