

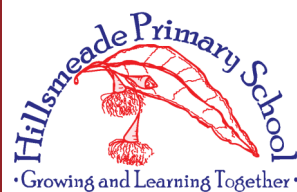


The Link

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	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
25th FEB	26th FEB	27th FEB Prep Assessments (PREPS DO NOT ATTEND CLASS)	28th FEB	1st MAR Narre Warren District Swimming Carnival Electives
4th MAR Close of ballots—School Council Election	5th MAR Declaration of Polls—School Council Election District Swimming	6th MAR Preps Attend School	7th MAR	8th MAR Assembly in the Gym 2:45 Families Welcome

2019 Photo Day

Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Hillsmeade Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 13-03-2019

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 12-03-2019 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: [CLICK HERE: EASY ACCESS LINK](#) - Click on this link if you are using a supported device

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [LG3 X97 85R]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**** Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

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- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [LG3 X97 85R]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 12-03-2019
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised – a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians

Happy almost March. How quickly the term is going by. It has been wonderful to visit all of the classes and see the exciting work happening in setting up the class routines and expectations. Our students have been collaborating with their teachers and peers to ensure that their classrooms are a wonderful place for learning to grow.

Hillsmeade Expo Family Feedback

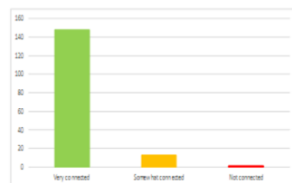
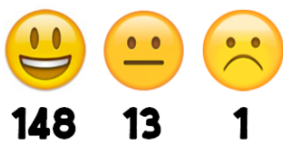
Thank you to our families who attended our Hillsmeade Expo on the 19th February. Our Student Leaders conducted a survey to gain feedback about how informed and connected our families feel as part of the Hillsmeade community. We are proud of the positive feedback and the identified areas for growth. This data will be reviewed and discussed with our Student School Improvement Team, Student Representative Council (SRC) and our staff. We look forward to sharing our actions for improvement through our student voice platforms.



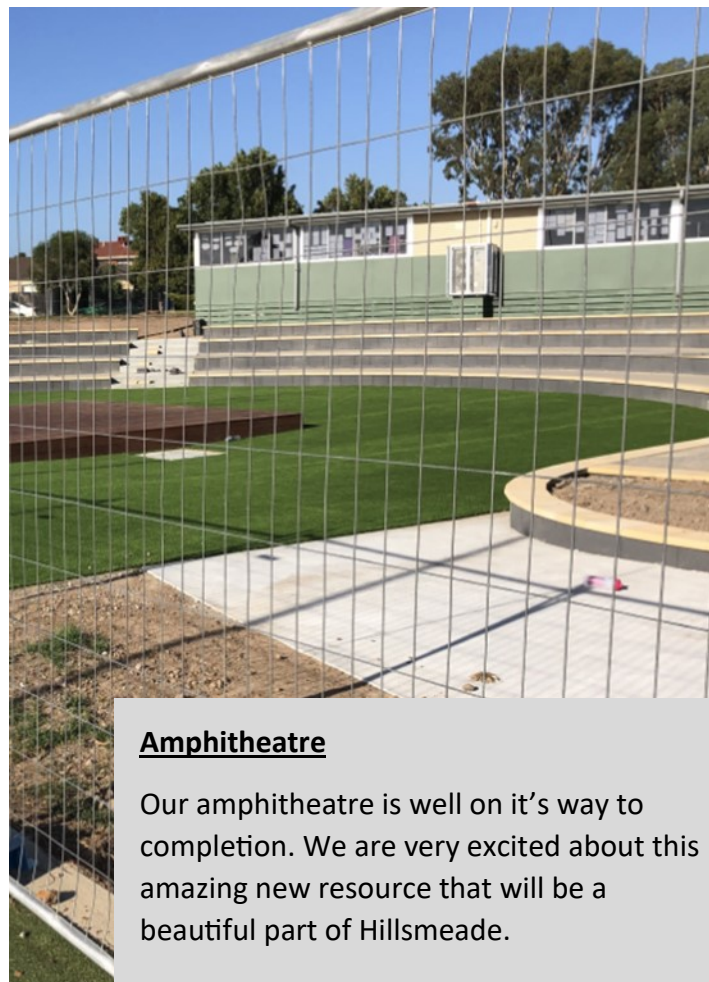
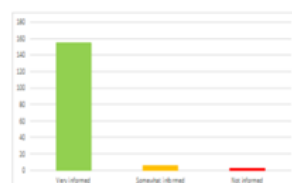
Electives

