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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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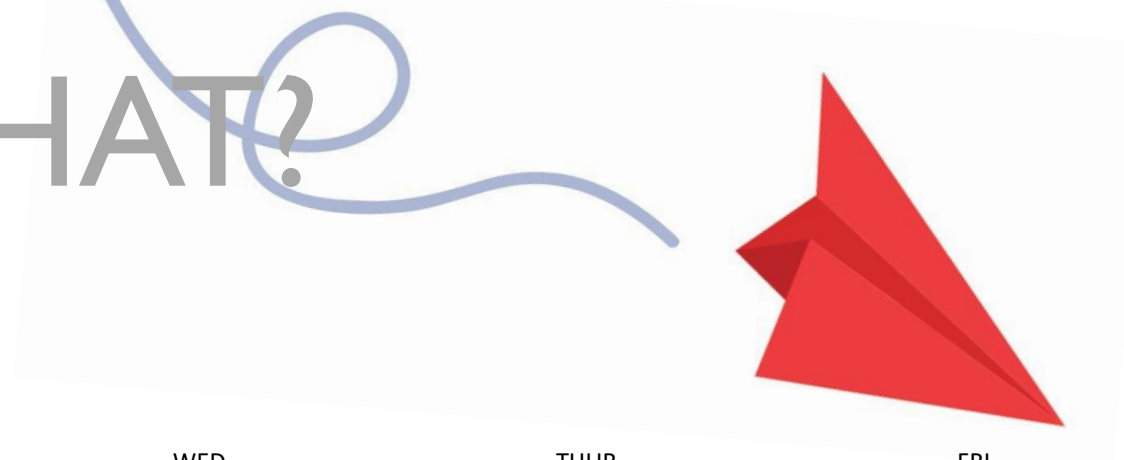
Please Note that Thursday the  
22nd MARCH is a Student Free  
Curriculum Day.

# 2018

## TERM I



# WHO? WHAT?



MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
19th MAR	20th MAR	21st MAR	<u>22nd MAR</u> <u>Curriculum Day - No Students Required at School</u> <u>ELC will be open for usual classes</u>	23rd MAR Gr 5/6 Grand Prix Excursion Last Day to enter Easter Raffle
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	<u>29th MAR</u> <u>Last Day of Term 2:30 finish</u>	30th MAR Good Friday Public Holiday (No School)
<u>16th APR</u> <u>First day of Term 2</u> <u>Students back at school</u>	17th APR	18th APR	19th APR	20th APR

Notices Out:

Gr 2 PG Movie Permission Form

Grand Prix 5/6 Information sheet

Gr 6 Young Leaders Information Form (Selected Students)

Gr 4-6 Production Consent Form (Selected Students)



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

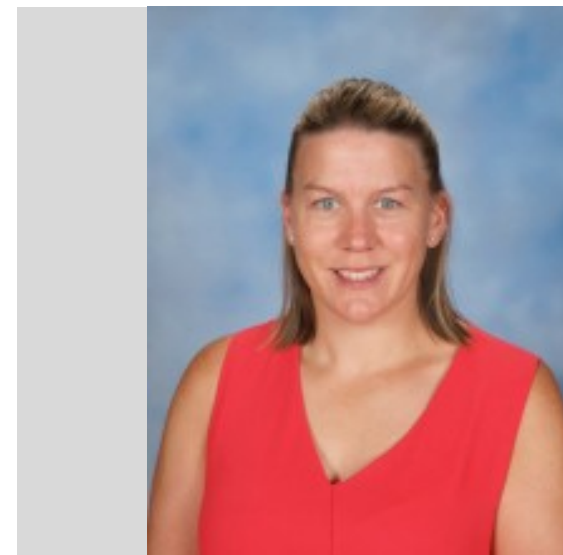
Dear Parents / Guardians

Happy week 8 everyone. Term 1 is very quickly drawing to an end. I hope that the term has been successful for your children and that you are looking forward to attending Parent Teacher Interviews as a celebration of their learning throughout the term.

## Out of School Hours Care

The students have been exploring a Venus Fly trap in the OSHC program, finding information and making their own version. They also love to play group games as well as using the sports equipment. Here is a large group Hokey Pokey.

Bookings are still available for the curriculum day and the April Vacation Care program. Please contact the ELC office for bookings.



## Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place each night next week from Monday – Wednesday. These nights are a wonderful opportunity to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their learning. We truly value these times, and appreciate parents taking the time to attend. As partners in the education journey it is important to discuss student progress and plan explicitly for continued growth and development. If you have not yet made a time, please don't hesitate to go online and book an appointment time.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter code:

**ggufz**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Assembly

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the Year Levels who have presented at assembly this term. The performances have been amazing and continue to brighten our Friday afternoons. It has also been wonderful to see such great attendance from our parents as guests at assembly.

## Curriculum Day

A reminder that this Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March we have our whole school curriculum day. **Students are not required to attend school on this day.** Teachers will be working with George Booker to continue to engage in Professional Learning in the area of Numeracy.

## PRIMARY MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SPECIALISTS INITIATIVE.

Did you know that 35% of 15 year olds currently do not have the problem solving skills required for the future?

Last week Jodie Bray, Jess Szalek and Dimple Bhardwaj attended the Primary Maths and Science Specialists Initiative at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. This was an amazing opportunity that provided professional learning in mathematics over the course of three days.



A particular highlight included David Leigh-Lancaster's presentation surrounding the proficiencies that are fundamental to working mathematically. These include **Understanding, Fluency, Problem-solving** and **Reasoning** and are applied across all strands of mathematics.

Please look for more mathematical information and how you can support student's maths engagement at home in upcoming Links.

### Mathematical Proficiencies

**UNDERSTANDING** – the relationship between the 'why' and the 'how' of mathematics.

**FLUENCY** – the skills to choose appropriate procedures effectively.

**PROBLEM-SOLVING** – the ability to make choices, investigate and apply known strategies.

**REASONING** – the ability to explain and justify thinking.

### Skills & Attitudes for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners:

Problem solving  
 Designing  
 Inquiring  
 Collaborating  
 Connecting  
 Persevering  
 Investigating  
 Creating



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Congratulations

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Kate McArdle, Bonnie Turner and Brydee Pilarinos on their successful expressions of interest in the BASTOW leadership course Inspire.

The Building Local Leadership initiative is an important enabler of the Victorian Government's Education State reforms, helping increase the number of quality leaders for school leadership roles.

The Inspire program provides high potential leaders with the foundational capabilities required for school leadership. Inspire will develop the knowledge and skills needed to start making a difference in a school. The program will ensure that participants are well-trained, well-networked and well-prepared to succeed as a leader.

It is a wonderful opportunity that will provide great learning for these developing leaders. We look forward to hearing about their professional learning throughout the year.



A promotional banner for Premier's Active April 2018. The top half has a pink background with the text "GET INVOLVED AND WIN SCHOOL PRIZES" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, a yellow banner reads "PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2018". The main image shows a woman in a blue athletic top and white cap clapping, with a group of children in orange shirts and white caps in the background. Text on the right says "Customise your Active April experience with the all-new My Local. Get the Active April app for iOS &amp; Android." with icons for the App Store and Google Play. At the bottom, a pink banner asks "WILL YOU BE THE MOST ACTIVE SCHOOL IN CASEY?".

Premier's Active April encourages Victorian families to get healthy and active by participating in 30 minutes of physical activity a day for the month of April and beyond. Jump on board and support your school.

Register & visit one of your local facilities providing special offers & free visits during the month of April.

- ▶ Casey ARC
- ▶ Casey RACE
- ▶ Endeavour Hills Leisure Centre

The more students registered the more chances your school has to win these great prizes and be the most active school in Casey.

Plus, everyone who registers gets access to a whole lot of free offers and prizes. See website for further details [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au).

Every school registered will also have the opportunity to win:

- ▶ A \$350, \$500 or \$750 Sportsmart voucher if your school has the highest percentage of students to register in the small, medium or large category
- ▶ One or 15 VIS visits with high-profile athletes
- ▶ An Active Map prize from Bicycle Network
- ▶ A Mind Body Pedal course & a skateboarding skills session
- ▶ A \$2,000 Sportsmart voucher for the most active school
- ▶ An ACHPER delivered presentation at your school to assist in developing a more active and healthy school
- ▶ A 25% discount off the registration fee for ACHPER's three major conferences in 2018

Register today – [activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au)

MAJOR PARTNERS



Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit [activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au) for details.

