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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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2018 TERM I



WHO? WHAT?



MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
12th MAR	13th MAR	14th MAR	15th MAR Responsible pet ownership Prep Divisional Swimming	16th MAR Survivor Day Gr 5/6
19th MAR	20th MAR	21st MAR	22nd MAR Curriculum Day - No Students Required at School	23rd MAR Gr 5/6 Grand Prix Excursion
26th MAR Young Leaders Event (Yr 6 Leaders) Parent Teacher Interviews	27th MAR Parent Teacher Interviews	28th MAR Year 3 Habitat Expo 2:30-3:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews	29th MAR Last Day of Term 2:30 finish	30th MAR Good Friday Public Holiday (No School)

Notices Out:

UNSW ICAS Entry Form—DUE BACK 29th MAR

Survivor Day Form

Parent Teacher Interviews Appointment Form

Entertainment Book Fundraising Form

Happy week 7 everyone. I hope that the short week has started well and that all students and their families had an enjoyable Labour Day. Again we have some exciting things to share from Hillsmeade over the last week.

Primary Mathematics and Science Specialist Initiative

Last week we received confirmation of our successful application to be a part of the Primary Mathematics Specialist Initiative. This is a very exciting opportunity for our school. This will involve funding to support continued leadership and professional learning in the area of Primary Mathematics Teaching and Learning. This will run over the course of 2 years and includes professional learning, networking with our identified cluster school (Hampton Park Primary School) and other great opportunities. We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative at Hillsmeade throughout the year. To find out more, please visit

https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/education-state-27-million-maths-and-science-boost-for-kids-who-need-it-most/

Learning Science through Mandarin

Please take the time to look at these photos of some Mandarin lessons that involved a focus on Science. Students in this class were learning words and sentences about weather (cloud, rain, personal preference e.g. I like, don't like rain etc.). Students were using shaving cream, food colouring and water to make clouds and rain.

Survivor Day

A reminder that this Friday is our annual Year 5 and Year 6 Survivor Day. This is a wonderful event that takes place each year for Year 5 and Year 6 students. Our classes have been working hard, in their teams, developing team chants, team flags and ideas that will help their team be successful on the big day. We look forward to sharing some photos from this wonderful event in next week's link.











Hillsmeade Happenings

I hope you have had the opportunity to talk with your children about our new Monday viewing in all classes, the Hillsmeade Happenings. This is a new edition to our school in 2018 and is really capturing the audience's attention. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our hard working student leaders who work in collaboration with John Cardamone, Crystal Wells and Rush Rajaram to put this TV bulletin together. It is so wonderful to see our student leaders on the screens across the school each Monday unpacking the school values, interviewing students, parents and teachers and taking the time to share some wonderful things across our school.

Student Leaders

Get ready to

stand

united

This year our student leaders are working hard on developing their leadership skills in preparation for leading whole school activities and events. At the moment our student leaders are in the initial planning stages of preparing plans of action to lead events during recess and lunchtimes for our students. The ideas, opinions and insights of our student leaders have been appreciated. We look forward to sharing their plans of actions throughout next term.

National Day of Action against Bullying

We are excited to announce that Hillsmeade P.S. will again participate in the

National Day of Action Against Bullying on Friday March 16th. We encourage you to discuss this important issue with your children and family. As we know bullying can seriously affect a child's social and emotional development and

impact their learning outcomes. We continue to promote that the

Hillsmeade Community is a No Bully Zone! We would appreciate it if you could partner with us in the conversation with your children about this important issue.



There will be displays across the school as a demonstration of our work towards a No Bully Zone!

We thank you for your support.

Respectful Relationships

We are excited to have been successful in our application to become a partner school for the Respectful Relationships Initiative. Hillsmeade Primary School will be supported as a partner school to be mentored and supported by a lead school to implement a whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships. We look forward to sharing our work in this space throughout the year. To find out more information please visit

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/ programs/health/Pages/ respectfulrelationships.aspx?Redirect=1 RESPECTFUL NEW TENNER

Did you know?

There is some interesting research coming out about the changing landscape of employment in the future for our students. The below graphs demonstrates the changing skill set required for jobs and the potential changes to salaries. It is important that we continue to reflect on these as we shape the learning for our children.



