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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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

WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

TUE

13th AUG	14th AUG	15th AUG	16th AUG	17th AUG
	Gr 1 A/B/C Aquarium	Hoop time Basketball	VSSS18 Regional Rehearsal 4 8:30AM	GR 5 Sovereign Hill
	Excursion 9:15AM	5/6 8:45AM	Gr 1 D/E/F Aquarium Excursion 9:15AM	Excursion 7:30AM-
	ICAS Maths 11:30 AM	Parliamentary		6:00PM
		Convention (Selected		
		students)		
		8:00AM-4:30PM		
20th AUG	21st AUG	22nd AUG	23rd AUG	24th AUG
Grade 1 & Prep Swimming	Grade 1 & Prep Swimming	Grade 1 & Prep Swim-	Grade 1 & Prep Swimming	Grade 1 & Prep Swim-
12:00-2:00PM	12:00-2:00PM	ming 12:00-2:00PM	12:00-2:00PM	ming 12:00-2:00PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS



<u>EVENT</u>	CONSENT/PAYMENT DUE	EVENT DATE
Year 6 Canberra Camp Experience	01/08/0218	Monday, September 3 - 07:00 AM—
	(CLOSED)	Friday, September 7 - 05:00 PM
Grade 5 Sovereign Hill excursion	07/08/2018	Friday, August 17 - 07:30 AM—06:00PM
	(CLOSED)	
Hoop Time (Basketball) Grade 5/6	08/08/2018	Wednesday, August 15 - 08:45 AM—
	(CLOSED)	03:00PM
VSSS18 - Regional rehearsal 4	10/08/2018	Thursday, August 16 - 08:30 AM—02:30PM
(selected students)	(CLOSED)	
Grade Prep and One Swimming	10/08/2018	Monday, August 20 - 12:00 PM—02:00PM
	(CLOSED)	
Grade 2- Camp Manyung	17/08/2018	Monday, December 17 - 09:00 AM—
		Tuesday, December 18 - 03:30 PM
Hoop Time (Basketball) Grade 3/4	05/09/2018	Wednesday, September 12 - 08:45 AM—
		03:00PM
Alexandra Adventure Camp - Grade 4	Final Payment Due:	Wednesday, October 24 - 09:00 AM—
	21/9/2018	Friday, October 26 - 03:30 PM

* NOW ACCEPTING PREP 2019 ENROLMENTS*

Please see the office team for a 2019 Prep enrolment pack. Prospective families are welcome to attend our next school tour on Tuesday 31st JULY departing from the front office at 10AM.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy Week 5 everyone. What an exciting week we have had at Hillsmeade Primary School. It is difficult to know where to start with this week's link report.

Super Stan

Last week I was absolutely blown away by the exceptional performance of our senior students (Year 4 – Year 6) in the Hillsmeade Primary School Production of Super Stan at Bunjil Place. Our students were phenomenal.

On Thursday the 9th of August, during the day, the Year 2 and Year 3 students were bussed to Bunjil Place for the rehearsal of the show. The audience were on the edge of their seats as they saw the performance.

A huge congratulations to the cast, the Production Team, the staff and all of the audience for making the show a night to remember. We have received such positive feedback regarding the performance. It was a true joy being in the audience and seeing our students shine on stage. With over 780 audience members, all cast and student performers were brilliant. Congratulations to everyone involved for such a wonderful event.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Year 5/6 Hoop Time

adult ticket free.

Good luck to the Year 5/6 Hoop Time teams that will be participating in the Hoop Time event at Casey Stadium this Wednesday. We look forward to hearing about the event in next week's link.

Victorian State School Spectacular

Tickets for this year's Victorian State School Spectacular are on sale now.

The <u>Victorian School Spectacular</u> takes place on Saturday 15 September at Hisense Arena. This year's theme is 'With the Beat'. With only a short time until the big night, intensive rehearsals are underway for more than 3000 students from over 200 government schools across Victoria. The 2018 production will feature a 74-piece orchestra, 1300-voice choir, 1100 mass dancers, 33 lead vocalists, 16 principal dancers, 20 ensemble dancers, nine backing vocalists, a magician, a puppeteer, songs from a range of chart-topping artists, and much more.

Buy your ticket now through Ticketek to join the more than 10,000 people to see Victoria's next generation of creative Victorians light up Hisense Arena.

