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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

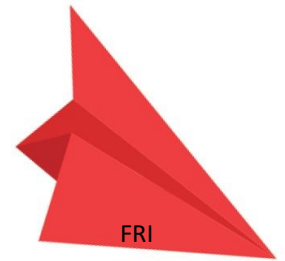
Issue No 14—Wed 23rd MAY

* FRIDAY MAY 25TH IS A CURRICULUM DAY - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

TERM 2
2018



WHO? WHAT? WHEN?



MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
21st MAY Gr 6 Professional Practice Day	22nd MAY Mandarin, PE & Art Professional Practice Bedtime Stories 5-6PM	23rd MAY Gr 4 Professional Practice Day	24th MAY Grade 1 Special Friends Day 9:00-11:00AM Year 4 Incursion - Disability Liaison Officer, Guest Speaker Gr 2 & Music Professional	25th MAY <u>CURRICULUM DAY - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</u>
28th MAY Gr 3 Professional Practice Day	29th MAY School Photo Day 2017 Annual Report Presentation	30th MAY Prep Professional Practice Day Divisional Cross Country Event ICAS Testing 11:30AM	31st MAY Gr 1 Professional Practice Day	1st JUNE Gr 5 Professional Practice Day Whole School Assembly 2:45PM

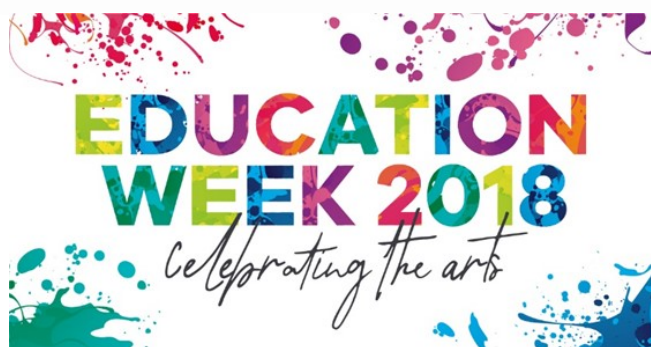
THE FULL CALENDAR AND DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW VIA THE COMPASS APP OR WEBSITE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope that you are all managing to keep warm and well during these chilly days that we are experiencing. It has been another wonderful week at Hillsmeade Primary School.



Education Week at Hillsmeade

Education Week 2018 is all about celebrating the arts. Our art teacher Alison Elliott, along with her talented Art Club students, have organised some fantastic lunchtime activities for our students. These have included:

- Digital Art
- Stamp Printing
- Bracelets
- Paper Plate Animals
- Manga Drawing
- Painting
- Play dough

It has been terrific to see our creative students practise their skills! Thank you to the teachers and students who have supported these activities this week.

Professional Practice Days

As part of the four year [Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017 \(VGSA 2017\)](#), teachers are entitled to one day per term (four days per year, pro rata for a teacher employed part time) release from their scheduled duties, including teaching, to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

To find out more please visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/practice/Pages/ppe-practice-days.aspx>

Curriculum Day

A reminder that this Friday 25th May is a Curriculum Day and students do not attend school.

Student Attitudes to School Survey 2018

This week, students in Years 4-6 are participating in the *Student Attitudes to School Survey*. The online survey captures students' attitudes and experiences at school and is aligned with the Department's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and this survey assists us in gaining valuable feedback about our students' school experiences.



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Production

This year all students in Grades 4-6 have the opportunity to participate in the production **'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan'**. Student performances will involve singing and dancing as part of a grade level item or as a main cast member. Opportunities will also be provided for some students in the production elective to be involved backstage with moving scenery and props. The production will be performed at the new, state of the art, **'Bunjil Place'** theatre on **Thursday 9th August at 7pm** (ticket details to follow).

Taking part in a production builds and develops skills in public speaking, dance co-ordination, singing technique, confidence, perseverance and team building, over months of rehearsals. It also supports our students in working towards the Victorian Education State targets of; *more students reaching the highest level of achievement in the arts, ensuring kids are happy, healthy and resilient, and building pride in our schools.*

Currently the planning and preparations are well underway with the students working with the Production Committee to learn their lines. Please see the below photos of some of the action taking place.

