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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?

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
<p>22nd OCT</p> <p>Regional Final—Hoop Time Grades 5/6 8:45AM-3:00PM</p> <p>Science Discovery Dome G2 Sessions running throughout the day</p>	<p>23rd OCT</p> <p>Alkira science partnership 6/A 11:00AM-1:30PM</p> <p>School Tour for Prospective Families 10:00AM @ Front Office</p>	<p>24th OCT</p> <p>Prep Woodwork Incur-sion (A,B,C) 9:15AM-3:30PM</p> <p>Gr 4 Students depart for Alexandra Camp 9:00AM</p>	<p>25th OCT</p> <p>Prep Woodwork Incur-sion (D,E,F) 9:15AM-3:30PM</p> <p>Casey South Division playoffs—Volleyball 1:15PM-3:15PM</p>	<p>26th OCT</p> <p>Day for Daniel—Wear Red & Raise Awareness!</p> <p>Whole School Assembly 2:30PM</p>
<p>29th OCT</p>	<p>30th OCT</p> <p>3C Woolworths Discovery Tour 9:45AM-11:30AM</p>	<p>31st OCT</p>	<p>1st NOV</p> <p>Regional Playoffs 2019 5/6 Girls Basketball 10:00AM-2:45PM</p>	<p>2nd NOV</p> <p>3D Woolworths Discovery Tour 9:45AM-11:30AM</p> <p>3E Woolworths Discovery Tour 12:45PM-2:30PM</p>



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Payment and Consent for 6/B Alkira
Partnership Due Midnight:
THURSDAY 25th October 2018**



<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONSENT/PAYMENT DUE</u>	<u>EVENT DATE</u>
Alikra Science Partnership 6/B	25/10/2018	Tuesday, October 30 - 11:00 AM—01:30PM
Alikra Science Partnership 6/C	06/11/2018	Tuesday, November 13 - 11:00 AM—01:30PM
Alkira Science Partnership (6/D)	13/11/2018	Tuesday, November 20 - 11:00 AM—01:30PM
Alkira Science Partnership (6/E)	20/11/2018	Tuesday, November 27 - 11:00 AM—01:30PM
School of Rock Excursion	12/11/2018	Wednesday, November 21 10:00 AM—05:00PM
Gr 3 Woolworths Discovery Tour 3/A	02/11/2018	Friday, November 9 09:45 AM—11:30AM
Gr 3 Woolworths Discovery Tour 3/B	01/11/2018	Thursday, November 8th Times available on Compass
Gr 3 Woolworths Discovery Tour 3/C	26/10/2018	Tuesday, October 30th 09:45 AM—11:30AM
Gr 3 Woolworths Discovery Tour 3/D&E	26/10/2018	Friday, November 2 09:45 AM—11:30AM
Gr 1 Woolworths Discovery Tour 1/A&B	06/11/2018	Tuesday, November 13 Times available on Compass
Gr 1 Woolworths Discovery Tour 1/C&D	08/11/2018	Thursday, November 15 Times available on Compass
Gr 1 Woolworths Discovery Tour 1/E&F	20/11/2018	Tuesday, November 20 Times available on Compass

* 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 Thursday 23rd OCTOBER departing from the front office at 10AM.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

World Teachers Day

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our hardworking, dedicated and passionate Hillsmeade Primary School teachers and staff. I would like to publicly thank them for their ongoing support of our students and for the wonderful learning, and growth opportunities they purposefully plan for students within our community. Thank you!

<https://www.aitsl.edu.au/secondary/comms/happy-world-teachers%27-day-2018>

World Teachers' Day 26 October 2018

Great teachers make a difference

Year 4 Camp

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 4 campers great weather and exciting adventures as they head off to camp this week. A big thank you to Brent Rafferty for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students, a big thank you to PLT Leader Danielle McKelvie for visiting camp over the weekend in preparation and a big thank you to our parent volunteers who are attending.

Children's week

What is Children's Week?

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia. It celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities.





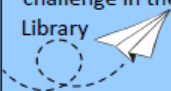

The 2018 theme is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 12 - "children have the right to say what they think should happen and have their opinions taken into account".

