



FRIDAY THE 21st DEC is the last day of school. Please ensure your children are picked up 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
17th DEC	18th DEC	19th DEC	20th DEC	21st DEC
Gr 1 DCT EXPO	Gr 2 Camp Manyung RETURN 3:30PM		<u>GR 6 BIG DAY OUT</u>	<u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2019</u>
Gr 2 Camp Manyung	Yr 5 Little Day out 9-3:30		<u>RETURN 5:00PM</u>	<u>End of Year Assembly 12:30PM</u>
	Prep visit to Casey Fields 10-2:00			<u>PICK UP @ 1:30pm</u>
	<u>GR 6 GRADUATION 6-9:30PM</u>			



Book packs available for purchase and collection Thursday 24th JAN 9:00AM-5:00PM

Students Return for Term 1 2019 on Thursday the 31st JAN

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians and Carers,

Happy Week 11. Thank you to the Hillsmeade Primary School community for a wonderful 2018. It has been an exciting year, with many wonderful achievements, successes and some all-round exciting things happening across the school. A big WELL DONE to the students who have worked hard at making progress and achieving learning goals across a variety of curriculum areas.

A big THANK YOU to our amazing staff at Hillsmeade Primary School who work collaboratively, collectively and with care and commitment to our students. The ways in which you work with students to help them achieve their goals is appreciated.

A big THANK YOU to our 2018 School Council. We have had a productive year, and are very excited with the planning for 2019.

Farewells

We would like to take this opportunity to say best wishes and farewell to staff who will be finishing up this year at Hillsmeade. We wish them the best of luck on their next adventure: Karishma Emrith, Katrina Smith, Brent Rafferty, Narelle Sibly, Samantha Mayen and Sally Wu. Thank you for your work across the Hillsmeade Primary School Community.



2019 Student Leaders

A huge congratulations to our 2019 Student Leaders, led by School Captains - Keely O and Keshav S, Sports Captains - Tash K and Jaylen F, Barak Captains – Sanah A and Suliman F, Monash Captains - Tushar C and Abigail K, Dunlop Captains – Stefan R and Nyah F, McKillop Captain - Chantelle V and Will M, SRC Captains – Kiarah T and Elizabeth M, Social and Emotional Learning Captain - Sahar K, STEAM Captains - Cody O and Rony X, Arts Captain – Erin A, Performing Arts Captain – Eszter S, Mandarin Captain – Mikayla R, Environmental Captains – Tavleen K and Jordan H.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL - XMAS CONCERT

A huge thank you to all families who braved the weather and ventured out to our wonderful Christmas concert on Friday evening. It was a wonderful community event and it was so lovely to see so many in attendance. A HUGE THANK YOU to Meagan Straughair for coordinating this entire event (including food trucks). A big thank you to staff who assisted on the night and a HUGE WELL DONE AND THANK YOU to Kobe S and Jack W who scripted and lead the entire night. And last but not least a big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who supported the event by managing activities and areas and even cooking.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ELC Christmas Concerts

Congratulations to our ELC team on a wonderful series of very well attended Christmas concerts. The students and staff did an amazing job and it was so wonderful to see so many families in attendance. Well done ELC team.



ELC

Congratulations to the ELC who recently received the quality assessment rating of “exceeding”. We are so proud of the wonderful work that happens at the ELC. Thank you to Shiona Watson for her wonderful work with her team. Congratulations.

National Quality Standard Assessment and Rating Report



Hillsmeade Early Learning Centre has been rated as **Exceeding** National Quality Standard.

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

GRADE 2 CAMP MANYUNG

Year 2 Camp

This week our Year 2 students attended the overnight camp to Camp Manyung. It was wonderful to hear that our students were supporting each other through the adventure activities and were helpful to the teachers and camp staff.

Well done Year 2 team.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2018 Student Leaders

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to the 2018 Student Leaders, led by School Captains Taylor H and Jack W. I am completely in awe of the ways in which you have worked collectively, individually, and with commitment and accountability for and with the Hillsmeade Community. You should all be extremely proud of the ways in which you have positively contributed to the entire school community. Congratulations on an outstanding year in student leadership and best wishes on your Secondary School futures, and future leadership roles.



