

Wednesday, 14th December
 No 40

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Choir Carols at Casey Central

On Monday the 12th of December Lisa Scott led the progressive choir to Casey Central to perform carols for the community. The students were wonderful and drew a great crowd. It was wonderful to see parents and community members supporting our students during their performance.



Step Up Day

This morning students were involved in their step up day, in which they had the opportunity to spend the morning with their 2017 teacher and classmates. It was wonderful to see so many smiling and excited faces as myself and Mr Clode visited each class. The 2017 year level teams are as follows (PLT Leader underlined):

Prep A <u>Sarah Smith</u> Prep B Nicole Page Prep C Nowella Ahlgren Prep D Emily Wahl Prep E Mandy Ryan Prep F Kate McArdle	1A <u>Jess Ellis</u> 1B Rachel Sutcliffe 1C Scott Masson 1D Sarah Rhimes 1E Jenny Elkin 1F Carmen Collins 1G Amelia Petersen	2A <u>Trisa Kett</u> 2B Tabitha Carter 2C Susan Haworth 2D Bonnie Arbuckle 2E Brent Rafferty 2F Paulina Argendra	3A <u>Dimple Bhardwaj</u> 3B Angela Herres 3C Brydee Pilarinos 3D Rachel Hicks 3E Danielle McKelvie
4A <u>Crystal Wells</u> 4B Kim Hynes 4C Evelyn Schultz 4D Belinda Catanese	5A <u>Toni Barker</u> 5B Martine Ziino 5C John Cardamone 5D Narelle Sibly 5E Ashneigh Hughes	6A <u>Matthew Moore</u> 6B Shannon Patterson 6C Jess Szalek 6D To Be Advised 6E Paul Zoudlik 6F Laura Black	Specialis Team PE <u>Ahmad Chazbek</u> PE Kate Pollock Art Alison Elliot Music Lisa Scott Mandarin Maria Liu Mandarin Sally Wu

Friday Assembly x 2

Just a reminder that we will be having 2 assemblies on Friday this week. The first assembly will be in the morning, held in the gym at 9:15am to announce the HFC Christmas raffle winners. The second assembly will be at 2:45pm in the gym to celebrate the 2016 year, announce the 2017 student leaders and to farewell our 2016 Year 6 Graduates. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Carnival

Just a reminder that the HFC Christmas Carnival is on this Friday at 5:30 – 8pm on the basketball courts. It would be wonderful to see all families in attendance, with picnic blankets and portable chairs. Students have been practicing their songs and are excited to perform on the night.

Last Day of Term – Tuesday the 20th of December

Just a reminder that the final day of the school year is on Tuesday the 20th of December with a school finish time of 1:30pm. We ask that parents please collect the students from the classroom to assist with dismissal. There will be **NO assembly** on Tuesday, due to the early finishing time and the modified timetable will include: 9am start, 11am recess, 11:30-1:30pm in class and **1:30pm dismissal**. The canteen will **NOT** be open on the last 2 days of term.

Good bye and good luck

Hillsmeade Primary School would like to take this opportunity to say good bye and good luck to the following staff who are moving on to other ventures in 2017: Casey Marmion, Ema Garic, Simon MacAdams and Bill Peperkamp. We would also like to wish good luck and safe travels to Angela Cooper and Rush Rajaram who will be taking long service leave during Term 1 2017.

We would also like to say a **BIG THANKYOU** and **GOOD LUCK** to Carmel Spruhan and Shaun Taylor who are taking on new adventures in 2017. Carmel and Shaun have been wonderful staff members who have made a positive and lasting contribution to the school. We hope to see them back in 2018.

Wishing all students and families a safe and wonderful Christmas break. Thank you for the great support in which the Hillsmeade School Community shows to all staff at Hillsmeade.