A reminder that this week is the beginning of our whole school elective program on Friday afternoon. Students from Year 1 – 6 will be involved in a series of electives on the alternate week to assembly. We look forward to hearing more about the great electives on offer.

HOW CONNECTED DO YOU FEEL TO THE HILLSMEADE COMMUNITY?



HOW INFORMED DO YOU FEEL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?



Amphitheatre

Our amphitheatre is well on it's way to completion. We are very excited about this amazing new resource that will be a beautiful part of Hillsmeade.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hillsmeade Happenings

This year we again very excited to have 'Hillsmeade Happenings' produced by our Student Leaders and Numeracy Learning Specialist Jess Szalek. Please take the time to talk to your students about the weekly episodes that are viewed in class every Monday. Our students are doing a wonderful job connecting with the school community.



Keshav & Keely



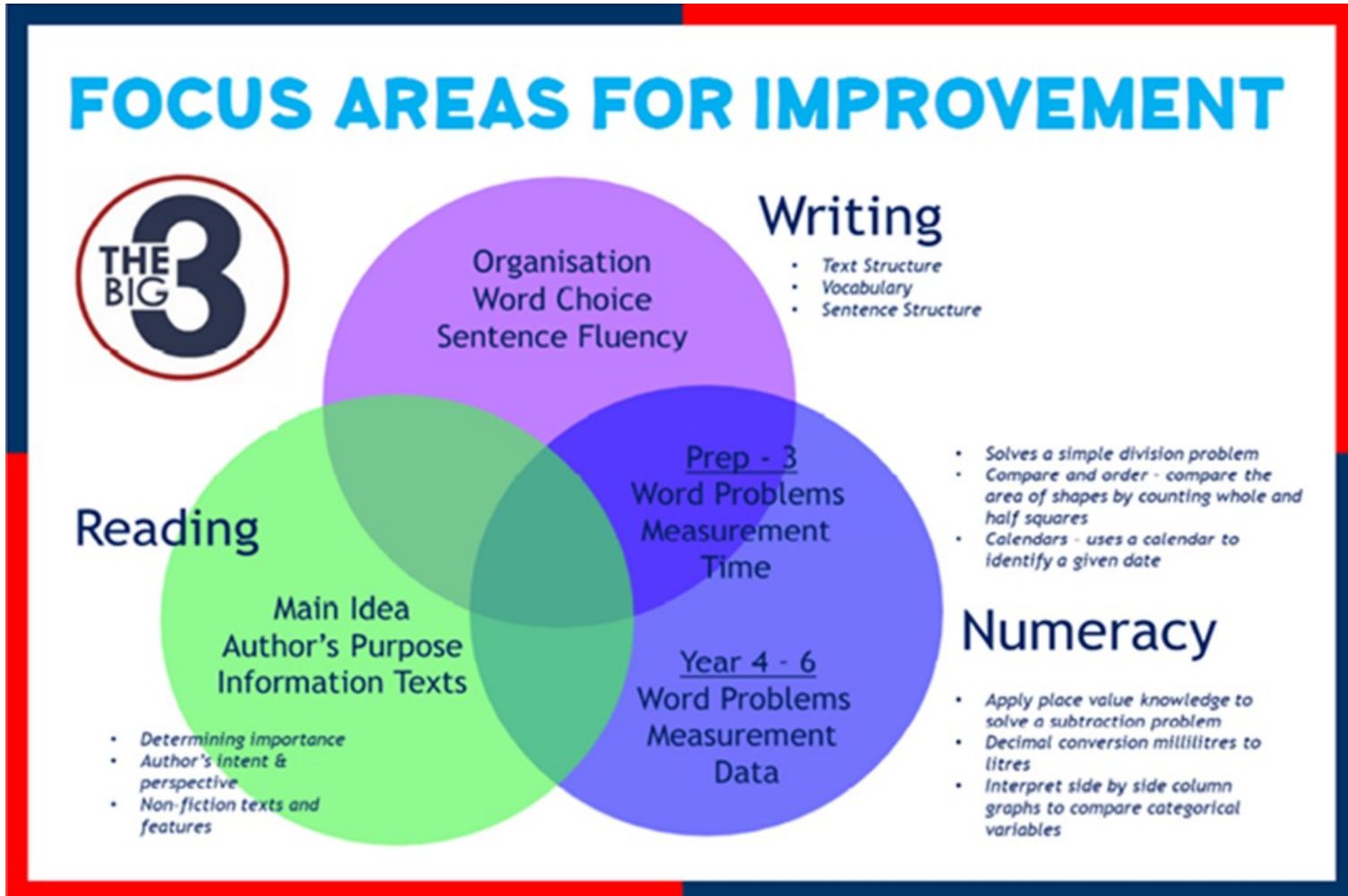
Mr Davies



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hillsmeade Priority Areas in 2019

This year Hillsmeade Primary School will continue to work towards our school mission, vision and values. We will also be focusing on the below improvement areas across Reading, Writing and Numeracy. These areas have been identified as areas of focus through various data sets and will be a focus for our Year level based PLTs when planning.



