

Wednesday, 9th August

Issue No 24

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10th August	School Photos
11th August	Assembly 2:45pm
15th August	ICAS Maths Test 
16th August	Hoop Time Year 5 & 6
17th August	Year 6 Camp Meeting 5-6pm
18th August	Curriculum Day 'No students required at school'
21st-25th August	Prep & Year 1 Swimming
29th August	Mandarin Evening - Cultural Activities
31st August	School Tour 10am
1st September	Father's Day Morning 8:30am-9:30am Gymnastics Excursion Elective Program
4th-6th September	Year 4 Forest Edge Camp
7th September	Year 1 Aquarium Excursion
8th September	Assembly 2:45pm Hillsmeade DISCO
11th-15th September	Year 6 Canberra Camp
12th September	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
15th September	Elective Program

### **NOTICES INFORMATION**

- Glow Products Pre Order
- Finger Bun Day
- State School Spectacular rehearsal ( Selected students)

### **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 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.**

### **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.

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy August everybody. How quickly the year is flying by. This week we have seen the temporary fence come down from around the new portables. We are awaiting new furniture and then will have the Year 5 classes relocate into these beautiful new buildings.

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Rachel Oates to Year 5, Linna Phuong to Year 2 and Daniel Barba to OSHC. We hope that they are warmly welcomed to Hillsmeade Primary School.

### District Athletics

On Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August select students went on to compete at Casey Fields in the District Athletics. I went for a quick visit to see the students competing well. A big thank you to Ahmad Chazbek, Kate Pollock and Shannon Patterson for supporting the events on the day. Also a big thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended to support our students. Good luck to those students who will be going on to compete in the next round.



### Kindergarten 2018

Kindergarten offers from Casey Council will be mailed out within the next week, look out for your letter and come into the ELC office to accept your place.

Shiona Watson

### **Professional Learning**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Dimple Bhardwaj, Toni Barker, Trisa Kett, Jess Ellis and I attended the first days of our professional learning course, **Leading Curriculum and Assessment** at the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership. The course supports different ways of thinking and re-evaluating curriculum design in the context of our school and students. We will be attending a series of workshop days where we will learn skills to develop successful units of work. This professional development opportunity will play a significant role in building the capacity of our PLT Leaders, to continue to engage our students in their learning at Hillsmeade.

Sarah Smith

**Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning**

### **U Train**

This year Hillsmeade Primary School have been excited to partner with U train. Glenn Cooper shares a little bit about how Hillsmeade is supporting these Secondary School students.

*You may have noticed on a Tuesday and a Friday some young people wearing bright blue tops. These young people are U TRAIN trainees. They are enrolled in Secondary School and are studying a Certificate III in Education Support. The wonderful staff at Hillsmeade PS are supporting these young people by providing leadership, experiences, knowledge and skills in literacy, numeracy and reading. By gaining this experience and qualification, the young people will be able to make sound judgements about their life after school. A big thank you to the whole community at Hillsmeade PS.*

Glenn Cooper

U - Train

### **Intervention and EAL support**

At Hillsmeade P.S we have several programs to assist students who need extra support, as well as programs catering for extending our students.

The **Levelled Literacy Intervention** provides regular intensive small group instruction which supplements classroom literacy in the Early Years. (Di Poulter, Jo Monrroy, Kathryn Kidd).

The **English Language Support** is a small group program aiming to develop student oral language and vocabulary. (Angela Cooper)

The **Extension in Excellence** program is designed for our high achieving Grade 6 students to extend their knowledge and thinking. Students explore literacy and numeracy skills at a more advanced level. (Meg Yates).

The **Oral Language** program looks to support student oral language skills leading to improved learning in other key learning areas. (Kathryn Kidd).

**Support** in reading, writing and maths is offered to Grade 3, 4 and 5 students with regular small group instruction. (Sharron Porter, Judy Kenny).

### **English as an Additional Language (EAL) Program**

I have had the pleasure of working at Hillsmeade since its opening in 2003. During this time I have worked as a classroom teacher, focussing mainly in the junior school. I have recently joined the Intervention team, assisting with the EAL program (English as an Additional Language).

As the Hillsmeade school population now includes a number of families who speak an additional language, this program is an exciting opportunity to assist our students. Although they are privileged to share another language with their friends and families, the Victorian curriculum acknowledges the need to support our English language learners.