'Children should be seen and not heard', how often have we heard these words? Yet we don't really pause to think about what they mean, about the impact they may have.

For all of us, children represent hope and the future. It is how we care for, respect and nurture our children that will determine our prosperity and happiness.

It makes sense that we should actively encourage the views of children, listen to their ideas, and value their insights.



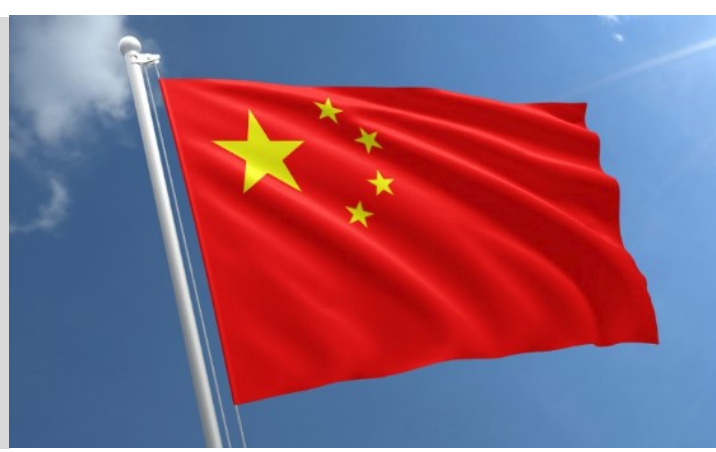
Wednesday 24 th October	Basketball (Prep, Year 1 & 2) 	Origami and paper craft in the Library 	Just Dance! Dance off! 
Thursday 25 th October	Basketball (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 	Paper plane challenge in the Library 	Chess 

2018 VPA China Tour

In the early hours of Thursday morning last week we farewelled our international travellers on their way for a wonderful adventure in China. Here are just a few of the photos that have been shared with school and families.

Each day we receive a report of all the day's activities and adventures. It has been so pleasing to hear the positive reports of our students displaying our school 'I RESPECT' values whilst away.

We look forward to sharing more next week.



Some of the experiences so far include:

- Shopping in Shanghai
- Visiting the tallest tower in Shanghai
- Riding the bullet train
- Visiting the Shanghai Zoo and Aquarium
- Pamper face masks with Miss Smith

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2018 MAD Day

A reminder that this term our Year 5 and Year 6 students are hard at work preparing for the annual MAD Day event. This is an event that the whole school looks forward to. Let's keep our fingers crossed for nice weather and some wonderful innovation for this year's event. MAD Day will take place in Week 8, on Friday the 30th of November. More information to come.

Year 5/6 Girls Basketball Divisional Play Offs

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Girls Basketball Lightning Premiership team that won last Friday's event. The team played well to beat Cranbourne Primary School and Lynbrook Primary School. A big thank you to coaches Toni Barker and Jess Szalek for supporting the team, and a big thank you to the parents who attended in support. We wish this team the best of luck as the move on to Regionals, to be played on November the 1st at Pakenham.



In celebration of Melbourne Cup Day, Hillsmeade is excited to announce the return of the...

HILLSMEADE

Design a Fascinator!

CUP!

Design Jockey Silks!



Hobby Horse Races!

Fashions on the Field!

On Monday the 5th of November, we are celebrating Melbourne Cup Day in our own way. With so many activities and events in store, such as: Fashions on the Field, Hobby Horse Races, and Design Your Own Jockey Silks using your knowledge of maths patterns and geometry. With the best prizes and awards in store and not forgetting, of course, the official HILLSMEADE CUP!

This event is also aligned to our school's Annual Implementation Plan in growing connectedness to school with students, families and the community. Please remember, every day counts!



School success starts with attendance

2018 Hillsmeade Cup

We are very excited to announce that on Monday the 5th of November we will be celebrating the Hillsmeade Cup. This will be a great day at school, with lots of activities on offer. From hobby horse races, to fashions on the field. We look forward to seeing some fashionable students, with big smiles on this exciting day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Year 5/6 Girls All Stars Hoop Time Finals

On Monday the 22nd of October our Year 5/6 All Star Girls' basketball team competed in the next round of the Hoop Time competition. It was a wonderful event, with our students playing well and displaying our school values positively. A big thank you to the coach, Jess Szalek for coaching and to Ahmad Chazbek for coordinating this event. Thank you to parents who attended in support of the team, it is appreciated.



