



The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

Issue No 6—Wed 7th MAR

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WHO? WHAT?

WHEN?

<p>8th MAR</p> <p>Prep Picnic 5-6pm on the Oval</p> <p>Parent Helper Workshop</p>	<p>9th MAR Hillsmeade</p> <p>Cross-Country</p> <p>FREE DRESS DAY</p>	<p><u>12th MAR</u></p> <p><u>Labour Day</u></p> <p><u>Public Holiday</u></p>	<p>13th MAR VSS18 Regional Rehearsal 1</p> <p>14th MAR Footsteps Dance - Gr 1/2</p> <p>The Flying Bookworm – Gr 1</p>
<p>15th MAR</p> <p>Responsible pet ownership Prep</p> <p>Divisional Swimming Competition</p>	<p>16th MAR</p> <p>Survivor Day Gr 5/6</p>	<p><u>22nd MAR</u></p> <p><u>Curriculum Day - No</u></p> <p><u>Students Required at School</u></p>	<p>23rd MAR</p> <p>Grade 5/6 Grand Prix</p> <p>Excursion</p>
<p>26th MAR</p> <p>Young leaders event (Yr 6 leaders)</p>	<p>28th MAR</p> <p>Year 3 Habitat Expo 2:30-3:30pm</p>	<p>29th MAR</p> <p>Last Day of Term 2:30 finish</p>	<p><u>30th MAR Good Friday</u></p> <p><u>Public Holiday</u></p> <p>16th April Beginning of Term 2</p>

Notices Out:

VSS18 - Regional Rehearsal 1 (Selected Students) DUE BACK 09/03

National Young Leaders Day Exc (Selected Students) DUE BACK 22/03

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians

Happy week 6 everyone. Term 1 is flying by and we continue to celebrate some wonderful events at Hillsmeade.

Assembly

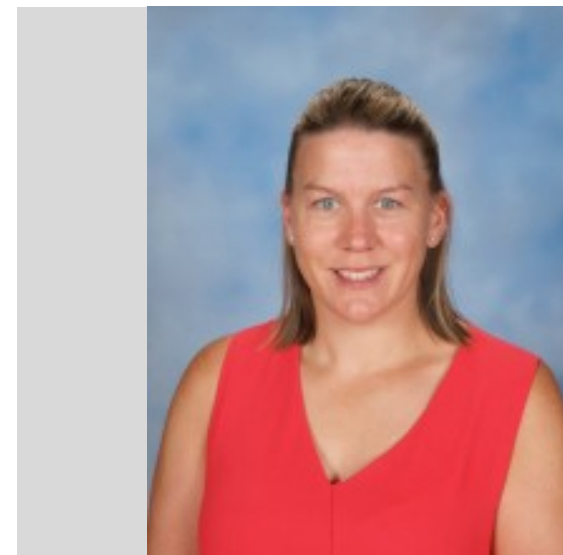
Last Friday the 2nd of March we had a wonderful whole school assembly. I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 3 team of students and teachers on their wonderful performance. Their singing was beautiful, and a big well done to Mr Lewier performing on the guitar.

There was also another wonderful performance by the Year 6's. As the students popped up from their spots and began singing the entire assembly began to join in. The final component of the performance involving all students was wonderful to see.



Hillsmeade Happenings

This week in all classes across the school we saw our second episode of Hillsmeade Happenings. A big thank you to the Year 6 student leaders that put it all together. It was wonderful to hear an interview with one of our Mandarin teachers Sally Wu, it was also fantastic to hear and see some footage prepared at the Berwick show, and this week's episode also included an interview with a Hillsmeade parent Kevin Dobson. A big thank you to everyone involved.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

District Swimming Event

On Monday the 5th of March a select group of Hillsmeade students ventured off to the pool in the park to compete in the District Swimming event. All students involved participated positively, supporting their team mates and doing the school proud. A big congratulations to Shae Lewis who qualified for the next event.

A big thank you to Kate Pollock and Ahmad Chazbek for their organisation of this event and opportunity for Hillsmeade students.