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne.

# HARMONY DAY

## When is Harmony Day celebrated?

- Harmony Day is celebrated throughout Australia on **21 March**. Since first held in 1999, Harmony Day has grown to become a significant annual day for Australians to come together and celebrate our nation's cultural diversity.
- 21 March is also the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

## What is Harmony Day?

- Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. It is an opportunity for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.
- Harmony Day is a community celebration. Since 1999, more than 70 000 Harmony Day events have been staged in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.
- Multiculturalism is in Australia's national interest. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

- Australia is the most successful multicultural country on earth and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.
- Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our nation's history and character.





# HARMONY DAY

## Harmony Day – Key messages

- Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
- It is about celebrating the benefits of our multicultural society which has come about as a result of the successful integration of migrants into the Australian community.
- Let's come together with friends and family and through schools, workplaces and our wider communities to celebrate our diversity this Harmony Day on 21 March.
- Be proud of our strong and successful multicultural society. Sharing our cultural heritage is part of celebrating what it means to be Australian.
- Our shared Australian values of respect, equality and freedom go beyond our different cultures, and are what makes Australia such a great place to live.
- The message of respect and belonging goes beyond 21 March. It can be lived by each of us, every day.

For more information please visit [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wishing everyone a wonderful week, and a very happy Harmony Day. A reminder that next week is our last week of term. We would love to see families in attendance at parent teacher interviews next Monday – Wednesday. Our last day of term is Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and we will be finishing at 2:30pm.

Have a great week.

Jodie Bray  
Principal



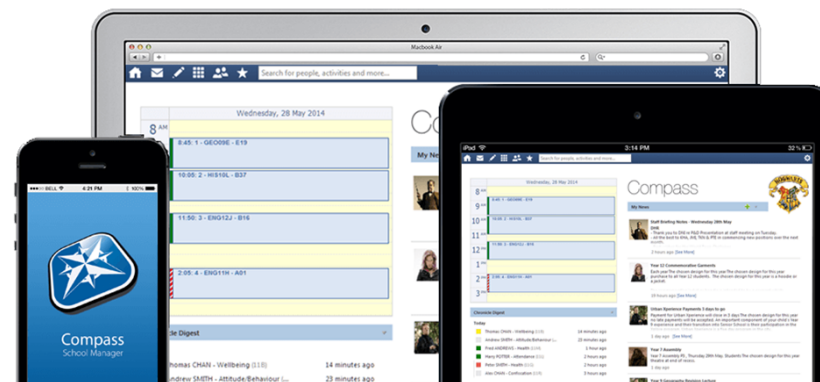
Compass is nearly here!

All parents coming to Parent/Teacher interviews next week will receive their login details for Compass – please ask your teacher for your Compass Welcome Letter.

For parents not attending Parent/Teacher interviews, we will send the login letters home in school bags with those students. Keep an eye out in school bags next week.

The office team are happy to answer questions and help you get set up accessing the website and installing the iOS or Android apps. If you haven't received your letter then you can also come to the office and we can print one for you.

From the first day of Term 2 we will no longer be using the old portal – Compass will be our official school portal.





# FROM MR CARDAMONE

## National Day Against Bullying

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

Last week we had The National Day of Action Against Bullying on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. We have had a strong focus on this over the past few weeks. We wanted to raise awareness within our community about this important topic.

Students had the opportunity to have discussions in class on bullying and how it can affect individuals and families. Students also expressed their voice about what a 'No Bully Zone' looks like at Hillsmeade Primary School. There is a fantastic display students created in the hall, please take the opportunity to have a look before the work gets distributed back to students.

Please take this opportunity to continue this vital conversation at home with your family and friends. It is imperative that we keep discussing this topic throughout the year openly and honestly to equip students with the skillset to address any bullying issues that arise.



