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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

Issue No 10—Wed 18th APR

TERM 2
2018



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First day of TERM 2

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23rd APR

Drama Toolbox -
Fairy tale Incursion GR
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24th APR

ANZAC Ceremony in
partnership with Alkira
(Gr 4-6)

25th APR

ANZAC Day Public
Holiday

26th APR

27th APR

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone has had a safe and restful break. Term 2 is another exciting term at Hillsmeade Primary School, with many exciting events to look forward to. I have heard many exciting stories from the school holidays from students and staff and am looking forward to a wonderful term.



Term 2 Events

This term we continue to promote parent and community engagement across the school. We are looking forward to the following events this term:



- ANZAC Ceremony in partnership with Alkira Secondary College (next Tuesday for Year 4 – 6)
- Student Leader Badge Presentation
- School Tours
- Year 6 Leader led recess and lunchtime events
- Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN (Week 5)
- Mothers and Special Others Event
- Education Week (week 6)
- Bedtime Stories
- Presentation of Annual Report 2017 to School Community
- Professional Practice Days (week 6 and 7)
- Proposed Curriculum Day (TBC)

A reminder that we value the parent – school partnership in the education journey and welcome parent helpers (with a Working With Children Check) across the Year Levels. Currently we are seeking parent volunteers who would like to be guest speakers for our grades in promotion of STEAM at work in employment. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Dimple Bhardwaj our Science Learning Specialist.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A very big thank you to parents who attended parent teacher interviews in the last week of Term 1. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance to hear about students' progress. Please remember to contact your child's teacher throughout the term to discuss learning progress. COMPASS can assist in regular communications with staff.

Compass

This term we are very excited to be starting to use COMPASS. It is exciting to see the many possibilities with this resource. A huge thank you to Stewart Johnson (Business Manager) for working so hard in ensuring this resource is up and running and ready for parents and staff to utilise. If you need any assistance with this resource please come into the office or see your child's teacher.

ANZAC Day

A reminder that next Wednesday the 25th of April is ANZAC Day. Students are not required at school on this day.

This year Hillsmeade Primary School will again be partnering with Alkira Secondary College for an ANZAC Day presentation for our Year 4 and Year 6 students. Our school captains and leaders will also be involved in this ceremony. We have also been allocated a Gallipoli Oak. We look forward to planting this and watching it grow.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Staffing

During Term 1 we saw some retirements. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Di Poulter and Judy Kenny who both contributed so positively to Hillsmeade Primary School during their time here.

Over the holidays Matthew Moore (who was in an Acting Principal position) was successful in his appointment as substantive Principal of Ellinbank Primary School. We would like to congratulate Matt on this position and thank him for his work at Hillsmeade and his contributions to school council.

This term we welcome back Evelyn Schultz from long service leave. It is exciting to have Evelyn step into the Intervention Team in replacement of Di Poulter.

School Holiday Damage

Over the holidays we had minimal damage at the school. There was some vandalism to classrooms in the Year 6 building. The vandalism was minimal and did not activate alarms.

We did experience some trees down across the school due to the high winds.

Easter Raffle

Well done to all of the Easter Raffle Prize winners who were announced at our end of Term 1 assembly. It was wonderful to see so many excited faces as we drew out the winners. Our Easter Raffle was a great success. A huge thank you to Meagan Straughair and Stewart Johnson for

organising the prizes. The total amount raised from the raffle was \$3,752.90.



Student Opinion Survey

This term we will be running the Student Opinion Survey for students in Year 4 – Year 6. This is an annual survey that is conducted in Term 2 with students from Years 4 to 12 attending Victorian government schools. The survey captures students' attitudes and experiences at school and is aligned with the Department's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). The survey measures are based on the best available evidence about what influences student outcomes. The 2018 survey will be conducted **online** for all students in Years 4 to 12 from 23 April to 1 June 2018.

To find out more information about this survey please visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

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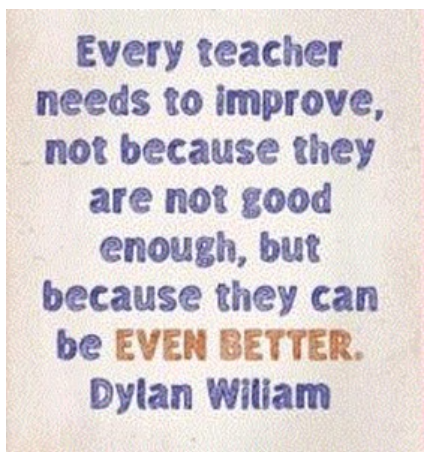
Professional Learning

This term we will continue to promote professional learning with staff and with leadership. This term's meeting schedule has a big focus on Curriculum Areas, led by Sarah Smith the Teaching and Learning Assistant Principal and our Acting Learning Specialists, Dimple Bhardwaj, Crystal Wells and Jess Szalek. There are some very exciting plans ahead and we look forward to sharing these with the school community.

