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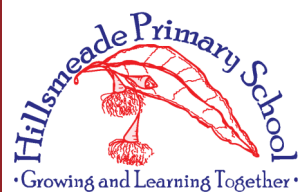
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# The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

Issue No 8—WED 27th MAR

TERM 1  
**2019**



THE FULL CALENDAR AND DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW VIA THE COMPASS APP OR WEBSITE

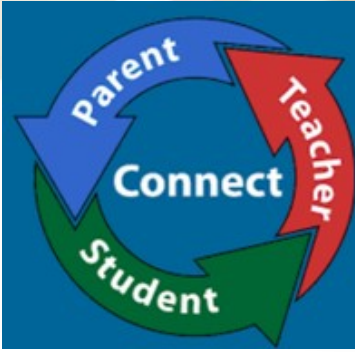
## WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
1st APR Parent Teacher Interviews —Bookings via Compass	2nd APR Parent Teacher Interviews—Bookings via Compass  Start Smart ComBank Incursion Gr 1	3rd APR Parent Teacher Interviews - Bookings via Compass  Start Smart ComBank Incursion Gr 1	4th APR 'Setting up for success' Parent Workshop—Library  6:30-7:30PM	5th APR <b>Last Day of TERM 1</b> <b>1:45PM Assembly in the Hall</b> <b>SCHOOL FINISHES AT</b> <b>2:30PM</b>
<b>School holidays April 6th - 22nd</b>				
22nd APR <b>Easter Monday Public Holiday</b> Students do not attend	23rd APR <b><u>Students back for Term 2</u></b>	24th APR VSSS Regional Rehearsal (Selected Students)	25th APR <b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</b> Students do not attend	26th APR

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Happy last week of Term 1. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable Term 1 of 2019. It has been so wonderful to see our 2019 classes hard at work throughout the term. I have also really enjoyed walking through the main building corridors throughout this week and hearing the parent teacher interviews taking place. It has been wonderful to see so many parents attend to discuss student progress. We also appreciate the phone interviews that have taken place.



## TERM 2

Things to look forward to in Term 2 at Hillsmeade Primary School: ANZAC Assembly (hosted by Alkira Secondary College for Year 4 – 6 students), Mother's Day Stall, Mother's and Special Others Event, 2018 Annual Report Presentation, Amphitheatre Opening, Education Week, Bedtime Stories, Maths Games Night and a lot more. We are also looking forward to some new Year 6 Student Leaders Activities taking place during recess and lunch.

## Easter Raffle

A big thank you to families who have supported the Easter Raffle. The result of the raffle will be announced this Friday at our afternoon assembly beginning at 1:45pm. If you are available to attend we would love to see you there.