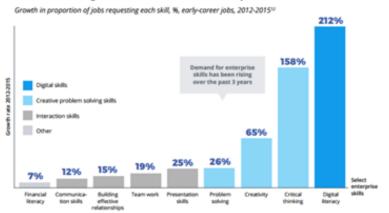
These skills are to be developed and scaffolded in partnership with the school, parents and community to ensure we are providing the ingredients for success for our students.

To find out more, please visit:

http://connecttesting.com.au/top-enterprise-skills-australian-employers-are-looking-for/

Or - google 'enterprise skills'.

Exhibit 2: Recent growth in demand for select enterprise skills



School Council 2018

A very big thank you to our 2018 School Council members who met last night for our first school council meeting. I am pleased to welcome new members: Brooke Bryer and Karen Hounsome. Also a big welcome back to members, Erica Zboril, Natalie Hale, Megan Shields, Kelly Suhr, Stewart Johnson, Crystal Wells and Angela Nixon. I am pleased to report that our 2018 School Council President is Brooke Gniel, with Vice President Megan Shields and Treasurer Kelly Suhr. Thank you to all of our 2018 School Council members.

Victorian State School Spectacular 2018

On Tuesday 13th March, students participating in the 'Spectacular' joined six other primary schools in Rowville to take part in their first regional dance

rehearsal. During the day they learned four complex dance routines with music from a variety of artists including Macklemore, Sheppard and also from the movie 'Moana'. At lunchtime, Lucy, Scarlett and Ally took the opportunity to interview the choreographer, Deon Nuku, for the Hillsmeade Happening TV broadcast to gain an insight into how and why he







became a professional dancer. By the end of the day students were exhausted, exhilarated and sightly overwhelmed, but all looking forward to our next lunchtime rehearsal on Tuesday! We would also like to say a big thank you to Karen Hounsome for all of her help.



Assembly

A reminder that we have our whole school assembly taking place in the hall at 2:45pm this Friday. I have heard that we can expect a wonderful performance from the Year 2 students. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there.

Jodie Bray

Principal

Hillsmeade Primary School



FROM MS BHARDWAJ

On Thursday, 1st March, Sarah and I embraced the opportunity to attend the Engaging STEM Education Seminar: Make It So at Monash University. This was a great opportunity to network with other schools and share knowledge and practice about the implementation of STEM in the curriculum. Some interesting facts:

- 65% of Today's Primary School Students will end up at jobs that haven't been invented yet.
- · 75% of the fastest growing jobs require STEM skills.
- 70% of Australian employers regard their STEM staff among their most innovative.

We also explored the 'Makerspace' which provided hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent as they deeply engage in science, engineering and tinkering. The global economy is changing and new skills are required at all times. Students are naturally curious and love investigating. Young Australians need a strong foundation in STEM education and we as teachers need



to set learning in real-world context so our students acquire all 21st century skills. We look forward to attending further seminars this year that will be closely aligned to the Victorian Curriculum Capabilities of Personal and Social, Critical and Creative, Intercultural and Ethical.

Dimple Bhardwaj
Acting Learning Specialist- Science





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Last Thursday, some female PLT leaders and I attended an event at the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership to celebrate International Women's Day. We heard from inspirational women



including Di Craig and Emma Ross, each a recent recipient of Outstanding Principal and Teacher Awards. We also heard from Claire Bowditch, an actress and musician, who shared her

experiences as a female in the entertainment industry. Stories

about their struggles were shared and we were uplifted in a collaboration with Claire as we sang about being and raising strong women. It was an insightful presentation and offered lots to consider about how we build up our girls to stand



up foR themselves but also how we build strong, respectful boys who grow up to treat girls with equality.

Trisa Kett – Year 3 PLT Leader





MUSIC

Private Instrumental Music Lessons - Keyboard and vocals

We are currently seeking a suitably qualified and experienced professional to teach Private Instrumental Music lessons for Keyboard and Vocals. Lessons are individual lessons lasting for 30mins and take place during class time (11.30am-3.30pm).

If you are interested in this opportunity can you please email your resume to hillsmeade.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 21st March 2018. Your resume should include a covering letter and a list of three referees with current contact information. All expressions of interest will be considered through a merit and equity based selection process and are subject to the applicant holding/obtaining a Working With Children card.

It is anticipated that lessons will resume in term 2.

Lisa Scott Music



STUDENT WELLBEING

Good afternoon Hillsmeade Community,

Firstly I wanted to say a big thank you to the families that completed the survey I had at the Hillsmeade Expo a few weeks ago. I thought the community would like to know the top 3 concerning factors that families are worried about in regards to their children and development. Below you will find the questions and the top answers for each question.