Hillsmeade Primary School Senior Cross Country

A reminder that this Friday we have our Senior Cross Country taking place. This will happen at school and involves the students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. We look forward to seeing the results from this event next week. Parents who would like to attend to support this event are welcome. The cross country will be taking place from the soccer oval.

School Council election results

A very big thank you to those parents who nominated for a position on the Hillsmeade Primary School Council. We are pleased to announce that the successful candidates from the recent election are: Erica Zboril, Brooke Bryer and Karen Hounsome. We would like to publicly thank all nominees for the positions and all families that voted. I look forward to working with our 2018 school council this year, noting our first meeting on Tuesday the 13th of March.



Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that your local school can exchange for sports gear. The more sports gear they'll receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!

[How does it work?](#)



Electives

A reminder that this Friday afternoon at 2:30pm we have our whole school electives taking place across the school.

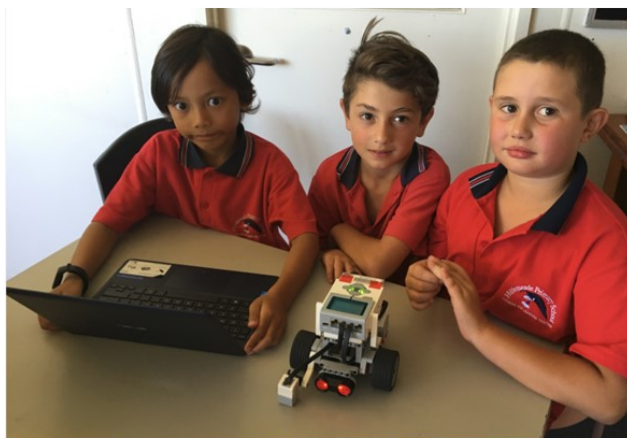
Coles Sports Vouchers

A very big thank you to families supporting our school with the Coles Sports vouchers. It has been wonderful to see the collection box growing each day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 3 – Year 6 Incursions



This week our students from Year 3 – year 6 have been involved in a variety of incursions to support the time release of teaching teams to engage in their professional practice days. The incursions have been great and we have received some wonderful feedback from students about their experiences. Students participated in a dance incursion called 'Foot Steps' and a robotics incursion called 'Robo Gals'. Please take the time to read the below writing pieces from some of our Year 3 and Year 4 students about their experiences.



Robo Gals incursion

On Tuesday the 6th of march
 I went with my whole classroom 3A.
 First they told us what does engineering
 means then we went to do the robot
 coding with the computer on the table.
 Later we were doing PowerSteering with
 the computer to control the robot.
 Next we tested if it work and it did
 I was surprised.
 Finally when the incursion was almost
 done we had to put the robot back
 for the next grade 3's it
 was fun I enjoyed it.

from Sammie 3A

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Tuesday 6th of march we went to see robots that are robo gals.

First we met three girls that are from John Monash and they were nice.

Next we had to control the robot with laptops and there was lots of instructions to do this.

Then we pressed the play button and the robot moved so we did it again. After that we had more instructions to do and it worked.

Finally we finished all

the work. It was a fun



day!



Mezahaan 3A



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



7/3/18

Our Experience At Footsteps

By Amra Fawazdeen 4A

What Is Footsteps?

Footsteps was controlled by an amazing dancer named Darcy, who said she went around Australia, in schools showing children how to dance to hip-hop. The song the Year 4's danced to was called 'Slam Dunk'. We went after snack on the 6th.

What We Did

First we had to separate ourselves when we practised so we didn't hit each other.

She danced while we copied. Sometimes she did trick moves. It was tricky.

After that we were told to separate into 3 groups. I was in group 2.

It was tricky but we did it all. Darcy was an amazing teacher and made everything easy.



7/3/18

Our experience at Footsteps

By Varun Methiravally 4A

Footsteps is a Hip-hop / Zumba group that teaches dancing, on Tuesday 6th March, 4A and 4B were taught in the gym about Footsteps. The year 4's loved it, the dancing was uplifting and joyful.

The year 4's were taught by Darcy, an employee working for Footsteps. The year 4's learn a dance called 'Slam Dunk'.

