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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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2018



WHO? WHAT? WHEN?



MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
30th APR Gr 4 Camp Parent Info Night 5:30pm	1st MAY School Tour 10:00am	2nd MAY	3rd MAY	4th MAY School Assembly 2:45pm
7th MAY	8th MAY Narre Warren District Cross Country Gr 1A, 1B & 1D Post Office Walk Gr 5 "Who Cares?" Salvation Army Guest Speaker	9th MAY Gr 1C, 1E & 1F Post Office Walk	10th MAY	11th MAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents / Guardians

Happy Week 3 of Term 2. We hope that everyone has had a wonderful start to the term. There has been a noticeable change in the weather this term, please remember to keep warm and healthy.

Student Leaders

This term the student leaders will be planning and facilitating a variety of activities and clubs throughout recess and lunch for the students of Hillsmeade. Some of the planning so far includes: a debate club, a '3 on 3' basketball competition and 'Just Dance' competition. We look forward to seeing these activities across the term.

NAPLAN

A reminder that NAPLAN is coming up in a few short weeks for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

A reminder that this Friday afternoon our whole school assembly will be taking place. There will a special presentation to our Year 6 Leaders this week.

Jodie Bray,
Principal



NAPLAN 2018 paper test timetable

	Tuesday 15 May 2018	Wednesday 16 May 2018	Thursday 17 May 2018
Year 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Hillsmeade Primary School Semester 1 Reports

As of this semester, student reports will be available via Compass and will not be printed by the school. We are very excited to be sharing student reports using Compass on June 28th.

If you are yet to sign up to Compass, please do so in readiness for reports. If you need help in doing so, please see our friendly staff in the school office.

Family Conversation Starters

Name three things that are fun for you

If you joined the circus, what would your circus act be?

What traits do you most admire in other people?

What situation from a movie or book would you like to be in (e.g. playing quidditch at Hogwarts) Explain why?



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Kindergarten Parent Opinion Survey

Each year families with children in the 4 year old funded kindergarten program are invited to complete a parent opinion survey. Our results for 2017 have just come through and show the positive response from parents. This is then compared with the local government area, city of Casey and the results across Victoria. Our results overall are very positive and above local government and state averages for 6 of the 7 questions.

Congratulations to our amazing staff at the ELC.



Shiona Watson
ELC Director



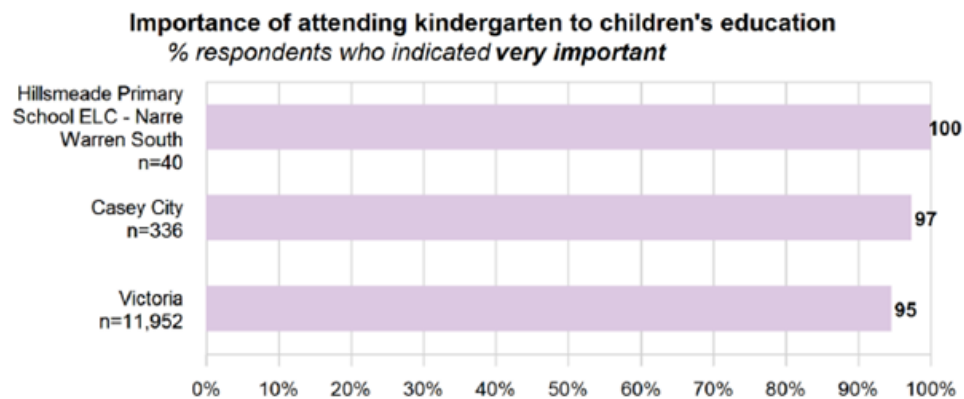
PARENT SATISFACTION

Overall satisfaction with education a child receives from a kindergarten				
<i>% of respondents who indicated very satisfied or satisfied</i>				
	2016		2017	
	n	%	n	%
Hillsmeade Primary School ELC - Narre Warren South	14	79	40	100
Casey City	205	88	336	92
Victoria	8,589	87	11,993	91

QUALITY OF EDUCATION OFFERED

Overall quality of education offered				
<i>% of respondents who indicated very good or good</i>				
	2016		2017	
	n	%	n	%
Hillsmeade Primary School ELC - Narre Warren South	14	93	40	98
Casey City	204	94	336	92
Victoria	8,542	88	11,906	93