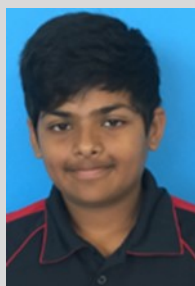


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Senior Interschool Sports

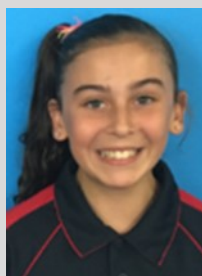
“On Friday the 18th of May 2018 we had interschool sports. It was almost all teams first match. For soccer it was an impressive effort, with the score 11 – 0. We hope to keep the same confidence, skills and respect every match.”

Arya



“On Friday the 18th of May the netball teams played in interschool sports. The girl’s team played St Catherine’s and we won. We were very tough and played well. We would like to thank Mrs Struth for coaching us on the day. Madi and Isla were very good shooters for us on the day.”

Scarlett



PJ Day

On Tuesday the 22nd of May we had our annual PJ day. It was wonderful to see so many students and teachers participating in this dress up day. A big thank you to families who donated a pre-loved book to the classroom libraries, it is fantastic to see these in class resources growing.



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Bedtime Stories Night

Thank you to our families who attended our annual Bedtime Stories event last night as part of Education Week celebrations. We had some wonderful stories read by our teachers and Student Leaders and it was great to see everyone in their pyjamas!



“Ms Well’s pyjamas were 2nd against mine.”

“I have enjoyed seeing the children so excited listening to stories.”

“It was funny and joyful.”

“I have enjoyed the book about the yellow colour crayons.”

“Pyjamas at school!”

“Mrs Ziino is the best and so is everyone else.”

“It was a great experience and it was nice to have some students read.”

“I liked the *Very Sleepy Bear* and *The Fireplace*.”

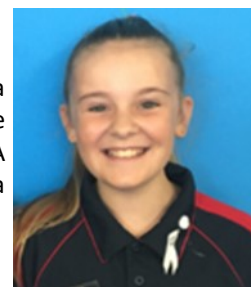
“Great night! Hot choccies made it even better.”



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 6 Student Leader led activities

This year the student leaders will be leading a range of activities throughout the year. The idea behind these activities is to promote student connectedness with their peers, teachers and the school. Please see the below table listing the activities on offer for Term 2 and Term 3 this year. A big thank you to the Year 6 Student Leaders for coordinating this and a BIG THANK YOU to Aleisha for typing it up.



TERM 2

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4					
Week 5			Just dance-p-2 (snack)	Just dance-3-6 (snack)	
Week 6 (education week)			Just dance-p-2 (snack) debating (snack)	Just dance-3-6 (snack)	Debating club (lunch)
Week 7		Soccer club (seniors) (lunch)	3v3 bball(lunch)/just dance-p-2 (snack) debating (snack)	3v3 bball(lunch)/just dance-3-6 (snack)	
Week 8		Sports acuitment (snack)	3v3 bball(lunch)/just dance-p-2 (snack) debating (snack)sports acuitment (snack)	3v3 bball(lunch)/just dance-3-6 (snack)	Debating club (lunch)
Week 9			Just dance-p-2 (snack) debating (snack)	Just dance-3-6 (snack)	
Week 10			Just dance-p-2 (snack) debating (snack)	Just dance-3-6 (snack)	Debating club (lunch)
Week 11			Just dance-p-2 (snack) debating (snack)	Just dance-3-6 (snack)	