The dance had a bunch of difficult moves and isolations, but the year 4's worked their way through and smashed it. Everyone tried their best and had a ton of fun! So no one missed out on the amazing dance,

Everyone completely loved it so much!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



HIGH IMPACT TEACHING STRATEGIES

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Students driving their learning
in Mathematics

At Hillsmeade Primary School we are continuing to work with our students on developing their independence, motivation and skills in driving their own learning.

An example of how we are doing this work in Mathematics is through the use of student goals, conferencing and feedback. These areas are identified through the work of John Hattie as High Impact Teaching Strategies that positively enhance student learning.

We are very excited to continue to build on this work across the whole school and ensure students are equipped with the skills and strategies to drive their learning in partnership with their teachers, peers and parents.

GOAL: I CAN use the vertical algorithm to solve subtraction problems with decimals.

$$\begin{array}{r} 110.812 \\ - 5.89 \\ \hline 104.922 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 103.2 \\ - 5.89 \\ \hline 97.31 \end{array}$$

$$103.2 - 5.89 = 97.31$$

Today I learnt how to subtract decimal numbers with a vertical algorithm. Above is an example of my learning. I did this goal because I needed to keep practising. I have completed this goal.

Well done!



1. Setting Goals

Overview

Lessons have clear learning intentions with goals that clarify what success looks like.

Lesson goals always explain what students need to understand, and what they must be able to do. This helps the teacher to plan learning activities, and helps students understand what is required.

Key elements

- Based on assessed student needs
- Goals are presented clearly so students know what they are intended to learn
- Can focus on surface and/or deep learning
- Challenges students relative to their current mastery of the topic
- Links to explicit assessment criteria



8. Feedback

Overview

Feedback informs a student and/or teacher about the student's performance relative to learning goals.

Feedback redirects or refocuses teacher and student actions so the student can align effort and activity with a clear outcome that leads to achieving a learning goal.

Teachers and peers can provide formal or informal feedback: it can be oral, written, formative or summative. Whatever its form, it comprises specific advice a student can use to improve performance.

Key elements

- Precise, timely, specific, accurate and actionable
- Questioning and assessment is feedback on teaching practice
- Use student voice to enable student feedback about teaching

Goal: Use decimals with the jump strategy

$$140.12 + 420.42 = 560.54$$

Jump strategy

I chose this goal because I found the jump strat with whole numbers easy but decimals was really hard but now I can do both at ease.

Great work!

27 February 2018

My Goal: I CAN subtract numbers with decimals in them.

Today I had to subtract integers and make a pattern.

$$\begin{array}{r} 08.812 \\ + 60.78 \\ \hline 69.592 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 09.130 \\ - 15.86 \\ \hline 13.27 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 82.110 \\ - 57.23 \\ \hline 24.88 \end{array}$$

you have to put both numbers on top of each other and subtract each place value. If the top number is ~~less~~ less than the bottom number you have to borrow from the next number.

Your explanation is fantastic, I would love you to keep practising this goal. Well done!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 6 Gymnastics

This week the Year 6 classes have been working on their gymnastics skills during PE lessons. The students were very engaged in the various stations that were focused on building up their strength, balance and flexibility.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Easter

RAFFLE

Free Dress Day

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A ticket form is attached and tickets are to be sold for **\$1 each**.

Tickets need to be returned to school with payment no later than **Friday 23rd March**. An example of how to fill out the tickets is shown:

Name <u>Uncle Bob</u>	2018 Easter Raffle
Phone <u>0411 000 000</u>	
Care of Child	
Name <u>Steven Jones</u>	
Grade <u>2A</u>	

The raffle will be drawn and results announced at the school assembly on **Thursday 29th March**.



Free Dress Day

Gold coin donation Free Dress Day on the 9th March. Money raised from this free dress day will be used to purchase the raffle prizes.



Free Dress Day and Easter Raffle

A reminder that this Friday the 9th of March is our whole school free dress day. Free dress will require a gold coin donation to contribute to the Easter Raffle.