STEAM in ACTION

On Friday last week our Year 2 students engaged in some innovative, collaborative tasks involving our STEAM resources. It was so wonderful to see our students teaching their peers, with our STEM GEMS and STEAM AGENTS in action. We look forward to seeing more of this in the following weeks. Congratulations Dimple Bhardwaj for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students.



Hillsmeade Primary School

UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Fund and is the world's leading advocate for children. UNICEF is on the ground in over 190 countries and territories to help children survive and thrive, from early childhood through adolescence.

UNICEF's mission is to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

On behalf of the children whose lives you have helped us reach, we say thank you.

Jennifer Tierney

Jennifer Tierney
Director Fundraising and Communications,
UNICEF Australia

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AUSTRALIA
for every child

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Readiness Funding 2019

We are very excited to announce that the Hillsmeade Primary School Early Learning Centre was successful in being part of the 2019 pilot for School Readiness Funding. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and will enable us to continue to work closely with local service providers. The funding will be used to support outcomes for children in three priority areas aligned to the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework:

- Communication and language development
- Social and emotional wellbeing
- Access and inclusion

To find out more about School Readiness funding, please visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/srf.aspx>

Cultural Understanding and Safety Training

Throughout the first two weeks, in after school meeting time the staff of Hillsmeade Primary School engaged in some professional learning around Cultural Understanding and Safety Training. This training is a priority for DET and has been well supported by our facilitators Travis Gardner and Zoe Upton (KESO – Koorie Engagement Support Officer | SEVR Department of Education and Training) and Shilo Van Sanden (Acting Koorie Education Co-ordinator | Bayside Peninsula & Southern Melbourne South Eastern Victoria Region | Regional Services Group Department of Education and Training).

This workshop is a key commitment in [Marrung : Aboriginal Education Plan](#) Victoria's ten-year plan to support improved outcomes for Koorie learners across early childhood, schools, skills and training and higher education.

"Marrung, will deliver on our shared vision for Victoria: a state where the rich and thriving culture, knowledge and experience of First Nations peoples are celebrated by all Victorians; where our universal service systems are inclusive, responsive and respectful of Koorie people at every stage of their learning and development journey; and where every Koorie person achieves their potential, succeeds in life, and feels strong in their cultural identity."

The purpose of this training was to increase understanding of Koorie culture, history and experience to ensure a strong foundation for culturally inclusive practices. Training also aligns with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes, including the state wide priority; positive climate for learning.

Hillsmeade staff were engaged in rich reflection and powerful discussions around our schools commitment to providing a culturally aware and culturally safe environment. I would like to thank the facilitators for supporting our school with this important learning.

To find out more about Marrung, please visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/marrung.aspx>

