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Wednesday, 26th July

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School Photo envelopes have been sent home. They need to be given to the photographer

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Link Advertising

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 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. Our teachers also 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.**

on photo day, Wednesday August 9th. <u>Please do</u> not send envelopes to the office.

NOTICES INFORMATION

- Photo Envelopes Sent Home
- Grade Prep & 1 Swimming
- Grade 2,3 & 6 MPOWER GIRLS Notice
 - Grade 4 Camp Payment Reminder

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.



steade Primary,

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The first week of Term 3 went by very quickly. It was an action packed week, with a Year 2 Science Incursion, new electives and a lot of rain. This term we welcome Rachel Oates as the new teacher in Year 5E.

Professional Learning

Last Wednesday evening and Thursday, Jodie Bray and Jess Szalek attended an amazing professional learning opportunity about disrupting mathematics in schools as presented by Conrad Wolfram, a renowned mathematician and technologist. These sessions shared information and research on advancing maths education for the future, how computers have changed the face of mathematics and defining the mathematical knowledge needed in a technological world. Conrad gave us a tutorial of computer based math modules, using his four-step process to Define, Translate, Computate and Interpret; and how to implement coding through mathematics to promote logical thinking in everyday living. The Department of Education has invested in these resources to support teachers and students and we are very excited to explore them further at Hillsmeade. Jess Szalek

100 Days of Prep

This Friday 28th July, our Prep students will be celebrating their **100th Day of School!** What a fantastic achievement! On this special occasion, students will be participating in a range of fun learning experiences connected to the number 100. Students have also been given a zip lock bag to take home and collect 100 items that will fit inside. It will be interesting to see what '100' can look like in different ways and we look forward to students sharing their creativity. Our Preps have been counting the days all year on a special chart and are very excited to reach 100!



Electives at Hillsmeade

On Friday afternoon last week, all students were able to participate in an elective chosen by the students themselves. This was the first time we had the Preps join in on electives and everyone did a great job arriving at the right room and meeting new students and teachers from across the school. The junior electives on offer include digital-learning, circus skills, gym for kids, book making, mindful colouring and traditional Aboriginal games. Keep an eye out in future Links for photos of what the individual electives are getting up to.





If you have any special skills as a parent and would like to help with electives, please come and speak to Carmen Collins. We would be very grateful for your assistance.

Carmen Collins

SENIOR ELECTIVES

Last Friday afternoon kicked off our second semester of electives for students in years 3-6. This program provides an excellent opportunity for students to build relationships across year levels and participate in fun, curriculum based activities that promote our I-RESPECT values. Some of the senior electives on offer include a variety of sports,

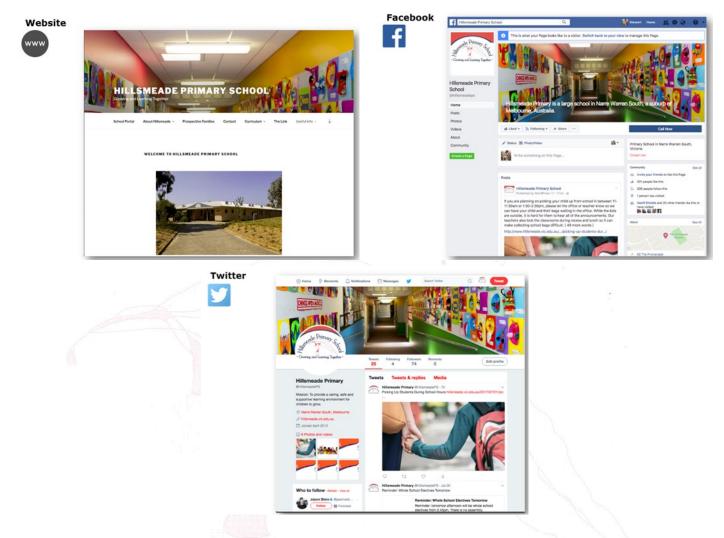
gardening, robotics, healthy cooking and mindful walking. Some students also have the opportunity to visit the residents of Casey Manor and assist in our Early Learning Centre, building relationships across the local community.