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TERM 3

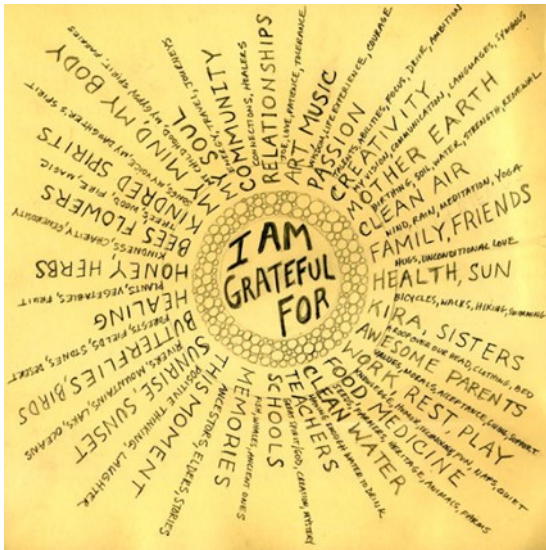
Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Week 2			Hillsmeade got talent-girls (lunch)		
Week 3			Hillsmeade got talent-boys (lunch)		
Week 4			Hillsmeade got talent-girls (lunch)		
Week 5			Hillsmeade got talent-boys (lunch)		
Week 6			Hillsmeade got talent-girls (lunch)		
Week 7		Soccer (junior) (lunch)	Hillsmeade got talent-boys (lunch)		
Week 8			Hillsmeade got talent-girls (lunch)		
Week 9			Hillsmeade got talent-boys (lunch)		
Week 10			Hillsmeade got talent-everyone (lunch)		
Week 11			Hillsmeade got talent-everyone (lunch)		

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr Cardamone

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

I hope everyone is enjoying the week. I wanted to talk about the importance of gratitude and how it can benefit all of us, even our children. The resilience project is a fantastic resource and has great information on this very topic. I wanted to share with you some of the information and research they have been able to share with us. This can all be found at <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>



'The evidence behind a gratitude journal, in only 21 days... You rewire your brain to start scanning the world for the positive. You become three times more likely to notice a positive... and in 42 days, you...

Are less likely to get sick

Have higher levels of energy

Fell happier

Are more enthusiastic

Are more focused

Are more determined

Are more optimistic

Have a better quality of sleep

Have lower levels of depression and anxiety'

Some questions they have provided to get this started.

What was the best thing that happened to me today?

Who am I most grateful for today and why?

What am I looking forward to most about tomorrow?

Completing this as a family is also a great benefit to creating a family ritual which also has its benefits. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Just to let you know we do gardening club with some junior students on a Wednesday morning and senior students on a Thursday morning. We have targeted the area just behind the music room. We have just started planting some veggies and can't wait to see the end product. We have been learning how to prepare, take care of and nurture our growing vegetables.



A reminder Footy club will be on every Tuesday morning from 8:15am-8:45am, so go get your breakfast and come and run that toast off!!! Families are more than welcome to join in. This week Jordan Coldebella and Ricky Dobson will be leading the session.

A big well done to Mehran Ahmadi, Munroe Watts, Zoe Ellis and Braydon Bousfield for receiving Hillsmeade I-RESPECT value wristbands!!!

Don't forget to sign up to the parent workshop 'How to build resilience'. Please contact the office to register. We can't wait for this!

Thank you

John Cardamone

Acting Leading Teacher

Social and Emotional Learning



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

ARE YOU AT SCHOOL EARLY?

Check out our Hillsmeade morning clubs!

Monday/Thursday

Reading Club—8am in the library with Mrs Thomas and Mrs Herres

Tuesday

Breakfast Club—8am in the library

Friday

Running Club—8.15am on the oval with Mrs Kett and Mrs Pilarinos

Dogs on School Grounds

A friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds during school hours, including pick up and drop off times.



If you are visiting the grounds with your dog after school hours please remember to pick up after them.

Year 6 Professional Practice Day

Monday was full of great ideas, rich discussion and term 3 planning for the Year 6 teachers. During our Professional Practice Day we collaboratively planned our term 3 unit **'How do we lead the way?'** that will be integrated across the curriculum areas next term. The unit is *an inquiry into leadership and our democratic system of government*, leading into our Canberra Camp Experience next term.

To support student independent learning goals within writing in the classroom, as a team and with the support of Sarah Smith (Teaching and Learning Assistant Principal), we collaboratively developed a Student Friendly Writing Criterion. This was guided by the Victorian Curriculum and NAPLAN marking guide, to expose the students to their expectations and requirements of 'next steps' in their learning.

We also participated in professional learning relating to the Education Practice Principles, developing our knowledge to create 'Deep Learning' projects. This has assisted in the development of our STEM Science project on Earth Sciences for next term. We are looking forward to seeing what our students create!