**HILLSMEADE
ART
EXHIBITION
2018**

13TH OF NOVEMBER

**ART ACTIVITIES
IN THE MAIN
BUILDING
FROM
4:30-5:15**

GOLD COIN DONATION

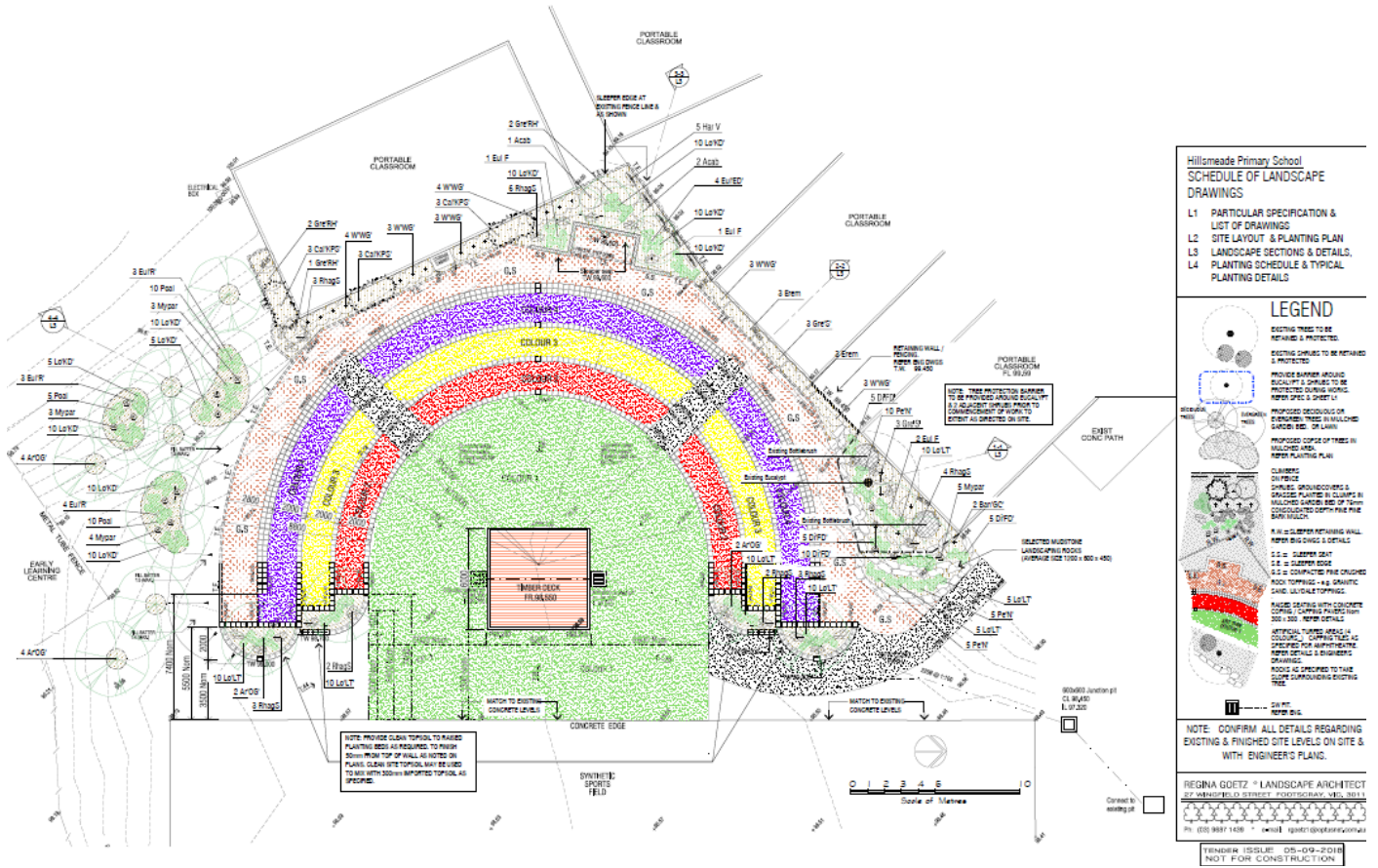
EXHIBITION

**ART
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**ART
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THE GYM
FROM
5:15-6:00**