There may be signs of bullying that you may notice, on the bullying no way website they have some useful information around this. Here is a short piece from the website:

### ***"Signs of bullying"***

*Each individual student who has been bullied or is bullying others will respond and act differently. A student's behaviours and moods can also change for a variety of reasons. However, the following are some signs that may indicate a student is experiencing bullying:*

### ***Signs a parent may report:***

- doesn't want to go to school*
- changes their method or route to school or are frightened of walking to school*
- changes in sleep patterns*
- changes in eating patterns*
- frequent tears, anger, mood swings*
- unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches*
- missing or damaged belongings or clothes*
- arriving home hungry.*

### ***Students who are more likely to be bullied are also more likely to:***

- feel disconnected from school and not like school*
- lack quality friendships at school*
- display high levels of emotionality that indicate vulnerability and low levels of resilience*
- be less well accepted by peers, avoid conflict and be socially withdrawn*
- have low self-esteem*
- be relatively non-assertive*
- be different in some way".*

There is more information on this website <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au> Please let me know if I can provide any other information or if I can be of any assistance in any way please let me know. Thank you.



John Cardamone

**Acting Leading Teacher  
Social and Emotional Learning**

## FROM MS WELLS - ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



### Footsteps Dance Incursion

During week 6 and 7, students of Hillsmeade Primary School have participated in dance activities.

Here are some of our Prep students enjoying their dance session.





## FROM MS WELLS - ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### GROWING READERS IN PREP!

During my visits to classrooms this week, I was excited to see very focused Prep students practising using the reading strategy, 'Eagle Eye'.



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Recently, Grade 6 student leaders have turned their attention to developing action plans to engage the students of Hillsmeade in exciting activities during Term 2.

They have formed task groups and have been collaborating to plan their activity and identify the support they may need from teaching staff, equipment that may be needed and how they might promote their activities.



LEADERS

# SURVIVOR DAY

## Survivor Day

Last Friday we saw our Year 5 and 6 students participate in our annual Survivor Day. The day brought together all the learning the students have been focusing on in class. Survivor Day supported our 'Identity' unit, seeing students demonstrate our IRESPECT values, work collaboratively in their teams, ensuring clear communication and positive decision making and to use each other's strengths in each activity.

There were 9 team based activities on the day including; Music Trivia, Let the River Run and Minefield. The excitement and buzz really hit when the students battled it out in the "Best Song and Dance" challenge. All 18 teams showed off their creativity setting the bar high! After focusing on parodies and presentations in class, our students blew us away with the creativity in their team's songs, representing their teams with pride.

At assembly the top 5 teams presented their song and dance. A big congratulations to the **Pretty Potatoes** for winning the Best Song and Dance challenge and to the **Power Flowers** for being our Overall Survivor Day Winners of 2018.

The baton will now, in Hillsmeade tradition, remain in their classroom until the next Survivor Day. Well done to all the teams for their fantastic efforts on the day.



Toni Barker  
Grade 6 PLT Leader





## EARLY BIRD READING CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite your child to take part in the Early Bird Reading Club this year.

Please feel free to come and join your children on these mornings to listen to them read.

**When?** Monday and Thursday mornings from 8.15am-8.45am.

**Where?** the library.

**What?** this is an opportunity for you to come to a comfortable place to read before school with friends, buddies and teachers.

**Who?** Mrs Thomas and Mrs Herres.

**Why?** to take a chance to practice and enjoy reading in a supportive and reassuring environment.

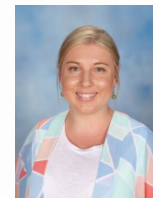
We would like to encourage a great attitude toward reading by acknowledging the values of commitment and persistence. In doing so we will offer an initial certificate of participation for attending 4 consecutive sessions. Following on from this we will track your child's time spent in the reading club and award certificates at appropriate intervals.

Mrs Thomas and Mrs Herres will be working to support your child's reading at the appropriate level. We are happy to have your child read their take home book with us and/or practise their sight words, however we suggest that this does not replace home reading.

We are more than happy to have students read to us or simply just choose a book and read independently.

Yours sincerely,

Amelia Thomas  
*1F classroom teacher*



Angela Herres  
*3C classroom teacher*





### **BUNJIL PLACE GALLERY TOUR**



This year, Grade 6 students were given the opportunity to join an art club which is held on a Tuesday lunchtime. This club gives students the opportunity to further develop their artistic skills throughout the year. They will learn new techniques and be able to decide what areas of art they would like to work on.