As part of the Intervention team, I am developing programs to support these students. Prep and grade one English learners attend EAL sessions with me for three 30 minute classes per week. Students participate in a number of 'hands on' and formal activities which allow them to practise speaking English, build their vocabulary and undertake learning in a small group situation. These learning opportunities have already shown increased achievement for our students.

Our English learners are also supported within their classrooms through collaborative planning which caters for multiple skill levels. Classroom teachers also have access to professional readings and information from the EAL network to support them in catering for our students.

**Angela Cooper**

### **Year 6 Extension in Excellence – Numeracy**

*How many blades of grass are on the Hillsmeade oval? How many individual squares of toilet paper do we have at Hillsmeade? How much rubbish do we throw out in a year at Hillsmeade?*

This term, our Extension in Excellence students have been challenged with real world problem solving scenarios inspired by the work of Italian physicist Enrico Fermi. Fermi was famous for using meagre information to solve seemingly impossible problems.

Our students have been using rough estimates, educated guesses and real world data collection to calculate, formulate and solve these problems. They have been considering all variables within the problem and also make allowances and assumptions based upon these variables. They justify and explain all assumptions and variations in their answer.

“At first the problem seems impossible to work out, but then we analyse what it’s asking us. We think about the variables and how they affect how the problem is solved. Sometimes we need to gather extra data to work it out. It is ok for our answers to be different to each other’s as we may have made different assumptions and estimations.”



Meg Yates  
Extension in Excellence

### **Out of School Hours Care**

Belinda Lane our new OSHC coordinator has been introducing and setting up open-ended art provocations for our students. We are seeing students engaged and creating beautiful art work that we have begun to display around the OSHC room. Daniel Barba our other new OSHC coordinator is passionate about sports and developing ways to engage students in active games, you will often see him in the hall or outside with a group of students engaged in physical active play.

**Shiona Watson**

### **Parent Opinion Survey 2017**

The Hillsmeade School Parent survey was posted out to approximately 30% of our families last week. Parents/guardians who receive a survey this week are invited to complete an online survey that will be used to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents’ perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community.

The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

### **Reminders**

A reminder that this Friday will be our whole school assembly beginning the gym at 2:45pm. There will be an exciting performance by our Year 2 students. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there.