Leadership will continue to be involved in ongoing professional learning through the University Of Melbourne Network Of Schools Partnership, Mathematics Specialist Initiative and DET's Regional Leadership Conference.

On Friday the 20th of April I have been asked to attend the South East Victoria Region (SVR) Regional Performance Review in Warragul on behalf of Hillsmeade. This is a wonderful honour not afforded to many Principals. Hillsmeade has been invited due to our significant growth from 2016 – 2017 in the DET Staff Opinion Survey. We achieved significant growth in all assessed areas, in particular Staff Safety and Wellbeing.

Staff will be involved in professional learning through Term 2 Professional Practice Days which will be scheduled during Week 6 and Week 7 of this term.



Values

In Term 1 we asked our Year 6 student Leaders and the staff at Hillsmeade Primary School a very simple question "what does Mrs Bray value?" "what does Miss Smith Value?" "what does Miss Wells value?" and "what does Mr Cardamone value?" The responses were amazing. Below are the word clouds created from the responses. Can you guess which word cloud belongs to which Leaders survey results?

"Growth in Data, Families, Team Work, Hard Work, Staff, IRESPECT Values, Learning, Relationships, Teachers, Progress, School"

"Positive Relationships, Communication, Honesty, Hard Work, Professional, Teamwork, Staff, Knowledge , Students, Quality, Teachers, Collaborative, Teaching and Learning, Practises, Curriculum"

"Community, Children, Student Learning, Student Voice, Wellbeing, Crystal Values, Relationships, Organisation, Staff, Respect Values, Supporting, Social, Communication, Engagement, Initiative"

"Communication, Children, Social and Emotional Learning, Honesty, Supporting, Respect, Student Wellbeing, Teamwork, Relationships, Resilience, Positive, John Values"

This Friday our whole school assembly will be starting at 2:45pm in the gym. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there. I hear there is a wonderful performance planned by our Year 4 students. Have a wonderful week.

Jodie Bray



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

Welcome back to term 2! I hope everyone had a great holiday and had the chance to have fun, relax and do some exciting activities with your families.

It can be hard for our children to get back into routine and the strict structures of school, so it's important that we (as adults) are understanding of this and make sure we communicate with our children on a regular basis to make sure that they are coping with settling in. Some effective ways that we can do this is by:

Asking open ended questions like:

What has been your favourite part of school this week so far and why?

What has been the hardest part about school this week and why? Show understanding with their response and offer some solutions (if you need support with please contact me)

What are you looking forward to next week at school and why?

What are some things that can make you nervous at school and why?

What has been your biggest achievement at school this week and can you tell me how you worked towards achieving this?

What are some goals for you to aim for that we can create for school, home and the community? (this builds a sense of purpose and gives focus)

And positive statements such as: I love the effort that you are putting in at school this week, you should be really proud of yourself because we are.

This weekend we are going to do... (this builds excitement and hope that our children can look forward to after a

Please let me know if I can be of any support. Thank you and have a great week.

John Cardamone

Acting Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning.



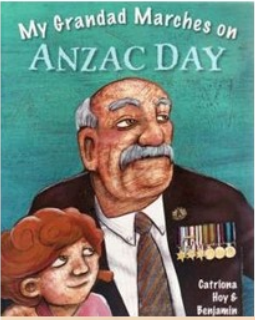
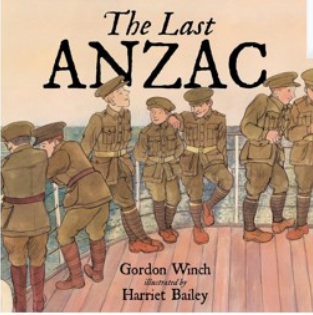
Applications for CSEF Prep Winter Warmer Uniform Package are now open.

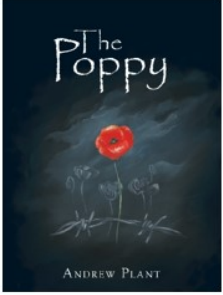
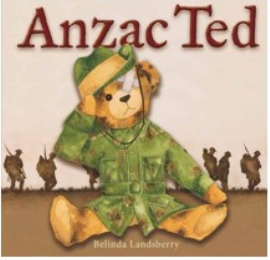
To be eligible to receive the package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient, generally families who hold a concession card. If the student does not have CSEF, they can register in 2018 when applications open, and your school will need to place an application for the CSEF Prep Uniform Package. To find out more about CSEF and the Winter Package go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Please contact the office if you would like to sign up for the package or for CSEF.



