

FRIDAY THE 21st DEC is the last day of school. Please ensure your children are picked by 1:30 PM

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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?

		WED	THUR	FRI
10th DEC	11th DEC Step-Up Transition Day 9:45-12:30	12th DEC	13th DEC Year 6 Graduation Practice 9:00-1:30 Year 1 'Big Night In' 5:00PM-7:30PM	14th DEC Junior X-Country and Games Morning 9:00AM-11:00 Year 6 Graduation Practice 11:30-1:30 <u>CHRISTMAS CONCERT 5:00PM-8:00PM</u>
17th DEC Gr 1 DCT EXPO Gr 2 Camp Manyung	18th DEC Gr 2 Camp Manyung RETURN 3:30PM Yr 5 Little Day out 9-3:30 Prep visit to Casey Fields 10-2:00 <u>GR 6 GRADUATION 6-9:30PM</u>	19th DEC	20th DEC <u>GR 6 BIG DAY OUT RETURN 5:00PM</u>	21st DEC <u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2019</u> <u>End of Year Assembly 12:45PM</u> <u>PICK UP @ 1:30pm</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Consent for 'Gr 6 Big Day Out' is due
MIDNIGHT THURSDAY the 13th DEC



EVENT

CONSENT/PAYMENT DUE

EVENT DATE

Year 5 Little Day Out

6/12/2018
(CLOSED)

Tuesday, December 18 - 09:00 AM—Tuesday,
December 18 - 03:30 PM

Prep Visit to Casey Fields

11/12/2018
(CLOSED)

Tuesday, December 18 - 10:00 AM—02:00 PM

Grade 1 'Big Night In'

10/12/2018
(CLOSED)

Thursday, December 13 - 05:00 PM –7:30PM

Grade 6 'Big Day Out'

13/12/2019

Thursday, December 20 - 09:00 AM—5:00PM

THURSDAY the 31st of JANUARY is the first
day back for students in 2019.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians and Carers,

Happy Week 10. How quickly we find ourselves in the second last week of school. I hope that families are enjoying the warmer weather and looking forward to the Hillsmeade Primary School Christmas Concert this Friday evening. We hope to see you there.

Year 6 2019 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2019 Student Leaders who were elected by their peers as part of the Student Leadership process. It was wonderful to see the surprised looks on our student leaders faces as they heard the announcements at last week's assembly. A big thank you to all of the students who demonstrated courage and passion through the process.

Victorian State Schools Spectacular

A big congratulations to our students who participated in the VSSS, the screening over the weekend was fantastic. The singing, dancing, skills, talents and costumes were amazing. Congratulations to Lisa Scott for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2019

We are very excited to again be a part of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular for 2019. Congratulations to Lisa Scott on another successful expression of interest. The Hillsmeade Primary School students are lucky to be involved in this opportunity.

Something Spectacular in 2019

The 2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be staged at Hisense Arena on Saturday 14 September 2019.

As one of the largest recurring productions in Australia, the Victorian State Schools Spectacular brings together over 3000 school students performing as a 64 piece orchestra, 1300 voice choir, 1200 mass dancers, 30 lead vocalists, 16 principal dancers, 20 ensemble dancers, eight backing vocalists, roller skaters and puppeteers and much more.

Participating students have the opportunity to work with industry professionals including Creative Director Neill Gladwin, Musical Director Chong Lim AM and Dance Director Deon Nuku, (Scooby Doo, Happy Feet, Moulin Rouge).



Wonderful news about the ELC

A huge congratulations to Shiona Watson and the staff at the ELC and OSHC program for their recent assessment rating. This is an amazing result, in which we are extremely proud of as a whole school community. Well done ELC and OSHC team.