Jodie Bray  
**Principal**

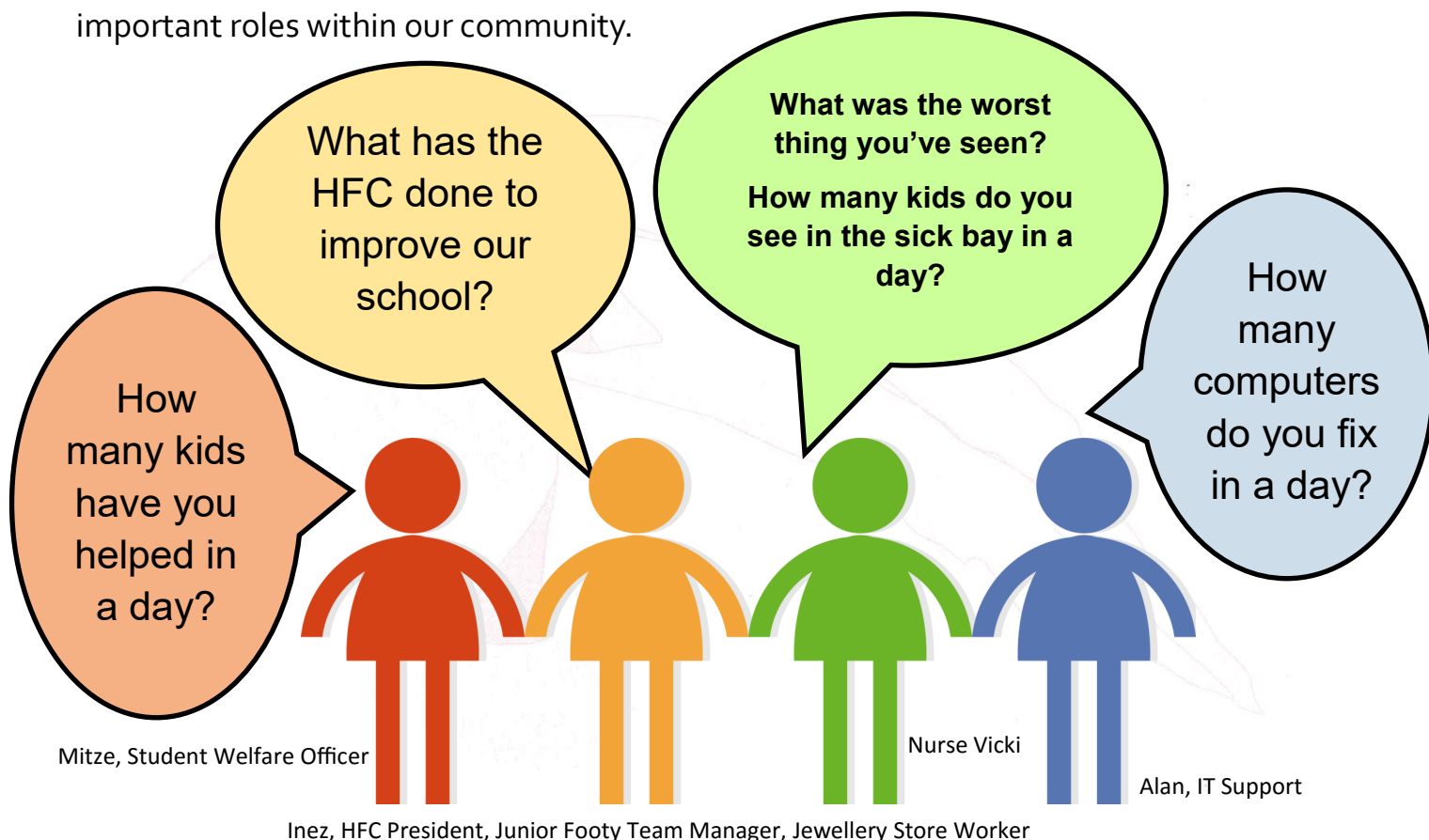


## Grade 2 Community Guest Speakers

As part of our integrated program, the grade 2 students are exploring the different services in our community and how they can help us.

Last week, the grade 2 students were lucky enough to spend time with some valuable members of our own local school community. Nurse Vicki, Mitze, Alan Carter and Inez Crowe took time out of their busy day to share with us their role within the community and the students were very interested to ask them questions to find out more.

We would like to thank our special guest speakers for taking the time to share their very important roles within our community.



### Student Reflections:

“I didn't know that Alan has been here for 9 years!”

“Nurse Vicki helps SO many people!

“I didn't know the HFC raised the money for our Pirate Ship and the Grade 6 Playground!”

“Thank you Mitze for helping us!”

**SPECIALIST  
 NEWSLETTER**



**TERM 3**



**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Mr Ahmad Chazbek  
 Specialist PLT Leader

Ms Kate Pollock



**Senior News:** Last term we ended up with 6 students competing at the regional championships for Cross Country which is a huge event. Congratulations to Jayde Dykes, Hailee Geddes, Ella Ryan, Cloe Donaldson, Shae Lewis and Emily Henry who competed on that day. The Lightning Premiership was played last term at Hillcrest and it was a very successful day. Boys' soccer made it to the divisional finals which was held at Hillsmeade on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July. All boys put in a valiant effort but Cranbourne Carlisle came out overall winners. This term there is no interschool sport and soon we will begin training for the next Lightning Premiership sports which are Softball, Basketball, Rounders, Cricket and Volley Stars. In Physical Education we have been focussing on basketball, and students from grades 3 – 6 have been given the opportunity to play in Hoop Time teams in two separate competitions. Grades 3 and 4 played on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, and grades 5 and 6 will play on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Hillsmeade Athletics was held last term, and the successful competitors will soon be named in a team to compete on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August at Casey Fields. In a week's time, grades 3/4/5/6 will begin a four week unit on badminton with professional coaches. This is a 'Sporting Schools' booked event and we are very excited to be able to present it.

