

**Wednesday, 6th December
 Issue No 39**

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6th December	Year 3 Zoo Excursion 2018 Book Sales 9am-8pm Prep Parent Information Night 6pm-7:30pm
7th December	Year 1 Big Night In 5pm-7:30pm
8th December	Assembly 2:45 School Xmas Concert 5-8pm MCG Excursion Selected Students
12th December	State wide Transition– Step up Day
13th December	Year 1 Creativity Expo
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15th December	Last Day For Lunch Orders Free Dress for a Christmas Donation Day
18th December	Year 6 Graduation
18th - 21st December	Canteen Counter Sales Only
20th December	Prep Casey Fields Playground Excursion Year 5 Little Day Out
21st December	Reports Go Home Year 6 Big Day Out
22nd December	9:15am Christmas Raffle Drawn In Gym Assembly 1pm Canteen Closed Last Day 2017 1:30pm Finish

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.

2018 Book Packs

available for purchase at the office until the 22nd December during office hours from 9am-4pm.

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 9 everyone. What a wild week of weather we have had. A big thank you to students, parents and teachers who didn't let the rain impact our wonderful school event last week.

MAD DAY 2017

FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

MAD Day is an annual Hillsmeade tradition connecting the Year 5 and 6 students learning of Economics with a real life market stall. The wild weather was not an issue, the students came prepared and put on an amazing event. The feeling in the gym with all students staffing their own stalls was electric. Students had engaged in some amazing learning and planning and produced great products, which were marketed with confidence. A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Year 5 and Year 6 students and the teachers involved for a wonderful school wide event. This event raised \$5,467.60 and this money goes towards supporting the Year 6 celebration event 'Big Day Out'. Thank you to families who supported student involvement as customers for this event.



Friday ^{the 1st of} Dec. was very exciting. Hillsmeade had Mad day. # ~~was~~ We saw ^{cool} toys, ^{yummy} food, ^{fantastic} games, ^{awesome} prizes and a big colourful gym. It was a loud happy place. There were lots of ^{delicious} treats to eat like cupcakes, cookies and lollies. We had fun spending our money. Thank you Cr ^{5/6}



Michael Barticel

Handpan Performance

Congratulations Charli Ansell

On Wednesday the 29th of November we attended an awards ceremony at Bunjil Place. These awards were part of the 2017 Fresh Words Young Writers Competition. I am very excited and proud to announce that Hillsmeade's very own Charli Ansell of 6D was the winner. It was an exciting event that included a musical presentation from Michael Barticel on the handpan and a lyrical performance from Sukhjot Kaur Khalsa.

Sukhjot Kaur Khalsa

Key note speaker



Charli Ansell

"Farewell to my Tomorrow"
Hillsmeade Primary School

"Charli possesses remarkable talent and I would not be surprised if I hear this on the radio one day."

-Community judging panel



Bunjil Place

If you get an opportunity to visit Bunjil Place you will not be disappointed. The architecture, surroundings and library are all amazing. I encourage all of the Hillsmeade community to pop in for a visit.



EVERGREEN EVERGROWING

During this semester a number of Grade 6 students have been given the opportunity to join an art club to further develop their artistic skills. These students were selected to produce a mural for the wellbeing garden to celebrate and remember their years of learning at Hillsmeade Primary School. The students worked together as a team to work through ideas and create the amazing artwork for our school community to view and enjoy. I would like to thank these Grade 6 girls for their commitment and enthusiasm for this task and for giving up so much of their time to produce it. I would also like to thank Miss Smith and Mrs Bray for taking some of the Visual Art classes and the Grade 6 teachers for allowing these students to have extra time to work on this huge project.