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm these students were given the opportunity to visit Bunjil Place Gallery. The students who attended were able to view two exhibitions 'Emergent 17: VCE Graduate Showcase' and 'Fifty Found Shopping Lists Written by People Who Need Milk - Kenny Pittock'. Senior Education and Audience Engagement Officer for Bunjil Place Gallery, Sarah Lyons conducted the tour discussing the works of some of the artists exhibiting. Sarah provided the students the opportunity to view a couple of the VCE artists' folios and informed them of the expectations of Senior art curriculum. Viewing these folios helped the students with their understanding of the developmental process behind the artworks.

I would like to thank Sarah Lyons for giving up her time to speak with us. I would also like to thank the parents for bringing the students in after school hours.

Alison Elliott



To find out more information about the art exhibitions being held at Bunjil Place Gallery view the web page below  
<https://www.bunjilplace.com.au/events>



# 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**

PREP

00A

Jaden M &amp; Tiffany H

00B

Riley M &amp; Ava P

00C

Charlie C & Indiana  
M

00D

Connor B &amp; Chloe R

00E

Eden A

00F

Caitlyn G & Ashman  
SONE

1A

Abbas A &amp; Ethan H

1C

Cooper W &amp; Seerat G

1D

Adrian F &amp; Seth B

1E

Shawn S &amp; Kira S

1F

Daniel M &amp; Ashlee W

TWO

2A

Ali B &amp; Emilia A

2B

Sahil N &amp; Azarah S

2C

Hunter M &amp; Kaitlyn D

2D

Cameron T &amp; Saira C

2E

Heba M &amp; Aydin M

2F

Cooper C &amp; Jack B

2G

Nafiza E &amp; Hamed N

THREE

3A

Ryan S &amp; Amelia B

3B

Darcey M &amp; Faith T

3C

Ava M &amp; Kanvar S

3D

Regan D &amp; Athini A

3E

Tayte G &amp; Anastasia R

FOUR

4A

Dana C &amp; Rosie M

4B

Zarah A &amp; Aaron H

4C

Pavaneer A &amp; Ali S

4D

James P &amp; Garine N

4E

Maddison C &amp; Tarrant G

FIVE

5A

Layla K &amp; Ethan H

5B

Milad A &amp; Keira H

5D

Aliyah A &  
Homaun ASIX

6B

Jack W &amp; Scarlett G

6C

Amy B &amp; Hamza A

6D

Amy W &amp; Tom N

6E

Toby P &amp; Katie C



# COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

**HAMPTON PARK UNITED SPARROWS**  
<http://bit.ly/melcityhpclinic>

**CITY CLINIC**  
 BY MELB. CITY FC COACHES

**MELBOURNE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**PACKAGE INCL.**  
 Skills, drills, and games.  
 60 minute clinic  
 3 match Jnr. membership\*  
 Melbourne City FC cap

Enquires: [jorge.gerov@melbournecityfc.com.au](mailto:jorge.gerov@melbournecityfc.com.au)

**12 APR 2018**  
 K.M. Reedy Reserve

CONTACT US \* 2018/2019 A-League Season  
Clinic Timeslots to be allocated closer to date

Easter raffle 1st and 2nd prize winners will win a family pass to the show.

**Mrs Not Bottom's**  
 SERIOUSLY STINKY SONGS

Melbourne Comedy Festival  
 April 3rd 2.15pm  
 Melbourne Town Hall  
 tix from [www.comedyfestival.com.au](http://www.comedyfestival.com.au)

"a must see show...  
 multigenerational  
 comedy for all"  
 Glam Adelaide  
 ★★★★★

[www.mrsnotbottom.com](http://www.mrsnotbottom.com)

**Live stand up for weird kids!!**



# FROM THE COMMUNITY



ALKIRA SECONDARY  
COLLEGE

## YEAR 7 2019 OPEN NIGHT Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Parents and future students are invited to attend this Open Night to be held at the Alkira Theatre on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April** (Week 1 Term 2) beginning at **6.20pm**.

On the night parents will be able to tour the College, hear about special programs including information on application into these programs (Masterclasses, Sports Academy).

Information is available on our website about these programs and the application process. Parents should note that students coming to Alkira in 2019 must live within the designated Alkira School Zone (as determined by the Dept. of Education). Parents with siblings already at Alkira are exempt from this zone.



**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



## **LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY**

[www.lionbushido.com](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 4<sup>h</sup> Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April
- Week 2: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 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

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale  
Phone 5978 7935

Web: [www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au](http://www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au)

\_Open daily between 10am and 5pm



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