

Wednesday, 30th August

Issue No 27

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30th August	Fathers Day Stall After school CANCELLED
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 Literacy & Numeracy Dress Up Day
11th-15th September	Year 6 Canberra Camp
12th September	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
15th September	Junior Elective Program/ Seniors not running Lightning Prep
18th September	Parent Teacher Interviews
19th September	Year 5 Taste Tester Parent Teacher Interviews
20th September	Parent teacher interviews
22nd September	Footy Show Your Colours Day Assembly Last Day Term 3 2:30pm Finish

NOTICES INFORMATION

- Taste Tester
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Year 2 community expo

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 Week 7 everybody. How quickly Term 3 is flying by. We have an exciting few weeks ahead, with Year 4 camp happening next week, Year 6 camp not far away and Parent Teacher Interviews coming up.

Triad Observations

Throughout this term all staff at Hillsmeade Primary School have been involved in scheduled triad observations. These observations are part of our school wide focus on improving teacher practice in the area of Writing. Teachers have been positively engaged in structured observations learning from their colleagues. It has been a rich and rewarding professional learning opportunity for our school. We look forward to building on these opportunities in Term 4 with other schools in our local network.

NAPLAN Growth

At our whole school assembly on Friday 25th August, we recognized many of our Year 5 students for achieving high learning growth in NAPLAN from Year 3, 2015 to Year 5, 2017. We celebrated high growth in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar and Numeracy. These awards were presented based on individual progress from Year 3 – Year 5. This was a wonderful celebration attended by an impressive number of families in our school community!



Parent Teacher Interviews

It is that time of the year again when we encourage families to book an appointment for Parent Teacher Interviews. This is a



great opportunity to celebrate student progress and partner in the continued commitment to student learning growth.

Parent Teacher interviews for **Hillsmeade Primary School** will be held on **Monday 18, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September in Week 10 of Term 3**. Bookings must be entered before Friday 15 September, when bookings for this event will close. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Please visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au to make a time for your interview. The bookings close on 15th September.

HFC Father's Day Stall

A big thank you to Inez Crowe and all of the volunteers who have coordinated and supported the Father's Day stall. We appreciate the HFCs flexibility in room movements this term and the way in which they continue to smile and provide wonderful opportunities for the wider school community of Hillsmeade.



Father's Day event

A reminder that on Friday the 1st of September we have our Fathers and Friends morning. Our Mothers and Special Others event was fantastic, it would be wonderful to see as many fathers and friends at our upcoming event.

Please come along and enjoy some fun at Hillsmeade Primary School.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the families that completed the recent Parent Opinion Survey for 2017. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey and for providing important feedback to the school. These results will be utilized for our continued commitment to improvement.



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
 Barista coffee at our canteen
 Games and activities
This is a whole school event!

Coffee at the canteen

We are excited to announce that coffee has arrived at the canteen. From Friday the 1st of September coffee will be available from the canteen. This will be available each day from 8:15am – 9am. Please come by and purchase a coffee and enjoy a coffee and a chat in the mornings. Thank you to Felicity and Bianca for supporting this for our school community.



PRICE LIST

Small (8oz) coffee of choice \$3.50
Regular (12oz) coffee of choice \$4.00
Alternative milk 50c extra (please advise so we can have available)
Hot chocolate and Chai also available



Hillsmeade School Disco

A reminder that the annual Hillsmeade School Disco will be held on Friday September 8th in the school gym — This is 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

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 in the Disco we welcome volunteers! You'll 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



Library Books

A reminder to please check at home for any overdue library books. At the moment we have
445 books overdue.

That is a huge amount of books that we would love back on our shelves for the school community to enjoy.



Mandarin Night

What a wonderful event we had at Hillsmeade yesterday. Thank you to all of those students, parents and teachers who attended Mandarin Night on Tuesday the 29th of August. It was such a wonderful atmosphere across the school, with families involved in kite flying, calligraphy and dumpling making. The presentation in the gym was also fantastic. Congratulations to Mandarin Captain Maddi De Koning and Kobe Swinburne for leading the presentation with such confidence and character. Also, a big thank you to all of the students across all year levels who performed.

These wonderful school community events are not possible without the dedication, planning and innovation of our wonderful staff at Hillsmeade. A big thank you to our Mandarin Teachers Maria Liu and Sally Wu who coordinated the event, also, to the Specialist Team and the entire staff who participated and supported this great event.





Yesterday the 29th of August was our Mandarin Night. We did lots of activities such as: bamboo dancing, calligraphy, kite flying and dumpling making. Once all the activities were done we went into the hall for performances. Madison and Kobe ran the performances and did a spectacular job. Thank you to Mrs Liu and Ms Wu for organising the event.