2018 HOLT Community Spirit and Leadership Award Winner

Congratulations to the very talented Kobe S who was awarded a Community Spirit Leadership Award this week. Kobe is an amazing Student Leader, and has upheld our school I RESPECT values so positively this year and throughout his time at Hillsmeade Primary School. His commitment to his school community is evident in so many ways.

Congratulations Kobe, we are so proud of you.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Graduation 2018 - School Council President Speech 2018 – Brooke Gniel

On behalf of school council and the parent community, I'd like to take a few moments to acknowledge some of the people who have made this very special day possible.

But firstly, congratulations to our Year 6 graduating class of 2018. You should be incredibly proud of all you have achieved during your time at Hillsmeade. It's been a delight to watch you grow from shy, uncertain preps into the confident individuals you are today. I hope you have a fantastic night and I wish you all a future full of good health and happiness. And always remember, "If you have a choice between being right and being kind, choose kind."

To the parents of the Year 6 graduating class of 2018, congratulations, you did it!! As parents, we are privileged to have **THE** most important job there is; raising the next generation. Unfortunately, our children didn't come with an instruction manual. And, as Google can't give us all the answers we need, we don't always get it right. But, as the proverb says, it takes a village to raise a child. For the last 7 years, for 5 days a week, and often more, Hillsmeade has been our village. And there are many people within this village who care so much and have given so much to our children. Often, they don't RECEIVE the recognition they deserve.

Our Principal, Jodie Bray, is incredibly passionate about not only our children's learning, but also their wellbeing. Jodie continually goes above and beyond to ensure that they can grow and achieve, sometimes in very difficult situations. Jodie has the support of her Assistant Principals, the lovely Sarah Smith, Crystal Wells and Shiona Watson, who share Jodie's passion and commitment to our children. Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning, John Cardamone, does a fantastic job with our children who are not always at their best. These people spend countless hours every day, dealing with the issues that we as parents often can't; or sometimes chose not to deal with.

To our Year 6 teachers; Toni Barker, Jess Szalek, Samantha Mayen, Lisa Crowe, Janelle Struth and Travis Cole. Often more affectionately known by surname only! You've helped our children grow and flourish into the incredible people that they are today. You have been a shoulder to cry on, you've been there with a high 5, a hug, or pat on the back; and you have pushed them to be the best they can be. You have taught them many special skills that they will carry on to high school and beyond.

To all of you amazing people who have given your time and so much effort for our children, sometimes to the detriment of your own families, we thank you for being a part of our village.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 6 Graduation 2018

Closing Statement 2018 Year 6 Graduation – Principal Jodie Bray

What an amazing celebration of achievement we have been a part of tonight. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Toni Barker and the Year 6 teaching team for coordinating such a wonderful graduation ceremony. As I am sure we can all appreciate, events like this don't just happen, it takes significant time, planning and coordinating and the way in which the Year 6 team prepares for this event shows a high level of care, professionalism and dedication to the 2018 Graduating Class. So, a big thank you to Toni Barker and her team.

It really is that time of the year, where we all reflect on achievements, successes, areas for improvement and ways to be better. In preparing for end of year and tonight's graduation, I have found myself feeling extremely grateful. Grateful for my position as Principal, grateful for being a part of our wonderful Hillsmeade Community, made up of amazing students, parents, teachers and staff. Sometimes I really think we take for granted how lucky we are. I feel lucky to have been a small part of our graduate's lives. To see them grow, shine, be proud and really represent our school so positively. I have seen future leaders develop their capacity right in front of me, I have seen future singers, dancers, actors and performers shine (including Mr Cole). I have seen students achieve amazing results in their learning which fills me with such pride, as I know our school was a part of creating the opportunities and conditions for that to happen. I have seen athletes dazzle crowds with their brilliance, their leadership, their commitment to the team which really just leaves me speechless.

We are lucky at Hillsmeade. Lucky to have the hardworking, dedicated, caring, passionate staff that we do. From the ELC team to our OSCH Team to our Intervention Team, to our Office and ES Team, to our Year level and Specialist Teams and to our Leadership Team and School Council, I say an honest and heartfelt thank you. Thank you for providing the opportunities that have been part of shaping our 2018 Graduates Primary School experience.

