

1 MORE PRINTED LINK TO GO!

Wednesday, 8th March
Issue No 6

Dear Parents / Guardians,

What an exciting week we have had at Hillsmeade and a reminder to how quickly the term is going by. This week we are in week 6 with only nine weeks in this first term.

Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing Week.

Last week was our first staff mental health and wellbeing week. It was a great week of activities designed by Bonnie



Arbuckle and her team to promote the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing. Staff look forward to more events next term.

Congratulations to the ELC
Well done to Shiona Watson and her team at the Early Learning

Centre who were successful with an expression of interest to be involved in the 'Let's Count' program beginning Semester 1, 2017. This program is an initiative through the Andrews Labor Government in their commitment to making Victoria the Education State. The Education State is about giving every Victorian the opportunity to succeed in life, regardless of background, place or circumstance. It is well known that the first years of life are crucial to lifelong learning, wellbeing and success, and the Education State is focused on strengthening early childhood services for children and families. The Let's Count program is an important step in helping the State to reach its vision for early childhood services for children and families. To find out more please visit the below link.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/professionals/profdev/Pages/letscount.aspx>

Internationalising Schools

On Monday the 6th of March, Mrs Bray, Miss Wells and I attended a professional learning day on **building globally ready students and internationally minded schools**. The Victorian Curriculum outlines that Intercultural interactions have become a part of everyday life in our increasingly multicultural and globalised world. Developing Intercultural knowledge, skills and understandings is an essential part of living with others in the diverse world of the twenty-first century.

Teachers at Hillsmeade are required to deliver the Intercultural capability curriculum to students in the classroom, to assist young people in becoming responsible local and global citizens, equipped for living and working together in an interconnected world.

What does it mean to be globally ready?

A globally ready student:

- has the ability to get along with people who do not share the same cultural commitments and beliefs
- is reflective and has the capacity to recognise that there are other legitimate ways to see the world
- has a deep knowledge of the world
- is curious about global affairs and history
- speaks two or more languages
- is competent in diverse settings and can engage with different beliefs and cultures in meaningful and purposeful ways
- recognises and minimises religious or ethnic prejudices
- is skilled in interpreting, negotiating and managing conflict

Miss Sarah Smith

Acting Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning

What defines positive mental health?

The following attributes have been found to be important for good mental health

- Positive emotions: all things considered, how happy do I feel?
- Engagement: taking an interest in your work and activities
- Relationships: having people in your life that you care for and who care about you
- Meaning and purpose: feeling that what you do in life is valuable and worthwhile
- Accomplishment: feeling that what you do gives you a sense of accomplishment and makes you feel competent
- Emotional stability: feeling calm and peaceful
- Optimism: feeling positive about your life and your future
- Resilience: being able to bounce back in the face of adversity
- Self-esteem: feeling positive about yourself
- Vitality: feeling energetic



Running Club

It was fantastic to see nearly sixty Hillsmeade students, ELC children, and staff on Friday morning! We all enjoyed running, walking, and enjoying each other's company. We look forward to seeing even more people over the next few weeks on Wednesday and Friday mornings! Also, keep an eye out for the special events that will be coming soon. Mrs Pilarinos and Mrs Kett.

Just a reminder that this Friday the 10th of March we have our **Senior House Sports Cross Country**. This event involves students in **years 3 – 6**. Please remind these students to come to school on Friday in comfortable clothes and running shoes. The cross-country races will begin at 9:30am on the soccer oval. We welcome parents to attend this event.

Dogs on the school grounds

A reminder that there are to be no dogs on the school grounds during the hours of 8am – 4:30pm. Have a wonderful long-weekend. A reminder that the school will be closed Monday the 13th of March as it is Labour Day.

Jodie Bray
Acting Principal



- 9th**
Prep Family Picnic 5-6pm
- 10th**
School elective program
Senior cross country
- 14th-16th**
Bullying & Cyberbullying Incursion
Grade 4-6
- 17th**
Assembly 2:45
Survivor Day
- 21st**
Harmony Day
- 23rd**
Free Dress for a Donation Day
- 24th**
Grade 5/6 Grand Prix Excursion
- 31st**
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

This week we are handing out our Easter Raffle Tickets (The Pink Page).
 Each ticket is \$1 and again we have awesome prizes on offer.
 Our Free Dress Day, to bring your donation, will be held on Thursday 23rd March.
 Thankyou to everyone for supporting our fundraising committee.
 Have an amazing week ahead.
 Inez - HFC President 2017



The Link
 Hillsmeade Primary School
 Growing and Learning Together

The Hillsmeade Newsletter is going Paperless

Our last printed newsletter will be on Wednesday the 15th March.
 The newsletter will be uploaded and available on the Parent Portal each week

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

We ask parents not to bring dogs onto the school grounds before 4:30pm during school days. There has been a growing number of dogs being brought onto school grounds during school hours and there has been reports of students being harassed and injured as a result of contact with dogs.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

We ask that you respect this request and regard the safety of Hillsmeade students.