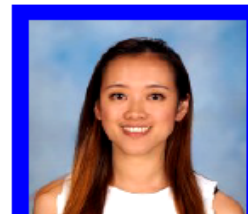
**Junior News:** In Physical Education in grades Prep, One and Two we continue to teach engaging tagging games for warming up. We ensure that all students stay active during classes through engaging activities, skill sets and games. Our main focus, in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum is on different forms of locomotion and fundamental motor skills. Recently we have been practising the skills involved in basketball, and even beginning some modified games. Whilst the older grades play badminton the younger grades will focus on different forms of striking in rotational activities. Look out for Junior Cross Country later in Term 4!



**MANDARIN**

Mrs Maria Liu

Ms Sally Wu



Our Mandarin program aims to develop students' understanding about the role of language and culture in communication. Under the whole school approach, we are exploring the relationship between language, culture and learning.

In Term 3 2017, students will continue using spoken Chinese to communicate with teachers and peers. They will also develop an understanding of Chinese culture through viewing movie clips, performing Chinese songs and reproducing Chinese stories.

We have been using different activities to engage students at each year level. Junior year level students are learning Chinese words and sentence structures through hands-on activities, songs and stories. Senior year level students will continue learning language and culture through using ICT tools, role-play and presentation.

The students are demonstrating great interest in learning Mandarin and we are proud of how much they have achieved in this program. We are sure that we are going to have lots of fun in Term 3!



**SPECIALIST  
 NEWSLETTER**



**TERM 3**



Mrs Lisa Scott

**MUSIC**



It has been fantastic to see so many smiling and enthusiastic students over the past few weeks ready to face new challenges and opportunities this semester. Term 3 promises to be a busy and exciting term in the music department!

In **Prep**, students will develop their skills in keeping a steady beat through singing, dancing and playing a variety of percussion instruments. They will explore creating and responding to high and low sounds and fast and slow music.

In **Year 1** and **Year 2**, students will be developing their knowledge of beat and rhythm through a variety of 'hands on' practical music making activities and games. They will continue to develop their singing skills.

**Year 3** students will be challenged to learn how to play the recorder. They will also study instruments in the orchestra and how to recognise the sound of individual instruments.

**Year 4** students will be learning techniques to play the ukulele and will use these to play and sing along to a variety of music.

**Year 5** will experience playing the guitar and keyboard. They will be learning to play chords to accompany a variety of songs in whole class music making.

**Year 6** students will further develop their individual skills in instrumental playing by choosing an instrument that they wish to study. They will unite as a whole class to perform songs to an audience.

Finally, both the Junior and Progressive Choirs will be performing in assembly and the students taking part in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be performing at the Hisense Arena.



Ms Alison Elliott

**VISUAL ART**



I am looking forward to another exciting term in Visual Art. Students will be learning to further develop their art skills and learn new skills.

**Prep** students will be learning to develop their drawing, painting and collage skills. They will be using stencils for tracing and a variety of different painting techniques.

**Year 1** students will be learning about portrait art. They will be creating a variety of portrait artworks that use different artistic skill and media.

**Year 2** students will be looking at the artists Dean Russo and Paul Klee before creating artworks inspired by these artists.

**Year 3** students will be further developing their drawing skills. They will be introduced to a variety of drawing media and techniques and learn how to follow step by step instructions.

**Year 4** students will be working on their drawing skills when creating still life artworks. They will also be working together with a fellow student to create a paper mache construction.

**Year 5** will be looking at the artists Rene Magritte and Georgia O'Keeffe. After viewing the work of these artists they will create a surreal artwork and an abstract painting.

**Year 6** students will be further developing their drawing skills when creating a still life artwork. They will be learning how to sew and make a mask out of Modroc.



**Kids Matter**

# What's happening in Grade 3?

## *History Box Incursion!*

During History lessons this term, the Grade 3's are learning about 'First Contact'. Australian History was brought to life this week with the History Box Incursion visiting Hillsmeade Primary School!







# MANDARIN

What a wonderful week for Hillsmeade teachers and students. We have warmly welcomed the students from China visiting our school and spent some unforgettable learning time together. The feedback that we received from the visiting schools was really positive – our students are so respectful and the staff are engaging.

A Big Thank You to Ms Liu and Ms Wu, the school captains Annabel and Tom and Mandarin captain Maddi for making our visitors very welcome.