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

EARLY BIRD READERS

CLUB

ANZAC DAY Read aloud

Monday 23rd April 8:15-8:45

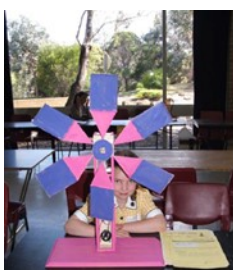
Come along and hear special stories about the ANZACs.
Or read some of the new books about ANZAC day in the library!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Science Talent Search (STS) is an annual science competition open to all primary and secondary students. The STS theme for 2018 is **Australian Game Changers and Change Makers**. Each year more than 3,000 students enter their work with various STS competition sections.

Sections include:

- Experiment Research
- Creative Writing
- Working models
- Inventions
- Games
- Computer programs
- Science Photography
- Video Productions
- Posters



Winning students communicate Science to a wider audience and are awarded bursaries totalling tens of thousands of dollars at the Exhibition and Presentation Day.

Please check the website for all details of this competition by visiting <http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/forStudentParent.html>

STS is a great opportunity to wonder and question about the world around us. If your child enjoys researching, making projects, games or posters and is interested in creating his/her own independent self-motivated Science projects, please contact Mrs Dimple Bhardwaj by no later than **Friday 27th April 2018**.

Thank you,

Dimple Bhardwaj



SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH



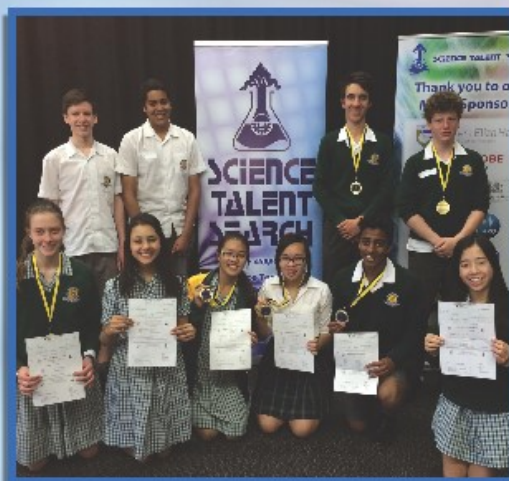
STS sections

experimental research models
computer programs games
posters creative writing
science photography
inventions video productions