Jess Szalek



Get connected to Hillsmeade

Do you know about what is happening at Hillsmeade? Get connected by accessing important information about events by visiting our website: <u>http://www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au/</u> or following us on facebook, or twitter.



International Visitors

On Tuesday the 25th of July Hillsmeade Primary School hosted International students and teachers from Diocesan Boys' School

Division from Honk Kong. These students were visiting as part of a two week exchange and spent the day being part of our school.

The 20 visiting students were warmly welcomed by our school captains Annabel and Tom, as well as Mandarin captain Maddi. The students were led on a tour of our school and commented on the differences between our school and their six-storey school. We had many similarities between our schools, both with similar enrolment numbers, curriculum focus and student values.

The visiting teachers were amazed at how positive, friendly and courteaous the Hillsmeade students were in welcoming the visitors in to our classes and including them in activities at recess and lunch.

A big thank you to Maria Liu and Sally Wu for coordinating this opportunity across the school.





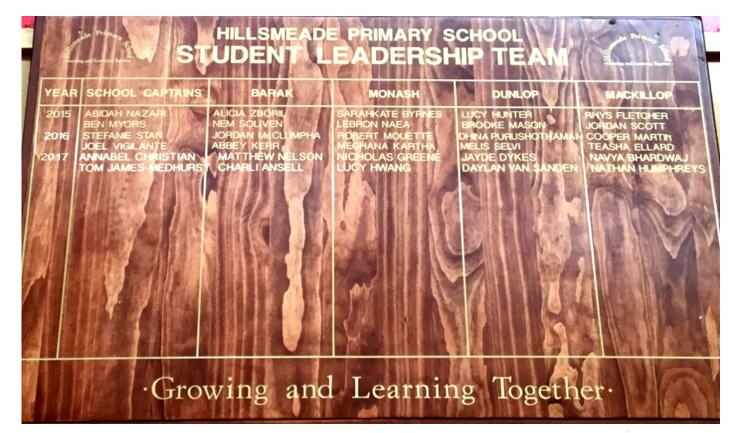
The New Music Room

This term we welcome the new, improved music room. Thank you to the HFC for being so supportive of the move and to Lisa Scott for accommodating the move. The music room looks fantastic with great available space for instruments to be accessible.

Student Leaders

This week we were excited to see the student leaders names added to the school honour board. The student leaders are a great support to the students and staff of Hillsmeade. We are excited to see their continued commitment in Semester 2.





Learners at Work

This week I saw some Grade 2 students out and about collaboratively solving some scavenger hunt maths problems. It was wonderful to see students engaging in rich discussions about ways to tackle problems. Students worked together to



search the school for possible answers.





Vacation Care

Students attending the holiday program got their hip hop on.



Positive Postcards

Hillsmeade Primary School is proud to be celebrating student achievement. This year we have been utilising Positive Postcards to send home to celebrate and share shining moments in students learning at school. The response from students has been fantastic. Keep your eye out for a Positive Postcard and take time to discuss and celebrate with your child.

Reminders

A reminder that this Friday there will be the whole school assembly starting at 2:45pm in the gym. There will be a special performance by the Yaer 3 students. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there.

