

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy week 9 of Term 1. What an exciting first term we have had at Hillsmeade. It has been a great beginning to 2017 with students settled well in classes and actively involved in their learning journey.

Year 5/6 Grand Prix Experience

<http://www.grandprix.com.au/event/zones/legends-lane/innovation-precinct>

On Friday the 24th of March the Year 5/6 students attended the Melbourne Grand Prix. Below is a report prepared by student leaders Joel and Matt.



Last Friday the year 5 and 6 students went to the Grand Prix in the city. There were a lot of amazing activities for the students to participate in and experience. Some of the activities included: BMX stunts, bajaboarders, old car exhibits and a police booze station. There was great free stuff on offer, fast, loud cars to see and design challenges for us to complete.

Thank you to Miss Toni Barker for organising and to all the teachers and staff who attended.

Joel and Matt

Student Leaders



'Imagination' Youth Leadership Event

<http://www.halogen.org.au/index.php>

On Monday the 27th of March the Year 6 student leaders attended the Imagination Youth Leaders event with Mr Moore, Mrs Scott and myself. Below is a report on the event from school captains Tom and Annabel.

On Monday the 27th of March the student leaders attended the Halogen Youth Leaders event. The train transported us there and back. When we arrived we had the opportunity to hear many presenters share how they had faced their fears and not given up on their dreams. We were told that no matter how many people say you can't do it, you can always try. The presenters for the day were:

Sam Skinner (CEO Halogen) <http://www.classroomtocareer.org.au/curator/sam-sk...>

Judith Graley (local MP Narre Warren South) <http://www.judithgraley.com.au/>

Anirudh Kathirvel (student) <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/news/spelling-b...>

Jade Hameister (student) <http://www.jadehameister.com/>

Matt Cosgrove (author) <https://www.mattcosgrovebooks.com/>

Josh Richards (potential man on Mars) <http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2014/10/02/409...>

The presenters were engaging and exciting. The message for all of the young leaders was 'together we can'. Overall the day was exciting and a great success and we are sure that all the leaders enjoyed it and learned something new.

Tom and Annabel

School Captains



Host Families

Alkira Secondary College is **urgently** seeking **20 host families** for 26 visiting Chinese students and three teachers from **Changzhou Foreign Language School** and **Nantong Qixiu Middle School** during the time-period; Sunday 23rd July - Sunday 30th July, 2017. It is a unique opportunity for families to provide overseas visitors with some Aussie hospitality and will be a memorable experience for everyone involved.

As a local family hosting an international student, you will have the chance to:

1. Learn about other cultures, customs and traditions.
2. Make lifelong friendships with your student and their family;
3. Participate in activities and meet other host families.

Families can host one or two students, depending on numbers. Students range from Year 7-9. **Payment of \$250 per student** is provided to cover the cost of lodging and food for the international student. It is also expected that families organise some activities over the course of the week to showcase Melbourne / Australia, such as attending a footy match or a visit to Healesville Sanctuary.

If you are interested, Please contact Paul Looker (Assistant Principal) at Alkira SC asap via email to express your interest. alkira.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

UNSW ICAS Testing

A reminder that this year Grade 2 – 6 students have the opportunity to participate in the University of New South Wales ICAS testing in the areas of Writing, Reading and Mathematics. Thank you to Dimple Bhardwaj for again coordinating this for the students at Hillsmeade. If you require any further information please contact the office.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to students and parents who attended this week's parent teacher interviews. Also, a big thank you to teachers who committed to interview times and phone calls to promote communication between school and home. We are all partnered together to ensure the students of Hillsmeade Primary learn and grow together.

Reminders

A reminder that we have 2 assemblies on Friday. At 9:31am Friday we have our exciting HFC Easter Raffle assembly. Then at 1:45pm we have our final whole school assembly for Term 1. We would love to see parents and carers in attendance.

Jodie Bray
Acting Principal

Friday March 31st Last Day Term 1 2:30 Finish



27th-29th

Parent Teacher Interviews

30th

Prep Responsible pet ownership Incursion

31st

Easter Raffle - Morning Assembly

1:45pm Assembly

Junior & progressive choir item

Last Day Term 1

2:30 Finish



18th

First day Term 2

24th

ANZAC ceremony

25th

ANZAC Day NO 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

It's the last week of school and the highlight for Term 1 is our Easter Raffle.
A special morning assembly will be held at 9:15am on Friday morning to see who will win our amazing prizes.

Thankyou to our school community for all your donations as well as:
Teepee Sleepovers, Baker's Delight Casey Central, LJ Hooker Narre Warren South, Gloria Jeans Food Court Westfield and Lunar Drive In Dandenong.

Last of all the HFC room will be open from 2pm -3pm on Friday 31st March for collections of pre ordered Hot Cross Bun packs.
As a SPECIAL for the last day we will also be selling Drumsticks (variety of flavours), Zooper Doopers and Holders in the HFC room.