Hillsmeade School Portal

We currently have 60% of families active on the Hillsmeade School Portal. The Portal allows parents to access the weekly school newsletter, student learning plans and communicate with the class teacher. If you require another copy of the registration letter these can be provided by the school office.

Hillsmeade Heroes

Ana Istratoaie	Kehan Jayasekara	Sana Mohebzadah	
Sebastian Thompson	Lakeisha Martin	Guneet Kaur	
Natalie Bartuccio	Hamed Naimyar	Theodore Eliadis	
Daniel Mai	Cody Scott	Huda Majid	
Allen Kang	Rayhanah Ahmadi	Shae Lewis	
Taliyah Nguyen	Casandra Istratoaie	Alisina Alizada	
Michael Tantra	Owen Hicklin	Julianna Rentero	
Aisha Ashory	Deegan Canty	Sam Mouette	
Alex Jensen	Owen Dekoning	Alex Poussard	
Jacob Adler	Jaide Davis	Tyler Mackernes	
Jack Liberts	Noori Ali	Maddocks	
Lina Jovchevsha	Brandon Melville	Hassan Mohammadi	
Kemala Masson	Mandy Wong	Eshjot Kaur	

BERWICK SHOW ART DISPLAY



The Berwick Show was on Saturday the 25th and Sunday 26th February. Hillsmeade Primary School produced the above display to show the community some of the fantastic artwork produced by our talented artists. I would like to congratulate all the students who had their artwork on display. We received a Merit certificate, in recognition of our valuable contribution to the Berwick Show Art Display and Encouragement award, ribbon.



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.

Reminder!

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



Welcome to

Book Club



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 TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH. 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

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NOTICES DUE BACK

- Parent Helpers Workshop
- Grade 5 & 6 Grand Prix Due 17th March

NOTICES SENT HOME

- School Interviews
- Easter Raffle Tickets
- Grade 6 Homework Notice



Out of School Hours Care

Dear Families,

Please let us know on the tear off slip below what days you would like to book for our April Vacation Care Program by Wednesday the 29th March. Please note numbers are limited to a maximum of 30 children. As per fee policy, if you do not notify your child's absence, fees will be charged.

Hours of operation

7:00am-6:30pm

What we provide

Breakfast until 8:00am (selection of cereal and toast)
 Afternoon tea at 3:30pm (assortment of fruit, dip, crackers, muffins)

What to bring

Morning tea & lunch
 Sunsmart hat & sunscreen

Pricing

\$50 per day

BOOKINGS ARE NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM ELC ADMIN

**** RETURN THE BOTTOM SLIP TO OSHC OR ELC ADMIN BY THE 29TH of March 2017**

HILLSMEADE HOLIDAY PROGRAM APRIL 3RD- 13TH

MONDAY 3 RD APRIL	TUESDAY 4 TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 5 TH APRIL	THURSDAY 6 TH APRIL	FRIDAY 7 TH APRIL
BACON AND EGGS FOR BREAKFAST	CRAZY FORTES	WOODWORK INCURSION	IRON ON BEADS	MAKING COLOURFUL FLOWERS
MAKING PLAYDOUGH	SOAP FLAKE SLIME	MAKING A PADDLE BOAT (10AM)	BUBBLE PRINTING	PAPER MACHE
TALENT SHOW	BOX CONSTRUCTION	PAINTING YOUR BOAT	CLOUD DOUGH	FROGS IN A POND
PLANTING SEEDS	DECORATING BISCUITS	MAKING HONEY JOYS	MAKING CHOC BALLS	WATER BEADS
OUTDOOR PLAY (WEATHER PERMITTING)				
MONDAY 10 TH APRIL	TUESDAY 11 TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 12 TH APRIL	THURSDAY 13 TH APRIL	FRIDAY 14 TH APRIL
MAKING EASTER BASKETS	PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST	FIREWORKS IN A JAR	EASTER EGG HUNT/ EASTER ACTIVITIES	CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY
GELI BAFF (Sensory Play)	PAINTING PLASTER MOULDS	STICKY TAPE PAINTING	PASS THE PARCEL AND OTHER PARTY GAMES	
CRAZY FORTES	WII JUST DANCE	POM POM BUNNIES AND CHICKS	SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR LUNCH	
MAKING MILK SHAKES	MAKING MUFFINS	MOVIE AND POP CORN (G Rated)		
HOT X BUNS				
OUTDOOR PLAY (WEATHER PERMITTING)				

Child's Name _____

Mon 3rd
 Tues 4th
 Wed 5th
 Thurs 6th
 Friday 7th
 Mon 10th
 Tues 11th
 Wed 12th
 Thurs 13th

CLOSED FRIDAY THE 14TH APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR ELECTRONICS, (CHILDS RESPONSIBILITY) SCOOTERS AND BIKES EVERYDAY (HELMET REQUIRED), WEATHER DEPENDING FOR USE OF SCOOTERS AND BIKES.