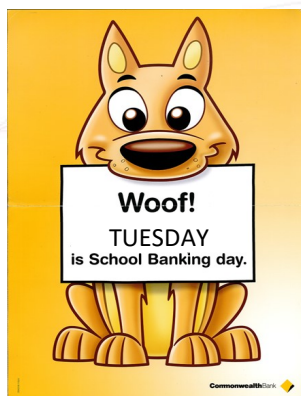


Wednesday, 31st January  
 Issue No 1

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31st January	No Preps Required At School
2nd February	Prep Photo Day
7th February	No Preps Required At School
14th February	No Preps Required At School HFC Annual General Meeting at the ELC 9:15am
21st February	No Preps Required At School
26th Feb - 9th March	Grade One Hatching Chickens
12th March	Labour Day
15th March	Prep Incursion—Responsible Pet Ownership 9:30 - 12:15pm
22nd March	Curriculum Day (No Students Required)
29 March	Last Day Of Term

## 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**

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### **VISION**

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to the 2018 school year. I'd particularly like to welcome our new children in Prep and across the other year levels. This will be an exciting year for our school community as we continue on the school improvement journey. Last year, our student outcome priority focussed on Writing and implementing our new school mission, vision and values. These priorities will continue to be a focus in 2018. Our commitment to student growth will continue across all areas of the curriculum and there will be a strengthened focus on social and emotional learning across all year levels.

I'd like to welcome **new staff** to Hillsmeade PS and ELC.

**PREP**

- A)Nicole Page
- B)Lauren Slevin
- C)Nowella Ahlgren
- D)Kate McArdle
- E)Brydee Pilarinos
- F)Karishma Emrith

**YEAR 1**

- A)Jess Ellis
- B)Rachel Sutcliffe
- C)Scott Masson
- D)Sarah Rhimes
- E)Tessa Parmenter
- F)Amelia Thomas

**YEAR 2**

- A)Tabitha Carter
- B)Jenny Elkin
- C)Kira McKay
- D)Carmen Collins
- E) Rush Rajaram
- F)Bonnie Arbuckle
- G)Katrina Smith

ELC – Amy-Leigh Nettleton and Emma Duffin-Stephan  
 Prep – Karishma Emrith  
 Year 1 – Tessa Parmenter  
 Year 2 – Kira McKay and Katrina Smith  
 Year 3 – Jeromy Lewier  
 Year 4 – Tilly Le Faou  
 Year 5 – Caroline McClary  
 Year 6 – Samantha Mayen and Travis Cole.  
 Office – Emma Wiesenecker.

**YEAR 3**

- A)Trisa Kett
- B)Dimple Bhardwaj
- C)Angela Herres
- D)Rachel Hicks
- E)Jeromy Lewier

**YEAR 4**

- A)Danielle McKelvie
- B)Belinda Catanese
- C)Susan Haworth
- D)Evelyn Schultz/Tilly Le Faou
- E)Brent Rafferty

**YEAR 5**

- A)Martine Ziino
- B)Narelle Sibly
- C)Caroline McClary
- D)Rachel Oates

**YEAR 6**

- A)Toni Barker
- B)Jess Szalek
- C)Samantha Mayen
- D)Janelle Struth
- E)Travis Cole

**SPECIALISTS**

- PE Ahmad Chazbek
- PE Kate Pollock
- MUSIC Lisa Scott
- ART Alison Elliott
- ART Andrea Garwood
- MANDARIN Maria Liu
- MANDARIN Sally Wu

**ELC**

- Katrina Roberts
- Amy-Leigh Nettleton
- Emma Duffin-Stephan

**INTERVENTION**

- Di Poulter
- Jo Monroy
- Kathryn Kidd
- Meg Yates
- Krissy Martin
- Judy Kenny



A big welcome back to – Kristen Martin (intervention) and Tooba Aram (EAL).

Our **leadership team** for 2018 is:

Jodie Bray (Principal), Shiona Watson (Director ELC), Crystal Wells (Acting Assistant Principal and Literacy Learning Specialist), Sarah Smith (Assistant Principal), Stewart Johnson (Business Manager), John Cardamone (Acting Leading Teacher – Social and Emotional Learning) and our Learning Specialists – Jess Szalek (Numeracy) and Dimple Bhardwaj (Science).

We are privileged to be supported by our Professional Learning Team Leaders: Nicole Page (Prep), Jess Ellis (Year 1), Tabitha Carter (Year

2), Trisa Kett (Year 3), Danielle McKelvie (Year 4), Martine Ziino (Year 5), Toni Barker (Year 6) and Ahmad Chazbek (Specialist).



**Leadership Team L-R:**

Shiona Watson,  
Sarah Smith, Jodie Bray,  
Crystal Wells ,  
John Cardamone



**Specialist Team L-R:**

Maria Liu, Alison Elliot,  
Ahmad Chazbek,  
Kate Pollock, Sally Wu,  
Andrea Garwood,  
Lisa Scott



**Prep Team L-R:**

Nowella Ahlgrew, Karishma Emrith,  
Kate McArdle, Nicole Page, Lauren Slevin,  
Brydee Pilarinos



**Grade 1 Team L-R**

Sarah Rhimes, Rachel Sutcliffe,  
Scott Mason, Jessica Ellis,  
Tessa Parmenter, Amelia Thomas



**Grade 2 Team L-R**

Kira McKay, Katrina Smith, Jenny Elkin,  
Rush Rajaram, Carmen Collins,  
Bonnie Arbuckle, Tabitha Carter



**Grade 3 Team L-R:**

Angela Herres, Jeromy Lewier,  
Rachel Hicks, Deanna Cortina, Trisa Kett,  
Dimple Bhardwaj