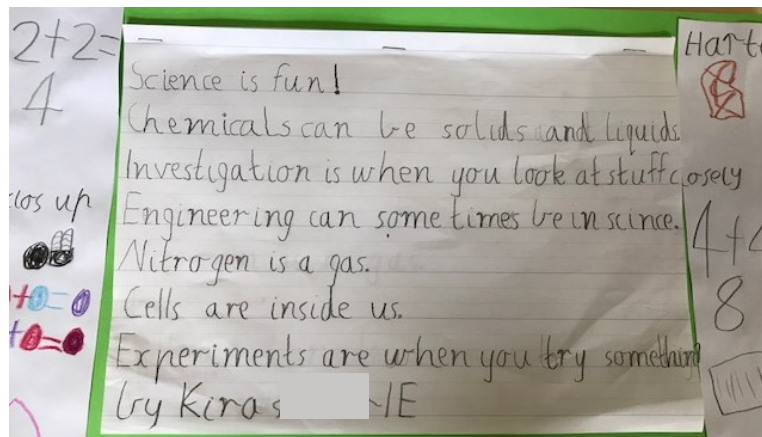
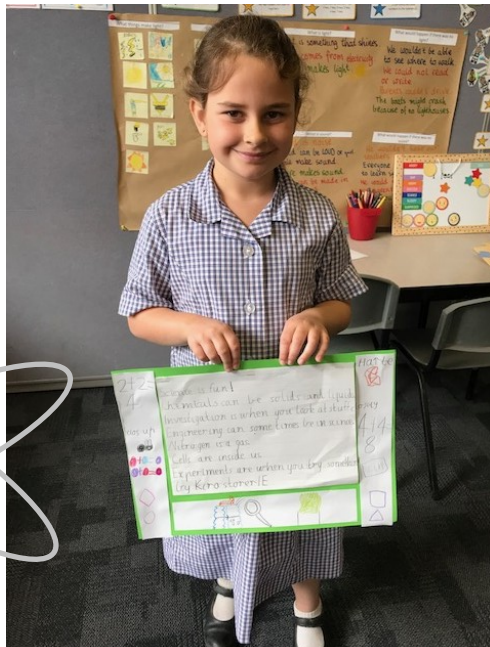
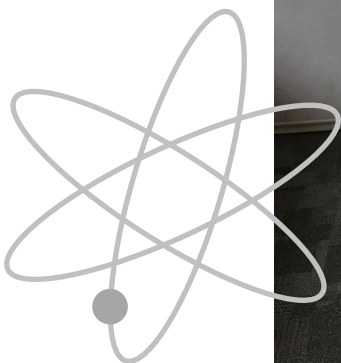
AMPHITHEATRE COMING SOON TO HILLSMEADE!



Earlier this year, Hillsmeade was very grateful to receive a grant of \$150,000 from Judith Graley. Over the next week, you will see work begin on our brand new outdoor amphitheatre, made possible because of this grant. As you can see on the plans, our amphitheatre incorporates design features such as synthetic turf in a number of colours, a timber 'stage' with power access below as well as other functional considerations including round edged capping on each level to enable comfortable seating and landscaping to make this an attractive place for our community to use. We are very excited about this purposeful and enjoyable space for our school community to use.

- While work is taking place, we ask that our school community please speak with students about respecting the temporary fencing and staying out of the 'construction zone' in order to ensure their safety.

SCIENCE IS FUN!



Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

S a f e t y
S c h o o l

A lesson for early childhood

Friday 26 October 2018

Join our online broadcast and make history by being part of Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson! Personal safety strategies for children 3 to 8 years will be taught using an interactive approach.

A preview and a lesson guide will be available on our website.

9.30am-10am in QLD (AEST) 10.30am-11am in NSW, VIC, ACT, TAS (AEDT). NT, SA, WA visit our website to check the broadcast time in your location or watch the lesson later in the day.

Introduction from Bruce and Denise Morcombe



Day for Daniel



To register and watch the lesson please visit
DanielMorcombe.com.au

Parent and Carer Guide

Australia's biggest Child safety Lesson is suitable for children between the ages of 3 - 8 years. It will teach key personal safety concepts for early childhood in a fun and interactive way. It can be viewed in large or small groups at school or early childhood centres. You can also watch it at home together.

Contents of lesson:

Understanding feelings	Identifying facial expressions for different emotions
Recognising body clues	Understanding the physical responses the body has when feeling unsafe
Your body belongs to you	Body ownership, names of public and private body parts (anatomical language)
Who can help you to stay safe	Identifying safe adults who can help you to be safe

Keeping Kids Safe is the responsibility of adults however research shows that teaching children personal safety skills can play an important role in the prevention of harm. Children who know the proper names and functions of private body parts are less likely to experience sexual abuse and more likely to seek help or tell an adult if they have been harmed.

What can you do at home?

Talk about the lesson and encourage your child to share what they have learnt. If they bring home activity sheets, look at these together and put them up on the fridge or a wall in the house.

Having conversations about personal safety should not be scary for children. Being open and approachable is the most important thing.