Staff Matter

Next week we will be celebrating our Staff Matter Week. Our Staff Matter Team is an important part of Hillsmeade and they work collaboratively to positively promote and upskill staff in mental health and wellbeing. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank our hard working Hillsmeade Staff.



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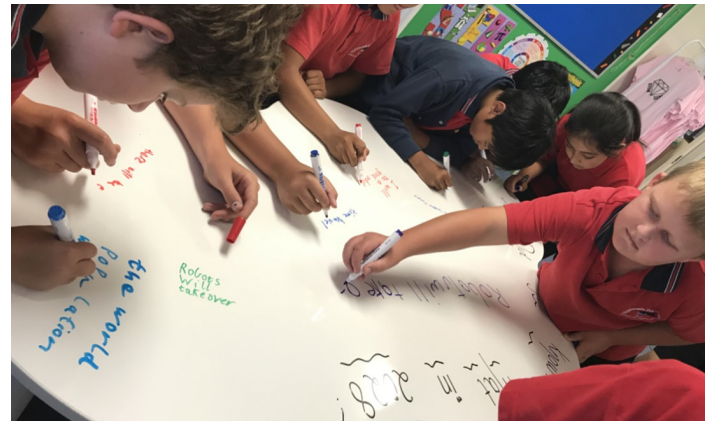


Somers Camp

We are very excited to welcome home our Somers campers today. Here are a few photos from their adventures while they have been away. We look forward to hearing more about their time away in next week's Link. A big thank you to Toni Barker for attending with our students. The feedback from camp has been very positive and I am so proud to hear that our students are positively upholding our I RESPECT values.



STEAM IN ACTION



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BENEFITS of GRATITUDE

create a habit
of being
GRATEFUL



Grateful

Over the last few weeks staff and students have been reminded about the benefits of gratitude. In our staff planner we have weekly reflection reminders and are encouraged to take the time to practise this important skill.

This would be a great skill to practise with your family and your loved ones, it certainly is a wonderful conversation starter.