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FROM MS TOOBA

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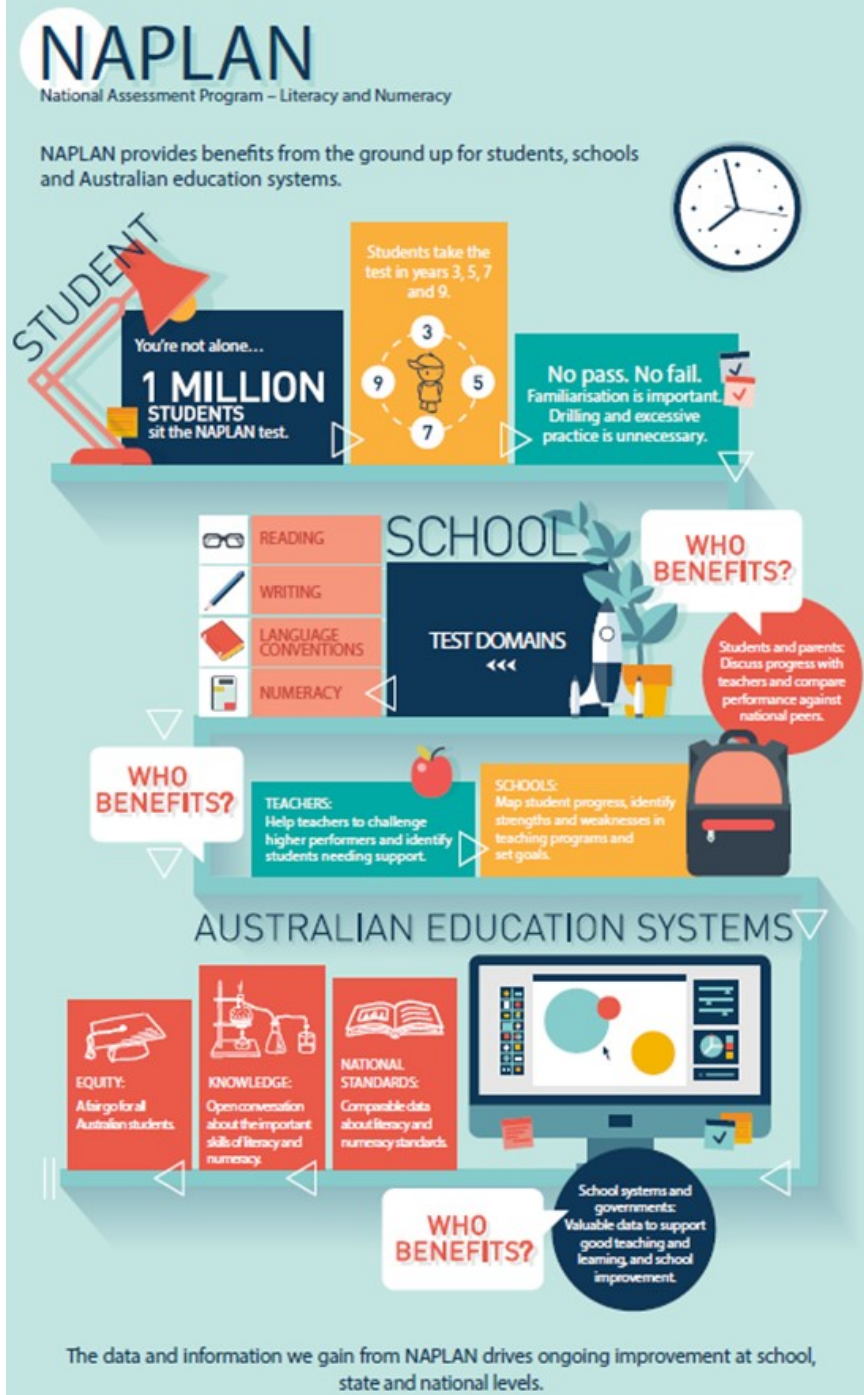
به خاطر داشته باشید که بروز جمعه ، ۵ اپریل ، ۲۰۱۹ ، مکتب به ساعت ۲:۳۰ بعد از ظهر تعطیل میشود. لطفاً اطفال تا ساعت ۲:۴۵ بعد از ظهر ، از مکتب برداشته شوند.

مکتب برای دو (۲) هفته تعطیل میباشد . تعطیلات بعد از دو هفته ختم میشود و به خاطر اینکه دوشنبه ۲۲ اپریل ، ۲۰۱۹ ، رخصتی عمومی است ، بدین لحاظ شاگردان به تاریخ ۲۳ اپریل ، ۲۰۱۹ مکتب را دوباره آغاز میکنند.

رخصتی های خوش و محفوظ به همه .

خانم طوبیا آرام





## NAPLAN 2019

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

To find out more about NAPLAN, please visit:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan>

## NAPLAN 2019 paper test

Individual students are not permitted to sit the paper tests after Friday 17 May 2019.

Year	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
<b>Year 3</b>	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 45 minutes	Numeracy: 45 minutes
<b>Year 5</b>	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 50 minutes	Numeracy: 50 minutes
<b>Year 7</b>	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes
<b>Year 9</b>	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes

FROM THE COMMUNITY

## Hillsmeade Primary School 2018 Annual Report Presentation



**Join us to review and celebrate the growth and progress that the hard work of our whole school community has achieved.**

The annual report provides the community with information about the school's performance in implementing their improvement strategies and how the school's resources have been used. Annual reports are endorsed by school council and signed by both the principal and school council president.