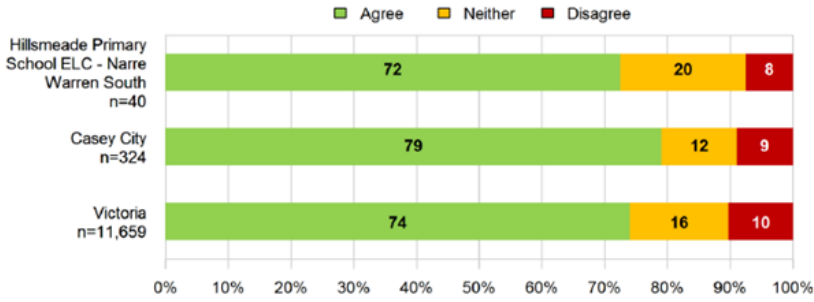
IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING KINDERGARTEN



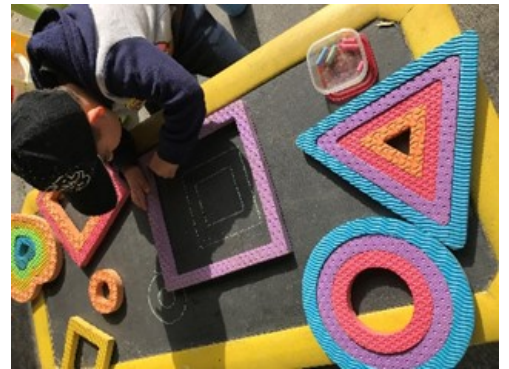
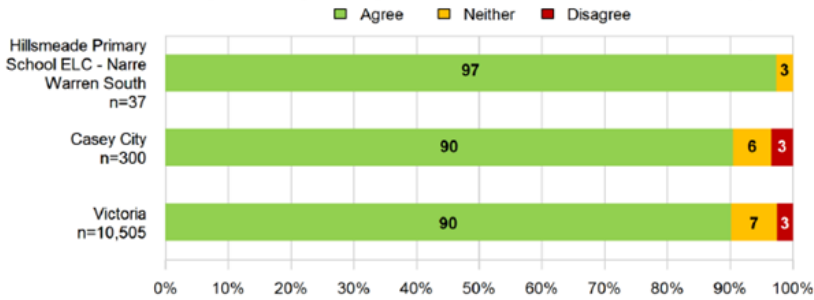
FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

INVOLVING PARENTS AND CHILDREN

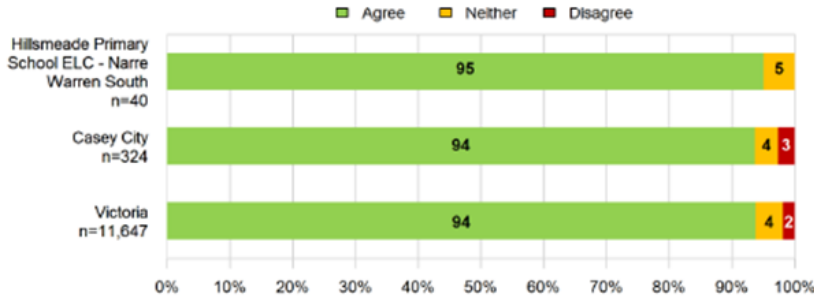
The kindergarten provides help with child's learning at home



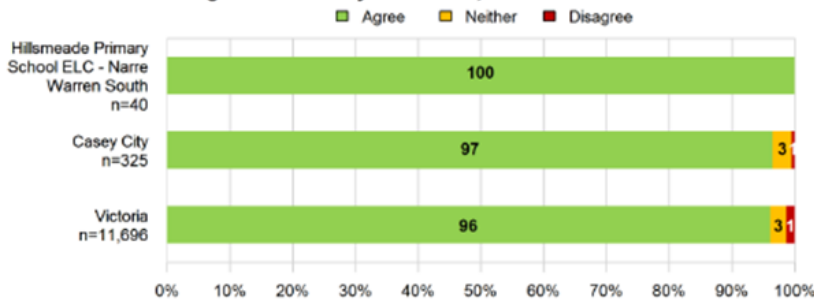
The kindergarten helped prepare child for transition to school next year