- Discuss who they could talk to if they felt unsafe and what they could do
- Practice using stories and scenarios to problem solve. Do not always make these about strangers
- Reinforce basic safety messages and ensure children know the phone numbers of people they can call on for help or to talk to
- Explain that it is ok to say no to an adult or child if they are doing something that is not ok or makes the child feel unsafe. Let the child know they will not get into trouble if they tell you about an unsafe secret someone has asked them to keep
- Remind your child that it is always ok to talk to you, no matter what the issue, you care about them and want to help them to stay safe

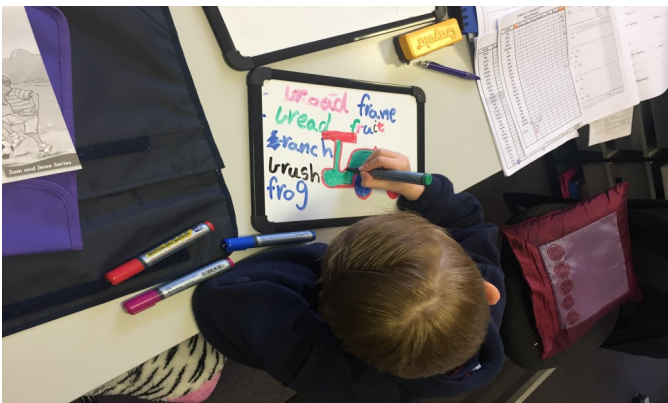
Where to get help

Daniel Morcombe Foundation has resources to teach personal safety skills to children and young people, available from www.DanielMorcombe.com.au

To register for Day for Daniel and watch the lesson please visit
DanielMorcombe.com.au

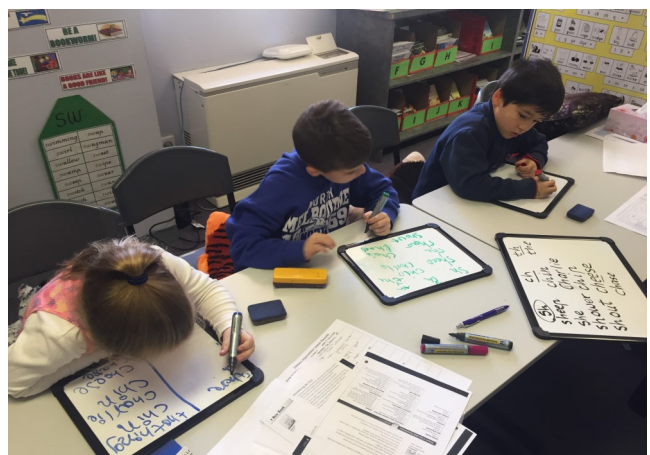


Literacy Lab Phonics



Children are given an understanding that there are 26 letters as symbols for sounds. But our language has about 44 discrete sounds and that some letters have more than one sound. Some letters are also combined to make new sounds. In the Literacy Lab, students and teachers work hard to explore these combinations to help expand student's understanding of our sometimes complicated language. This all helps to make them better readers.

In the Literacy Lab the teachers and students do lots of work with phonics, spelling and word study. This all helps our amazing students learn more about and to efficiently use sounds, letters and words. Doing lots of different activities helps them with their reading and writing powers. They love using their white boards, magnetic letters and activity sheets to consolidate their learning.



FROM MR CARDAMONE

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

I hope the week has been well. I wanted to start by saying that Hillsmeade is excited to announce that we are an accredited KidsMatter school. This is a great achievement and outcome for our community. This has taken the best part of 3 years. It has been a long and rewarding journey with the focus on the four different components. We had our staff meeting last night celebrating the different things that we have implemented over the years.

These are some examples of the work that Hillsmeade have done as a KidsMatter school.