Alison Elliott

Junior Cross Country

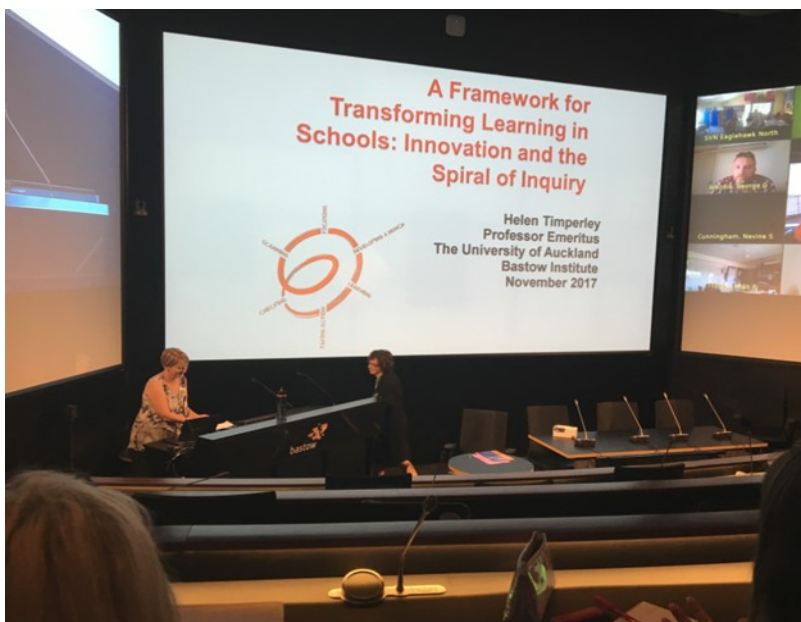
Junior Cross Country will be held on Monday the 11th of December. Notices will be sent home shortly. The grade 3 students have an important job this year as they will be helping the ELC kids as well as enjoying the morning. The cross country is one kilometre. It will go from the athletics track near the ELC, around the whole school, out onto the soccer oval past the music room, around the soccer oval and back in the school from the gate near the senior playground. The ELC do not leave the school grounds so their course is slightly modified.

Parents are welcome to attend the event that will take place from 9:15am -11am.

Professional Learning

Last week PLT Leaders, Sarah Smith and I attended a Twilight Professional Learning at BASTOW in North Melbourne. This was an inspiring professional learning opportunity that connected positively with our improvement areas at Hillsmeade Primary School. We were

lucky enough to hear from Helen Timperley, an educational researcher who is strongly evidence-informed in school wide improvement. This was a fantastic professional learning opportunity that supported the ways in which we work at Hillsmeade in Professional Learning Teams. A focus on student learning, and taking the time to find out about students' prior knowledge and misconceptions, is the base of our planning for explicit teaching and learning. A big thank you to PLT Leaders and Sarah Smith for giving up their evening to attend.



University of Melbourne Network of Schools

It is with great excitement that I announce our acceptance into the University of Melbourne Network of Schools (UMNOS) partnership. This involved submitting an expression of interest into this wonderful partnership. This network was over subscribed due to its positive impact on teacher collaboration, professional learning and impact. We are excited to be working in 2018 with lead education researchers such as John Hattie and Stephen Dinham.

A good Christmas Book

This week I have been visiting some classes and sharing a funny Christmas story. Classes have enjoyed a giggle as we shared this book by author Aaron Blabey. Year 1 students have completed an author study on books written by Aaron and have shared ideas about their favourite books so far.



Congratulations Dimple Bhardwaj

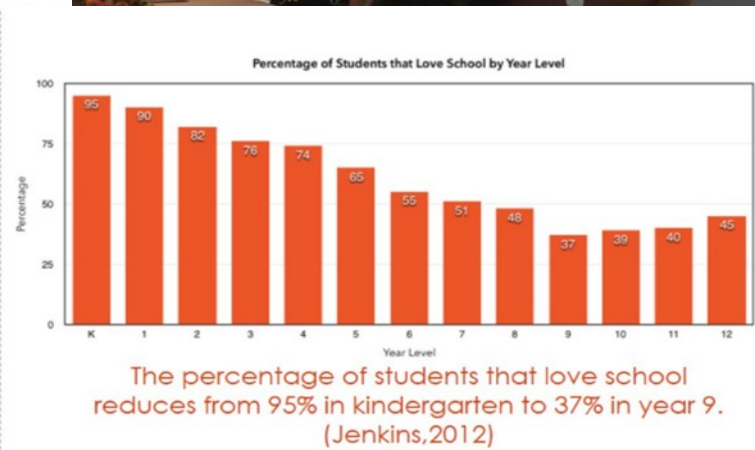
On Monday the 4th of December I headed in to the city with Dimple Bhardwaj to celebrate and support her pitch to the Change Makers for available maker grants to support our STEM initiatives at Hillsmeade. This was a wonderful opportunity to hear about how STEM is growing across Victoria. Dimple did an amazing job in showcasing the school and the innovative ways we are incorporating STEM across the school. Congratulations Dimple on representing Hillsmeade with such passion and professionalism.