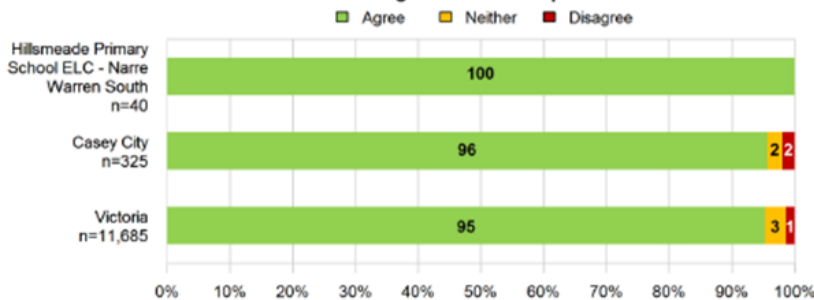
Teachers and educators consider child's views, interests and feelings



The kindergarten is friendly to children, families and visitors

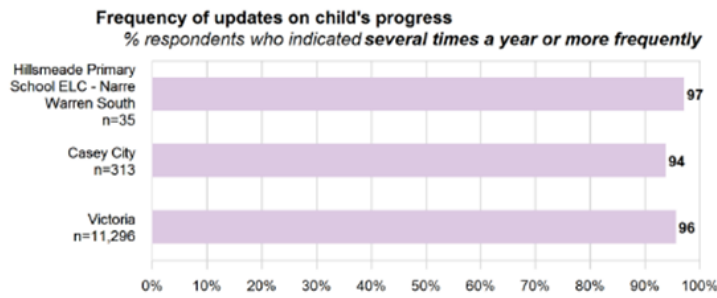


Teachers and educators have good relationship with child

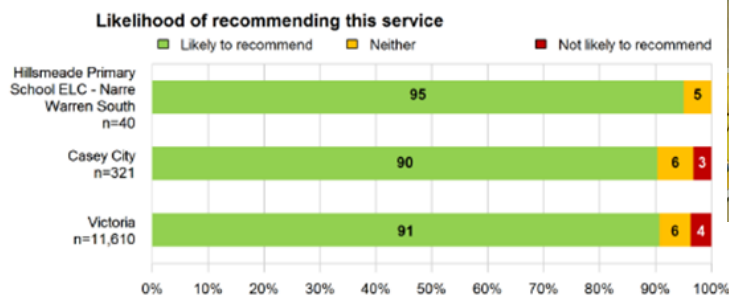


FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

DISCUSSION OF CHILD'S PROGRESS



RECOMMEND THIS SERVICE



Welcome To Monash Second Year Pre-Service Teachers.

Hillsmeade is delighted to welcome thirteen second year Pre-Service Teachers from The Faculty of Education at Monash University. The second year professional experience consists of ten days spread over three weeks, 23rd April until 11th of May, returning 6th August until 17th August.

The Pre-Service Teachers attended an orientation session prior to the commencement of their placement which provided an insight into our school and assisted in preparing them for the experience.

Our teachers are taking on the role of mentors during placements which provides a link between learning gained from the university course and the reality of a classroom. While mentoring, our staff provide a range of experiences for Pre-Service Teachers in the classroom along with whole school life. This includes attending our PLT meetings, accompanying staff on playground duty and observing during staff meetings.

The Pre-Service Teachers are involved in planning and preparation enabling them to deliver some lessons with guidance from classroom teachers.

Consistent observation and reflection is a key part of the placement. Opportunities to engage professionally with staff and students is a vital experience which we can provide.

It is rewarding for Hillsmeade staff to contribute to the development of knowledge and skills of future professionals in teaching.

Our students are already enjoying having additional teachers to support them in their learning. Please ask your classroom teacher if you have any questions regarding Pre-Service Teachers.

Rachel Sutcliffe

Pre-service Coordinator



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A note from Mr Cardamone

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

I hope the family enjoyed a very important day in our Australian culture and were able to reflect of the significance of the day.