Tickets are available for shows at either 1pm or 6:30pm. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$30 concession and \$20 for under 15s. Group purchases of more than 10 get one

To find out more information, visit: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/spectacular.aspx



<u>Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention, Wednesday 15</u> August 2018

The Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program aims to provide opportunities that support the civic learning and active participation in democratic processes of all Victorian students through local, state and national parliamentary programs and in school activities, and to support the professional learning of civics and citizenship education.

The **Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention** will be held on Wednesday 15 August 2018 at Parliament House, Melbourne. The topic is 'should a sugar tax be introduced to improve public health?'

Good luck to Kobe S and Milani K who will be attending the Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention on Wednesday the 15th of August. This is a wonderful opportunity and we are excited to hear more about the experience in next week's link.

11–19 August 2018/10 SCIENCE WEEK

Tuesday the 14th of August was our annual Hillsmeade Primary School Science Expo. Thank you to all of the families that came along to support this wonderful event. It was great to see some students and teachers dressed up and engaging in hands on activities prompting curiosity. A very big thank you to Dimple Bhardwaj for coordinating this wonderful community event for our school.

https://www.scienceweek.net.au/











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Did you know?

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

National Support Staff Week 13-17 August 2018

NSS Week is celebrated in August every year.

AEU Victoria joins AEU branches around Australia as part of National Support Staff Week, 13-17 August. It's the time we recognise the extraordinary contribution ES staff make to our schools and our union.

Schools across the country will be celebrating the contribution that ES staff make to their school team and the significant union wins over the last 12 months. It's been a great year for ES members, particularly in Victoria! AEU & ES – A great team.

A very big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful Education Support staff at Hillsmeade Primary School, ELC and OSHC. We really do appreciate the wonderful work you do across our school.

A reminder that this Friday is our whole school elective program.

Have a lovely week everyone.

Jodie Bray

Principal

Hillsmeade Community Circuit

We would like to build a fitness circuit around our school oval. We want to continue our passion of implementing and promoting mental health through exercising with staff, students and the community. Staff would run this with the view of the students organising circuits. We believe it's vital for our children to have student voice within the community.

This will benefit our community by providing and engaging the whole community. Research says that building connectedness as a school increases the chances of all students improving their academic outcomes. Evidence also suggests that children that build school connectedness decrease their chance of being involved in risky behaviours in their teen years. This will enable everyone to build strong and positive relationships. As a school we believe it is our duty to partner with the community and provide positive opportunities for great mental health and well being.

https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/hillsmeade-community-circuit

Your project idea, "Hillsmeade community circuit", has been approved to progress to the voting stage of the Pick My Project initiative. This means that people in your local community can vote for your project idea.

Voting is anticipated to open at 9am on Monday 13
August 2018 and is anticipated to close at 5pm on
Monday 17 September 2018 – so it's time to rally your
community for their vote.

Who will be able to vote for my project idea?

Anyone who resides in your local community that is 16 years or older will be eligible to vote for your project idea.

If your project is proposed to be in metropolitan Victoria, your local community will be anyone who resides within 5km of your proposed project's location.

If your project is proposed to be in regional Victoria, your local community will be anyone who resides within 50km of your proposed project's location.

Everyone will be able to choose from a minimum of 30 projects.

Further information regarding the voting progress can be found on the <u>FAQ's page</u> of our website.

FROM MR CARDAMONE

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

I hope the week is going well. As some of you might be aware I have been on leave as my wife and I have had our beautiful baby boy Vincent. We are very excited by his arrival. He has been keeping us very busy!

This week I wanted to talk about the importance of diet.

We know eating healthy has lots of benefits such as maintaining weight, feeling good and our overall health. It also can impact our moods, behaviours and our productivity levels. This is critical for our young children to function at an optimal level, especially at school. A message from 'HeadSpace' (headspace.org.au)

Eat well

Eating well doesn't only reduce the risk of physical health problems, like heart disease and diabetes, but it can also help with your sleeping patterns, energy levels, and your general health and wellbeing. You might have noticed that your mood can affect your appetite and food intake. A good balanced diet with less of the bad things (e.g. junk food and lots of sugars) and more of the good things (e.g. vegies, fruit, whole grains and plenty of water) will make sure you have all of the vitamins and minerals to help your body and brain function well.

Over the past month we have looked at sleep, exercise and now our diet. Implementing these together in our young children's lives can have a big impact in the way they function day to day.