Jodie Bray
Principal

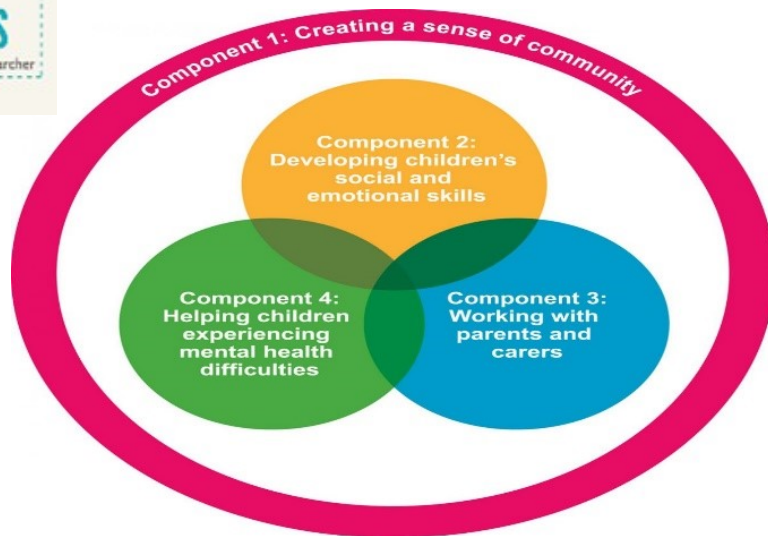
FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

I hope the week has been a positive one. Nearly half way through the term already! A big well done to Lex Whitehead who was our first I RESPECT wristband recipient for the year. A big well done!!!

Don't forget Breakfast Club is happening on a Tuesday morning at the canteen from 8:15am-8:40am and also Footy Club (same time). Lego Club started this week taking place every Friday at lunch time. For the rest of the term it is only for students Prep-Grade 2 and this will change year levels next term.

As you may be aware we are an accredited KidsMatter school. KidsMatter is going through some changes this year, they have changed the name to "BeYou" which is run by Beyond Blue. Hillsmeade is continuing to be a BeYou school. We have an action team that will meet twice a term to address the needs of social and emotional learning and the mental health and wellbeing of our students, families, staff and our community.



KidsMatter had 4 key components that we focused on:

Component 1: Creating a sense of community

Component 2: Developing children's social and emotional skills

Component 3: Working with parents and carers

Component 4: Helping children experiencing mental health difficulties

The KidsMatter website is shutting down and all traffic will be relocated to the BeYou website <https://beyou.edu.au/>

FROM MR CARDAMONE

BeYou has five professional learning domains that we as a school will be focusing on over the year:

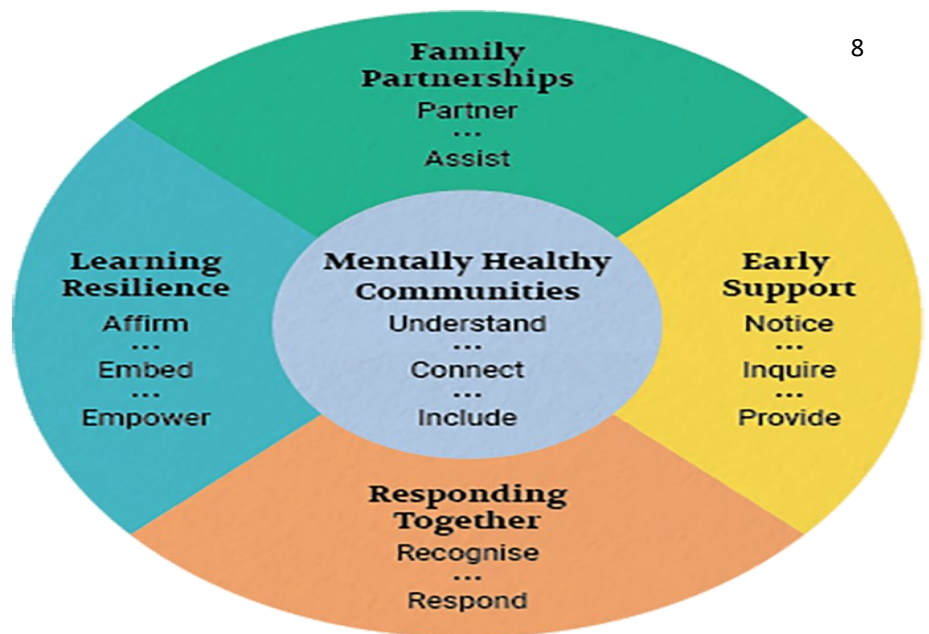
Domain 1: Mentally healthy communities

Domain 2: Family partnerships

Domain 3: Early support

Domain 4: Learning resilience

Domain 5: Responding together



On the BeYou website there is a wealth of information for schools, children and families. There are factsheets, resources and support if you or someone you know is going through a mental health difficulty. BeYou comes from an evidence based approach and always has up to date information on mental health and well-being. Please take the time to go through the website <https://beyou.edu.au/>

Please meet the 2019 BeYou Action Team:

Jodie Bray, Shiona Watson, Crystal Wells, John Cardamone, Tessa Parmenter, Bonnie Arbuckle, Amelia Thomas, Jess Ellis, Nicole Page, Kate McArdle, Rachel Bampton and Evelyn Schultz.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

John Cardamone

Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning



FROM THE SICKBAY

Head Lice

Does my child have to miss school?

According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school after head lice treatment has commenced. A certificate from a doctor or council is not required before your child goes back to school. Head lice are not the fault of schools, other families or children.

www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice



FROM THE COMMUNITY

School Council Elections

School Council Election Ballots were sent home with the eldest child in each family at Hillsmeade. On Monday, 25th of February. **Please complete your ballot and return it to the front office, in person, before 4pm, Monday, March 4.**

You will be asked to sign the registry of voters and place your ballot, in the envelope provided, in our voting box.

Voting closes at 4pm, Monday March 4.

School Council Elections

Please note that there has been a miscommunication regarding the school council vacancies at Hillsmeade PS. The current vacancies are as follows;

4 School Council - Parent Member Positions - 2 Year term 3 School Council-Parent Casual Member Positions - 1 year term 2 School Council - Community Positions - 1 Year Term

Notice of election and call for nominations	Tuesday, 12 February 2019 • Advertise in Link Issue #2 on Wednesday February 13.
Closing date for nominations	Tuesday, 19 February 2019
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday, 20 February 2019
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday, 25 February 2019
Close of ballot	Monday, 4 March 2019
Vote count	Tuesday, 5 March 2019
Declaration of poll	Tuesday, 5 March 2019
Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 12 March 2019
First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 12 March 2019

Election oversight will be **Crystal Wells**.

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Early Learning Centre

Last Friday night we had our annual family take away dinner picnic. A great opportunity for families to meet other families within the service. This year we have 117 students in our 4 year old kindergarten program and 45 students in our 3 year old kindergarten within Long Day Care and our sessional 3 year old kindergarten group. Children and families are all settling in well.



BERWICK SHOW STUDENT ART EXHIBITION



The Berwick Show was held on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th of February.

Hillsmeade Primary School produced a display to show the community some of the creative artworks we have made. We received an Encouragement ribbon and a Certificate of Appreciation.



Reading Club

Early Bird Reading

Monday (Commences 4th March)

8:15am—8:45am

In the library

Come along and read a book or two!



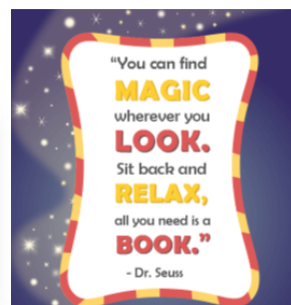
Story Time

Friday (Commences 8th March)

1:40pm

In the library

Listen to a picture story book read by one of our lovely Hillsmeade staff.