As we get older we realise time is one of the most important factors in our lives. How we spend it, who with and what time are we giving to our most precious people, our children. In today's very busy world time can get away very quickly, both parents working, getting dinner ready and then it's bed time. If we fail to reflect on how we are using our time wisely and forget to spend that precious time with our children then that's who misses out in the end. DR Michael Carr-Greg, **Child and adolescent psychologist** has written about this on his website https://familypeace.org.au/vision/#_people

"Time is precious...but not as precious as your children. That's why it's so important to set aside at least 8 minutes every day of distraction-free time to engage with each of your kids, one on one, without interruptions. Put down your phone, iPad or laptop and take the time to really BE with them – exchanging stories, asking and answering questions, sharing a laugh...whatever works best!

Your child will feel more listened to, valued, safer and happier. Studies show that kids who receive this kind of attention do better at school, with greater language skills and higher self-confidence. With benefits like these, there's no better way to spend 8 minutes a day.

IDEAS:

- Sit down with your child for at least 1 meal every day.
- Read a book together before bed or tell a story of your own.
- Ask questions about your child's life that need more than a one-word answer.

For older kids, discuss a news item they might be interested in.

If we invest more time with our children the benefits are unmeasurable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.



Hi everyone,

We hope you had a fantastic week. On Monday 23rd April we were lucky enough to have the Alkira Secondary College VCAL students come to Hillsmeade to run a special ANZAC ceremony for us. We would like to thank the veterans for their inspiring words and the Alkira students for speaking. We are grateful to Alkira for offering this opportunity.

A big thank you to everyone who bought an ANZAC Day badge this year, your support has helped the RSL.

Kobe Swinburne and Jazmine Le



Walk Safely to School Day, 2018

Friday 18 May 2018

Now in its 18th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

walk.com.au/wstsd





Grade 2 Drama Toolbox

Incursion

The grade 2 students participated in a drama toolbox incursion on the 23rd of April 2018. Their enthusiasm and uncontrollable energy shows how much they enjoyed the experience. They acted out different scenarios from well known fairy-tales with the roles of the characters in the stories being reversed. Students found it very funny that villains in the stories became victims. Overall it was a fantastic experience.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HILLSMEADE HEROES!

PREP

00A
Indy-Leigh S
Mitchell H

ONE

1A
Mahli T
Samuel B

TWO

2A
Abid S
Angel K

THREE

3A
Sammie L
Measum Z

FOUR

4A
Summer G
Scott R

FIVE

5A
Lachlan M
Rosaria K

SIX

6A
Charlotte D
Jasraj H

00B

Montana L
Ben H

1B

Claire S
Jerred T

2B

Evana
Kishen

3B

Nadeen A
Mahtab S

4B

Omar G
Mia D

5B

Christian F
Jayel A

6B

Zahra A
Nora A

00C

Taylor T
Declan A

1D

Elaheh A
Robbie P

2C

Rahman
Brenna

3C

Jaylina V
Zahra H

4C

Eshjot K
Mahdiah J

5C

Casey E
Adem R

6C

Jasmine K
Aadir N

00D

Celine H
Liviah K

1F

Farid Y
Love S

2D

Chase P
Emma Z

4D

Ammar A
Ananya T

5D

Anisa A
Zack W

6D

Abbey D
Jasmine K

00E

Tiara K
Samad Q

2G

Sineth
Sevi

4E

Meily S
Samuel M

6E

Eliza O
Ben J

00F

Saanvi M

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

THE
EDUCATION
STATE

Education State Ambition: Pride and confidence in our schools

We want Victorians to be proud of the great government schools in their communities.

The Education State is about improving outcomes for every student, in every classroom, for every community. Delivering a broad range of initiatives will see more Victorians proud of their government school system.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The achievement of this target will mean that the community takes pride in local government schools, and feels confidence that they are delivering excellent outcomes for Victorian students.

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?

By 2025, 20 per cent more parents will report high levels of confidence in the government school system in Victoria.

EDUCATION STATE INITIATIVES

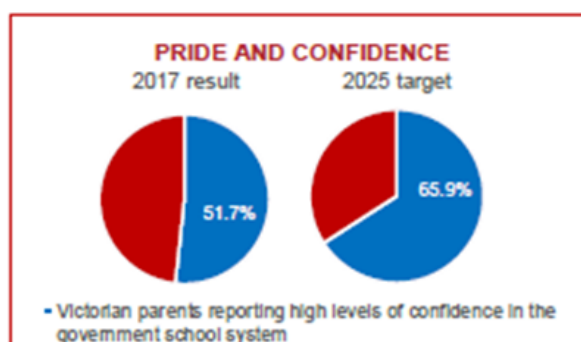
Victorian School Building Authority

The Victorian School Building Authority is delivering hundreds of upgrades, brand new schools and early childhood centres across the State. There are record levels of investment in infrastructure projects as part of the Education State reform agenda, with a focus on cutting-edge school design and innovative school settings.

