

Wednesday, 20th December
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2018 Book Packs

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

Book Sale Day 24th January 9am-5pm.

18th - 21st December	Canteen Counter Sales Only
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
24th January	Book Sales Day 9am-5pm
30th January	First Day Term 1 2018
31st January	No Preps Required At School
2nd February	Prep Photo Day
22nd March	Curriculum Day (No Students Required)

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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 last week of Term 4 for 2017. What an amazing year we have had at Hillsmeade Primary School. Please enjoy this final Link for the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the year, my first year as Principal. I would like to thank all of the students, staff, parents, school council members and my own family, who have been a wonderful support throughout the year. It is with great pride that I hold the position as Principal of our wonderful school. Thank you to everyone who has made 2017 a memorable year at Hillsmeade Primary School.



Congratulations Daniel Schmidt

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge Year 6 student Daniel Schmidt who was recognised last week at the 2017 Holt Community Spirit and Leadership Awards. Daniel was recognised for his positive and proactive work in supporting the community. A big thank you to Jess Szalek, Year 6 PLT Leader for attending with Daniel's family. Congratulations Daniel.



Bunjil Place

On Wednesday the 13th of December, we attended the educational launch of Bunjil place. We had the opportunity to visit the 800 seat theatre and the new library. We viewed the exhibition 'Let's Play: The Art of Our Time' which is on display at the gallery from the 15/12/17 through to 25/2/18. If you are looking for something to do in the holidays this would be a great place to visit with the family over the Christmas break. For further details you can visit the Bunjil Place website <https://www.bunjilplace.com.au/>.

Lisa Scott & Alison Elliott

Congratulations Crystal Wells

A big congratulations to Crystal Wells who was successful in obtaining the Acting Assistant Principal position for the first six months of 2018 in replacement of Scott Clode. Well done Crystal, we look forward to having you join the Principal Class Team in 2018.

Best Wishes to Scott Clode

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Assistant Principal Scott Clode the best of luck as he moves into an Acting Principal position for the first 6 months of 2018. Best of luck at Warragul Primary School, and thank you for your work at Hillsmeade Primary School in 2017.

Year 2 Camp

Well done to the Year 2 students and all of the Year 2 teachers and volunteers. The students who attended camp last week had a ball. They were respectful, well behaved and upheld our school values with pride. I visited the camp for breakfast on Friday and was greeted with excited, sleepy faces that were bursting to share the details of their adventures. It was so wonderful to have the leaders at camp come and share how well mannered and well behaved our Hillsmeade students were. A big thank you to Trisa Kett, Year 2 PLT Leader and the Year 2 team of teachers and volunteers who organised this wonderful experience for our students.



Choir Performance

Well done to the students who represented Hillsmeade Primary School in the choir to perform Christmas Carols at Casey Central last week. Our students put on a spectacular performance that was enjoyed by many passers-by. A big thank you to Lisa Scott for organising this for the wider school community.



Christmas at the ELC

Each group at the ELC has had their special Christmas concert and party to celebrate the year and moving on to the next stage, whether it be 4 year old kindergarten or Prep for 2018.



Year 6 Graduation

What a wonderful 2017 Year 6 Graduation we had on Monday night. The gym was a buzz with our Year 6 graduates looking spectacular. They looked so grown up, and walked with confidence. A big thank you to Jess Szalek, Year 6 PLT Leader for leading this wonderful event for our students and wider school community. Also, a big thank you to the Year 6 team and Hillsmeade staff for contributing to the event.



It was so amazing to hear the beautiful performances by the students and also to celebrate all graduates and our award winners. Parents of our graduates should be proud of their children. They are a spectacular group of individuals who have contributed so positively to Hillsmeade. As a school we would like to wish them the very best of luck as they transition into Secondary School. We hope that they look back at their time at Hillsmeade with a smile, and that they come back and visit us.

Well done to the 2017 Year 6 Graduating Class.







Thank you to the HFC

A big thank you to our HFC President Inez Crowe and our hard working HFC volunteers for all of the wonderful contributions they offer our school community. Your dedication, time and hard work is appreciated by the school community. Also, a big thank you to our parent community for supporting our whole school events and fundraising this year. This money supports positive changes across our school community.

**THANK
YOU!**

**Best
Wishes**

Farewell and Best Wishes

It is that time of the year when we farewell Hillsmeade Staff who will not be returning in 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for their valuable contributions to Hillsmeade Primary School, and wish them best wishes for 2018.

Farewell to: Sandra Murphy, Christine Harwood, Ashleigh Bell, Linna Phuong, Kim Hynes, Shannon Patterson, Tanya Bourne, Alex Kent and Laura Black.

