

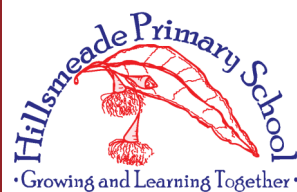


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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

Issue No 5—WED 6th MAR

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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
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 Senior Cross Country 9:15-10:45AM
11th MAR <u>LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</u> Students do not attend	12th MAR VSSS Regional Rehearsals	13th MAR <u>School Photo Day</u> Divisional Swimming	14th MAR Prep family picnic @5PM on the Oval	15th MAR Grand Prix Excursion Gr 5/6

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

DECLARATION OF POLL - SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019

Thank you to the parents who nominated for election as members of the Hillsmeade Primary School Council for the period of March 2019 to March 2021. Our school community appreciates the eagerness of so many parents to support the school through school council membership.

The following members have been elected to the Hillsmeade Primary School Council through the ballot process.

Parent Member - 2 year Term:

Inez Crowe
Brooke Gneil
Megan Shields
Kellie Suhr

Parent Member – Casual Vacancy:

To be co-opted by the school council

DET Member:

Danielle McKelvie

Congratulations and thanks to those who've nominated and been accepted into these roles and we look forward to their valued contribution to the school community.

Ms Crystal Wells

Assistant Principal



thank you

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians

I hope that everyone is keeping safe during this difficult time in our local community. It has been very concerning seeing the impact that the bushfires are having on communities. A positive in this difficult time is the ways in which communities gather around to support each other and offer help to those in need. It is a lovely reminder of how important community is and the impact that others can have when times get tough.

At the moment we are in Week 6 of Term 1. This term is flying by and we have had some exciting things happening across the school already. Some exciting things that have taken place so far are:

- Positive Start Program
- Getting to Know Hillsmeade Expo
- Hillsmeade Year 4 – 6 Swimming Trials
- District Swimming Trials
- Somers Camp



Pancake Day

Yesterday the main corridor smelt lovely. The smell of freshly made (or shaken) pancakes filled the air. There were many mini cafes set up in classrooms (tablecloths and all) as our junior students engaged in a language experience involving procedural texts and following a recipe to cook pancakes. Leadership and the office team thoroughly enjoyed our deliveries of fresh, warm pancakes throughout the morning.



OSHC

It has been wonderful to see our Hillsmeade Primary School Out of School Hours Care program engage in using the tools utilised across the school to assist students in naming their emotions and understanding that feelings are important and that it is the ways in which we manage those feelings that help us navigate through situations and events.

Our students in OSHC have also been putting together a video with support from staff to showcase the wonderful things taking place in before and after school care at Hillsmeade. We look forward to sharing this with the school community soon.

SOMERS CAMP

Somers School Camp

Last week 14 students and I returned back from 9 days at Somers School Camp. The camp consisted of 160 students from 16 schools in the Casey-Cardinia region and 9 visiting teachers from some of the schools. Our students were fortunate enough to be able to make connections and build relationships with students in our community and have now made life-long friends.

I feel honoured to be able to have shared this experience with the students who participated, watching them grow within themselves, face new challenges, develop new skills and become more confident each day.

Students participated in a range of outdoor activities, environmental studies, drama and dance opportunities and experienced how important teamwork is to be successful. It was incredible to see our students live and breathe our school I RESPECT values throughout the entire camp.

The Somers School Camp opportunity happens for our school every second year for years 5&6 students. The Department of Education also has a sister camp to Somers School Camp, at Woorabinda in Yallourn, which we hope to have the opportunity to send students too later this year.

If you're interested in Somers School Camp or Woorabinda, please have a look at their website for more information and look out for more information on compass and in the link later in the year.

<https://www.somersschoolcamp.org/>

Toni Barker
Year 5 PLT Leader

Somers School Camp

Somers School Camp an experience for a life time because of all the friends I made, the activities I participated in and the staff that were there to support me.

During the camp my feelings were; joy, excitement, nervousness and homesickness.

I felt joy and excitement because the concert that we did was really funny and when I laugh I feel joyful. I was also excited to perform and participate in the activities.

