

LAST PRINTED LINK!

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Issue No 7

Dear Parents / Guardians,

School Council Results

Congratulations to the newly elected school council members Stewart Johnson, Brooke Gniel, Natalie Hale, Meagan Shields and Kelly Suhr. I look forward to our first meeting. Thank you again to Stephen Alter for nominating and to all families that voted.

Senior House Sports Cross Country

On Friday the 10th of March we had our Senior House Sports Cross Country involving our year 4-6 students. It was a beautiful day in which our Hillsmeade students participated competitively in the event. Thank you to Kate Pollock and Ahmad Chazbek for coordinating such a wonderful event for our students. Also, big thanks to all of the parent volunteers and teachers who helped marshal and support the event. We wish our top ten placed students luck at the next level of competition.



Congratulations

Big congratulations to Dimple Bhardwaj who was successful in her application into the WISE Changemaker Program 2017, 'Preparing Future Leaders in STEM through Teacher-led Innovation.' This is a highly sought after program that involved more than 100 applications. Dimple was one of only 30 participants selected. This professional learning opportunity comes at no cost to the school and includes available funding grants to support innovation through STEM at Hillsmeade. To find out more visit <http://www.educationchangemakers.com/>. Well done Dimple.

Fingers crossed for the ELC

In continuing our school's vision of innovation, Assistant Principal Shiona Watson has submitted an expression of interest to be involved in a pilot program for Early Learning STEM Australia (ELSA). This is a play-based digital learning program for children in preschool to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). To find out more, please visit <https://elsa.edu.au/>

Early Bird Reader's Club

Reading club has started well. Some students are on their way to receiving their first certificate for participation! Remember you will receive your first certificate based on showing persistence and commitment to the Reading Club for your first 4 sessions. Once you have completed your first certificate, you will be awarded a certificate every time you reach 60 minutes of reading! Come along, bring your reader or other book or browse in the library. See you on Monday and Wednesday in the library for Early Bird Reading Club. Amelia Petersen and Nowella Ahlgren

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir meet every Friday for a one hour rehearsal from 12.30-1.30pm. The choir comprises of approximately 90 students from Grade 2 & Grade 3 who are working on developing vocal skills, teamwork, confidence and stage presence. Currently we are working on a song to perform at the end of term assembly. Lisa Scott



International Women's Day Professional Learning

On Wednesday 8th March, our school's female leaders attended a twilight event at The Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership. The theme was 'Be Bold for Change' and featured women whose achievements and leadership inspired positive change in schools, communities and lives. This was a wonderful opportunity to gather with colleagues and celebrate our leaders in education. Sarah Smith
Acting Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning

Prep Picnic

On Thursday 9th March, our Prep families met on the school oval for an early evening picnic. We enjoyed some snacks, had fun playing with sports equipment and welcomed the opportunity to get to know others in the Hillsmeade community! Sarah Smith



Thank you to the HFC volunteers

As some of you may already know, we had some damage to our school over the long weekend. The damage included a trolley fire on the basketball courts and many broken windows to the HFC room and soccer room. On Saturday evening, HFC president Inez Crowe was contacted. Inez and her wonderful HFC volunteers all dropped what they were doing to come and move Mother's Day stall sale items from the HFC room into the main building (due to the room not being safe). Thank you very much to all the helpers who assisted with this.

Assembly

A reminder that we have a whole school assembly this Friday the 17th of March at 2:45pm in the gym. The grade 2 students will be performing a fantastic song. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jodie Bray
Acting Principal



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

Easter Raffle - Morning Assembly

Last Day Term 1

2:30 Finish



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

LOOK WHAT'S GOING

Think big, dream big

A BIG reminder to sell your Easter Raffle tickets this week, to win awesome prizes. This year the HFC are aiming for a minimum of 70 prizes and the raffle will be announced on the last day of school at a special Easter Raffle assembly. Remember to wear your bunny ears!

We have started organising our Christmas Twilight Carols for this year (Yes, I know - already). We are asking our school community to save "glass jars" for our "pick a jar" game. If you can start saving and when ready, send them into the HFC room or the school office, it will be much appreciated.

Last of all, on a sad note, our beautiful HFC room, school windows and basketball court were vandalised over the long weekend. I would like to express a BIG POSITIVE THANKYOU to our Acting Principle Jodie Bray and her family, Kerry Lee Jenkins and Chelsea, Natalie Hale and Family, Erica, Nathan, Kellie Suhr, Gill Mouette, Geoff Shields, Marchelle Jenkin, Cassie, Sue Causon, Stacey Ware, Bianca and Family and Bronwyn for your swift arrival at school to help sort everything out. We are so appreciative and thankful that we have amazing community members on hand to help in a crisis.

Easter

May your week be beautiful.
Inez - HFC President 2017



Survivor Day

This Friday 17th March is Survivor Day. Student's have been working really hard in class on songs, dances and building their skills as a team. Students are allowed to wear colour/team shirts and are advised to bring a change of clothes as there may be water in the obstacle course.

In the afternoon, at the whole school assembly beginning at 2:45pm, we will be awarding certificates to the winning teams! There will also be the presentation of the 'Baton' to the 2017 overall winning Survivor Day team.

Please Note - hot cross bun orders will be delivered to classrooms in lunch order baskets at **lunch time** on each year levels specified day.



HILLSMEADE'S RUNNING CLUB!