72% Year 6
48.5% Year 9

Source: Proportion of Year 9 students who think science is important, Victorian Auditor-General's Office, 2012

More than 50% of our year 9 students don't think Science is important for their future.



This is SCARY!!!!!! 😞

STEAM AGENCY

Our STEAM Agency is targeted at grade 4 and 5 students. They immerse themselves in engaging, hands-on and reality-based problem solving challenges demonstrating persistence, resilience and teamwork.

OUR GOAL:

- ❖ Create positive experiences of STEAM
- ❖ Build STEAM skills in young children
- ❖ Engage students in rich authentic learning
- ❖ Building teacher capacity in STEAM skills

A LOVE OF STEAM subjects AT PRIMARY LEVEL!

STEAM - Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics



SPRK+ ROBOTICS CHALLENGE:

We used the SPRK SPHEROS as our first STEAM challenge. Our STEAM Agents used their IPADS for coding and programming the Sphero's for navigating their mazes.



NEWSPAPER TOWER CHALLENGE:

Our Agency continued to run full STEAM ahead as we moved on to our Newspaper Tower Challenge. Students had to use their critical thinking and understanding of civil engineering to design and create the tallest newspaper tower that contained enough structural integrity to withstand a wind load.



The winning team was able to build a tower that measured in at over two metres!



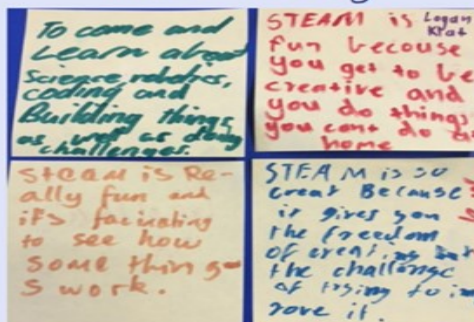
IMPACT: What difference did our STEAM Agency Make?

We started with 25 students and currently we have 40 students participating in our weekly STEAM challenges during lunch time each Wednesday.

Students are eager to put down their names for STEAM captains for next year.