Toni Barker

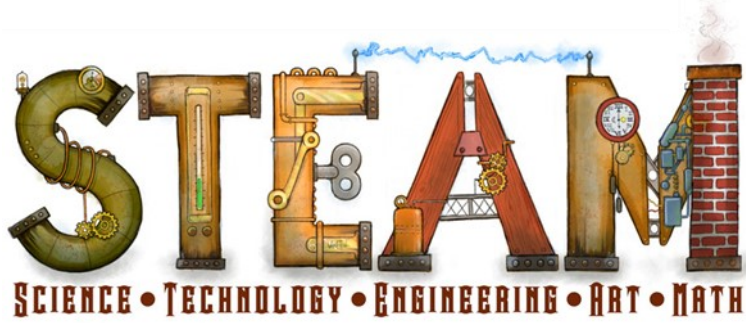
Year 6 PLT Leader

A MESSAGE FROM NURSE VICKI



Due to wet weather and the occasional accident it would be appreciated if students have a spare set of clothes in their school bag. We often run out of clothes on these days and it might save a phone call home if your child can change into their own clothes.





STEAM Agents are going Full STEAM Ahead in our STEAM Room!



Mrs Ziino, Ms Szalek, Mrs Bhardwaj

"In STEAM, the STEAM agents are having a great time making race courses, mazes and some tracks for the spheros to roll around in, in preparation for SPERO DAY! There are some great ideas floating around their heads for what to do, and so far most of them are being brought to life. There is a unicorn maze, some race tracks with some cool obstacles, a chariot race track and many more. The student's tracks all look unique and gorgeous. All students and teachers look forward to this very special day to see what the STEAM agents have brought us."

- Suwinee P 6/C



"In the STEAM agency, my group (Tushar, Rosaria, Declan and I) are creating an obstacle-course that goes in a spiral. In one of the obstacles, you have to balance a sphero robot onto a thing bridge."

- Kyle and Tushar



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Year 2 Koori Guest Speaker

On Thursday 10th May, the Year 2 students were very privileged to have Shiloh Van Sanden come to share her Koori culture with them. She acknowledged the traditional land owners and explained about hunting, the different types of food and how different tribes painted different ceremonial paintings. We were also very lucky to have Jaylina read a dreamtime story to us and have a look at some artefacts.



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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.

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Attention School Bankers

Win a trip to Hawaii

In order to automatically be entered into the draw to win a family trip to Hawaii, you need to have made 15 deposits (of any amount) into your bank account by the end of term 3.

Redemption Items

Also, please note that the Commonwealth Bank have notified us that due to unexpected demand there are **no secret scratch pads available for redemption**. The following 2018 items can be redeemed in exchange for 10 tokens: twister power handball, sparkle glitter pens and glow light. Also still available from 2017 are the following items: colour change markers, epic earphones, pencil & tech case, smiley emoji keyring, yellow tablet case and volt handball. If you would like to redeem any of these items from 2017 please include your 10 tokens and a note to us in your bankbook.

Don't worry if you've lost your tokens, redemptions can still be made without tokens as our computer records all token balances. Please drop us a note in your bank book if you'd like to know your token balance.

Happy Saving!

Jill and Nat (Banking Co-ordinators)



A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

Parent Workshop 'How to Build Resilience'

Why? We will share information provided by experts along with strategies that have been successful in fostering resilience among young people. The workshop is part of our ongoing commitment to partnering with families at Hillsmeade to ensure optimum wellbeing of our young people. One of the education state targets states 'Happy, healthy and resilient kids'. As a school it is our mission to work with families and our community.

When? 21st of June 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where? Hillsmeade Primary School Library

Cost? **NO COST**

Please contact the school via front office, phone or email by June the 11th to register your interest.

Some of the topics covered:

- What is resilience?
- What are the 'secrets' to building strong foundations of resilience?
- What strategies can we put in place to build resilience in our children?
- How can we have an impact in this area?

