



Growing and Learning Together

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17th August	Year 6 Camp Meeting 5-6pm
18th August	Curriculum Day 'No students required at school'
21st-25th August	Prep & Year 1 Swimming
25th August	Assembly 2:45pm
29th August	Mandarin Evening - Cultural Activities
31st August	School Tour 10am
1st September	Fathers & Friends 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

- Disco Forms
- Year 1 aquarium
 - Sovereign Hill



Helpers still needed to cover readers. Please contact the office if you can help.

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,

Another exciting week at Hillsmeade. Congratulations to all of the students who participated strongly at last week's district athletics competition. Also, a big thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who went along to support.

Learning Growth Awards

Congratulations to all of the students who were presented with high-growth learning awards at last week's assembly. It is fantastic to celebrate this great achievement. We look forward to continuing to acknowledge and celebrate learning growth throughout the remainder of the year.



Parliament Debate

On Tuesday the 15th of August our school captains Annabel Christian and Tom James -Medhurst and I went into the city to be involved the Victorian Students' Parliamentary Convention. Ιt was wonderful event which took place in Parliament House Melbourne. It was an early start, but well worth the trip. Our school captains were involved in a debate on the topic 'Zoos are a thing of the past, animals should be rehoused in their natural environment'. Our school captains were again a positive representation of the students of Hillsmeade. We should be very proud of them and the way they confidently conducted themselves at this event.



In case you missed it, there was an article in the local paper about our recent International Student visitors. Well done to Maria Liu and Sally Wu for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for the students at our school .







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Garden

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge Don our gardener.



He has worked hard to improve the look and function of our school grounds. We really appreciate the time and dedication that he shows to Hillsmeade Primary School. Our latest grounds edition is some seating located at the bright, open, inviting front of the school. Thanks Don!



Hillsmeade School Disco

The annual Hillsmeade School Disco will be held on Friday September 8th — another terrific event organised by volunteers in the Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee.

Junior Disco (Grade Prep - 2): 5:30pm - 7pm

Senior Disco (Grade 3 - 6): 7:30pm - 9pm



The Disco is a special opportunity for the students to build confidence socialising amongst their peers and particularly for the younger kids it is an opportunity to practice independence from their parents in a safe environment.

Parents are welcome to attend the Disco, but we request that you watch your children from the designated parents area. There will be a significant number of parent volunteers with Working With Children Checks supervising the children, assisted by a number of teachers also volunteering their personal time.

If you would like to be a parent participant at the Disco we welcome volunteers! You will need a (free) Working With Children Check — please contact the school office to let us know that you're available to help.

Stewart Johnson
School Council President

PE at Hillsmeade

These are some pics of grades 5C and 5E learning badminton with balloons in their introductory lessons. The coach is a badminton professional sourced through the Melbourne Institute of Sport, and funded through the Sporting Schools Program. Grades 3-6 all have similar programs in operation.

Kate Pollock









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U train

I am currently studying Year 11 VCAL at St. Peters College and undertaking a School-based Traineeship in Education Support with U TRAIN. I attend VFA Learning, where I have been provided with an opportunity to have hands on learning and training in supporting children in their education in a school environment. For the past 6 months, I have been attending work placement once a week at Hillsmeade Primary School, I am currently working with the Grade Ones under the careful supervision of Rachel Sutcliffe, I'd like to say a big thank you to the school and especially to my supervisor Rachel for taking me on as her Trainee Teacher Aid to assist in the classroom. She has helped me out so much and guided me throughout the year and provided me with excellent feedback and ways to improve when working with the students in the classroom, I'd also like to say a massive thank you to the students in Grade 1B as they have been great to work with and they are all very well-mannered and are a fantastic group of kids. Every day there is a set timetable on what the kids must do such as language, maths, computer work or reading time, Each morning the students have Mandarin, I ask each student to come out of the room with me to show me how good their reading skills are. For the rest of the day I go around assisting all the students and helping them with any of their work that they may be stuck on. When I am not helping the students, I am assisting Rachel in any way possible.