Building excellence in teacher education

Work is underway to improve the quality of teaching at Victorian schools. This includes the creation of high quality pathways into teaching, improvement of the quality of teaching courses, and developing excellence in early career teachers.

HOW HAS VICTORIA PERFORMED IN THE SECOND YEAR OF EDUCATION STATE?



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Education State targets and to view the work that is being achieved in schools in the second year, visit www.education.vic.gov.au

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

HILLSMEADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your uniform will be available from the 3RD
JULY at the **PSW STORE IN OFFICER**



407 Princes Highway, Officer VIC 3809

Phone: 03 9768 0382

REGULAR TRADING HOURS**

Tue to Fri: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

EXTENDED TRADING HOURS**

WED 7 NOV 2018 TO SAT 09 MAR 2019

Mon to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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***No new lay-bys in January. Lay-bys require a 20% deposit. Lay-bys available in-store only. Extended lay-by for 'Back to School 2019' must be placed between Mon 5th Nov and Fri 21st Dec 2018. Lay-bys must be paid for and picked-up by Sat 26 Jan 2019.

** Store trading hours are subject to change, please refer to www.psw.com.au for all store trading hours, holiday trading and public holiday information, or call the customer service team on (03) 9768 0333.

* School Price Lists are subject to change throughout the year.

PSW
QUALITY IN EVERY STITCH

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Tuning into Teens

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting



A six-session parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 12-25

Every Tuesday 4.30pm to 6pm
from 15th May – 26th June

For Parents & Carers of a young person attending headspace
Narre Warren or headspace Dandenong

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Venue:

headspace Narre Warren

Contact

Email: Rachel.Taylor@each.com.au
Or call 1800 367 968 to reserve your place

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*.

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success –
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!





Hillsmeade Primary School presents

A morning for



Mothers &



Special Others

Friday 11th May 2018

8:30am - 9:30am



We invite you to our
Mother's Day celebration
in the courtyard

Light refreshments

Games and activities

This is a whole school event!



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Hillsmeade Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the bottom of the User Name and Password notices, which are in the process of being handed out, and return it to school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc, see your child's teacher or Mrs Ahlgren.

If you would like your child's name to appear on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*. This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....

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

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



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Melbourne

entertainment.

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.



KUMON

Your child can strengthen essential maths and English skills with Kumon. **Contact your local Kumon Centre to secure your child's place in the May Free Trial!**

KUMON NARRE WARREN SOUTH
Amberly Park Shopping Centre
 Ormond rd, Narre Warren South
 Viji Rajendran
Tel : 0401 182 966

**TWO-WEEK
FREE TRIAL**

Terms and conditions apply. Visit <http://au.kumonglobal.com>

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY



"If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family. Our daughter has a sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad."
Nicole, three-time host mum.

CAN YOU HOST ME?

EMAIL SYLVIAKELLY@WEP.ORG.AU
CALL 1300 884 733
SMS 0428 246 633



GIULIA F 16 from Italy

"People say I have a spontaneous and bubbly personality. I enjoy trying new things and expressing myself through art. I aspire to become an architect and maybe a famous pianist."

WEP IS LOOKING FOR AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES.

HOST A HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT!

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN OTHER CULTURES, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! REMEMBER, SOMETIMES THE GREATEST REWARDS IN LIFE COME FROM DOING THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

CONTACT WEP ON 1300 884 733 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**MORE PROFILES
AVAILABLE AT
WEP.ORG.AU/HOST**

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FREE CLINIC

ALL KIDS INVITED

Launch Location:
Berwick Chase Primary School
72, Viewgrand Drive, Berwick, 3806, Victoria

Date: Sunday 29th April 2018
Time: 9am - 11am

Discover more at footballstaracademy.com.au
or phone 1300 372 300

Working in affiliation with Melbourne City FC to identify the next generation of football stars



Football Star Academy is here! Free soccer clinic this Sunday 29th April.

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