Congratulations to our

HILLSMEADE HEROES:

00A Alyssa C Indianna E	1A Sebastian T Soha Q	2A Kemala M Casandra I	3A Tori B Mashelle H	4A Yassine D Nicolas Z	5A All of year 5!	6A Declan M Trinity T
00B Jacob H Anna P	1C Cooper W Adeeb H	2B Arman S Erin G	3B Queenie B Eve K	4B Julianna R Danen E	5B All of year 5!	6B Lamona C Cloe D
00C Jake Q Emily M	1D William N Dion K	2C Amelia S Rahman H	3C Trlin-Louis A Tiresa C	4C Pavaneer A Eshjot K	5C All of year 5!	6C Suwinee P Indiana H
00D Surat Z Sam B	1E Clara V Soman Q	2D Natalie P Anu S	3D Lachlan M Teagan J	4D Henna A Mostafa M	5D All of year 5!	6D Josh Kang Nisar Q
00E Abhinav J Olivia M	1F Castro C Aliza G	2E Maya N Isabelle M	3E Lachlan K Sam B	4E Luke G Ayva L		6E Senithi E Brianna J
00F Keisha D Eva A		2F Taqya Q Ben G				
		2G Kayden T Iliya R				

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Hillsmeade Primary School 2017 Annual Report Presentation

Join us to review and celebrate the growth and progress that the hard work of our whole school community has achieved.

The annual report provides the community with information about the school's performance in implementing their improvement strategies and how the school's resources have been used. Annual reports are endorsed by the school council and signed by both the principal and school council president.

On Behalf of the 2018 School Council

WHAT: Hillsmeade PS 2017 Annual Report

WHEN: Tuesday 29th May at 7:30

**WHO: Presented by School Council President Brooke Gniel and
Principal Jodie Bray**

Tuesday 29th May Photo Day Schedule

STUDIO	TIME	GROUP NAME	NO OF STUDENTS
Studio 1	8:30AM	STAFF	
Studio 1	9:15AM	Prep A	
Studio 2		Prep B	
Studio 1	9:30AM	Prep C	
Studio 2		Prep D	
Studio 1	9:45AM	Prep E	
Studio 2		Prep F	
Studio 1	10AM	1A	
Studio 2		1B	
Studio 1	10:10AM	1C	
Studio 2		1D	
Studio 1	10:20AM	1E	
Studio 2		1F	
Studio 1	10:30AM	3A	
Studio 2		3B	
Studio 1	10:40AM	3C	
Studio 2		3D	
Studio 1	10:50	3E	
Studio 2			
11:00-11:30AM RECESS		ELC FAMILY PHOTOS	
Studio 1	11:35AM	2A	
Studio 2		2B	
Studio 1	11:45	2C	
Studio 2		2D	
Studio 1	11:55	2E	
Studio 2		2F	
Studio 1	12:05	2G	
Studio 2		4A	
Studio 1	12:15	4B	
Studio 2		4C	
Studio 1	12:25	4D	
Studio 2		4E	
Studio 1	12:35	5A	
Studio 2		5B	
Studio 1	12:45	5C	
Studio 2		5D	
Studio 1	12:55	6A	
Studio 2		6B	
Studio 1	1:05	6C	
Studio 2		6D	
Studio 1	1:15	6E	
Studio 2			
1:30-2:30PM LUNCH TIME		FAMILY PHOTOS	
Studio 1	2:30PM	Family Photos If Needed	
Studio 2		Family Photos if Needed	

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

Tomato Soup and Toasted Cheese \$4.00

6 Chicken Nuggets, Brownie and Drink \$6.00

Monday/Wednesday Specials

3 Fried or Steamed Dim Sims & Drink \$3.50

Pizza or Pasta and a Drink \$6.00

Tomato Soup, Roll and Brownie \$3.00

Home made soup, Roll and Bro \$4.00

Tomato and Toasted Cheese Sandwich \$4.00

Hot Roast Chicken Roll, Brownie & Drink \$6.50

Canteen Reminders

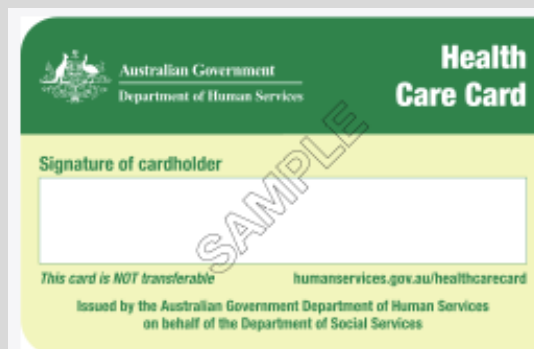
All frozen fruit, ice-creams & slushies need to be collected from the canteen at lunch time (they will not be delivered to the classroom).

