

Wednesday, 8th February
Issue No 2

Dear Parents / Guardians

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the late correspondence home to families about yesterday's Curriculum Day. I understand that this put some families under pressure to access childcare and other alternatives for this date and for this I apologise. In the future there will be ample information sent home in relation to Curriculum Days.

Parent Portal

The **Hillsmeade Parent Portal** is now active. Families should receive their log in details in the mail this week and be able to access important information about Hillsmeade and your children. The portal will allow parents to communicate directly with the school and class teacher. Further information regarding the functions of the portal will be included with the portal letter. If you have any other questions please contact your class teacher or contact the office.

Curriculum Day Professional Learning

This year, a key focus for Hillsmeade is to improve the quality and teaching of student writing by developing a consistent pedagogy from Prep to Year 6. At our Curriculum Day on Tuesday 7th February, all staff participated in rich and engaging professional learning with Deb Sukarna, a renowned leader in literacy and education. Staff built their knowledge of the 'Writer's Workshop' and the importance of classroom practise in developing creative, strategic and independent writers. Our PLT Leaders will continue to work with Deb Sukarna throughout the year, whilst driving ongoing professional learning within their teams to improve the teaching and learning of writing at Hillsmeade.

Sarah Smith Acting Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning.



Technology at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Primary School is committed to providing opportunities for students to access ICT in support of their learning. Our school Technician Alan Carter has been working hard to redistribute our current and new devices out to classes. Over the next two weeks classes will be resourced with 6 ipads and 6 netbooks per class. These devices will support students in accessing, rich, purposeful and engaging learning opportunities.

Students who have purchased devices through our school BYOD program will begin receiving their notebook in the next two weeks.

School Banking

A reminder that school banking will resume next week on the normal school banking day **TUESDAY**. Thankyou to Gill Mouette and Natalie Hale who have kindly volunteered to oversee this.

Kinder 2017

The Hillsmeade ELC has made a great start to 2017 with 85 kinder students starting in 4 year old kinder this year. The students have made a wonderful start and we look forward to seeing them at Hillsmeade events this year.

OSHC

A reminder to families that the Hillsmeade Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) is currently at full capacity with a waiting list. If you have any questions in relation to this service, please contact Shiona Watson or Angela Nixon at the ELC on 9704 6313.

Congratulations

Congratulations and big well done to our school captains Annabel Christian and Tom James-Medhurst who conducted last week's whole school assembly with confidence and pride. We look forward to seeing you and your student leadership team supporting the students and the school throughout the year. Also, a huge congratulations to the 2017 Preps who also attended their first assembly. You all did an amazing job.

Jodie Bray
Acting Principal

February

10th

Prep Photos

15th

NO PREPS Required at school

17th

Assembly 2:45

School Swim Trials

22nd

NO PREPS Required at school

24th

School Elective Program

27th

District Inter-School Swimming

MARCH

3rd

Assembly 2:45

10th

School elective program

17th

Assembly 2:45

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 great first week back at school.

The Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee would like to announce that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on: Wednesday 15th February 2017 at 9.15am

All positions of the committee are up for re selection and we welcome everyone who is interested to please attend.

You can put your hand up for a position, join the general/helping committee or pop in to see what it is all about.

We would also like to thank Mrs Jodie Bray our Acting Principal and Mr Stewart Johnson our School Council President for attending this 2017 meeting.

After our AGM, the new 2017 HFC committee will sit for its first meeting to organise this year's events.

Have a great week
Inez - HFC President

CANTEEN

Monday/Wednesday Special

In addition to the specials on the menu, we are also offering the following:

Pizza or Pasta and a drink (please specify) \$6.00

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



NOTICES SENT HOME

- Grade 6 Top Order Forms
- Canteen Volunteer Form
- Peters Drumstick Fundraiser
- CSEF Reminder
- Getting To Know Hillsmeade Expo

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is back!

Starting 14/2/17

Every Tuesday from 8.15am-8.40am in the library!

Dear Families,

Your personal letter to register for access to the Hillsmeade School Parent Portal was posted to your home address as listed in our records yesterday and should arrive in the next few days.

Once registered you will be able to login to the school portal with the unique access key provided in the letter.

Please check for this in your mail or post box. If you have not received your letter within a week please contact the school.

GRADE 6 CAMP DEPOSIT REMINDER

Reminder to all grade 6 students intending on going to camp this year. The camp deposit is due on February 14th. Payment options have been set up on Qkr!

Preferred Payment Method



Getting to know

HILLSMEADE

EXPO

A welcome from
our Principal

Hillsmeade Vision
& Values

Interactive Stalls

Chat to our
friendly staff and
Student
Leadership Team

BBQ



Tuesday 21st February

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Come along for a fun and informative evening in the Hall, showcasing our school's vision & values, teaching & learning and community events .



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.

URGENT

A student has lost a pair of avengers glasses in a blue case, if found please return to the office.

Also please check your child has not lost glasses we have 4 pairs at the office.



School finishes at 3:30 each day and students are required to be picked up no later than 3:45.

Alkira Secondary College is looking for

HOME STAY FAMILIES

to host **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**



International students pay a homestay fee of \$270 per week, providing them with three nutritious meals a day, a bedroom of their own and general support like you would your own child. This placement is long term, from at least six months to one year plus.

Homestay providers (and all those living in the residence over 18 years old) must either have or be prepared to apply for a Working with Children's Card (obtained for free via Department of Justice).

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Carlyn Kang at Alkira Secondary College on Ph. 5991 3500 or via international@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au

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Welcome to

Book Club



Welcome to the first Issue of Book Club for the year. Reading is an important focus in our school and Book Club is one way to provide your child with enjoyable and quality books to enhance their reading experience.

For those of you that are new to Book Club, I will briefly explain about it. There are usually 2 issues given out in a term. The new catalogue covers all ages in one brochure. There is no obligation to purchase anything through Book Club. However, any purchases made through the school, will help the school earn valuable reading resources for the classrooms.

If you would like to purchase some books from this issue, there are 2 options.

1. LOOP This is the preferred option. (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. There is also a gift option on LOOP now.

2. Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or cash (which must be the correct amount).

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE STUDENTS NAME AND GRADE IS WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF EVERY ORDER FORM. ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THERE IS NO NAME ON THE ORDER FORM.

Fill out the order form, with the child's 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 name and grade as well. Please **do not** include any monies for other fundraising or school events in this envelope.

A How to fill out a Book Club Order Form and LOOP information sheet was sent home with last weeks Link.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

*For your information, it takes approximately **2 weeks**, after the order has been sent to Scholastic, (in Sydney), for the books to be delivered*