**Grade 4 Team L-R:**

Tilly Le Faou, Belinda Catanese, Danielle  
McKelvie, Brent Rafferty, Susan Haworth



**Grade 5 Team L-R:**

Rachel Oates, Caroline McClary,  
Narelle Silby, Martine Ziino



Grade 6 Team L-R:

Janelle Struth, Travis Cole, Jess Szalek,  
Toni Barker, Samantha Mayen



Intergration Team L-R:

Melissa Terrington, Tania Agnew,  
Judy Kenny, Sharron Porter,  
Michelle Spellman, Cheryl Zubcic



Intervention Team L-R:

Tooba Aram, Angela Cooper,  
Kristen Martin, Judy Kenny, Di Poulter,  
Joanne Monrroy, Kathryn Kidd, Meg Yates



**Office Admin Team L-R:**

Emma Wiesenekker, Alan  
Carter,  
Vicki Collie, Stewart Johnson,  
Meagan Straughair,  
Allison Jones, Caren Carter



**ELC Team**

**FRONT ROW L-R:**

Ebony Goumas, Katrina Roberts,  
Angela Nixon, Leanne Michaud,  
Amanda Dickson,  
Danita Rahman

**BACK ROW L-R:**

Janine Sabec, Amy—Leigh  
Nettleton, Emma  
Duffin-Stephan, Shiona Watson,  
Anne Kelly, Ashley Coad, Katy  
Baker

**Grounds**

We hope that you have noticed some wonderful changes across the school grounds. The new look has taken a lot of hard work from our Gardener Don and we have already received some wonderful comments from students, parents, staff and community members. If you haven't had an opportunity to come and have a look, we encourage you to take the time to come and look at the changes.







**OSHC**

Our vacation care program last week was lots of fun! Some special visitors were some baby bunnies. There was also lots of great sports games and art and craft.

Our before and after school care program begins this week. Please remember to notify the office if your child won't need care so you are not charged and we can offer the place to casual bookings.

Shiona Watson  
Assistant Principal



**Positive Start**

At Hillsmeade, we understand the importance of a positive start to school. Research shows that positive teacher – student relationships have one of the highest effects on student learning. Social and emotional learning is a priority at Hillsmeade, supporting the KidsMatter framework. This week, all classes are engaging in 'A Positive Start Program' to settle into their new year levels, build relationships with their teachers and peers and establish a positive classroom climate for learning. Students participate in fun 'getting to know you' activities, year level assemblies, develop class expectations, understand our I RESPECT values, set goals and define what makes a good teacher and learner. Successful schools start with healthy minds!

**Sarah Smith**  
Assistant Principal



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In 2018 at Hillsmeade Primary School we are continuing to work towards our school mission, vision and values. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with students, parents and the community to partner in the learning journey.

### **Student Illness and Accidents**

At this time early in the school year I'd like to remind parents about the necessity to keep us up to date with phone numbers and emergency contact details. If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. However, it is necessary on occasions to contact parents and we are often frustrated by out of date information that delays this process. **Please make sure you notify the Office of any changes to yours or your Emergency Contact details.** Obviously in extreme cases we may also deem it necessary to call an Ambulance before consulting parents and you need to be aware of this. Please also keep the Office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare.

Parents and guardians should also be aware that they are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any Ambulance transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. **The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold accident insurance for school students.**

### **Is other Insurance available? Yes.**

There are commercial providers of insurance for students and they can be found Online or through your Insurance Broker.

### **Students, Parents & Staff Personal Property**

On a similar topic, personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please note the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

### **Assembly**

A reminder that we will have our first whole school assembly this Friday at 2:45pm in the gym. This assembly will be run by our school captains Taylor Hounsome and Jack Winestone. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jodie Bray  
Principal

# 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.

Staff  
parking

## 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.

## Attention School Bankers

Please note that the school banking will commence next week. **School banking day is every TUESDAY.** Bankbooks are to be handed in to the class teacher or to the office on Tuesday mornings. They must be handed in before 11.30am in order for us to guarantee that the deposit will be processed that week.

Any tokens that have not been redeemed for reward items last year can be carried forward to 2018 and used to redeem items this year. Information about the 2018 reward items will be distributed soon. Any students who left Hillsmeade last year but still have a sibling attending the school in 2018 can continue to have their banking processed through school banking by submitting their bankbook with their sibling's bankbook each week. Likewise, any younger siblings joining the ELC in 2018 can have their banking processed at school the same way.

If you have any queries regarding school banking, do not hesitate to ask at the office.

Happy Banking!

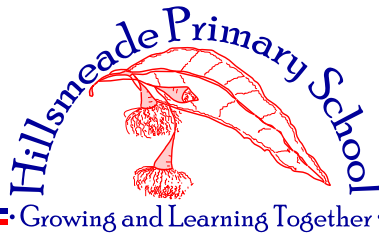
Jill and Nat (School Banking Co-ordinators)



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## ***Karate Classes***

***Free Uniform – Book in early!!***

***Fridays:***

**Hillsmead Primary School**

The Promenade, Narre Warren South

Juniors, 7 to 13 years, 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Teenagers & Adults, 6:30pm to 8:30pm



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LBKA Centers:

***Forest Hill – Wantirna – Rowville – Glen Waverley – Mount Waverley***

***Dandenong - Doncaster East***

***Fountain Gate – Narre Warren South – Patterson Lakes***

**FREE Trial Class – Phone 9887 4098**

Please contact the Hillmeade school office on 9704 6313 if you wish to advertise any sporting groups or community activities in the newsletter.