It was such a busy week for Hillsmeade's Mandarin Program. We had students who participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Village Bilingual Competition for Chinese speaking at Melbourne Grammar School. The students are Darcey and Damien from Grade 3 and Suwinee from Grade 5. They have done such a great job. Well done!



# 2017

## Middle Hoop Time

Congratulations to the 28 grade 3/4 students who participated In the Hoop Time tournament. with one of our teams advancing to the next stage. Well done everyone.



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# Earn & Learn is on again

## Start collecting today

Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources:

- Earn one sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths\*
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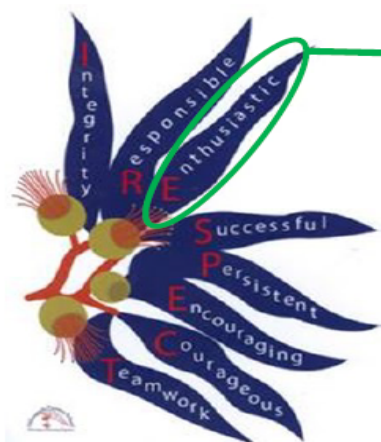
*That's why  
I pick Woolies*



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## HILLSMEADE VALUES



### Enthusiastic

Being enthusiastic means enjoying what you are doing and being thoroughly engaged while doing it.

When children are enthusiastic about something they naturally put in more effort and emotion therefore gain more positive results.

There are a number of ways to enthuse children during their time at school. Teachers provide:

- Games to practise skills
- Recognition when meeting personal goals
- Activities that instil curiosity
- Opportunities for inquiry based learning
- Open ended tasks
- Extension activities
- Lunchtime clubs
- Sporting teams
- Involvement in music and performing arts (choirs, productions, State School Spectacular, instrumental music lessons) Visual Arts – Art shows
- Electives – student's choose areas of interest to pursue

At home children can be engaged in various activities to encourage their enthusiasm. Take them places and introduce them to a variety of things like theatres, galleries, museums, the beach or the bush. Let them experience books, music, movies, crafts and sports and they may discover something that they can be really enthusiastic about.

*Andrea Garwood – Classroom teacher*

2017 Term 3

## Canteen Specials

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.

### Thursday Special

Cheeseburger with lettuce & any Drink

Now available on Thursdays.

Remember to specify which drink including slushies.

**\$6.50**

### 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





# Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council is made up of a classroom representative from each class Years 3 to 6. The SRC leaders are Shayli and Farisa from Year 6. During term three the SRC will continue to meet to discuss ideas or suggestions that the representatives bring along for discussion from their class. At the next meeting the SRC will be looking at some of the recent student survey data.

Danielle McKelvie  
SRC co-ordinator

Congratulations to the SRC reps who received their badges at assembly at the end of term two. We have been learning to run the meetings ourselves and enjoying talking about things we can make better around the school. At our last meeting we talked about eating food at the shade sail area, including people when playing with friends and leaving the flowers alone in Chloe's garden. It's great that the reps are bringing information to the meetings and the suggestions are being followed up.

Shayli and Farisa  
SRC leaders.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> of August.

Any concerns please contact Laura Black or Julie Hale regarding payment options.



Please remember these are the suggested Camp

instalments after a deposit has been paid:

First Instalment 12th June \$40

Second Instalment 26th June \$40

Third Instalment 10th July \$40

Fourth Instalment 24th July \$40

Final Payment 7th August \$25

The total amount (\$235) must be paid in full before Wednesday 16th August.

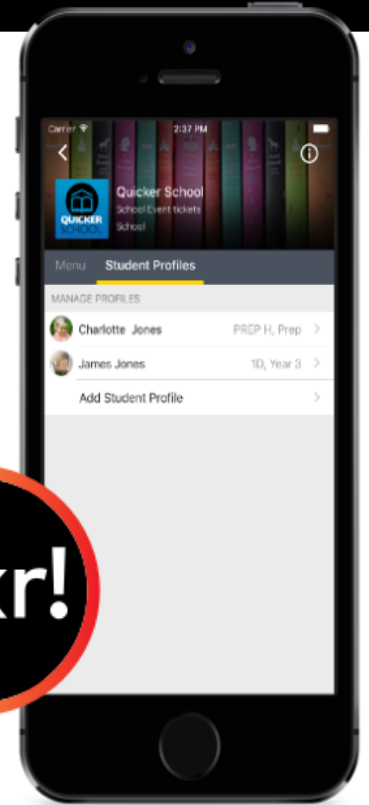


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TIP OF THE WEEK

**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.



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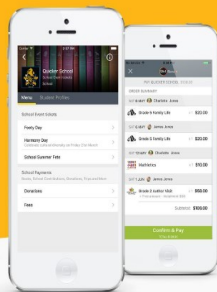