Annabel Christian School Captain



Principal for a Day 2017 – Ian Burrage
Executive Director | School Improvement
South Eastern Victoria Region
Department of Education and Training



Ian Burrage will step out of the Department and into Hillsmeade Primary School for the seventeenth annual Principal For A Day event on Tuesday the 5th of September 2017.

Principal For A Day gives a wide range of community and business leaders from all walks of life a first-hand experience of a normal day in a Victorian government school. More than 150 business and community leaders will take part this year, including Melodie Potts-Rosevear, CEO, Teach for Australia, Ken Weldin, Partner, PKF, and Peter Mousaferiadis, CEO, Cultural Infusion.

We are thrilled that *Ian Burrage* has been so keen to gain a first-hand experience of our school and participate in a variety of activities such as leading classes, sharing ideas with the staff, meeting the parents and exchanging insights with the school leadership team.

Principal For A Day provides us with an excellent opportunity to enable someone from the business community to gain a unique insight into the learning environment at our school.

According to *Ian Burrage*, the opportunity provides mutual benefits for school principals and community and business leaders. He is looking forward to the experience and expects to gain a new perspective on the work being done in schools.

After the main event day, community and business leaders and their host principals will have the opportunity to come together to discuss the common ground they share around leadership and ways of creating ongoing and productive relationships at a Principal For A Day Forum on 12 October.

Principal For A Day is delivered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Training through the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership.

Principal For A Day aims to:

- increase understanding and awareness between schools, business and the wider community
- promote the great work that schools do
- provide business and community leaders with first-hand and current experiences of schools
- enable school principals to develop on-going relationships with leaders from other spheres, and increase opportunities for schools and the community to work together in mutually beneficial ways

We look forward to welcoming Ian Burrage to Hillsmeade Primary School on Tuesday the 5th of September.

Reminders

A reminder that this Friday our whole school electives will be taking place from 2:45pm.

Wishing all Dads and Special Others a wonderful Father's Day this Sunday.

Jodie Bray
Principal



Literacy & Numeracy Dress Up Day

Friday 8th September

Come to school as your favourite book character or
maths themed dress up!





SRC

Student Representative Council

Student Voice Report SRC

At the last SRC meeting on Wednesday 23rd August we talked about the attitudes to school survey. The discussion went really well with great ideas and suggestions given as to why some people may have answered a question a certain way. We talked about the positive data including feeling safe at school, being challenged in our learning and what student voice means. The SRC now know how the other students feel as they have talked about the data in our meeting. Next meeting we will continue to look at the data.

We also discussed classroom feedback during the meeting.

Shayli and Farisa SRC leaders.

Year 5B HAIKU poems about their new learning space:

Brand new fresh classrooms
Stand up tables balance boards
Collaboration
By Maggie

They have a good view
We are special to have them
We work with 5A
By Brianna



Brand new exciting
Fresh classroom stand up tables
Collaboration
By Declan

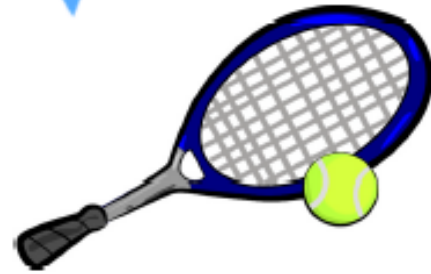


Full of joy and love
Fresh and new shiny spacious
With a hint of blue
By Jasmine

Brand spanking new rooms
Friendly bird with 'gifts'
It is challenge time
By Kira



The **haiku** is a Japanese verse in three lines. Line one has 5 syllables, line 2 has 7 syllables and line three has 5 syllables. **Haiku** is a mood poem and it doesn't use any metaphors or similes. Usually when **Haiku** is taught the students are only given the restriction of the number of lines and syllables.



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THINK BIG DREAM BIG

Thank you to the anonymous person who donated Christmas Goods for the Christmas raffle.

The Father's Day Stall has been a huge success almost selling out on the first day.

Remember next Friday is the DISCO.

A reminder that the HFC are selling Zooper Doopers and Hot Chocolates in the canteen on Tuesdays.

Have a great week!
Inez HFC President 2017



Remember to LIKE our Hillsmeade Fundraising & Reminders Page on FACEBOOK



HILLSMEADE VALUES



Persistent

Persistence is an attitude towards not giving up easily.

It's important to encourage our kids when they are ready to give up, so they learn the value of persistence.

With persistence comes success. Children who practise persistence, develop a growth mindset where they believe they can develop their abilities through dedication and hard work.