At school we promote healthy eating by having 'brain breaks and fruit breaks' which gives students an opportunity to have some fruit or vegetables during the day.

In saying this, it's still important to have a balanced diet, so having the opportunity to have a pizza night or take out night, whether that's once a week or once a month, this can be turned into a family ritual, which is important for family development and growth.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you.



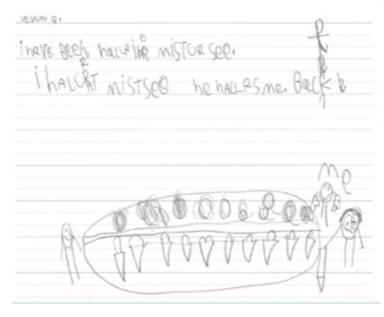
John Cardamone **Acting Leading Teacher** in Social and Emotional Learning

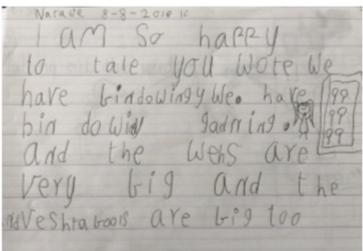


JUNIOR GARDENING CLUB

Some of our junior students have been working with Mr. Cardamone each Tuesday, before school, in our Junior Gardening Club. While Mr C was absent last week, they eagerly showed us the vegetables and herbs they are growing. On the following page students have written about what they have been doing and what they have enjoyed during Gardening Club.

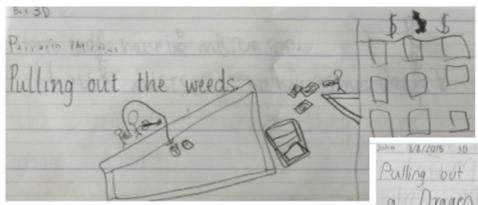




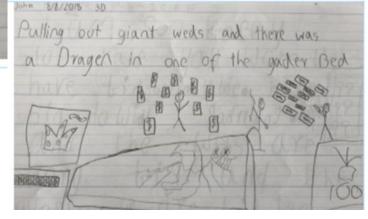












FROM MS SZALFK

STEAM Professional Learning

Last Friday the 10th of August, Jess Szalek, Dimple Bhardwaj and Martine Ziino attended the 7th Annual STEAM Conference – *Ignite Innovate Integrate* at Kingswood Primary School. It was an enlightening and exciting day, with each of us learning new things and experimenting with robotics and technology.



The day began with an amazing introduction from Bruce Armstrong, the inaugural Director of the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership; he entertained the idea of driverless cars, the environmental impacts of technology and predicted that within the next 30 years, 30% of school/work will be through the use of virtual reality.

A few notable workshops involved 'coding with drones' programming' with the former demonstrating the complexity and development of robotics and how it is used around the world today (such as the drone display as part of the recent winter Olympics opening ceremony). We explored the use of drones in the maths classroom, including the use of directional language, measurement, angles and problem solving with coding. The use of coding was also utilised in the 'drag and drop coding' of Scratch. Scratch is a programming language that makes it easy to create your own Interactive stories, animations, games, music and art; showing how diverse coding is across the different domains of the curriculum. "As young people create and Scratch projects, they learn important mathematical and computational ideas." Students are also learning to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively- many expected 21st century skills.

The final presenter for the day was Beyond Superhuman, Dr Jordan Nguyen. Dr Nguyen is an Australian biomedical engineer and inventor; he invented a wheelchair controlled by the mind to assist people living an immobile life, such as those with 'locked in syndrome.' Dr Nguyen is currently exploring the world of virtual reality and augmented reality, interviewing and recreating people and personalities in the digital world. He also discussed the values of the future, particularly autonomous cars, noting that they will be a "much safer way to travel," as robots cannot get distracted and the software will be continuously updated with a complete data memory, meaning that all cars will be learning from each other and adapting to their surroundings each and every day. He finished his presentation with the challenge to others, the pinnacle of his success and to lead a happy and fulfilling life, but put simply, find what inspires you.

Jess Szalek

Acting Learning Specialist Numeracy





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Year Aquarium Visit

On Tuesday the 14th of August some Year 1 classes (Year 1A, 1B and 1C) students attended the Melbourne Aquarium. The students and teachers had a wonderful time learning about sustainability in our oceans. Please take the time to look at the below photos from the excursion.