Jodie Bray Acting Principal

DECEMBER

15th

School Reports Go Home
 Grade 5 Day Out
 Prep Excursion

16th

HFC Raffle Assembly 9:15-10:15
 Assembly 2:45pm
 Mini Carnival/Carols Night
 5:30-8pm

19th

Grade 6 Big Day Out

20th

Last Day of
 School **1:30pm**
Finish

january

25th

Book Sale Day 9am-6pm

31st

First Day Term 1

February

1st

No Preps Required at school

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

Huge week this week, especially on Friday.

To begin, our Christmas Raffle is announced at Morning Assembly, at 9.15am. Make sure your raffle tickets are in no later than 9.30am Thursday 15th December.

Thankyou to our volunteers - Bronwyn, Kerry, Natalie, Kellie, May & Jill and our SRC representatives who shall be picking our winners at recess on Thursday 15th.

Carols By Twilight happens this FRIDAY 16th December from 5.30pm till 8pm. An awesome night to be had by all. Remember if you are donating a cake to our Cake Stall, for all donations to be in no later than 3.40pm on the day please.

First of all, a huge thankyou for everyone helping in the lead up to and on the night, I cannot name everyone but you know who you are.

And last of all to my HFC Team & Helpers - Kerry, Natalie, Jill, May, Bronwyn, Erica, Sue, Tannis, Geoff, Kellie, Michelle, Andrea, Jenny & Paul, Stacey, Rae, Kat, Brooke, Nash, Elise, Marchelle, Honi, Cathy, Linda, Jessica, Amie, Alysha, Nicole, Kristy, Canteen Chicks Felicity and Bianca and Meagan "From the Office" reminding me that the Link is due - THANKYOU from the bottom of my heart.

Thank also to our sponsors: Lite N Easy and Gloria Jeans - at the food court, Westfield Fountain Gate.

Enjoy the Summer break and please stay Safe
Signing off as your HFC President of 2016
Inez xoxo

LIBRARY BOOKS



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

The OSHC team would like to congratulate Jenny, Rebecca and Natalie for their successful teaching appointments starting term 1 next year. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment over the past 4 years. Good luck in your next exciting journey.

CANTEEN

The canteen will reopen for lunch orders and counter sales on Thursday February 2nd 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



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

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ, WRITE AND VIEW

In the middle to upper years of primary school students use reading and writing to learn and explore other learning areas, and to seek out information for themselves as active learners. The activities below will help your child develop these skills.



Creating reading and writing opportunities at home

As readers and writers, children explore their world everyday beyond school and home. It's important at home that you:

99. Show a genuine interest in your child's reading and writing and viewing of all different types of texts.
100. Let them see you read and write and tell them why you are reading and writing.
101. Talk to your child about their understanding and encourage their reading and writing efforts.
102. Share family histories and stories through talking and encourage your child to talk to older family members.
103. Discuss television shows or films that you have watched together.
104. Encourage your child to develop their own library of books.
105. Talk about world events and encourage your child to look at the different sides of the story to form their own opinions.



MAD DAY 2016

On December 2nd, Hillsmeade's basketball courts were converted into a MAD Market Day to raise funds for Grade Six Graduation and Big Day Out. All stalls created a business plan and produced their products using their design and creative technology skills developed in class. Students also had to display teamwork in the lead up and on the day to successfully complete their project. The teachers' are very proud of all of the 5/6 students and thank all the parents who were involved as well. Here are some pictures of the day.



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.

NOTICES SENT HOME

- Spectacular expression of interest Grade 3-4
- Grade 6 Jumpers
- Grade 5 class party

Breakfast Club

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

NOTICES DUE BACK

- Grade 6 Big Day Out Due 15th December
- Grade 6 Hoodies & Polo Tops



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



“Where did the last twelve months go?”

The school year is almost over. But before you and your child get too far into holiday mode, consider how you'll round out the year and bring it to a close. Children of all ages benefit from evaluating their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year: Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. Ask kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered.

Celebrate improvement and success: Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It's important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

Show appreciation: Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

Look forward: It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn't like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn't end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

Now relax: It's time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn't one of your child's best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it's a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year! Michael Grose

Andrea Garwood - Classroom and Specialist teacher

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 _____