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you to the School, Teachers, Students and my supervisor Rachel. This experience has really given me an insight to what it's like to be working in an education environment, and a contributing member of society.

Tahlia

Maths Professional Learning

On Tuesday 16th August, Scott Masson and Jess Szalek attended a maths professional development opportunity at the Mathematics Association of Victoria targeting the reSolve project. The reSolve project is about making mathematics purposeful, challenging, yet accessible by building hands on resources to promote mathematical inquiry with a problem solving approach. We enjoyed challenging ourselves with the different activities on offer and are eager to bring these back to Hillsmeade classrooms. This afternoon, Scott and Jess will be attending another PD that promotes a growth mindset in mathematics as building positive relationships and a positive mindset in the classroom is integral to building successful student outcomes in the mathematical classroom. We hope to build on the current mindset of our students and integrate this with our I-RESPECT values currently in place.

Kind Regards, Jess Szalek

Curriculum Day

Staff are looking forward to our upcoming curriculum day this Friday the 18th of August (NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL). This professional learning opportunity will see a continued focus on working with our writing consultant Deb Sukarna http://www.dynamiclearninggroup.com.au/presenters/44-deborah-surkarna. We have been in regular communication with Deb throughout the year and have included questions and wonderings to focus the professional learning on the current needs of our staff.

Reminders

A reminder that this Friday is a whole school curriculum day, students are not required at school.

Jodie Bray

Principal



Hillsmeade Primary School presents

FATHERS AND FRIENDS MORNING

Friday 1st September 8:30am - 9:30am







We invite you to our Father's Day celebration in the courtyard

Mobile Coffee Van

Games and activities

This is a whole school event!



On August 15th Mrs Bray drove Annabelle and I to Melbourne where we went to Parliament House. We met up with other children from other schools. Its was great sitting high up in Parliament so we could see and hear the parliamentarians debate and ask questions. At morning tea they had fruit kebabs and very nice brownies. We are grateful to have this wonderful experience.

-Tom, James Medhurst 6 C

Yesterday Tom, Mrs. Bray and myself were lucky enough to attend a debate in the Melbourne Parliament House. The debate topic was "Zoos are a thing of the past, animals should be rehoused in their natural environment". In the morning we had two experts on the topic tell us their opinion and explain why they thought that way. Later on we went into groups and discussed whether we thought we needed zoos or we didn't. One member from each group shared a summary of what their group discussed. Then we all had an opportunity to express our opinion before we voted. I'd like to thank Mrs. Bray for organising the event and for transporting us. Overall it was a great experience and we'd love to do it again!

-Annabel Christian



THINK BIG DREAM BIG

Remember to get your Glow Product orders in by Thursday 17th August.

Orders will be delivered to everyone's class room the week of the disco - Friday 8th

September.

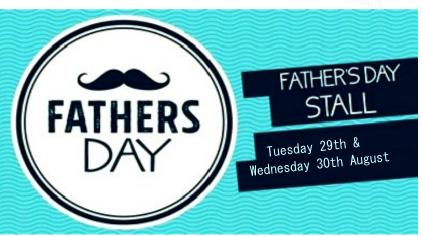
Junior disco - 5.30-7pm sharp Senior disco - 7.30-9pm sharp

Our next HUGE event this term is our Fathers and Special Friends Stall.

Tuesday 29th August (all day) and after school. As well as Wednesday lunch time and after school and Friday morning at the special Fathers and Friends Breakfast (only while stocks last).