INTERCULTURAL CHAMPIONS PILOT PROJECT

On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th August, Mrs Herres and I attended the first workshop of Intercultural Champions Pilot Project. This 12 month project is led by the Education Department of Victoria and Education Changemakers.

In the workshop, we have been exploring how to develop students' Intercultural Capability by using a whole-school approach. We also investigated the best teaching practices to address the Global Citizenship dimension of the Framework of Student Outcomes. Through this project, we will assist our teachers to strengthen their capabilities to teach for intercultural understanding, and to help students develop the 21st century skills to be successful in an 'increasingly complex and interconnected world'.

Our school has a strong focus on internationalising education. By participating in the Intercultural Champions Pilot Project, we will work closely with our school leaders to design a whole school curriculum that delivers rich intercultural learning experiences to our students.

- Maria Liu and Angela Herres





Your bag design could win your school \$5,000!

Coles are giving all primary and secondary school students across Australia the opportunity to design the new range of Coles reusable shopping bags and win fantastic prizes.

The new range of sturdy, durable, multi-use shopping bags are great for the environment because they can be used over and over again. These bags are also great for our community because a portion of the proceeds from the sale of these bags will go to Coles community partners.

Great prizes for great designs

Each selected bag design will be rewarded with \$5000 for your school to spend on an environmental or sustainability project, plus a \$500 Coles Gift Card awarded to the student who created the winning design. No less than 7 amazing bag designs will be selected.

Instructions for schools

All primary and secondary schools in Australia are eligible to participate. All you need to do is encourage your students to take part and make sure their entries are submitted by midnight on **Monday 22nd October 2018**.

Instructions for students

Bag Designs

We are looking for original bag designs that are bold, creative and desirable. Your bag design should be based on one of the following design themes:

Nature and our environment, Delicious, fresh food, "Happiness is ?", "Where my imagination takes me..."

The design style is completely up to students. Designs could include photography, illustrations, graphic designs or drawings. Students can enter as many times as they like however, each design must be an original.

How to Enter

Download the die lines of the example bag.

Ensure your design is contained within the die lines.

Design the bag using one of the 4 specified design themes as your inspiration.

Save your final design as a PDF document no larger than 8MB

Complete one entry form per bag design submission.

Email your bag design PDF document & entry form to: colesbagdesign@coles.com.au

All entries to this mailbox must be received no later than midnight on Monday 22nd October 2018.

How will the entries be judged?

The bag entries will be judged by a panel from Coles and our design agencies.

The bag entries will be judged based on the use of the design theme, creativity, attractiveness and desirability of the design.

The winning designs will be selected in October 2018. The winners will be announced in March 2019.

Congratulations to our

HILLSMEADE HEROES:

00A Annabelle R	1A Allen K Abbas A	2A Jerome A Diara S	3A Lina J Cayven T	All of 4A!	5A Charlie K Ali N	6A Nathan Z Nadia A
00B Jacob H Erika V	1C Caitlin S Ella T	2B Azarah S Evana L	3B Luca H Jacob K	4B Caleb S Mia D	5B Andrew S Aahana G	6C Cody L Leanna C
00C Grace K Marcel M	1E Soman Q Harrison C	2C Victoria C Harry M	3C Adrian B Rahni P	All of 4C!	5C Ezri C, Hayley J Mikayla R, Eszter S	6D Lucy P Hayley B
00D Lazar V Heera A	1F Love S Daniel M	2D Jay C Jamil N	3D Teagan J Annabelle T	4D Tuarahi M Courtney C	5D Elizabeth M, Abigail K, Rayan E, Chantelle V, Grace D, Natasha K	6E Gemma M Hanna M
00E Darius N Olivia M		2E Yaree A Umel A	3E Hayden F Jonty S	4E Chloe K Dina M		
00F Ashman S Lilly F		2F Owen H Pranaali P				
		2G Alyshia C Sevi P				

Hillsmeade Primary School Canteen

PIZZA BUN SPECIAL



Pizza bun & a drink

\$6.50

Our Special Meal Deal will be held over 3 days

Grades 5 & 6 Monday 27th August

Grades Prep – 2 Tuesday 28th August

Grades 3 & 4 Wednesday 29th August

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ON **Qkr!** NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST**

Please ensure you select the correct child's profile from the drop down menu before selecting pizza and drink options

This is a Qkr! Only event

CANTEEN

Orders to be in NO later than 9:30am.