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Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

**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.

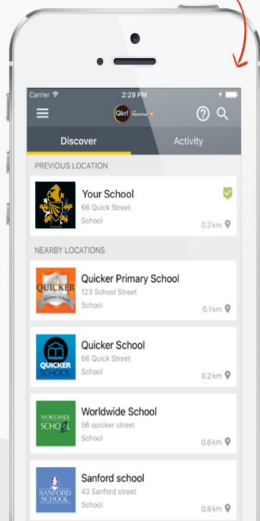
**Step 4** Register your children

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.

Search for our school name

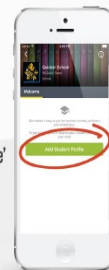
If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

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

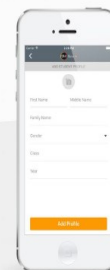


Add your children's details in Student Profiles

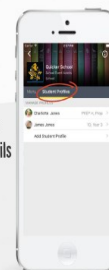
Select 'Add student profile'



Add each child's details

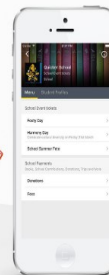


Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

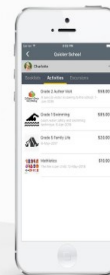


Purchase school items

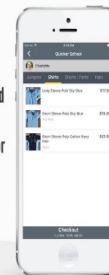
Select a menu from our school



Select child you are ordering for



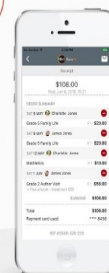
Select your items



Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



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.

Read All About It! Read All About It!

**Lunchtime Library Borrowing**

Great news, the library will be open during Tuesday lunchtimes for borrowing.

Return books, borrow books or drop in and read up a storm.



**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

**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.



**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:**

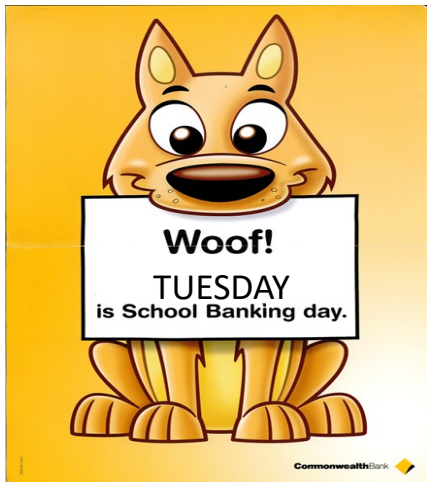
Wednesdays and Fridays

**Time:**

8:15-8:45am

**WET WEATHER**

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



**Time for School Breakfast**

**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.



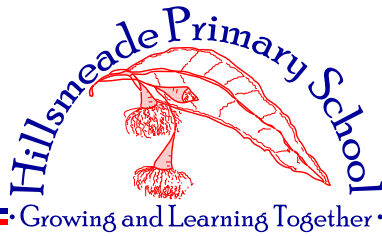
We ask that you respect this request and regard the safety of Hillsmeade students.

**ENROL NOW**

**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.

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**FRIDAYS:**  
**HILLSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
THE PROMINADE, NARRE WARREN SOUTH  
JUNIORS: 7 TO 13 YEARS: 6:30PM TO 7:45PM  
TEENAGERS & ADULTS: 6:30PM TO 8:30PM



**LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY**

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<b>Tuesdays:</b> Fountain Gate Prim. School Prospect Hill Drive Narre Warren	<b>Saturdays:</b> Dandenong Primary School Cnr. New St & Foster St Dandenong	<b>TUESDAYS ALSO AT:</b> Heary Park Primary School Buckingham Road Rowville	<b>Mondays:</b> Patterson Lakes Community Centre 54-70 Thompson Rd. Patterson Lakes
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**Free Trial Class Phone 9887 4098**

Bookings available for Term 1 — 2017