There have been some excited students come to the office to return their sold raffle tickets. A reminder that all tickets sold will need to be returned to the office by Friday the 23rd of March to enable to raffle draw at our last assembly for the term on Thursday the 29th of March.



Jodie Bray

Principal

Hillsmeade Primary School



FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

I hope the week is going well. This week's topic we will focus on is the importance of having family rituals and the benefits of adding this to our weekly family schedule. Having family rituals can build a sense of belonging, hope and a feeling of security along with building strong, trusting and loving family relationships. Below is a section from **DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG, a child and adolescent psychologist**. He assists in running 'The family peace foundation' website.

"One powerful practice known to strengthen families is the creation and practice of family rituals. Family rituals help to create a sense of belonging and identity, and are positively associated with a child's socioemotional, language, academic and social skill development. When practiced regularly, rituals strengthen the connectedness between partners, and parents and their children which helps build stronger family bonds."

Recent studies link regular family dinners with positive outcomes including higher grades and self-esteem. Regular family meals also lower rates of obesity and eating disorders in children and adolescents.

There is no recipe for the perfect family ritual. Other rituals may include cooking special dishes to celebrate birthdays and other significant milestone events, going for a family walk after dinner, playing cards one night of the week, reading books in bed or on the couch quietly in each other's company, singing silly songs to pets, a secret family hand-shake, playing I-Spy on long car trips, watching Modern Family together on a Sunday night, sharing a jam donut at the footy, or story-telling while looking at old family photos.

Strong connections are built on the small, loving things we do and say regularly, not the one-off bells and whistle outings that end up on social media! Family rituals help build a sense of security and predictability, and say "this is who we are" as a family. When over the years, moments of uncertainty and insecurity inevitably visit us, a history of rituals provides a robust template of belonging and meaning to take into our adult years."

More can be found at this website <https://familypeace.org.au/the-power-of-family-rituals-2/>

If you would like to have a further chat or would like some ideas on family rituals please come and see me. Thank you.

John Cardamone

Acting Leader Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning.



BOOK CLUB

The second issue of Book Club has now been distributed to the students. As it is not long before the end of term, orders need to be put in quickly, so that the order can be received from Scholastic and distributed to the students before the end of term.

Thank you to all the families that ordered from the first issue. We had a great response and hope that everyone is enjoying their purchases.

Book Club is a great way to purchase some books for your children at bargain prices. There is even some books for as low as \$2.00.

If you would like to purchase some books from this issue, there are 2 options.

LOOP This is the preferred option. (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP You can now order and pay for your Book Club online. You must know your child's grade and teacher name to be able to use this option. You do not send anything to school. The order will be delivered to school. There is also a gift option on LOOP now.

If you order and spend \$10+ on 2 consecutive issues, you will receive Bonus Books on the third and consecutive orders. This is a great way to build your own home library.

2. Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or cash (which must be the correct amount).

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE STUDENT'S NAME (FIRST AND SURNAME) AND GRADE IS WRITTEN ON THE TOP OF EVERY ORDER FORM. ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THERE IS NO NAME ON THE ORDER FORM.

Fill out the order form, with the child's name and grade on the top and put it in an envelope along with the **CORRECT MONEY** (cash or cheque) and mark the envelope BOOK CLUB with the child's name and grade as well. Please **do not** include any monies for other fundraising or school events in this envelope.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

DON'T FORGET!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

13TH March

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This year, Hillsmeade Primary School will be participating in WORLD MATHS DAY. This is a free online competition that operates through the Mathletics online portal, meaning all activities logged by Hillsmeade students during this 48hr period will contribute to our school's competition total.

Date and time: Friday 6th March at 9pm until Sunday 8th March at 9pm.

Normal Mathletics tasks and challenges will continue to run during this time, but we will be competing against schools AROUND THE WORLD through the Live Mathletics platform using students' regular log in and passwords.

What is World Maths Day?

World Maths Day is a free, fun, online competition with up to 4 million students world-wide participating. The competition measures speed in arithmetic and numeracy skills on the Live Mathletics platform and runs for 48 hours and is open to all schools around the world. Students compete online with other students and top scores are displayed on a live 'Hall of Fame'.