Q1 What is one thing that you believe your child/ children need more support in?

Anger management, resilience and building confidence.

Q2 As a parent what areas of learning could assist you?

Self-regulation, anger management and building resilience and confidence in young children.

Q3 Would you be willing to participate in / attend educational forums at Hillsmeade to gain a better understanding on social and emotional learning?

All said yes. With that I plan to facilitate an educational forum (with other teachers) next term on the most popular topics in our community (watch this space)

Q4 What information would you like to learn most about?

Self-regulation, resilience and building confidence

As we can see there are lots of common factors through the answers. This has helped me think about the topic/s I will cover for term 2 educational family forum. If you didn't fill out a questionnaire and would like to, there will be copies at the front desk or you can come and see me.

If you would like any information on any of the above topics or if you need support or assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

John Cardamone

Acting Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning



SCHOOL CROSSING

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

For the upcoming Supervisor of The Year Awards In 2018

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018

PRESENTED BY: Dreena Lawrence

School Crossing Victoria Inc.

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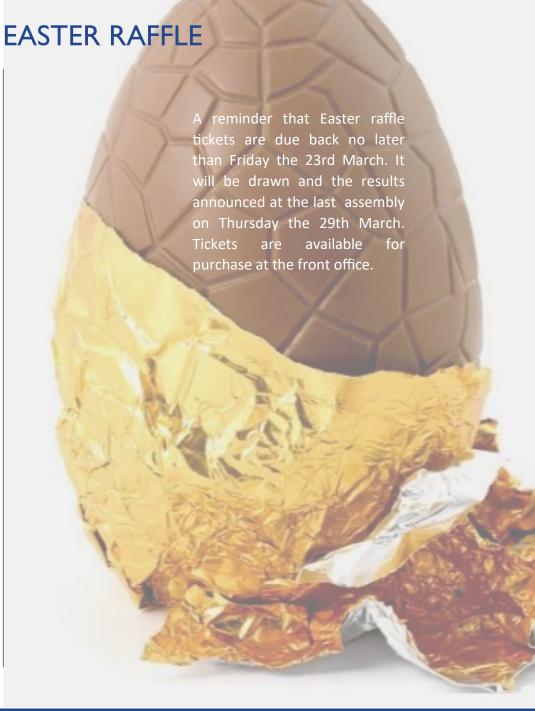
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OR Visit the School Office for a nomination form





SCHOOL NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the school has recently been awarded a grant to build an amphitheatre between the portables, the ELC and the synthetic oval. We look forward to providing more updates soon.



The Hon James Merlino MP

Deputy Premier Minister for Education Minister for Emergency Services

1 Treasury Place Melbourne Victoria 3002 Telephone: +613 9651 1222

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Ms Jodie Bray Principal Hillsmeade Primary School 82S The Promenade NARRE WARREN SOUTH VIC 3805

Dear Ms Bray

As part of the Education State vision, the Andrews Labor Government set a goal to increase pride and confidence in public schools.

Your local Member of Parliament, Judith Graley, has raised with me the situation involving the proposed outdoor amphitheatre. I am delighted to confirm that \$150,000 has been allocated to Hillsmeade Primary School to contribute towards the cost of this project.

The Victorian School Building Authority will work closely with you and your school to ensure that the best outcome is achieved from this funding.

Congratulations on securing this funding for your school.

Yours sincerely

The Hon James Merlino MP

Deputy Premier Minister for Education

Minister for Emergency Services

Judith Graley MP, Member for Narre Warren South

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HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day Wednesday the 21st of March

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, which is what we are all about at Hillsmeade.

Next week students will participate in lessons around diversity and inclusiveness in their classrooms. On Wednesday we will be gathering as a school community to celebrate our wonderfully diverse school. Straight after lunch we will meet on the basketball courts to sing 'Hello to All the Children of the World'. Any families which would like to sing along with us you are more welcome to join us at 2:30pm on the basketball courts.

It would be great if you could have a discussion with your children at home about this learning that has taken place at school and what Harmony Day means to you and your family.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Kids Matter Team



WELLBEING



Parent Information Sessions





Proudly Presents

Martine Oglethorpe Speaker & Educator

Safe & Smart Kids in a Digital World

As our family's become immersed in technology and the digital world, it is imperative that parents and teachers are armed with the necessary information, skills, strategies and perspective in order to help steer both themselves and their children through the myriad of information, that often threatens to overwhelm. This information session will offer comprehensive but relevant overview of what our children are facing right now, and what that will mean for them in the future.