CLOSED TUESDAYS

Clearly write Name and Grade and whether you have paid via QKR with your order on your bag or envelope.

Alternatively you can view and order everything on

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 Brownie \$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

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



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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 must be paid for and picked-up by Set 28 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.



Father's Day Stall



12 PK EXECUTIVE PENS



12 PK EXECUTIVE GRANDPA PENS









Shower Gel Set

DADS MAGNETIC JOB LIST

All stadents will have the opportunity to attend the Fathers Day stall with their class and teacher.

Stadents will be able to parchase 2 gifts during this session.

Additionally after school between 3:30pm - 4pm on Tharsday the 30th of August the Fathers Day stall will open to all parents and stadents.

Wish List	Price
	\$
	\$
	\$

Father's Day Stall

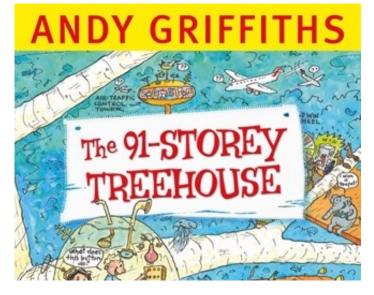


WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST

Time	Grade
9:10AM	PREP A
9:25AM	PREP B
9:40AM	PREP C
9:55AM	PREP D
10:10AM	PREP E
10:25AM	PREP F
10:40AM	1/A
11:00AM	RECESS
11:40AM	1/B
11:55AM	1/C
12:10PM	1/D
12:25PM	1/E
12:40PM	1/F
12:55PM	2/A
1:10PM	2/B
1:25PM	2/C
1:40PM	LUNCH
	2/D
2:40PM	

THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST

Time	Grade
9:10AM	2/F
9:25AM	2/G
9:40AM	3/C
9:55AM	3/D
10:10AM	3/E
10:25AM	3/A
10:40AM	3/B
11:00AM	RECESS
11:40AM	5/C
11:50AM	5/D
12:00PM	5/A
12:10PM	5/B
12:20PM	4/C
12:30PM	4/D
12:40PM	4/E
12:50PM	4/A
1:00PM	4/B
1:10PM	6/C
1:20PM	6/B
1:40PM	LUNCH
2:40PM	6/A
2:50PM	6/D
3:00PM	6/E



Writing Competition

Written by Andy Griffiths, The Treehouse series of books are popular with boys and girls of all ages. Interested students are encouraged to get creative and enter this competition. The theme is: Living in a Tree House and will be judged by Andy Griffiths.

For further information on prizes and entry see here:

http://www.dymocks.com.au/andy-griffiths-kids-writing-competition

Attention School Bankers

There are only 5 more weeks of school banking this term, so keep depositing to get into the draw to win a family trip to Hawaii. If you make 15 deposits this year before the end of term 3 you will automatically be in the draw.

Happy Banking!

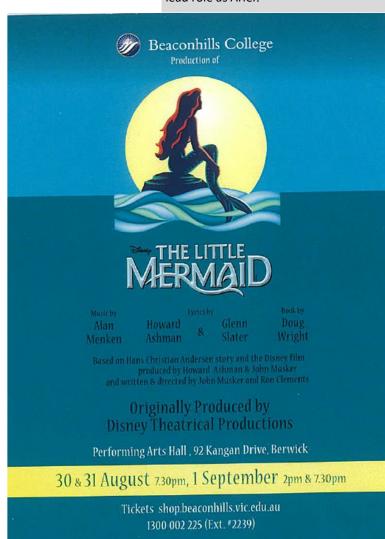
Jill & Nat (Banking Co-ordinators)

https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/schoolbanking.html

Remember, Tuesday is School Banking Day!



Featuring previous Hillsmeade Primary School student Maddi Howard in the lead role as Ariel!



FROM THE COMMUNITY

Our lost property is looking very full! Please remember to put your child's name and grade on any items they bring to school so we can ensure they are returned to them if they go missing. The lost property basket is located at the front office.



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



- Learn to speak, read and write English and have fun in our new class
 - · Join in with other parents from the school

MONDAY 1.00PM TO 3.00PM

Class dates: 16th July to 3rd December Hillsmeade Early Learning Centre 82 The Promenade

Narre Warren South





\$99.80 full fee \$85.00 concession For bookings and enquiries call Clea on 9704 7388



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