To find out more about the assessment and rating process please visit: <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/>

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School Council

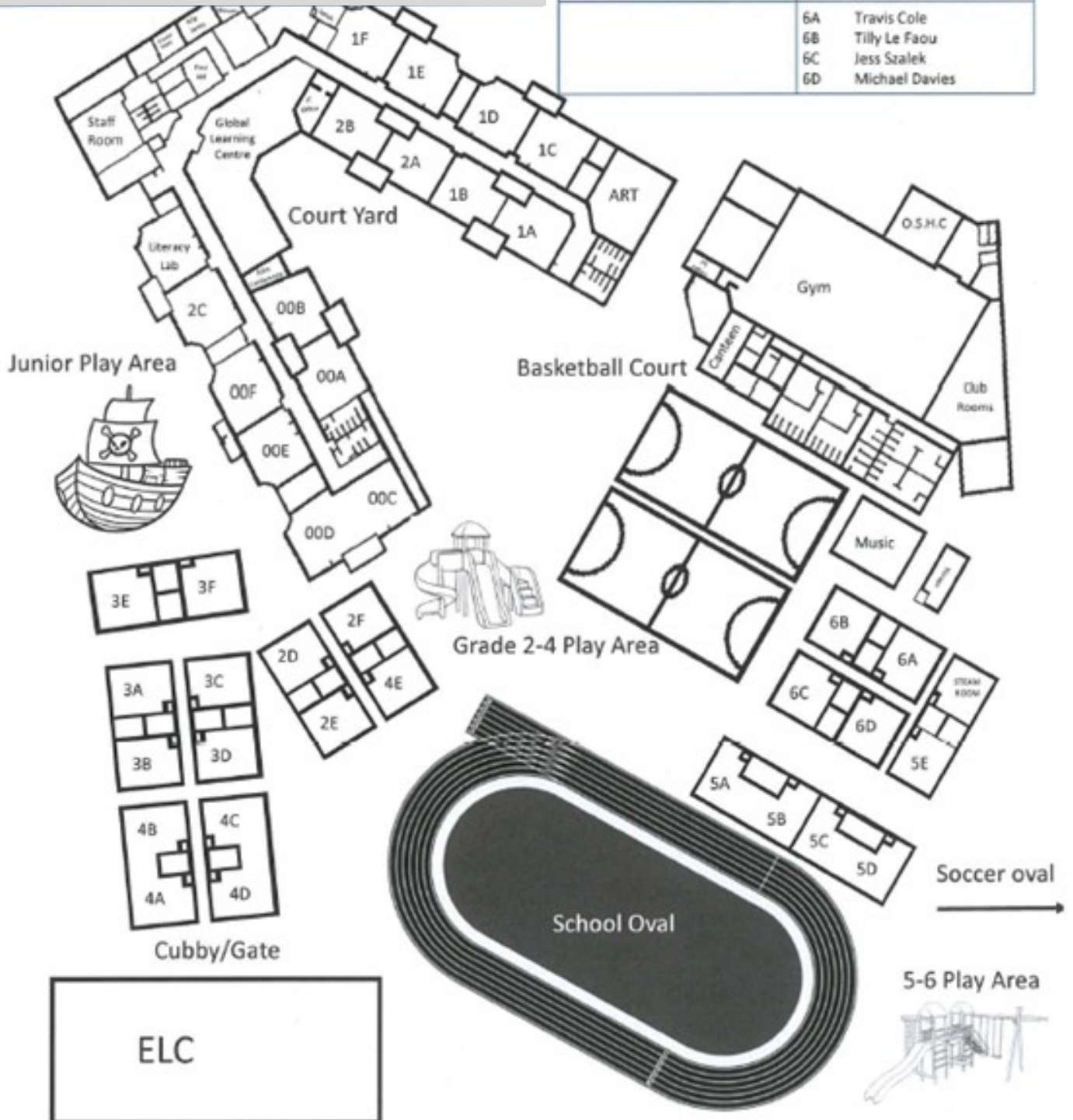
A big thank you to the 2018 Hillsmeade Primary School Council. Their work in meeting across the year to action focus areas of the year has been appreciated. Thank you to our School Council President Brooke Gniel for her hard work across the school community this year.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Step Up Day

On Tuesday the 11th of December we held our 2019 step up day in line with State-wide transition day. This took place from 9:30am – 1pm in which our students experienced some time in their 2019 classes with their new teachers (where available). It was wonderful to walk around the school and see our students upholding our school I RESPECT values as they ventured off into their new grades, with many of our wonderful students supporting new students to our school.