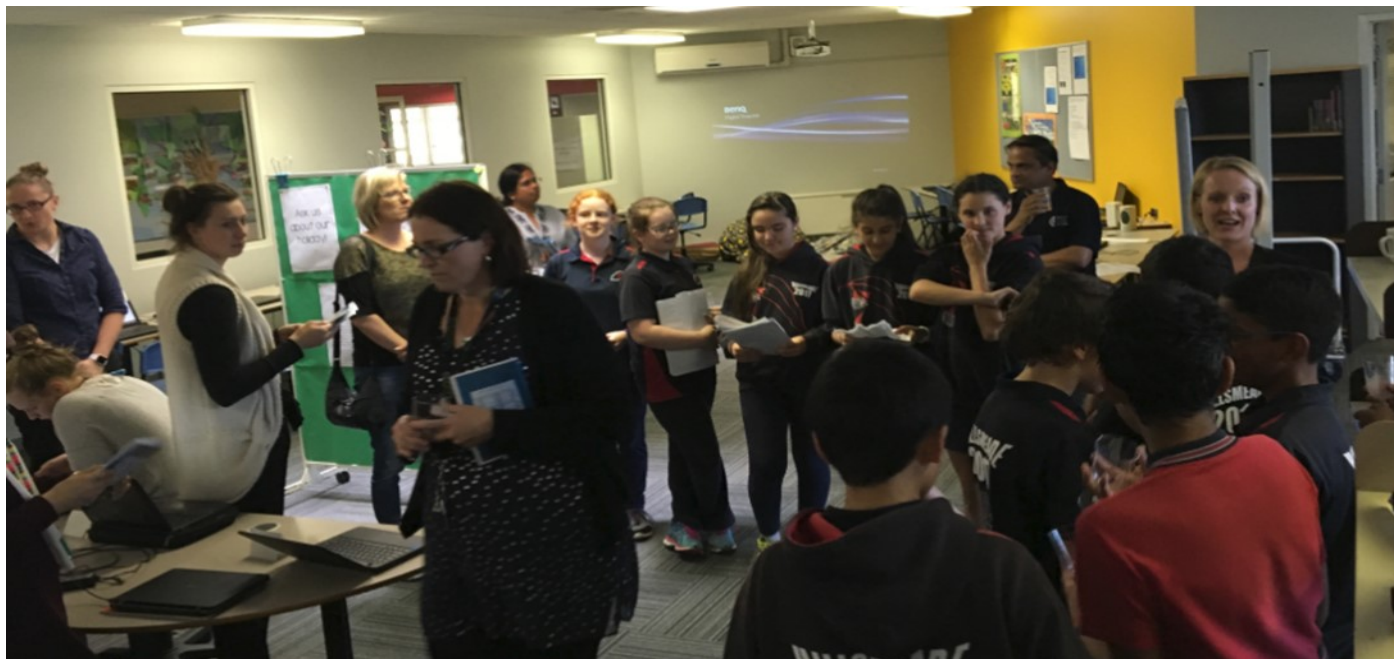
They are engaged and immersed in planning, designing, questioning, experimenting, improving and creating.

What students have to say:



Extension in Excellence Showcase

On Tuesday the 5th of December at 2:30pm we had our first ever showcase celebrating the 'Extension in Excellence' program involving Year 6 students. This was a wonderful celebration of student learning over the term. A big congratulations to Meg Yates for her hard work in leading the learning with these passionate, motivated and innovative learners. Also, a big thank you to all of the parents and other family members who attended to celebrate the students work.



HFC Christmas Carols

A reminder that this Friday (rain, hail or shine) we will be celebrating our annual HFC Christmas by Twilight event. Classes are very excited to perform their Christmas songs.

The event begins at 4:45pm – 8pm. We would love to see you and your family in attendance. A big thank you to the hard working HFC volunteers and teachers for supporting this wonderful event.

A reminder that this week is our whole school assembly beginning at 2:45pm. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there.

Jodie Bray

Principal

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Hi everyone,

With the school year coming to an end, it's important to reflect on the year and all the things we are grateful for. Showing gratitude is an important exercise which can help improve our mental health. It's important to show and model gratitude to your children. Some of the benefits of showing gratitude are:

- It can reduce anxiety and depression
- It can improve our sleep patterns
- It can make us more resilient
- It can strengthen our relationships

These are just some of the benefits. You can practice showing gratitude everyday with your family. One way is having a gratitude journal. According to the Resilience Project, they state that if we can reflect on the positive aspects of our lives for 21 continuous days we can rewrite our brain to scan the world for more positives. With time you can increase your capacity to notice a positive by 3!

Some questions to get you started:

What was the best thing that happened to me today?

Who am I most grateful for today and why?

What am I looking forward to most about tomorrow?

This is a great activity to do as a family - it would only takes 5 minutes a day.

There are more great things at the resilience project website. <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/presentation-slides/>

If you have any questions please come and see me.

John Cardamone

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

I am excited to confirm that the **Channel 7** broadcast of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be on **Saturday 16 December 2017 at 7pm.**

The two-hour broadcast will feature highlights from the live performances as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews. Tune in from 7pm to 9pm to catch all the action and relive the Spectacular memories.

The show will also be simulcast via live streaming on the PLUS7 app and be available on the **PLUS7 catch-up website** for 30 days from the broadcast date.

Mark it in your diary and share it with all of your family and friends!