Hope to see you at assembly and have a super safe holiday break.



NOTICES DUE BACK

- Grade 4 Camp Parent consent Due 26th March
- Grade 4 Camp Parent expression of interest Due 26th March

Elective Program

Hillsmeade students attend electives on Friday afternoons. Could parents please avoid picking students up during the elective time after lunch on Fridays, as they will all be in different classrooms.

Breakfast Club

No Breakfast club this week!
Breakfast club will start back week 2 Term 2.

Hillsmeade Primary School is delighted to advise that the Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee has been nominated for a 2017 Casey Volunteer Award. These awards celebrate individuals, groups and organisations that have contributed significantly to the Casey community or have had a positive impact on the quality of life of Casey residents through their volunteering efforts.

The 2017 Casey Volunteer Awards will be held on the evening of Friday 12th May 2017.

Congratulations to our hard working team of HFC volunteers on receiving the recognition for their contribution to our school community.

Digital Technology Update

In 2017 Hillsmeade has continued to develop our digital technology resources. Currently, each classroom P-4 is equipped with 3 x notebooks and 6 x IPADs. The 5/6 classrooms are equipped with 6 x notebooks and 6 x IPADs.

In Term 2 we will be rolling out an additional 3 x notebooks per P-4 classroom.

This complements our Year 5/6 Managed Laptop Program that provides opportunities for students in the senior school to purchase their own device through the school supplier.

All classrooms are now equipped with Apple TVs that allow the wireless interaction between the classroom TV and the IPADs.

The school is currently in the process of upgrading our current cabling system to the classroom portables with fibre optical cabling that will further improve our IT infrastructure.

The education department has also committed funds to all schools in Victoria to further enhance the Wi-Fi capabilities in schools. This funding will be in the form of supplying additional wireless access points that will be installed in classrooms.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence 17th March 2017



Harmony Day 21st March 2017



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.



Would you like to join a Soccer Team?

SOCCER PLAYERS



WANTED FOR SEASON

Narre Warren South Soccer Club



Is non for profit Soccer Club established in 2015 by volunteers and parents. Currently we have 4 junior teams registered with FFV and 2 senior team registered with Bayside FA.

Our aim is to assist those families who cannot afford the high fee of other clubs.



2017

IF INTERESTED IN JOINING COME FOR A SESSION ON EITHER MONDAYS or WEDNESDAYS from 6pm - 8pm

Contact us on: **0421 870 799**

0420 635 235



Our Home Ground is:

The Promenade,

Narre Warren South VIC 3805

NEW WINTER SEASON STARTING SOON! BASKETBALL · INDOOR SOCCER · NETBALL



JUNIOR & SENIOR



BASKETBALL AND INDOOR SOCCER CAMPS THESE COMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

CALL - (03) 8786 7892 - OR VISIT - WWW.BERWICKINDOORSPORTS.COM

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.



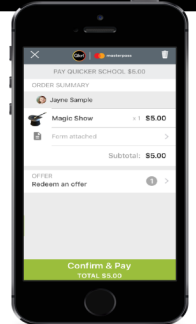
TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I complete my payment after submitting a form?

A. Some activities have electronic forms attached that need to be completed prior to making the payment for the item. It is important to ensure that after you complete the form, you also complete the payment step.

To complete a form and the payment:

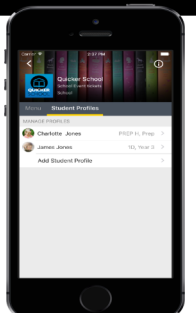
1. Open Qkr!
2. Select the activity that you are purchasing and 'Add to cart'.
3. Tap 'OK' when prompted for additional information.
4. Enter your Qkr password to sign in to the form then complete the information as required. Fields with a red asterisk (*) are mandatory to be completed.
5. Sign the form if required and tap Next or Submit when complete to add the activity and form to the cart.
6. Tap Checkout at the bottom of the screen to display your order summary showing that there is a form attached.
7. Tap 'Confirm & Pay' and submit the payment.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. Can two parents set up an account for the same student?

A. Qkr! offers the ability for two parents to set up accounts for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.



Picking up Students during recess, lunch & afterschool

If you are planning on picking your child up from school in between 11-11:30am or 1:30-2:30pm, please let the office staff or teacher know so we can have your child and their bags waiting in the office. While the kids are outside, it is hard for them to hear all of the announcements and our teachers lock the classrooms during recess and lunch so it can make collecting school bags difficult. After school if you are running late please call the office before 3:20pm so we can call your child to the office and have them wait with us. **Please remember school finishes at 3:30pm each day and your child is required to be picked up no later than 3:45pm.**



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.



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



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>



HILLSMEADE READING CLUB! Where The Library
When Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15am to 8:45am



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