00A	Rachel Sutcliffe	1A	Nicole Page
00B	Matthew Bentveizen	1B	Amelia Thomas
00C	Nowella Ahlgren	1C	Tessa Parmenter
00D	Ashleigh Bell	1D	Sarah McGrath
00E	Lauren Slevin	1E	Scott Masson
00F	Kate McArdle	1F	Sarah Rhimes
2A	Jess Ellis	3A	Tabitha Carter
2B	Kristie Jenner	3B	Michelle Ewing
2C	Rush Rajaram	3C	TBA
2D	Meg Yates/Krissy Rennie	3D	Angela Herres
2E	Bonnie Arbuckle	3E	Jenny Elkin
2F	Lisa Crowe	3F	Martine Ziino
4A	Danielle McKelvie	5A	Toni Barker
4B	Jeromy Lewier	5B	Rachel Bampton
4C	TBA	5C	Jeff McGann
4D	Carmen Collins	5D	Belinda Catanese
4E	Susan Haworth	5E	Dimple Bhardwaj
		6A	Travis Cole
		6B	Tilly Le Faou
		6C	Jess Szalek
		6D	Michael Davies



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2019 PLT Leader Induction and Planning Day

On Monday 10th December, our 2019 PLT Leaders participated in an induction and planning day at Bunjil Place. This was an important opportunity to learn about the PLT Leader role and expectations and how to build positive, effective teams. Leaders also focused on school priorities, Department initiatives, professional learning and preparing for their first PLT meetings. The agenda was action-packed and we are excited about the powerful role our PLT Leaders play in driving school improvement at Hillsmeade Primary School.



What is a PLT?

At Hillsmeade Primary School, Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) are year level or specialist teams that work collaboratively to improve teaching and learning using data. The Professional Learning Team approach draws on research focussed on the importance of:

- Having a shared moral purpose—a focus on children and improving their learning and achievement.
- Expectations that all children can learn, regardless of background.
- A strong commitment to systematically collecting and analysing learning data.
- A focus on collaboration and substantive dialogue when analysing data, and establishing specific goals and actions to improve student learning and achievement as a result of the data analysis.
- Evidence-based learning and high-impact teaching strategies.
- In-school team based professional learning and improvement.
- The broad distribution of leadership.
- The whole school as ‘leaders of learning’, with active involvement in professional learning, curriculum coordination and monitoring.

2019 PLT Leaders

Kinder – Katrina Roberts

Prep – Rachel Sutcliffe

Year 1 – Nicole Page

Year 2 – Jess Ellis

Year 3 – Tabitha Carter

Year 4 – Danielle McKelvie

Year 5 – Toni Barker

Year 6 – Travis Cole



FROM MR CARDAMONE

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Wow only a week to go!!! Where has the school year gone? It's a wonderful time of year; of giving, receiving gifts and spending time with family and friends, along with the holidays!

A big well done to our students who received an I RESPECT Hillsmeade wristband, Hannah A, Sam L, Darcey M, Emily M and Lamona C, great job, keep it up!!!

Unfortunately, not everyone enjoys this time of year for many different reasons, we have spoken about giving and helping someone else in the past, however there's no better time to re-visit this and give the opportunity for our children to help and support someone they know or contribute to their community.

This comes back to building gratitude and talking about what this is and what it means to you as a family. Building good practice in giving back to the community also builds stronger family connections (doing this together) develops empathy and resilience. Being a positive role model in what this looks like is also a very important factor. There are many ways we can encourage our children to give back:

- Giving them a \$ amount and choosing what to buy and who to donate to
- Asking them to be creative and make something for someone
- Giving a helping hand to a friend or someone in the community, working bees etc.
- Conducting research with our children of what some of community groups offer to people and how they can help
- Donate unwanted toys

- Donate clothes
- Donate a portion of their pocket money to a charity
- Bake, cook for someone

There are many other ways for our children to give back, if you would like to talk about his further please come and see me.

Thank you.