Who will be the World Maths Day champion in 2018?




WORLD MATHS DAY

Returns 7 March 2018

#WMD2018

HILLSMEADE HEROES

PREP

00A

Oliver Sekulic
Aimee Boyle

00B

Zainub Hussaini
Jackson Bryant

00D

John Carroll
Reza Rajabi

00F

Lily Fernando
Anay Trivedi

ONE

1A

Maahier Sehgal
Scarlet Richardson

1B

Zane Bergalesbrow
Sumaya Ramic

1C

Caitlin Suhr
Natalie Bartuccio

1D

Amelia Kemp
Emily Vella

1E

Sienna Finn

1F

Tiahlie Hay
Ayaan Bhargava

TWO

2A

Gemma Bray
Luke Humphries

2C

Mortaza Abassi
Xaris Amato

2D

April Mouette
Reuben Boribon

2F

Mehran Ahmadi
Noorullane Ali

THREE

3B

Pranaali Patel
Jacob Kasilag

3C

Stepanie Pemberton
Devyn Taru

3E

Grace Kang
Gurshan Singh

FOUR

4A

Ahmad Aduusba
Rameen Hassan

4B

Prabhjyot Kaur
Aaron Hunter

4C

Attia Pacey
Navid Rezaye

4D

Eliana Sidiqi
Flynn Howard

4E

Huda Majid
Darcy Rawley

FIVE

5A

Maddison Mills
Jaylen Faithfull

5D

Suliman Fazel
Neeraja Rajesh

SIX

6A

Tyson Waters
Hanyia Chaudry

6B

Mujtaba Mohammadi
Jazmine Le

6C

Linda Nabizadah
Haasi Hassan

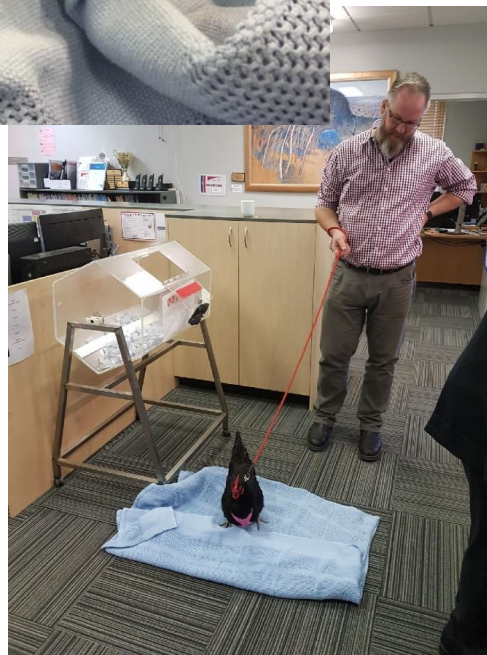
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Abbie Hunter
Mustafa Jaffari

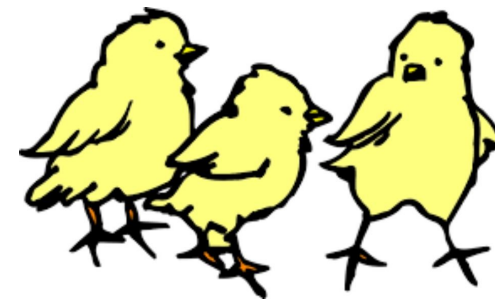
6E

Georgina Groza
Levi Cortez

GRADE ONE CHICKEN HATCHING



On Monday as part of the chicken hatching incursion, the Year One classes received a visit from Stewart Johnson and 'Monster Truck' the hen.