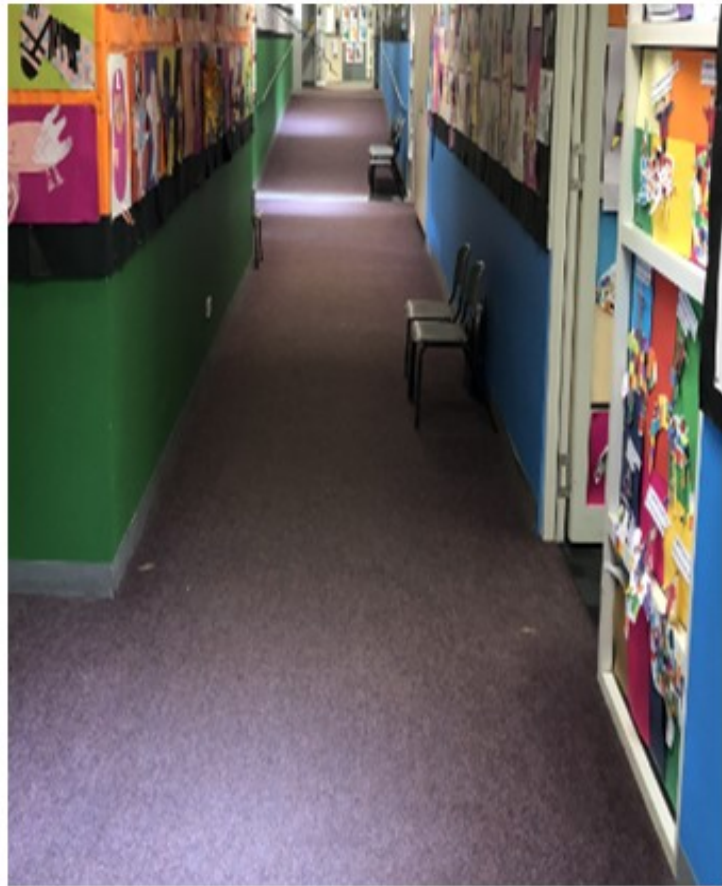
Some baby faces right there!

The KidsMatter Action Team are very proud of this achievement and would like to acknowledge our past and present school leaders for supporting this great framework, also like to thank our community and our students.

Please visit the KidsMatter website <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/> as there is so much information on mental health and they give easy and simple steps to go through. Thank you.

John Cardamone

Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning



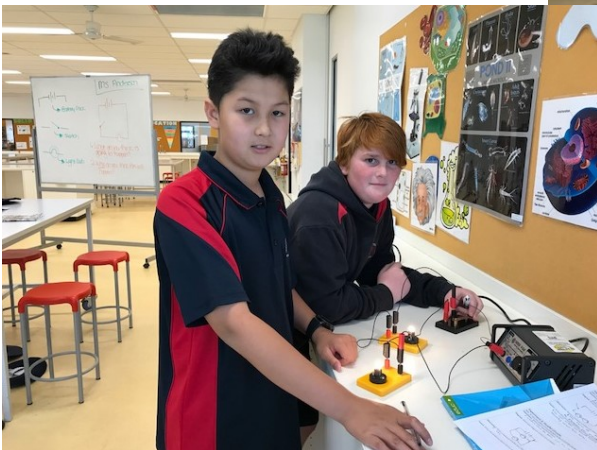
FROM MS TOOBA

والدين عزيز ،
 اگر طفل تان سال آینده پریپ را در مکتب هلسمید آغاز
 میکند شما میتوانید فارم ثبت نام شاگردان پریپ ۲۰۱۹
 را از دفتر مکتب به دست بیاورید.

Gr 6 ALKIRA VISIT

Wow! What an amazing day it was yesterday for 6A. We went to Alkira Secondary Collage. After we walked to Alkira we went and had a tour of the school. It was pretty easy knowing what buildings to go to because the buildings were colour coded. After that we went to the yellow building. We went into the science lab to do some experiments. We looked at circuits and how they work. Then we built the circuits we made them with 2 lights and parallel circuits. We all had fun and we saw some old students. It was a good 2 hours.

- Riley L and Riley S GR 6



Year 5/6 Girls Divisional Basketball Lightning Premiership

WOW! What a day of Basketball Friday the 19th was. First off we would like to congratulate all the girls that participated in the day. The team played amazingly, in the first game they fought hard and ended up having a draw with the other team 10-10. The second game the girls dominated, they won by about 30 points. Lastly they had a rematch against the first team, this game was the decider. The last game was tight, there were many lead changes and both teams played phenomenally. The Hillsmeade girls came out on top 12-16. I'd like to say a massive thankyou and huge congratulations to Ms Barker for her coaching efforts on the day, I'd also like to thank Ms Szalek for being the great coach that she is and Mrs Bray for helping out like always.