Jodie Bray Principal



Engade Primary School Growing and Learning Together • carn learn This year Hillmeade Primary School is again registering to be part of the Earn and Learn Program. Previously this program has supported us in obtaining more resources to support curriculum areas in Literacy, Numeracy and Physical Education. Earn & Learn is on again If you shop at Woolworths it would be great if you could collect the stickers and either send them in to school or drop them in the Hillsmeade Primary School collection box located at Woolworths. Start collecting today Happy collecting! ര് Earn & Learn Woolworths is on again That's why earnx ത earn& learn Ó woolworths oarr \bigcirc It's easy to stick together The more you earn, the more they learn Earn & Learn works like this - if your school community woolworths sticks together and earns Woolworths Earn & Learn ear stickers, you can redeem these stickers for your choice You'll find enclosed: of educational resources. You'll the entropy of the terms of te Choose from thousands of educational resources Sheet X1 Everyyeer Ean & Learn gets bigger - last time, over 16,000 schools and early learning centres earned nearly 450,000 individual terms. stary warring conces earlied nearly 450,000 individual terms. This year, we're products say we're partnering ance again with Modern Teaching Ada – Australio's biggert supplem of feasures forschools. This means you can choose you resources based on your value reads. arass wategory positive induding Science, Sparts, Mathematics, English, and Arts and Crafts. MIC dern teaching aid What to do next: Byou haven't yet, register for Earn & Learn at **teaching.com.au**. Once you have – your school or early learning centre is ready to earn from 26 July 2017. Inform and en Intern and encourage your school community Be sure to encourage everyone to support your school or early learning centre by callecting stclers between Wednesday 26-July and Tussday 19 September 2017, Put up your school benner or posters enclosed, then use the templates for emailing and writing to parents at **teaching.com.o**u Anyone can help your school or early learning centre f, reighbour It's easy for your kids, parents, grandparents, sto anyone, to help your school or early learning cer nd absolutely Wrang to punk to very a straining Cert everyone a straining Ean & Learn straines need to be stuck on to Sticker Sheets like the ones enclosed. Download, punk and hand out Sticker Sheets that can be found at woolworths.com.ou/acmandlean (2) Here's how: at wookenths.com.au/earnandlean Putyour Doi: action Bax somewhere prominant Putyour Box somewhere prominant at your school or early learning centre to list everyon know where they should place their completed Sticker Sheets. Ask fore Collection Bax at your local Wood worths store Each Wookwaths store will have limited Baxes to get in early and visk your local Wookwaths at to claim a Bax. The Collection Baxes in store filtup fast, so local Wookwaths far and to claim a Bax. The Collection Baxes in store filtup fast, so storikard Wook and the far and the second store store to be and they give provide you'll meed to ensure to the enclosed 'Stoker Return Information Stoker() Nevel mure information? ዂ \$10 (3) = Shop Stick Give back Comptate Sticker She & Le \$10 a It's not too late to register your school Byour school or any learning center haarit registered yet – it's not too late. Juit way your unique Userneme and Pasward provided in the letter rent to your School Principal or Early Learning Center Director: Visit teaching.com.au and follow the instructions from three. Need mare information?
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Parent Opinion Survey 2017

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7**th **August** to **Sunday 27th August**.

Approximately 30% of families will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The random families selected will receive their parent opinion survey letter via Australia Post next week.

Survey language guides will be provided in a range of languages including Albanian, Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Filipino, Greek, Gujarati, Indonesian, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Malayalam, Pashto, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Sinhalese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish or Urdu.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September.

For further information, please contact the office or visit: <u>http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/</u> <u>management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx</u>

Yours sincerely,

Scott Clode

Assistant Principal



- Growing and Learning Together

THINK BIG

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone.

Please lock in these dates for our HFC events. Father's and Special Friends Stall will be held on Tuesday 29th August and the school DISCO will be held on Friday 8th September.

On Tuesdays the HFC are now selling Hot Chocolates and Zooper Doopers (both \$1 each) at lunchtime in The Canteen, our new selling place.

We are also asking for VOLUNTEERS to help with this weekly event. If you can offer 1, 2 or 3 Tuesdays a term please leave your name and phone number at the office so our co-coordinator May can call you. Please make sure you have a Working with Children Check ID.

We hope our school community is loving our latest project - The NEW Bike Area. If you haven't seen it, have a look its fantastic.

Thankyou to everyone for making this project possible.

Best wishes for the week ahead. Inez HFC President 2017



Hot Hot CHOCOLATE

Remember to LIKE our Hillsmeade Fundraising & Reminders page on FACEBOOK.





Grade 2 Science Incursion

Last week, the Grade 2's engaged in our first

incursion called 'Experimenting with Water' by Hands on Science.

We worked in small groups to conduct a number of easy experiments around testing, identifying and comparing water plus finding out about the Water Cycle.

We learnt words such as Evaporation, Precipitation and Condensation.