Date: 20th March 2018

Time: 5.30pm

Location: Kambrya College Library - 68 Bemersyde Drive Berwick.

Please register for this FREE event using the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-and-smart-kids-in-a-digital-world-tickets-43819029898

Password: kambrya wellbeing

Martine is an accredited speaker with the eSafety Commission of Australia. She has a background in education & a Masters in Counselling. As a mother to 5, Martine is passionate about helping parents & students safely & smartly navigate the digital world.

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FROM THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY NOTES

OVERDUE BOOKS

This is a significant concern in our library. The longer a book is overdue, the more likely it is that it will become lost.

Books cost a lot of money. They are valuable resources, both for information and also for enjoyment. Hillsmeade Primary School cannot afford to keep losing so many books each year.

Also remember that if your child has a book from the library for a long time, there is probably another student (or even a teacher) that would like to borrow that book.

Here are some tips to reduce the overdue books in our school.

- * Find out when your child has their library day. If you are not sure, just ask your child's teacher. Ensure that your child has their library book back at school on that day.
- * Books are on loan for a 2-week period. If your child has not finished reading their book in the 2 weeks, still bring the book back on their library day and it can be reborrowed. This way the book will never be overdue.
- * Always know where your library book is. Keep it in a safe place at home, preferably in a library bag. When you have finished reading it, put it back into the bag until the next time. Doing this will ensure you always know where it is, and it will not get lost under the bed, in the book shelves in your house or in the toddler's bedroom.

- * If you are leaving the school, please return your library books before you leave. We lose a lot of books this way.
- * If the book is damaged in some way, i.e. water damage, torn pages etc, please tell your child's teacher.

 Sometimes, the damage can be repaired but sometimes (i.e. water damage) there is nothing that can be done. You will need to pay for a replacement book.
- * If the library book is lost, you will need to pay for a replacement book. The cost is \$20.00, but most of the time this does not even cover the cost of a new book.

Library books can be returned to the library at any time.
They need to be put into the return slot, which is located in the front of the main library desk. They will then be returned on the library computer.

Judy Kenny



School Library

STAFF WELLBEING WEEK

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Staff games

During week 6, our valuable Hillsmeade staff were supported in their mental health and wellbeing by engaging in a variety of optional activities and experiences during this week!

Staff bonded and shared some friendly competition during the staff games and ten pin bowling, practiced mindfulness and relaxation through the Sketchpad App on iPads led by Alison Elliott and concluded the week by sharing a laugh and coffee at our 'Knock off Nibbles' on Friday afternoon.

Bonnie Turner



Ten pin bowling



Hillsmeade Facebook page or the

Hillsmeade email.

OSHC

Dear Families,

Here is the program for the Easter vacation care, term 1 holidays. This term we are also providing LUNCH and afternoon tea for your children. Except excursion day. Places are limited. Please ensure when booking, your child <u>will attend</u> the program as previously we have families who book and then cancel. We have many families who need care over the holidays and to be fair to all, only book if you will use the program. Fee is \$50.00 per day. <u>You will receive an email to confirm your booking has been processed</u>. Bookings close March 28th 2018.

Child	/Childrens name:	
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Tick the date you require care and email to

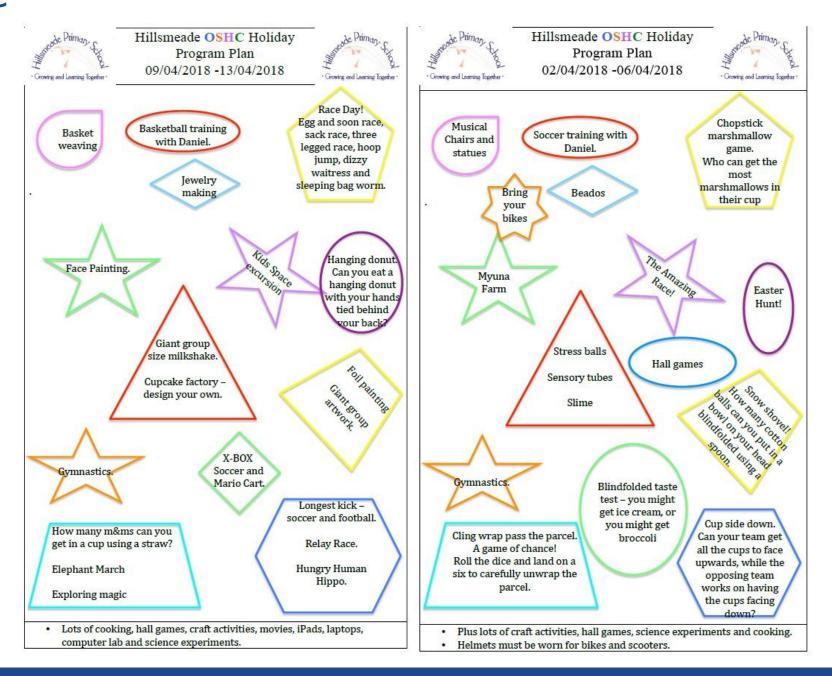
Nixon.angela.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you