Finally, to the 2018 Graduates. I think that it goes without saying, but I am honestly, truly proud of you. I think if I get to this point in my speech I will be proud of myself. As a group, you have raised the bar, shattered the ceiling and set an unbelievably high standard for the students that follow (or dance and sing) in your footsteps. Please continue to shine as you step into Secondary School in 2019. Don't be afraid to ask questions, seek clarification of what you're learning about and ask why, and whether it's in line with what you're ready for. Be confident as a learner, take responsibility for your learning and hold your heads high knowing that Hillsmeade Primary School is proud of you.

Please join me in congratulating the 2018 Graduating Class.

Congratulations.

Jodie Bray



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2018 Principal Awards

Firstly, the female award winner of the 2018 Principals Award -

This award goes to a very deserving student. I have had the absolute privilege of watching this student grow, develop and shine right in front of me, not only across the course of this year, but throughout my time at Hillsmeade. She is hardworking, caring, passionate, dedicated, and supportive of others and a wonderful role model to our community. This student has demonstrated talent beyond expectation this year; through her participation in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular, the SuperStan Production, through representation in many school sporting teams, through her commitment to her learning and her achievement of personal goals. This student really has done it all. I am extremely proud of the ways in which this student models, promotes and really believes in the schools I RESPECT values. Her teachers and I are in awe of the mature way she carries herself and the way she lifts others in her presence.

Please join me in congratulating this year's female recipient of the 2018 Principal Award - **Taylor H.**



The male award winner of the 2018 Principals Award goes to a student who has also shown amazing growth, development, courage and care. He has shared his character, his jokes, and even his unwavering support of his football team, no matter their success. He has achieved academic results that have truly blown me away. This student has demonstrated exceptional talent throughout this year; through his participation in the SuperStan Production, through representation in many school sporting teams as player and as coach, through leading school tours, assemblies, supporting junior classes in peer teaching in Maths and in many other ways. He is a student that carries himself with such confidence, with a smile and with a cheeky joke, he has honestly contributed so significantly to our school community.

Please join me in congratulating this year's male recipient of the 2018 Principal Award - **Jack W.**

2018 Year 6 Graduation Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at last night's Graduation Ceremony.

Overall IRESPECT Awards	Jazmine L
	Jack W
Overall IRESPECT Runners up	Shanelle J
	Nathan Z
	Taylor H
	Kobe S
Super Citizen award	Kobe S
Female Academic Award	Annabella W
Male Academic Award	Jack W
Principals award	Jack W
	Taylor H
Chloe Myers Sports academy award	Ricky D

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State School Spectacular

On Wednesday 19th December we conducted the auditions for the Victorian State School Spectacular 2019. Students were asked to submit a written expression of interest and then attended an audition, learning a short dance piece which they performed in front of a committee of staff. The audition was also video recorded. Based on the audition process and the dance moves being performed a number of times, a team of 16 students have been chosen to represent Hillsmeade Primary School in 2019. All of the students will be informed individually of the outcome on Friday 21st December. The calibre of students was exceptional this year and we thank everyone for their interest.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of the Hillsmeade Primary School community. We wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. Please take the time to enjoy the weather, the rest and the time with family. Thank you for a wonderful 2018.

A reminder that this week's final school assembly for 2018 will be held at 12:30pm in the hall. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there.

Jodie Bray
Principal



FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

Last week!!! I am sure there are lots of mixed emotions for everyone, including all the staff at Hillsmeade. It has been a big year with lots of different things happening. I just wanted to thank the Hillsmeade community for being awesome to work with. I have really enjoyed working closely with families to work on, and talk about, social and emotional learning.

I wanted to say a big 'see you later' to all the Grade 6s and their families. I feel really sad, as I taught this cohort for 2 years. Thank you for being a wonderful bunch of students and I wish you all the very best for the future. Please come back and let us know how you are going in high school, and remember 'I believe in myself. I can do it!'

I wanted to say a big thank you to Abbie H for doing a great job this year as the Social and Emotional Learning school captain. This was the first year that we had a SEL captain and she has set a very high standard. All the best for your future endeavours Abbie!