Cash prizes
Choose your own topic
Work with a friend

How to enter

see your science teacher



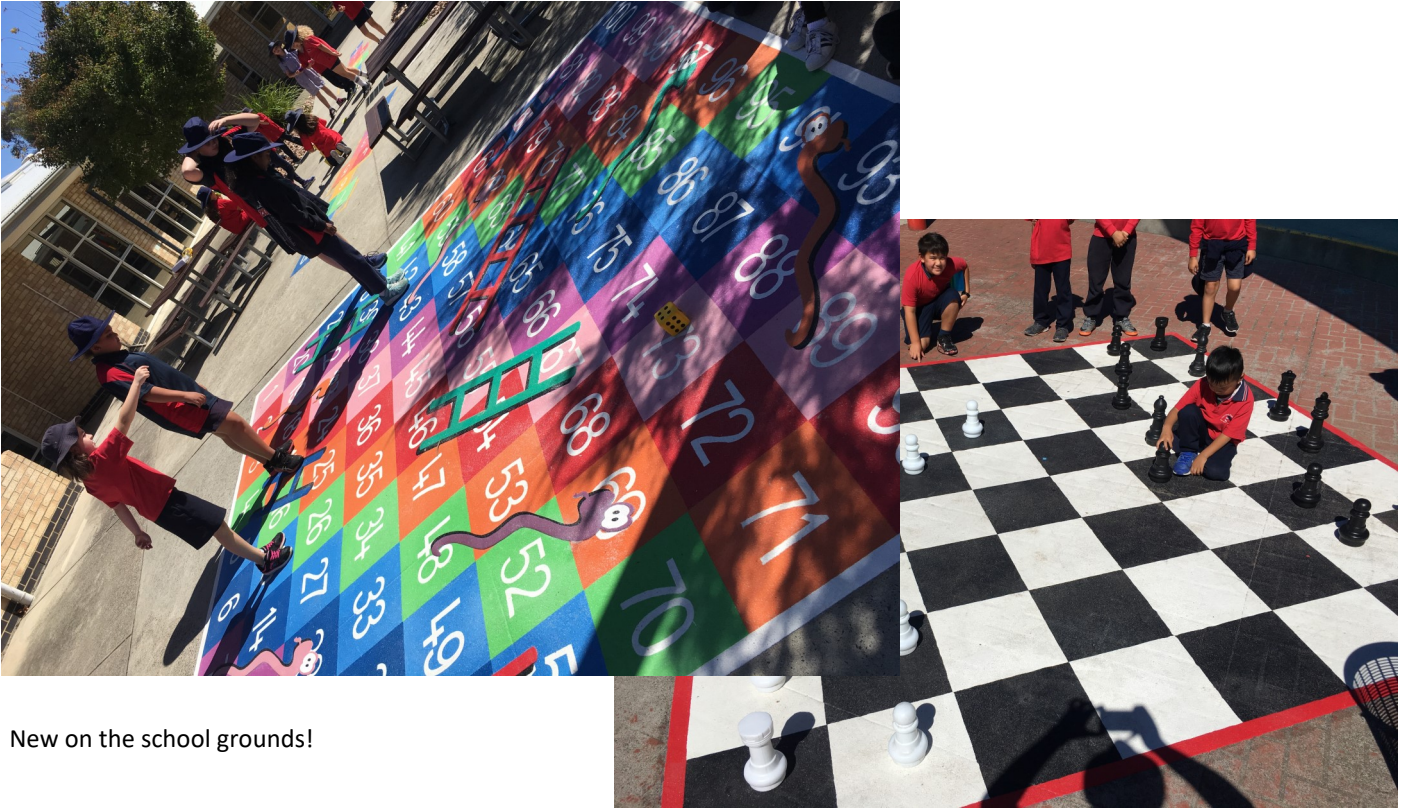
Fun
Challenging
Rewarding
Cool science



more information

Teachers go to: www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts
or contact the STAV Business Centre:
P: 03 9385 3999 E: sts@stav.vic.edu.au





New on the school grounds!

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

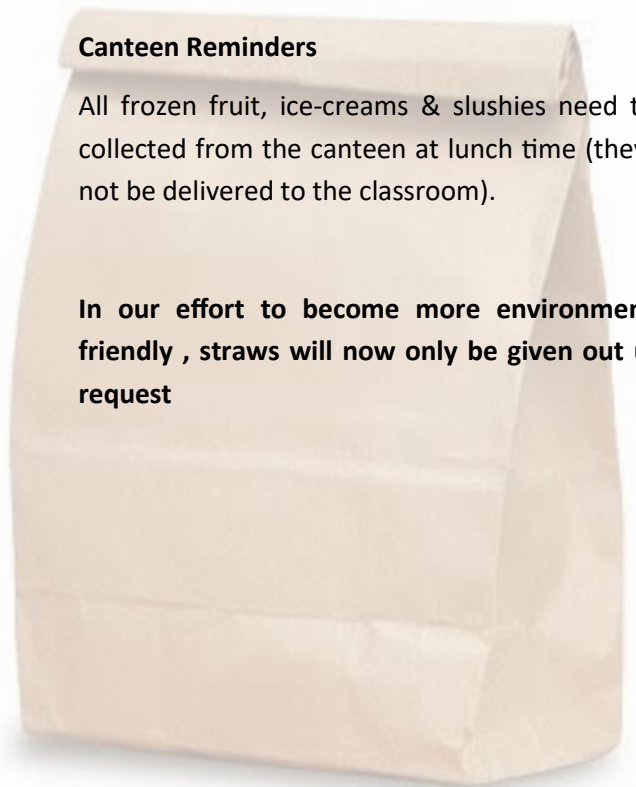
Pizza or Pasta and a Drink \$6.00

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





The NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Memberships are here!

Entertainment books are still available for purchase via the website: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au>

Or through a cash payment made at the front office.

The Melbourne Entertainment™ Memberships sell for just \$70 and you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers you can use until 1 June, 2019.



Homework club @ Bunjil Place library
Do you need a good place to knuckle down and get your homework done? Could you do with some help from time to time?

Come along to Homework Club at Bunjil Place Library!

Homework Club runs weekly during school term on Fridays, from 4-6 pm, and is targeted at Primary and Secondary School Students Free, no bookings required.

Running Friday's 4-6 pm during school term.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



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

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935

Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
_Open daily between 10am and 5pm



If you would like to place an advertisement in the newsletter please see the friendly office team.

**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

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