Week 1	
Monday 2 nd April CL	OSED Easter Monday
Tuesday 3 rd April	
Wednesday 4th April	п
Thursday 5th April	
Friday 6th of April	

Week 2	
Monday 9 th	
Tuesday 10 th	
Wednesday 11th	
Thursday 12th	
Friday 13th	0

OSHC



CANTEEN

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 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

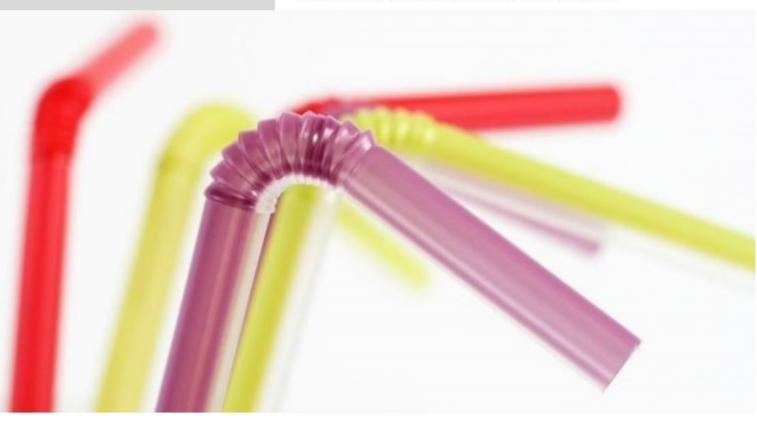
Pizza or Pasta And a Drink \$6.00

Chicken or Ham & Salad Roll & Drink \$6.00

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).

In our effort to become more environmentally friendly, straws will now only be given out upon request.



REGISTER & WIN SCHOOL PRIZES

Active April is giving your school the chance to win one of 15 visits from a Victorian Institute of Sport high-profile athlete AND a Bicycle Network Active Map program!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

We want all Victorian schools to understand the importance of physical exercise, so we have made it easier than ever before to get everyone involved in it. There are loads of prizes up for grabs, so make sure you get your teachers and classmates involved - the more people who register, the higher your chance of winning!



SCHOOLS PLUS CHALLENGE #1

This year all schools have the chance to win one of 15 visits from a Victorian Institute of Sport high-profile athlete with the Schools PLUS Challenge #1

WHAT ARE THE RULES

The top 5 schools in each of the small, medium and large categories (15 schools in total) with the most students registered before midnight 16 March 2018 will win the Schools PLUS Challenge #1 and receive a VIS visit valued at \$250 each.*



SCHOOLS PLUS CHALLENGE #2

Schools also have the chance to win an ACTIVE Map prize from Bicycle Network with the Schools PLUS Challenge #2

WHAT ARE THE RULES

- . Register for Bicycle Network's Ride2School Day and select your school from the dropdown menu.
- Get your teachers and classmates on board with Active April by midnight 23 March - the more people who register, the higher your chance of winning.

That's it! You're automatically helping your school win!



WHERE DO I START

Register yourself as a student or teacher and list your school. This will give you access to a whole range of general offers and resources for helpful downloads on how to get students and parents involved. Don't forget that with the all-new My Local you can also start planning activities for the weekend and school holidays.

Premier's Active April

*Terms and conditions apply to all offers and prizes. All prize winners will be informed via email.







Get the Active April app for iOS & Android





Share your Active April on Instagram with #myactiveapril for your chance to be featured, plus go into the draw to win a 12-month double pass to a participating YMCA.

SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Have you got a child's birthday coming Up?

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FROM THE COMMUNITY

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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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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 Tues10th 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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