Last week's topic, no research here, no quotes, no references just a big focus on **time**. Yes time. Reflect on how you spend your time now. Who with? Where? How? Why? Time is so important. I think we forget about it, that we don't get it back. No matter what we do, no amount of money or wish can bring time back. I believe all of us take time for granted at different stages, we move through life with things just ticking over and at times forgetting the most important people in our lives; our families, our children and our very close friends.

I know, for me, I make this a very big focus now and don't compromise on this. This can be hard, with work, social commitments, sport and other weekly commitments.



However we need to build in time with people that matter most to us, especially our children. I honestly think that children spell love a different way, another four letter word, T-I-M-E. They say time is money. However I want to make a new saying, and 'time is love'.

It's a great opportunity with the holidays approaching, for us to take time to spend with our children and build on our very important family values. Build on the great experiences they have and build memories that no amount of money can buy; memories that create and strengthen family connection. Spending time and being present in the moment with our children is one of the best protective factors that as a family, we can create to make our children feel safe, happy and mentally healthy. I know with my little one, that's what I will be focusing on.

With that said I wish all families nothing but the best and hope you have an awesome, safe, healthy Christmas and a happy New Year. Once again thank you so much and I look forward to working with you in 2019.

And remember, Social and Emotional Learning is 'Everyone's business!'

John Cardamone

Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning

HOW TO VIEW REPORTS

Hillsmeade provides school reports in an electronic format only. All parents will be notified through the Compass app (and email) that their reports are available through the Compass portal — website and app. Reports are available in PDF format, which can be viewed without special software on all recent computers and devices. They are easily shared electronically with family, and can be printed easily.

How to View Reports in the Browser

When you log in to Compass in a web browser, you will see your children listed down the left-hand side of the page. Next to each child is a link **View Academic Reports**. If you click that link you will be able to view your child's reports.

Welcome to the Hillsmeade Primary School Portal

Use the links listed for each of your children to explore the portal. Please keep your mobile phone number and email address up to date (Tools > Update My Details). The school will use this to contact you regarding attendance, events, news and more.

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Alexandria's teacher
- Add Attendance Note (Absence/Late)
- View Academic Reports**

My News

'The Link' Issue 18
Good afternoon,
Please find attached the current issue of the Hillsmeade Newsletter. If you have any feedback regarding the 'new-look' Link please do not hesitate to contact the front office.
Thank you,
Emma
Issue 18 20.06.2018.pdf
1 day ago by Emma WIESENEKKER

Toys
Dear Prep parents and carers,
Please see the attached letter about bringing a toy to school next week as part of history learning. Should you have any questions about this please speak to your child's teacher.
Thank you for your help,

8:22 4G

Home

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1 attachments
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1 day ago by Emma WIESENEKKER

Toys
1 attachments
Dear Prep parents and carers,
Please see the attached letter about bringing a toy to school next week as part of history learning....
14 days ago by Sarah SMITH

Cultural Infusion Expo
1 attachments
Dear parents and carers,
Please see the attached letter regarding Year 2

How to View Reports in the Compass App

When you first open the Compass app you will see your children listed across the top. Tap on one of your children to view their reports.

On the next screen, tap the **Reports** tab, and there you will be able to view your children's reports.

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Dashboard Tasks Approvals **Reports**

Thu June 21, 2018

9:00 AM - GEN04_4/D - CL R4 - 4/D - TL00

12:30 PM - GEN04_4/D - CL R4 - 4/D - TL00

Ms Sarah Smith—Teaching and Learning Assistant Principal

On Thursday 13th December, I had the opportunity to visit Vermont Primary School as part of our partnership with UMNOS (University of Melbourne Network of Schools). Vermont and Hillsmeade are focusing on improving student learning growth in writing through evidence-based assessment. This planning day enabled the Assistant Principal and Literacy Leading Teacher at Vermont to work with myself and consultant Ann Korab. We worked on developing learning progressions in writing, to support teachers with explicit skills to be taught developmentally in the text types of narrative and persuasive. Working in collaboration with another school strengthens our resources and professional expertise, to effectively lead our schools in improving student outcomes.



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The canteen will re-open

Wednesday 6th of FEB 2019

In 2019 the canteen will be open

Wednesday to Friday.

Closed Monday and Tuesday.

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.