MATHS OLYMPICS - Grade 6B



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING



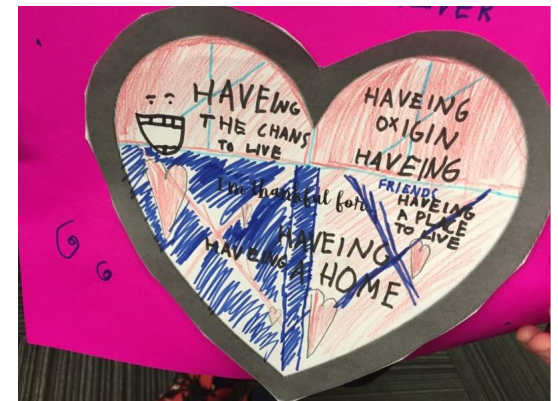
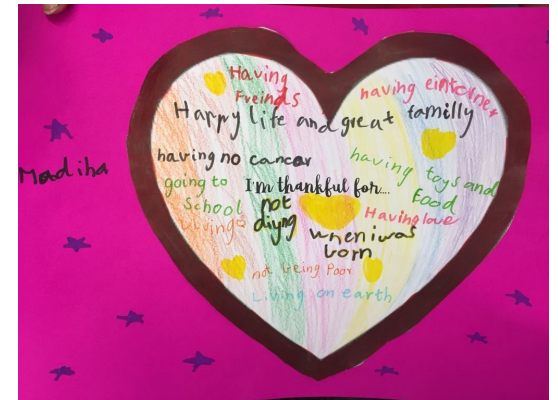
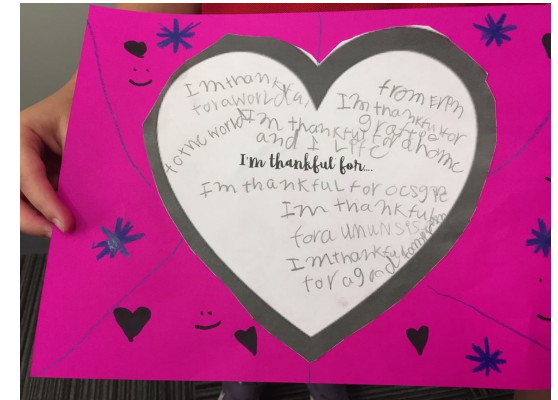
As part of the Victorian School Agreement, teachers are supported in developing their professional knowledge and practice through a professional practice day each term. Our teachers work collaboratively during this time on their planning, professional learning and to enhance their ability to support their learners. Students will be engaged in incursions and activities with guest speakers on these days, at no cost to parents. The dates of the professional practice days and activities provided are detailed below. Students are expected to attend school as normal, and will be supervised by leadership and specialist teachers during their activities.

Wednesday, 14th March		Thursday, 15th March
Gr 1	Gr 2	Prep
Footsteps Dance	Footsteps Dance	Footsteps Dance
The Flying Bookworm	Specialist Program	Responsible Pet Ownership
Specialist Program		Specialist Program

SCHOOL SNAPS



Student's share what they're thankful for.



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property basket is currently very FULL!

Please ensure that all uniforms, hats, balls and drink bottles are named. Lost property is located just outside the office.

If you are missing smaller items such as glasses and watches, please enquire with the friendly office staff.



MAGICAL PARK is an **AUGMENTED REALITY** game recommended for Children aged 6 –11, but is fun for all ages.

The City of Casey has installed Magical Park at two facilities:

Wilson Botanic Park Berwick: 668 Princes Highway, Berwick

Bacchus Park: 4 Bacchus Road, Cranbourne West



Download **'MAGICAL PARK'** for **FREE** to play a game at these parks

Available 10 - 25 March 2018

- COMPATIBILITY**
Runs on iPhone 5+ & iPads 3+ and Android devices
With Compass, Gyroscope, GPS & Accelerometer sensors.
Remove magnetic device cases!
- INTERNET**
Have access to mobile data or hotspot.
2MB data per game
- GEOLOCATION**
Make sure your GPS is on and set to high accuracy (if available).



FROM THE COMMUNITY

Sport

Fitness

Confidence

Self Defence

Discipline

Fun


Friendship

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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www.lionbushido.com

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



Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

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.

Easter 2018 school holiday dates:

- Week 1: Tues 3rd Wed 4^h Thurs 5th Fri 6th April
- Week 2: Mon 9th Tues 10th Wed 11th Thurs 12th Fri 13th April
- 10am–4pm

Cost: \$75.00 per day, or \$210 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

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_Open daily between 10am and 5pm



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