John Cardamone

Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning

A MESSAGE FROM SICKBAY

There have been a couple of cases of Chicken Pox in our school community. Symptoms may include: fever, runny nose, cough, fatigue, and rash (bumps or blisters). If your child presents with any of these symptoms or becomes unwell please consult your Family Doctor/ Pharmacist.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY 2018

When?

Friday December the 14th

Who is involved?

All students from Prep through to Grade 3 and parents are welcome.

What time?

It will run from about 9.15 am to approximately 10.45. There will be a detailed timetable available closer to the day.

How will it work?

Boys and girls in each grade level will run their own races over a one kilometre.

Other activities which will be run in Grade levels include basketball, soccer and Just Dance.

What if it's really hot?

There will be a modified course. If it's really, really hot we will cancel.

What if it's raining?

We will run anyway. If it's really, really raining or thundering we will cancel.

What should we bring and wear?

Hats and running shoes and House colour tops if students wish. Otherwise, school uniform as usual.

Any queries please ask a P.E. teacher

The Junior Cross Country will be held on the synthetic oval, the basketball courts and the hall. Students should come ready to participate in a fun morning of physical activity. All Students will report to class as usual in the morning.

Basketball will be held on the basketball courts, soccer on the soccer pitch, Just Dance in the hall and the cross country will take place around the school, probably beginning on the soccer ovals



<u>Times</u>	<u>Just DANCE</u>	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Cross country</u>	<u>Basketball</u>
9.30	Prep	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
9.50	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Prep
10.10	Grade 2	Grade 3	Prep	Grade 1
10.30	Grade 3	Prep	Grade 1	Grade 2

Congratulations to our

HILLSMEADE HEROES:

00A Zoe P	1B Lachlan D Yang Yang L	2D Manuao A Jay C	3A Stevie J Ryan S	4A Bailey P Mikaere B	5A Everyone!	6A Nathan Z Nadia A
00B Anna P Ethan B		2G Lefu G Kayden T Mahdya H		4B Danen E Charlize C	5B Everyone!	6C Indiana H Jamie P
00C Jake Q Setaish Q				4C Mahdiah J Daniel G	5C Everyone!	6D Tyrese R Sadaf M Keira C
00D Brock K Celine H				4D Irene Y Morwan E Courtney C	5D Everyone!	
00E Eden A				4E Max N Darcy R		
00F Liam C Mozdha S						

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



- 5:00 pm - Sausage sizzle ,
Jumping castle, Bake
sale, Face painting,
Colouring activity open.
- 6:30 pm - ELC performance
- 6:40 pm - Prep performance
- 6:50 pm - Grade 1 performance
- 7:00 pm - Grade 2 performance
- 7:15 pm - Grade 3 performance
- 7:25 pm - Grade 4 performance
- 7:35 pm - Grade 5 & 6
performance
- 7:45 pm - Student leaders,
teachers & previous
students
- 7:50 pm - Santa Visit
- 7:55 pm - Sausage sizzle & Bake
sale closed unless
sold out prior,
Jumping castle,
Face painting and
Colouring activity
closed .

Pre purchase tickets for the jumping castle, face painting and sausage sizzle are available on compass. \$2 per ticket and if you purchase 5 tickets you will receive 1 free.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE LAST DAY FOR LUNCH

ORDERS WILL BE:

FRIDAY THE 14th DECEMBER

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 \$6.50

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).



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City of Casey

**Teensage
School Holiday
Program**

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WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018

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SERVICES**



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Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Summer 2019 school holiday dates:

- Week 1: Mon 7th Tue 8th Wed 9th Thu 10th January
- Week 2: Mon 14th Tue 15th Wed 16th Thu 17th January
- Week 3: Mon 21st Tue 22nd Wed 23rd Thu 24th January
- 10am–4pm

Cost: \$80.00 per day, or \$220 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

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



Attention School Bankers

Any school bankers who ordered redemption items before the 30th of NOV deadline should receive them before the end of school year. All items have been sent out by the commonwealth bank but due to the delays in the Christmas mail we have not yet received them. Please be patient and we will get these items to you as soon as we can. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. School Banking will resume in 2019 on Tuesday the 5th of FEB.

Thanks, Jill and Nat
(School Banking Coordinators)



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