Do you want to run off some extra energy, be healthy, have fun, and meet new people? Then Hillsmeade's Running Club is the place for you.

Come and meet us at the school oval outside Mr. Cardamone's room to sign in, run some laps around the track and enjoy!

Don't forget to wear your runners!
Mrs Kett and Mrs Pilarinos

WHY?

- BE HEALTHY
- RUN OFF THAT EXTRA ENERGY
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- CHALLENGE YOURSELF
- SET AND ACHIEVE GOALS

When:

Wednesdays and Fridays

Time:

8:15-8:45am

Where The Library

When Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15am to 8:45am

HILLSMEADE READING CLUB!

An opportunity for you to come to a comfortable place to read before school with friends, buddies and teachers.

We hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Mrs Ahlgren, Mrs Porter and Miss Petersen



Why

to take a chance to practice and enjoy reading in a supportive and encouraging environment.



HILLSMEADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Tuesday the 21st of March

Celebrating Hillsmeade's diverse community. Hillsmeade Primary invites students and teachers to wear traditional clothing which reflects your family background/identity or the colours in your national flag. Special assembly in the hall at 2:45. All welcome!



NOTICES DUE BACK

- Grade 5 & 6 Grand Prix Due 17th March

NOTICES SENT HOME

- Student leadership excursion (selected students)
- Survivor Day

Elective Program

Hillsmeade students attend electives on Friday afternoons. If parents could avoid picking students up during the elective time after lunch on Fridays, as they will all be in different class rooms.

Read All About It!

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Lunchtime Library Borrowing

Great news, when Term 2 commences the library will be open during Tuesday lunchtimes for borrowing. Return books, borrow books or drop in and read up a storm.

Grade 6 Canberra Camp

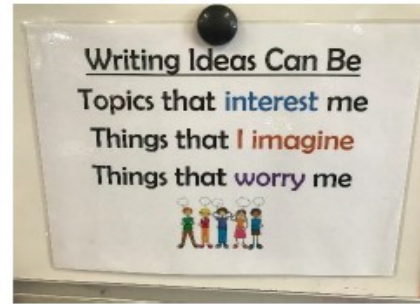
Please remember these are the suggested Canberra Camp instalments
Camp Deposit of \$80 is due

Second instalment of \$100 is due on the 17th March.

The total amount (\$580) must be paid in full before Friday 11th of August
Any concerns please contact Laura Black or Julie Hale regarding payment options.

Learning in Grade 3

Writer's Workshop: 'Writing is thinking!'



Singing in Assembly



Health



Me Box



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.

Qkr! with MasterPass

For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email, if required.

Canteen

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Treating and controlling headlice health

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice
Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.
Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).
People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.
Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Head lice eggs
If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated. If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice
Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

- Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product.
- Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'Finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.
Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.
Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

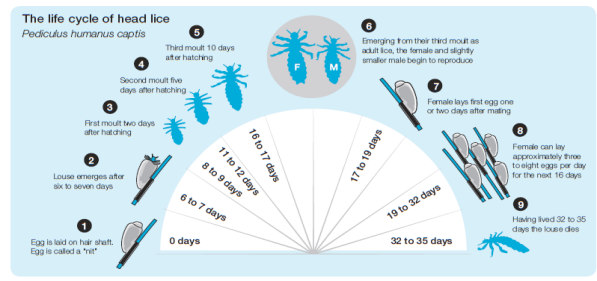
Testing resistance
Head lice products belong in one of the following categories depending on the active compound they contain:

- pyrethrin
- synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin, bioallethrin)
- organophosphates (malathion or malathion)
- herbal with or without natural (non-chemical) pyrethrin.

Insecticide resistance is common, so you should test if lice are dead. If they are, treat again in seven days using the same product. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice may be resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Wash off the product and treat as soon as possible using a product containing a different active compound. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

Any head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months old and people with allergies, asthma or open wounds on the scalp. If you are unsure, please check with your pharmacist or doctor.

Head lice combs
Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.



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MARCH 23 BOSS BABY (B)

MARCH 23 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (PG)

MARCH 23 POWER RANGERS (GTC)

MARCH 30 SMURFS THE LOST VILLAGE (B)

MARCH 30 THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE (PG)

APRIL 25 GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2 (GTC)

MAY 4 A DOG'S PURPOSE (GTC)

JUNE 22 DESPICABLE ME 3 (GTC)

SESSIONS AT WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU
Information correct at time of printing. All dates and films are subject to change.

Reminder!

If your child brings a lunch order to school they will still need something to eat at snack.

Reminder!

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

NO DOGS ALLOWED

We ask parents not to bring dogs onto the school grounds before 4:30pm during school days. There have been a growing number of dogs being brought onto school grounds during school hours and there have been reports of students being harassed and injured as a result of contact with dogs. We ask that you respect this request and regard the safety of Hillsmeade students.

entertainment

Entertainment Books 2017.
The 2017 Entertainment Book is coming!! Pre order before March 27th and get bonus coupons!
Delivery at beginning of Term 2 and you can start using your book immediately. Cost \$70
<http://www.entbook.com.au/189q056>
To order online

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 classroom).

Preferred Payment Method

Qkr! by MasterCard

As part of community involvement with the 2017 Casey Kids Carnival to be held on Saturday 25 March 2017, we are inviting children to complete the colouring-in sheet to go in the draw to win some great prizes!

Entries also have the chance to be displayed at the event at the City of Casey marquee. colouring-in sheet available from the office.

City of Casey