Hillsmeade Running and Walking Club



When: Friday mornings

TIME: 8.20 - 8.45am

Where: Meet @ Chloe's Garden with laps around the school oval.

Who: Mr Davies

What: All members of the community are welcome to walk, run or even skip around the running track.

Why: This is an opportunity for students to get a head start to the day by moving our bodies and getting the blood flowing to our brains, ready for learning.

Don't forget to wear your runners.

Hope to see you there!



Want to become a member?

Just attend Running Club 4 times within a term and you'll receive your own card!



Science Talent Search



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Science Talent Search (STS) is an annual science competition open to all primary and secondary students. The STS theme for 2019 is 'Destination Moon: more missions, more science'. This theme is a way for students to discover past missions to the Moon and space programs that have solved some of the seemingly unsolvable problems—and current and future space programs, operations and missions.

Each year more than 3,000 students enter their work with various STS competition sections. Sections include:

- Experiment Research
- Creative Writing
- Working models
- Inventions
- Games
- Computer programs
- Science Photography
- Video Productions
- Posters

2018 was the first year that Hillsmeade participated in this competition and all students were recipients of merit, distinction and bursary awards. Award winning students communicated Science to a wider audience at the Exhibition and Presentation Day held at Latrobe University.

Expanding on last year's success, all students are encouraged to challenge themselves and participate in this exciting competition.

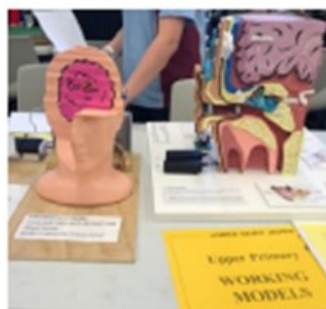
STS is a great opportunity to wonder and question about the world around us. If your child enjoys researching, making projects, games or posters and is interested in creating his/her own independent self-motivated Science projects, please contact Mrs Dimple Bhardwaj by no later than **Monday 25th March 2019**.

Feel free to check the website for all details of this competition by visiting
<http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/forStudentParent.html>

Thank you,

Dimple Bhardwaj

Learning Specialist STEAM





Science Talent Search



Expression of Interest for STS 2019

I am interested for my daughter/son to participate in the 2019 Science Talent Search.

First Name Last Name.....

Class..... Contact number of Parent/Carer.....

Our Project Title.....

Section we have chosen is.....

Submit this notice by **Monday, 25th March** to Mrs Bhardwaj/Main Office.

Entry fees: Individual \$8 per entry through Compass in March

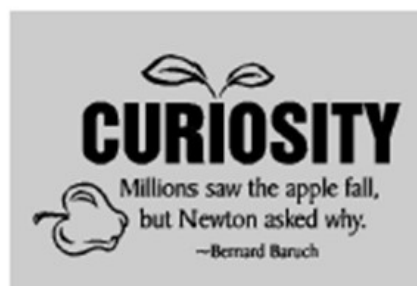
Parent Signature:

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Thank you,

Dimple Bhardwaj




FROM THE COMMUNITY

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONSENT/PAYMENT DUE</u>	<u>EVENT DATE</u>
Grade 5/6 Grand Prix	08/03/2019	Friday, March 15th 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Grade 1 Chicken Hatching	11/03/2019	Monday, March 18th 9:00AM - Friday, March 29th 3:30PM
Prep Responsible Pet Incursion	13/03/2019	Wednesday, March 20th 9:30AM - 12:30PM

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


School Banking

The following items are available for redemption in 2019. Ten banking tokens can be exchanged for any of these items. Two new items are available each term. The Term 1 items: scented stackable highlighters and snowy origami set. Information leaflets are available from the front



WAVERLEY
Gymnastics Centre

NARRE WARREN GYMNASTICS



A fun, safe and challenging gymnastics program for girls and boys aged 4-13 years! Classes are held in the Fountain Gate Primary School gymnasium on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Call now to book your trial class!

9887-9611
www.wgc.org.au