Lisa Scott



THINK BIG DREAM BIG

This week is our massive Carols by Twilight night, on Friday 8th December between 5pm and 8pm. This year we have our ticket booth set up in the gym for our activities. This includes Face Painting, 2 massive Jumping Castles, Pick a Jar game, Lucky Dip game, Guess how many lollies in the jar and of course you can use tickets at our cake stall and HFC table too (cash or tokens at the cake stall and HFC table).

Please note this is a Cash Only event (unless you wish to pay via Eftpos or Credit Card for our Awesome Silent Auction).

We officially announced our first prize for our Christmas Raffle at last week's assembly and was also put on our Facebook page.

With our major sponsor, LJ Hooker Narre Warren South, the HFC are proud to announce the first prize this year: Tickets to the Hit Broadway Musical "Aladdin" with beverages, snacks and official program included.

This prize is valued at over \$450, so buy your tickets today to be in the running.

Thank you to my team: Brooke, Bronwyn, Catherine, May, Natalie, Jill, Andrea, Kellie, Jenny, Stacey, Sue, Amie, Erica, Michelle, Katrina, Raelene and Kerry.

Thanks to our School Council President Brooke, ALL our Hillsmeade Staff and ELC, new volunteers Aneta & Lisa, Alkira year 7 students, LJ Hooker Narre Warren South team members, Paul Saddler Narre Warren South and anyone else I may have accidentally forgotten.

With out these amazing members of our school community this event would never have got off the ground.

THANK YOU

See you all at Carols by Twilight and please say thank you to all our volunteers while you are roaming around.

Kindest Regards
Inez HFC President 2017



Remember to LIKE our Hillsmeade Fundraising & Reminders Page on FACEBOOK



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MAD Day 2017

Last Friday our Year 5&6 students showcased their final project for their Economics and Business unit this term. We were all excited to see the students' final project at the market style event on Friday morning – rain, hail or shine.

Despite the rain and our first annual MAD Day being held in the hall, we were blown away with the flexibility, organisation and confidence that our students brought to the event. Our students demonstrated their learning of "What Sell's?" understanding how the power of research, advertising, consumer wants and needs and enterprising behaviours create a successful business.

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who came along and supported the incredible event. All the money raised from the event has been donated to the Year 6 Graduation and Big Day Out celebrations.

We can't wait to see what's in store for us next year!

Ms Barker



The weeks leading up to MAD Day were crazy. We were all frantic to get everything done and prepared for MAD Day. As being the grade 6's there was a lot of pressure on us to produce an amazing stall that would help raise much needed funds for our end of year celebrations. As we had run MAD Day last year we had some experience but nothing stopped us from learning heaps more.

Overall, MAD Day was a super success. We raised a lot of money and had heaps of fun doing it. Thank you to everyone who brought money to purchase things at our stalls. Also a big thanks to all the teachers who helped us prepare our stalls, we couldn't have done it without you.

Annabel 6A

Throughout MAD Day:

I showed **integrity** by behaving and doing the right thing. I also showed integrity because someone had the idea of putting my money into the cash box, but I told them that wasn't right.

I showed **responsibility** by making the whole flick footy thing and by staying at the stall basically the whole time.

I showed **enthusiasm** by dressing up, encouraging the kids and by working on it at home.

I was **successful** because I put hours of hard work and effort into the stall and the portfolio.

I was **persistent** because the day before MAD Day someone broke our flick footy display and I had to keep trying to fix it and I eventually got it to work.

I was **encouraging** by helping kids play the game and making a big deal when they got it in or won a prize.

I was **courageous** because I didn't want to do MAD Day because a person in our group was barely doing anything. I also dressed up as a tiger character and people got a laugh with me from it.

I showed **teamwork** by helping people and working with Logan to make the footballs. People came to me for help on what to do so I showed them.

Jack 5B

MAD Day was a great experience. In my group I had Lina, Gemma, Nora, Max and me. Together we were Slime Time! I think it's obvious what we were selling, slime! It's a great experience because you learn how to run a business and to cooperate with different people.