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

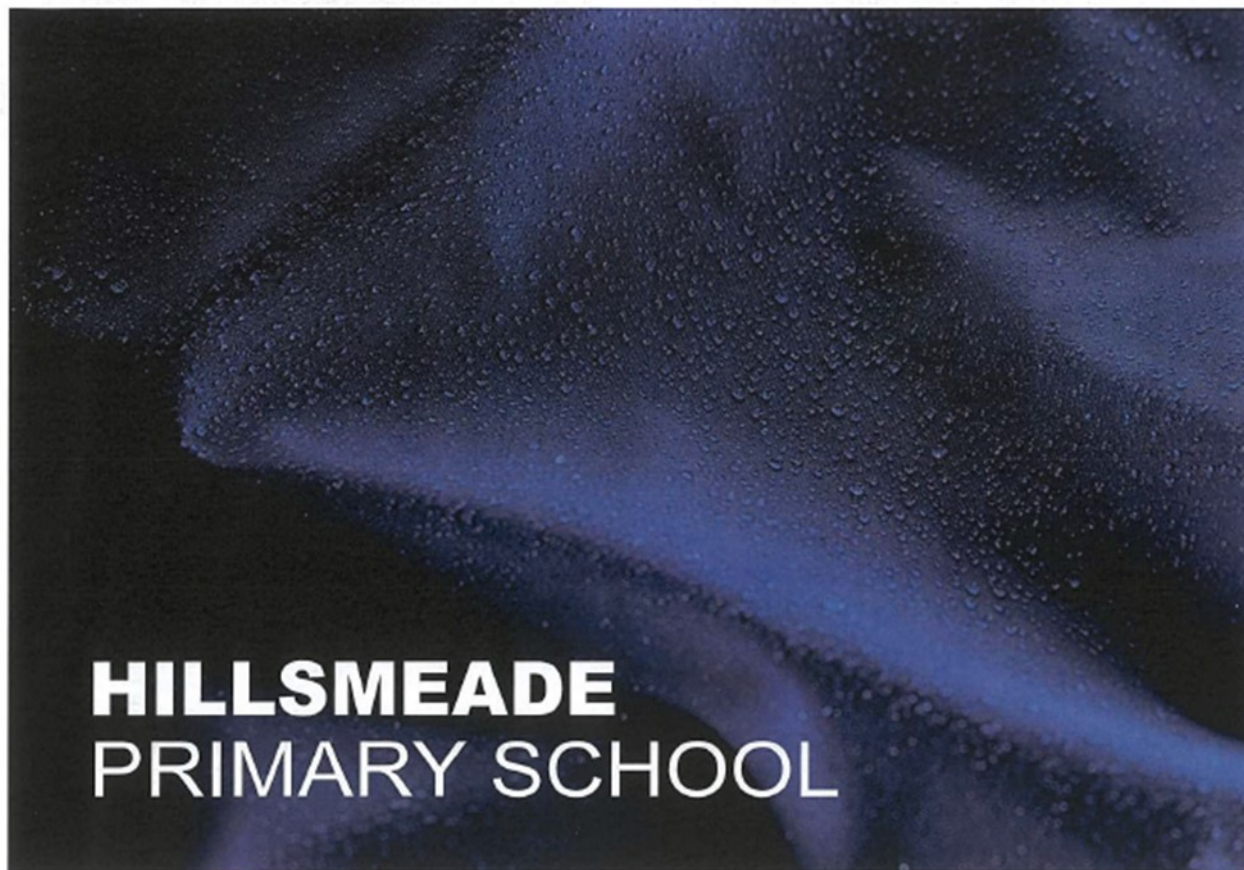
Applications for CSEF Prep Winter Warmer Uniform Package are now open.

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Your uniform will be available from the 3RD
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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

www.psw.com.au Save Time, Shop Online!



***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.

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