Have a great week
Inez HFC President 2017





Remember to LIKE our Hillsmeade Fundraising & Reminders Page on FACEBOOK





ENGLISH FOR PARENTS

- Learn to speak, read and write English and have fun in our new class
 - Join in with other parents from the school

WEDNESDAYS 9.15AM TO 11.15AM

Term 3: 6th September to 20th September

Term 4: 11th October to 13th December

Location: Hillsmeade Primary School

Early Learning Centre

ENROLMENT AND COFFEE DAY





\$90.00 per person

For bookings and enquiries

call Clea on 9704 7388



PROUDLY BROUGHT



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SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION

Don't forget to make 3 deposits between now and HIGH TECH PRIZES

10th of November to be automatically entered into the Commonwealth Bank's competition to win a "High Tech Prize"

To be in the draw to win a "Game Master Prize" you

need to make 3 deposits and also go online after 16th October and play the "Future Savers Game" and complete the online entry form.

Jill and Nat (Volunteer Banking Coordinators)



CommonwealthBank



HILLSMEADE VALUES



Successful

Success is not about what you have, but is about the kind of person you are and the positive impact you have on the world.

Being successful means:

- Living a life you can be proud of
- Doing your best
- Spending time with special people
- Doing activities that are important to you
- Standing up for things that are right
- Becoming the very best version of you

Success is individual. It is not how a student compares to another student, but how one student works at being the best they can be. At Hillsmeade we celebrate big and small successes.

Students work towards being successful by:

- Being aware of their individual goals
- Persevering when something gets tough
- Having a growth mindset

- Being organized
- Maintaining good learning habits
- Pushing themselves outside their comfort zone

Success at school is closely linked with a child's home environment. The following factors might influence a child's ability to succeed. To create a successful environment, parents can:

- Enforce healthy habits
- Maintain regular routines
- Be good communicators
- Look for learning opportunities
- Expect children to always do their best
- Demonstrate organisation

Andrea Garwood - Classroom teacher

Hillsmeade Heroes



Nadia Keshtiar Chloe Allen Cooper Savage Gumal Singh-Mundi Evelyn Park Joel Fleming Jake Ellerton Courtney Crane **Emily White** Hassan Mohammadi Stevie Jenkins Chloe Donaldson Nathan Zboril Maggie Rawley Jack Winestone Charley Susan Zahra Haidery







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

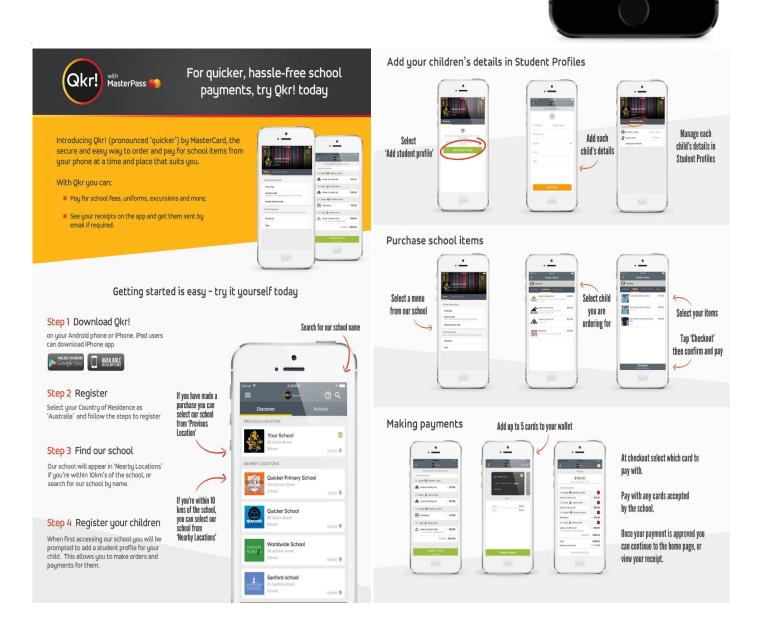
All frozen fruit, ice-creams & slushies need to be collected from the canteen at lunch time (they will not be delivered to the classroom).



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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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!

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.



JNNING CLUB!

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 w Mrs Kett and Mrs Pilarinos

We ask parents not to bring dogs onto the school grounds before

WHY?

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

When:

Wednesdays and Fridays

8:15-8:45am

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



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



NO **DOGS**



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.





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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