Reminders for 2018

- 24th January Book sales day
- 30th January First of day school 2018
- 31st January No preps required at school
- 2nd February Prep photo day

Last Day

A reminder that there will be two school assemblies on Friday. The first assembly begins at 9:15am for the HFC Christmas raffle draw. The final assembly will take place at 1pm in the gym. At the final assembly there will be some special awards presented, also our new 2018 Student Leaders will be announced. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there.

A reminder that school finishes on Friday at 1:30pm.

Wishing all of the Hillsmeade Primary School community a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2018. A final thank you to Shiona Watson, Sarah Smith and Scott Clode for their support in the Principal Class Team this year. Also a big thank you to the hardworking staff at Hillsmeade. Have a wonderful break.

Jodie Bray
Principal



Year 1 Expo

Congratulations to the Year 1 students who put together some amazing robot creations for their expo last week. There was a buzz of excitement as students, teachers and guests toured around to see the wonderful creations.



Robo Girls

“Programming the robots to move in a triangular shape and programming it to avoid obstacles was challenging”

Ari & Aidan—4A



“We liked how we got to make the robot move and we liked that we got to use the computer to do coding. Making the robot move in a shape was challenging. We learnt a lot about how to use the computer to tell the robot to move”

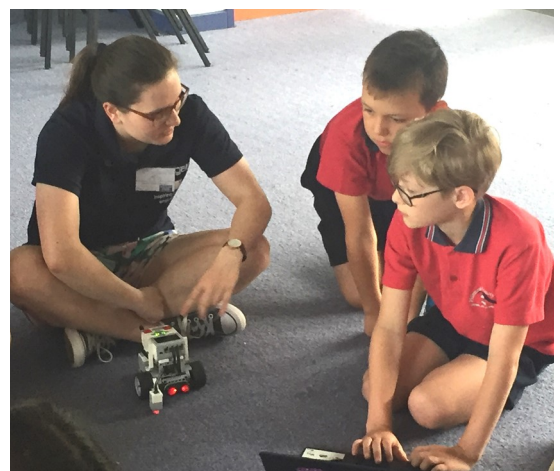
Olivia & Sienna—4A



“Before RoboGirls, we thought it would be really hard but, once we got to the computers and started coding, we realised we just had to think carefully first. We had to program the robot to make right angle turns, but we kept making it turn at too large of an angle.

We started to notice that the lower number we used, the larger the angle of the turn the robot made. When we realised that pattern, we knew how to fix it to make it do a right angle turn.”

Kiarah, Rayan & Emily—4A



“Programming the robots to move was really interesting.” Jai & Zack 4A

Reflecting on our learning in 2017

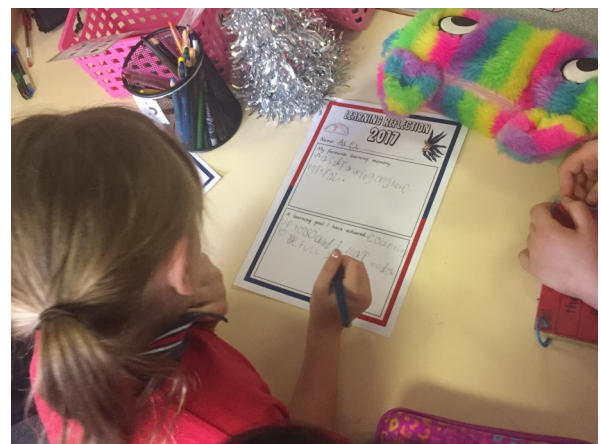
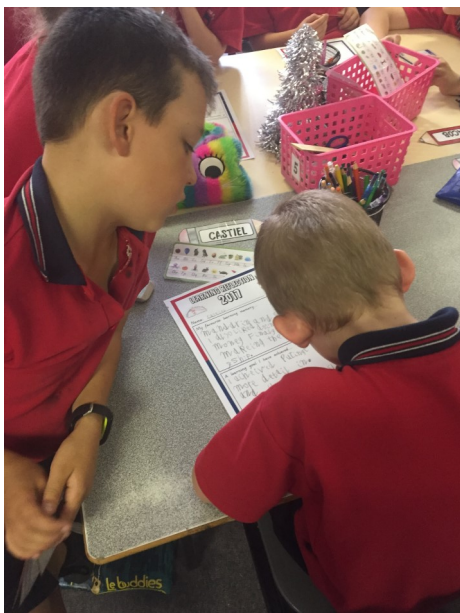
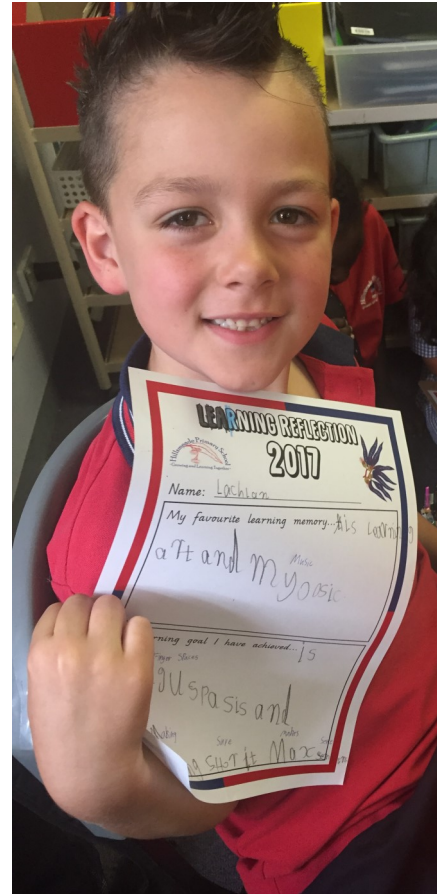
with our Prep Buddies