- Logan K and Jack W GR 6

STEAM ROTATIONS

Charlie Prep C

My favourite was the Teddy drop. I liked the Teddy drop because we had to try to not touch the wires.

Grace Prep C

My favourite part was controlling the ball because it has lights. You get to change them and you get to do painting with them.



Yesterday I played with the Stem and my favourite activities were the Beebots and magnetic balls.

Name: Rhys PF 20174

Rhys Prep F

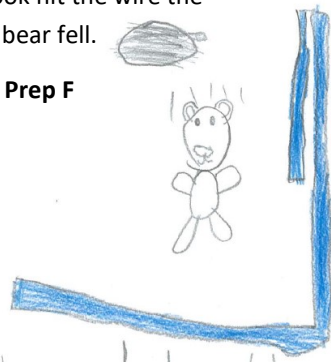


PF

Name: Tyson

Why did the teddy bear fall off the wood? When the hook hit the wire the teddy bear fell.

Tyson Prep F



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 our Qkr! App.

Please remember an extra 10c in your order if you DON'T have a brown paper bag.

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

Thursday Specials

Aussie Pie or Sausage Roll & Drink \$4.00

Ceaser Wrap, Frozen Fruit & Drink \$6.50

****Add Chicken**** \$1.50

Monday/Wednesday Specials

3 Fried or Steamed Dim Sims & Drink \$3.50

Pizza or Pasta and a Drink \$6.00

Chicken Strip Wrap & 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).

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
11AM - 2PM

CASEY
BMX CLUB • EST 2017

RIDE IN 2 BMX
Your chance to try BMX!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

From the ELC

The ELC currently have 3yr old positions available .

EARLY YEARS
LEARNING CENTRE



Come and try the new track at Casey Fields.
Bikes and helmets provided
A chance to join your new local Casey BMX Club.
CASEY FIELDS CRANBOURNE

BMX
AUSTRALIA

FROM THE COMMUNITY

AFRICAN-AUSTRALIAN BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM 1
BASKETBALL LESSONS FOR AFRICAN-AUSTRALIANS AGED BETWEEN 8-16 YEARS OLD

PROGRAM 2
BASKETBALL SCRIMMAGES FOR OPEN AGE AFRICAN-AUSTRALIANS
BOTH PROGRAMS ARE 100% FREE

DETAILS
START: 26TH OCTOBER
TIME: 5:30PM - 6:30PM
LOCATION: CASEY STADIUM
DURATION: 6 WEEKS
COST: FREE
EVERY FRIDAY FOR 6 WEEKS!

Logos: Casey Basketball Association, Melbourne, Basketball Victoria, Casey Stadium, re:link australia

A Message From Sick-Bay

We have had a case of Hand, foot and mouth disease in our school community recently.

This is a common virus that is more common in warmer months and tends to be easily spread between children. Adults can also be affected.

Symptoms include: high temperature, sore throat, small blister-like lesions that may occur on the inside of the mouth, palms of the hands, fingers and soles of the feet and in young children in the 'nappy area'.

Children are often irritable, tired and may have a decreased appetite.

If you have any concerns or your child has some of these symptoms please see your Doctor.

Attention School Bankers

Please note that during Melbourne Cup week school banking day will be Wednesday 7th November. Also, anyone wishing to redeem their tokens this year must submit their tokens and orders by the end of November in order for guaranteed delivery this year. The last school banking day for 2018 will be Tuesday 11th December.

Thanks, Jill and Nat
(School Banking Coordinators)



PARENTS AND TEENS relationships and mental health

Do you have a teenager between 11 and 17 years old?

Help us understand how family relationships influence teen mental health

anxiety		raising teens		behaviour
	relationships		mental health	

Complete a brief anonymous survey online at:
<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/mentalhealth>

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