Milani 5A



MAD Day 2017



2017 Term 4

Canteen Specials

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

CLOSED TUESDAYS

Preferred Payment Method



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 Specials

Aussie Pie or Sausage Roll & Drink	\$4.00
Caesar Wrap, Frozen fruit & Drink	\$6.00
** Add Chicken**	\$1.00
Chicken Strip Wrap & Drink	\$6.00

Monday / Wednesday Specials

3 Fried or Steamed Dim Sims & Drink	\$3.50
Pizza or Pasta And a Drink	\$6.00
Chicken or Ham & Salad Roll & Drink	\$6.00

The canteen will close for lunch orders from Fri 15th December with counter sales only available from 18th- 21st December

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).

Early Bird Reading Club.

Reading Club will finish for the year from Wednesday December 6. We will start up again next year so keep a look out for our starting date. Thank you to everyone who has taken part this year and we hope to see you next year. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Ahlgren.

ATTENDANCE AT HILLSMEADE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2018.



My children, listed below **WILL NOT** be returning to Hillsmeade in 2018.

(This does not apply to Grade 6 students)

- _____ who are in grade _____ in 2017
- _____ who are in grade _____ in 2017
- _____ who are in grade _____ in 2017
- _____ who are in grade _____ in 2017

(PLEASE PRINT)

Please indicate which school they will be attending

_____ Parents Signature _____



Please label all articles of clothing with your child's first and last name.

Numerous articles of clothing end up in the school lost property unnamed and unclaimed.

LOST PROPERTY



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS



- Fire restrictions may be in place over the next few weeks.
- This is your last chance to clean up your properties prior to the fire season, especially residents that live in urban rural interface areas.
- If you are going to burn off, please ensure you check with your Local Council for their burning requirements as in some areas, it may already be too dry to burn.
- DON'T LIGHT UP ON WINDY DAYS
- Prior to lighting a burn, ring the 'Burn Off Notification Line' on 1800 668 511
- Never leave a burn unattended.
- For further information to help prepare you for the Summer Fire Period, please check the CFA Website – www.cfa.vic.gov.au

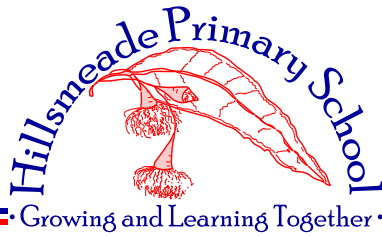


Drink Bottles

Please ensure you name your child's drink bottles.

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

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ADVERTISE WITH US

Lunar Drive In

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<p>NOVEMBER 23 PG</p>	<p>DECEMBER 14 CTC</p>
<p>DECEMBER 14 CTC</p>	<p>DECEMBER 21 G</p>
<p>DECEMBER 26 PG</p>	<p>DECEMBER 26 PG</p>
<p>DECEMBER 26 CTC</p>	<p>JANUARY 11 PG</p>

SESSIONS AT WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU
Information correct at time of printing. All dates and films are subject to change.

AFLW

OPEN TRAINING & FREE KIDS CLINIC

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER, GOSCH'S Paddock
OPEN TRAINING: 9.15AM-10.30AM | KIDS CLINIC: 10.35AM-12.00PM [5-12YRS]



KIDS CLINIC HOSTED BY MELBOURNE'S AFLW TEAM

REGISTER FOR THE AFLW KIDS CLINIC AND:

- ENTER THE DRAW TO WIN A SPOT IN OUR AFLW TEAM PHOTO
- RECEIVE A FREE AFLW AUTOGRAPH POSTER
- HAVE THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GUARD OF HONOUR AT ONE OF OUR AFLW GAMES

REGISTER NOW

KARATE

Karate Classes

Free Karate Uniform!!
All Ages—Male and Female

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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Tuesdays: Fountain Gate Prim. School Prospect Hill Drive Narre Warren	Saturdays: Dandenong Primary School Cnr Foster St & New St. Dandenong	TUESDAYS ALSO AT: Heany Park Primary School Buckingham Road Rowville	Mondays: Patterson Lakes Primary School 130 Gladesville Blvd. Patterson Lakes
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Bookings available NOW!!

Free fun for the whole family - face-painting, giveaways, BBQ, coffee and your chance to meet the Melbourne mascots Checker, Flash and Daisy Demon!

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