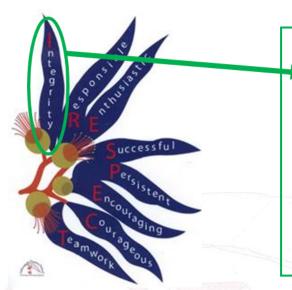








HILLSMEADE VALUES



Integrity

Integrity means doing the right thing at all times and in all circumstances. It takes the courage to do the right thing, no matter what the consequences will be. Building a reputation of integrity takes time, but it takes only a second to lose. So never allow yourself to ever do anything that would damage your integrity.

We can act with integrity by:

*Looking for the good in others

*Treating those around you with kindness *Showing respect *Admitting when you make a mistake *Always doing the right thing *Never making promises you can't keep

- When children make mistakes it provides a good learning opportunity. Talk with your child about the mistake and help them to make amends or fix the problem.
- Sometimes it is important to explain why we have to act in a certain way, not just expect a child to understand why.
- Peer pressure can make maintaining integrity very difficult. Help your child by getting to know their friends and encourage friendships with those who are a good influence.

Get your child to think about how they would respond to the following statements. 'When I know something is wrong I will...'

When I say I will do something I will...

'When someone asks me something I will ... '

'When I know something will hurt another person I ... '

Andrea Garwood – Classroom Teacher

Year 6 Canberra Camp

Please remember these are the suggested Canberra Camp instalments:

Sixth Instalment of \$100 was due on the 14th July. 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.







After a very successful Book Fair, Book Club is back!

Issue 5 brochure was given out last week. I hope you have had a chance to look through the brochure, which is packed with some very popular and exciting books. Some of the books are as low as \$2.00!

I was excited to see the new Nick Bland book, The Very Sleepy Bear; Do Not Open This Book by Andy Lee, which was very popular at the recent Bedtime Stories; and Aaron Blabey's Pig the Winner and Don't Call Me Bear, which are shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year awards.

When children read lots of books from different authors and genres, they get lots of ideas and different styles that will improve their own writing. I read in a local newspaper how a young student was so excited by the book she was reading, that she wanted to write a book and become an author!

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 STUDENT'S FULL 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.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST. 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. Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP





Growing and Learning Together

Read All About It! Read All About It!

Why

to take a chance to practice and enjoy reading in a

supportive and encouraging environment.



AEADE'S **NING CLUB!**

have fun, and meet new peo Then Hillsmeade's Running Club is the ace for you. Come and meet us at the school oval outside <u>Mr. Cardamone's room</u> to sign in, run some laps around the track and enjoy! Don't forget to w ear your runners Mrs Kett and Mrs Pilarinos

Wednesdays and Fridays Time

WHY?

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

HILLSMEADE

READING CLUB!

With the wet weather and plenty of puddles around, could parents please pack a spare set of clothes in your child's bag.



Enrolments for 2018

If you have a child you wish to attend Hillsmeade PS in 2018 please collect an enrolment form from the school office.



This week the Peer Support program has begun with the Grade 6 leaders working with the Grade 5 students. The program looks at Keeping Friends, focusing on friendship, building



relationships and developing skills in empathy and critical thinking. This week they set a group agreement and begun to think about the characteristics of a good friend.

ACHIEVE GOALS When

8:15-8:45am

Preferred Payment Method

Canteen Specials

2017 Term 3



Orders to be in NO later than 9:30am.

CLOSED TUESDAYS

Clearly write Name and Grade with your order on your bag, or envelope. Alternatively you can view and order everything on our Qkr! App.

Please remember an extra 10c in your order if you DON'T have a brown paper bag.

Canteen Reminders

Term 3 canteen menus have been sent home.

All frozen fruit, ice-creams & slushies need to be collected from the canteen at lunch time (they will not be delivered to the classroom).



Drink Bottles

Please ensure you name your child's drink bottles.

We have a large number of unnamed drink bottles in lost property.



Breakfast Club is back Tuesdays 8:15-8:40

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.

NO DOGS ALLOWED We ask that you respect this request and regard the safety of Hillsmeade students.



Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.

2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

- 1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
- 2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
- 3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:

1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.

2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Okr! food order.

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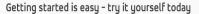
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- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



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

select our school from 'Previous Location'

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.



Add your children's details in Student Profiles



Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

Purchase school items



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Making payments

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At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