I felt nervous and homesick because I had a few moments where I just really wanted to go home and see my family again because I missed them a lot. I was also nervous when I had to play the piano during the concert.

My favourite activity was surfing because it was a great challenge and I had a lot of fun!

Somers School Camp is the best place I've ever been to in my whole life so far.

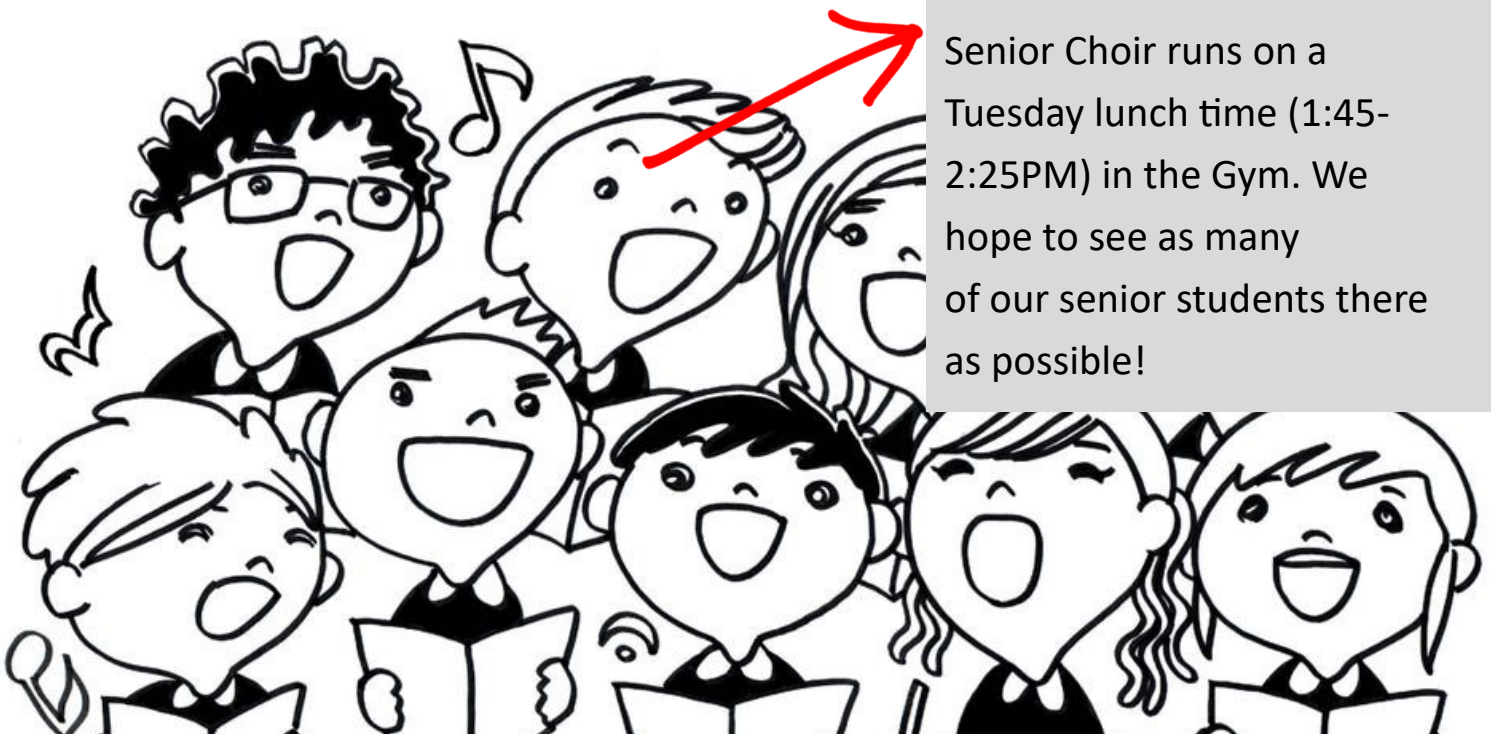
Alexandria J 5E

A reminder that this Friday is a whole school assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Jodie Bray
Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

Senior Choir runs on a Tuesday lunch time (1:45-2:25PM) in the Gym. We hope to see as many of our senior students there as possible!



FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

Next week is The National Day of Action Against Bullying on the 15th of March. We will have a strong focus on this over the coming week. We aim to raise awareness within our community about this important topic.

Students will have the opportunity to have discussions in class on bullying and how it can affect individuals and families.

Students will also have the opportunity to express their perception about what a 'No Bully Zone' looks like at Hillsmeade Primary School. Posters will be on display by the end of the week and all students will be receiving No Bully wristbands this coming Monday.

Please take this opportunity to continue this vital conversation at home with your family and friends. It is imperative that we keep discussing this topic throughout the year openly and honestly in order to equip students with the skillset to address any bullying issues that arise.

You may notice the signs of bullying. On the 'Bullying No way' website they have some useful information around this. Here is a short piece from the website:

"Signs of bullying"

Each individual student who has been bullied or is bullying others will respond and act differently. A student's behaviours and moods can also change for a variety of reasons. However, the following are some signs that may indicate a student is experiencing bullying:

Signs a parent may report:

- *doesn't want to go to school*
- *changes their method or route to school or are frightened of walking to school*
- *changes in sleep patterns*
- *changes in eating patterns*
- *frequent tears, anger, mood swings*
- *unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches*
- *missing or damaged belongings or clothes*
- *arriving home hungry.*

Students who are more likely to be bullied are also more likely to:

- *feel disconnected from school and not like school*
- *lack quality friendships at school*
- *display high levels of emotionality that indicate vulnerability and low levels of Resilience*
- *be less well accepted by peers, avoid conflict and be socially withdrawn*
- *have low self-esteem*
- *be relatively non-assertive*
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There is more information on this website <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au> Please let me know if I can provide any other information or assist further.

Thank you.

John Cardamone

Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning



CLUBS AT HILLSMEADE

Who - Teachers	Who - Students	What	When- Day	When - Time	Where
Michelle Ewing	Open to all	Early Bird Reading Club	Monday	8:15-8:40	Library
Dimple Bhardwaj	Grade 4 boys, Grade 5/6 students	STEAM AGENCY		Lunchtime	STEAM Room
Jenny Elkin				Lunchtime	Peace Pod
Crystal Wells	Selected Students P-2	Story Pirates - Podcast		Lunchtime	Art room
Alison Elliott	Year 5/6 Students	Yr 6 Art club		Lunchtime	Art room
Rotational	Open to all	Breakfast Club	Tuesday	8:15-8:40	Canteen
John Cardamone	Open to all	Footy Club		8:15-8:40	Synthetic Oval
Jess Szalek		Maths Club		Recess	STEAM Room
Tessa Parmenter				Lunchtime	ICT Lab
Evelyn Schultz	SRC Members	SRC		Lunchtime	Gym
Lisa Scott	Grade 4-6	Senior Choir		8:15-8:40	Vegie Garden
John Cardamone	Selected Students P-2	Junior Gardening Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	STEAM Room
Dimple Bhardwaj	Grade 4 girls	STEM Gems		Lunchtime	Art room
Carmen Collins				Lunchtime	Gym
Alison Elliott	Open to All	Art Club		Lunchtime	Gym
Lisa Scott	Selected students	VSSS		Lunchtime	Gym
John Cardamone	Selected Students 3-6	Senior Gardening Club	Thursday	8:15-8:40	Vegie Garden
Jess Szalek	Open to all	Homework Club		Lunchtime	Library
Michael Davies	Open to all	Running Club	Friday	8:15-8:40	Synthetic Oval
Rush Rajaram	Open door - P-2	Lego Club		Lunchtime	STEAM Room
Michelle Ewing	Open to all	Story Time		1:40-1:50	Library
Crystal Wells	Selected Students 3-6	Story Pirates - Podcast		Lunchtime	Peace Pod

Congratulations to our
HILLSMEADE HEROES:

00C Alessandra T Omar F	1A Reza A Brock K	2A Alex J Zaine B	3A Manuao A Brenna M	4A Bradley B Ailyah H	6A Grace D Logan B
	1B Sam B Georgia G	2B Emily V Tatum V	3B Nafiza Addison	4B Archer S Sienna W	6B Lehi M Moqadisa A
	1C Ava P Xavier H	2D Charlotte S Cooper W	3C Hare P	4C Zye B Hayley E	6C Jayel A Savraj H
	1D Haniya H Ricky L	2E George K Makinley S	3D Evana L Aishah S	4D Lachlan K Angelica T	6D Kyle S Kaylee A
	1E Max W Ashman S	2F Castiel W Zane B		4E Chanel J Annalees B Blake R	
	1F Oliver M Jaydah-Rose T				

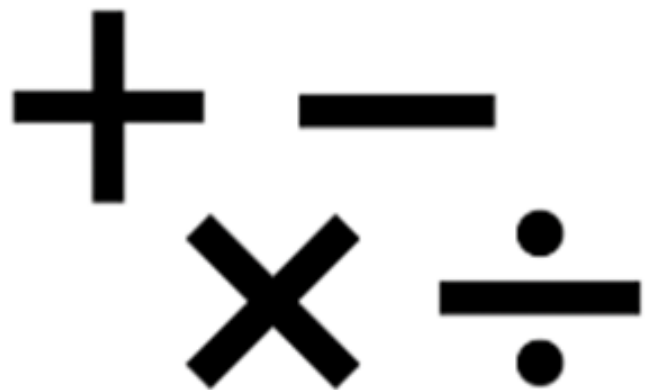


MATHS CLUB

OPEN TO
EVERYONE!

COME AND TRY NEW
CHALLENGES SUCH AS:

- SPEEDING
- SALUTE
- SUBITISING
- HANOI TOWER
- MATHLETICS



GET READY FOR MATHS GAMES
NIGHT AND CHALLENGE YOUR
FRIENDS!

**TUESDAY RECESS IN THE
STEAM ROOM**



Expressions of Interest are being
called for Students in Year 5 & 6
to train as

Junior Librarians

- *Do you love to read?*
- *Do you love books?*
- *Would you like to help other students?*
- *Would you like to challenge yourself to learn something new?*
- *Would you like to learn how libraries really work?*

**Commitment:**

2 lunchtimes Term 1 – for training
1 lunchtime a week Term 2, 3 & 4.



Please complete the attached Expression of Interest and return it to Ms. Haworth before 3:30pm Friday 8th March.



ENGLISH FOR PARENTS

- *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: 18th March to 2nd December

Hillsmeade Early Learning Centre

82 The Promenade

Narre Warren South

**CHILD MINDING
AVAILABLE**



Full fees: \$157.70

Concession fees: \$103.75

For bookings and enquiries

call Clea on 9070 3831 or

9704 7388



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REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK / SMS 'HOST' to 0428 246 633

2020 Year 7 Information Evening

Monday 18th March at 6:00pm in the College Gym



Information will be provided about our Year 7 curriculum and our Special Interest Programs

For further information please contact the College 03 9704 3333 or visit <http://www.nwsc.vic.edu.au/>

HOSTING AT A GLANCE:

- Hosting is voluntary
- You choose your student
- Students attend high school full time
- 24/7 support provided
- Host families come from all over the state
- Students come from all over the world and stay for a short term (8-10 weeks), a semester or a year.

HEAR FROM A HOST MUM

"Hosting has been one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences for our family. Romane, our student, was definitely one of the most kind and pleasant people we have met and right from the start was a perfect fit for our family. Being able to share this experience has had a positive effect on all of my young children."
Host mum, Candice.



CAMILLA (16) ITALY

Ciao!
The list of activities I like to do in my free time is long, so I am never bored! Singing is my biggest passion and I hope to become a singer one day. I love reading. I also really enjoy photography. When it comes to sport, swimming and basketball are on top of my list! Thank you if you are going to choose me, I promise I'll be a perfect "daughter"!

MORE PROFILES: WEP.ORG.AU/HOST



WEP.ORG.AU/HOST / 1300 884 733 / INFO@WEP.ORG.AU



Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 7-14. Cost: \$80



moonlitsanctuary.com.au | t. 5978 7935 | e. bookings@moonlit-sanctuary.com

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 advert in the Link please see the friendly office staff.

School banking is Tuesday!



\$175

BERWICK INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April
68 Bemersyde Drive Berwick