The end of the year is an exciting time for students at Hillsmeade. Many are looking forward to their long awaited summer break and some time with family.

It is also a time for well earned celebration of learning growth.

This week, students from 4A worked with their Prep Buddies to reflect on their favourite learning memories of 2017 and the learning goals they have achieved.

The Grade 4 students used the peer conferencing strategies and skills they have developed in our Writer's Workshop to help support their buddies in this task. They were very proud to see how much their buddies have grown this year!



The preps have grown a lot! Their handwriting has improved and when they finished their sentences, they check it to make sure it made sense and they used punctuation.: Sanah—4A

Grade 2 at Camp Manyung

Last Thursday and Friday, some of our grade 2 students attended our annual camp in Mount Eliza. Blessed with beautiful weather, the students participated in a range of activities such as the Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Tree Rolling and Tree Climbing.

We were well fed, exhausted after our first 2 activities and enjoyed a movie to finish off night one. By 6am, most students were awake and ready to go, even though breakfast wasn't until 8am!

The second day was filled with more laughs, challenges and excitement as we completed 2 more activities. Although students were reluctant to leave, we all hopped on the bus after lunch where many of us found comfort on the shoulder of a friend as we slept all the way home.

We would like to thank the students on their wonderful behaviour and manners shown at camp and our amazing parent helpers for all of their support!





Games



Giant Swing



2017



Tree Rolling



Initiatives



Flying Fox



THINK BIG DREAM BIG

Our most amazing Christmas Raffle has its own morning assembly, this Friday at 9.15am in the gym and everyone is welcome to attend.

Who will win a prize?

Make sure you wear something Christmas inspired for a fun filled morning.

I would like to THANK our sponsors who donated to our Christmas Raffle:

LJ Hooker Narre Warren South, Baker's Delight Casey Central, COLES, Casey Central Dry Cleaners, Wilson Sports, Moonlit Sanctuary In Pearcedale, Lunar Drive In Dandenong, Zagames Berwick, Coal Creek, Sovereign Hill, Krispy Kreme, The Pancake Parlour, Parklane Big 4 Caravan Parks and to all the generous families who donated to our raffle and bought tickets to our raffle as well.

The HFC wish you all luck for this Friday's announcement.

Next year in 2018, the HFC are looking for brand new volunteers to join our team. The AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held in February next year. Date to be announced.

Personally, I would like to again thank the HFC committee, Hillsmeade staff and our school community for letting me be your President in 2017.

It has been a huge but immensely satisfying job. Thank you.

Signing off for 2017, stay safe and I wish you all health, wealth and happiness.

Kindest regards,

Inez HFC President 2017



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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.



LOST PROPERTY

Please label all articles of clothing with your child's FULL first and last name. Numerous articles of clothing end up in the school lost property unnamed and unclaimed.

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.**



Please note

The staff carpark is not a suitable place for parents to drop off and pick up children. There is usually a large amount of traffic with staff cars and deliveries, please refrain from using the staff carpark for pick up and drop off for the safety of your own children. (PLEASE DO NOT WALK CHILDREN THROUGH THE STAFF CARPARK). The excessive amount of parents using the staff carpark prohibits staff members from accessing parking and getting to the classroom in a timely manner.

Dear Hillsmeade Primary School,

Thank you all who donated items for our Messenger of Peace project. Your donations are going to The Transit Soup Kitchen, an organisation who delivers things to homeless people in lots of locations across Casey. What The Transit Soup Kitchen can't use will go to a charity op-shop. The donations pile is massive.

We could not have done it without you. This is the pile of donations.



Narre Warren Sweeney Cub Pack had a lady come and talk to the pack about homeless people and what The Transit Soup Kitchen does to help. She was very grateful for our project.

From Sam and Damien 3C.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure you name your child's drink bottles.

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



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

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