Teachers encourage your child to practise persistence by:

- working independently at a task which challenges them
- setting goals they have to work towards
- encourage independent editing of work to make improvements
- providing extension activities at all levels
- giving constructive feedback
- ensuring making mistakes is a learning experience
- providing support when something is new or difficult

Parents can help children to practise persistence at home by:

- Finding something they enjoy but are just learning to do, like riding a bike. Support them in practising regularly and showing them how its done
- Giving children space to solve problems themselves or support them to do so
- Reminding them of a time they solved a similar problem
- Discussing alternatives and encouraging them to try new approaches
- Giving them permission to fail – 'its ok if it doesn't work this time, you can try again!'
- Working on steps 'This is a bit tough, what can be done about it?'
- Celebrating success when they achieve something they've worked hard on
- Sharing with them something that required you to be persistent

Andrea Garwood – Classroom teacher

Hillsmeade Heroes



Lucas Lappin
 Trinity Thompson
 Kira Emery
 Charlotte Dutt
 Summer Gibson
 Navid Rezaye
 Marika Elidas
 Devon Giorno
 Harrison De Koning
 Henna Amin
 Chase Phipps
 Ammar Akhlaqi
 Evelyn Park
 Shukufa Eftekhari
 Tarrant Gniel
 Garine Nikola
 Dion Thanasias
 Reka Simon

Xavier Tereva
 Aleks Culibrk
 Mahdya Hassani
 Abid Saeedi
 Tilly Chambers
 Mortaza Abassi
 Matthew Cobden
 Saira Castillo
 Ella Ryan
 Samantha sam
 Bree Schintler
 David Pandak
 Jacinta Vigilante
 Luke Cornish
 Maria Gringi
 6F– Whole Class
 Jack Toland
 Tyson Waters

Jasmine Belot
 Haroon Sharif
 Jasmine Keefer
 Abbie Hunter
 Melanie Haralambous
 Moom Pandak
 Allen Kang
 Chloe Lincoln
 Lachlan Francois
 Carey Hill
 Clara Vinci
 Toby Bown
 Sadiyah Nazari
 Nathan Neang
 Anastasia Ristas
 Ryan Suhr
 Measum Zargar

LOST PROPERTY

The office has a lot of lost property, if any of these items are yours or your child's please contact the office.

Any items that are unclaimed by the end of this term will be donated or discarded.



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



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:

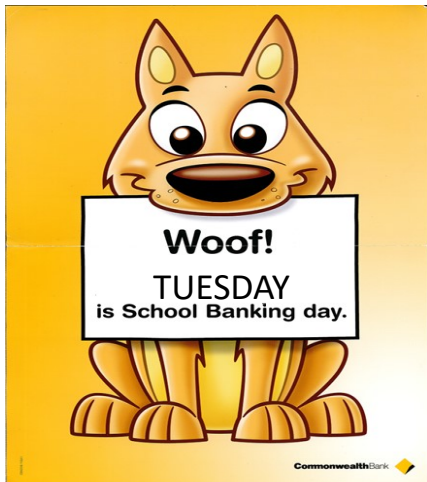
Wednesdays and Fridays

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.

Be a **SOAPY HERO!**



SOAPY HERO TRAINING STEPS





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



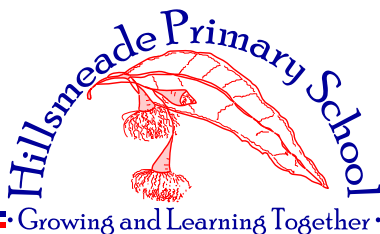
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Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Spring 2017 school holiday dates:

Week 1: Mon 25th Tues 26th Wed 27th Thurs 28th September

Week 2: Mon 2nd Tues 3rd Wed 4th Thurs 5th Fri 6th October

10am – 4pm

Cost: \$70.00 per day, or \$189 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

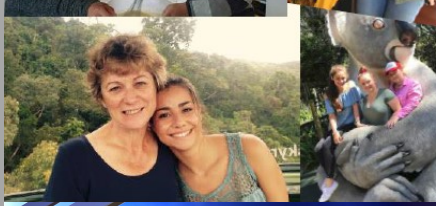
Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935

Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 5pm



BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL FAMILY IN 2018!

Hosting overseas students promotes an exchange of cultures, languages and traditions and will enrich your family's lifestyle. Students, aged 15-18, are wonderful role models for Australia's future generation.

Become a volunteer host family with WEP!



1,463 x Aussie families hosting
10,000 x Tim Tams consumed
Countless memories made

"Our daughter has a big sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad! If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family!"

Nicole, three-time host mum.

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1300 884 733



GRAND FINAL EVE "FASTBALL" ONE DAY TOURNAMENT

Friday 29th September | 8:30am - 7:30pm @ Berwick Indoor Sports Centre

"FASTBALL"
10 Minute Halves | 4 Games Guaranteed
Family Fun Day

Registration: \$40 per team
Day Pass: Players - \$10 | Spectators - \$5
Register Online: www.caseybasketball.com.au