On behalf of the 2019 School Council

**WHEN: Tuesday 7th May at 7:30pm**

**WHERE: in the school library**

**WHO: presented by School Council President Brooke Gniel and Principal Jodie Bray**

**Light refreshments provided**

## FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade Community,

Happy last week! This term has flown by!!! I hope everyone has had a fantastic term and gets a chance to have a break over the school holidays.

***It's not too late to register for our parent forum tomorrow night! Please send an email to the school or see the office staff. Please see the brochure in the link for more information.***

As we know, holidays are a great opportunity to spend quality time with our families, friends and our children. A chance to get out of a routine and do family activities that can be difficult during the school term. The Raising children network have some great tips, please see below:

### ***Planning holidays with kids***

*Whether you're hanging out in one spot or heading off to explore, holidays with kids are about planning for short attention spans and short travel times.*

Here are some **top tips**:

- *Plan more breaks and fewer activities than you would if you were travelling on your own or with adults.*
- *Make sure you have plenty of stops for meals and drinks to keep everyone's energy levels up.*
- *Look for activities and local attractions to keep children entertained – for example, swimming, games, playgrounds, carnivals, fun parks and movies.*
- *Plan downtime for yourself too. If your children are entertained with organised activities, playing with other children, or being looked after by babysitters, you'll get a break for yourself.*

### ***Involving kids in holiday planning***

*Getting your children to help you plan your holiday can get them interested and excited. Their input can help you have a holiday that's fun for everyone.*

## **Don't forget to register your interest for our first parent forum.**



Hillsmeade Primary School is excited to announce our next parent workshop, 'Setting up for Success', presented by **John Cardamone** (*Leading teacher in Social and Emotional Learning*) and **Crystal Wells** (*Assistant Principal Wellbeing*)

**What:** This workshop will explore the importance of routines and expectations and share strategies to support children during tough times.

**When:** 4<sup>th</sup> of April 6:30pm – 7:30pm (seated by 6:20pm)

**Where:** Hillsmeade Primary School staffroom

**Why:** At Hillsmeade, we value the partnership between school and home and we believe if we can continue to work together this will only benefit your children. Our education state targets are:

**'Learning for life'**

**'Happy, healthy and resilient kids'**

**'Breaking the link'**

**'Pride and confidence in our schools'**

Please register your name (and anyone else joining you) with the front office via phone or email.

**RSVP: March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Through these workshops, we hope to not only strengthen our partnership with families but also the connections between the families of Hillsmeade. While John and Crystal will be presenting information about this topic, there will also be plenty of discussion time, opportunities to share successful strategies you use at home and share questions or challenges you may be experiencing.



## FROM MR CARDAMONE

*You could get some books from the library or find some websites about the places you're going. This way your children can look at pictures and tell you what looks like fun. You could read or tell them some stories from the place you'll visit, or learn a few words of the language if you're going overseas.*

*If your children are younger, you can come up with a basic plan and give them some options to choose from.*

*Although holidays are exciting, some kids do get nervous about the break from routine. Talking about holiday plans is also a good way to help them settle into the idea and reduce anxiety.*

### **A break from routine**

*Holidays are about having fun, relaxing and getting away from the daily grind. But many children benefit from routines, whether at home or on holidays. Some routines will slip but **sticking to a few basics**, like bedtimes and mealtimes, can help children adapt to changes while you're away.*

*You might need to remind your child about rules and routines on holiday. For example, only go swimming with an adult, always wear sunscreen and a hat outside, or always tell parents where you're going.*

If you would like more information please go to this link <https://raisingchildren.net.au/babies/family-life/holidays-travel/holidays> or please see me.

Have a great and safe holiday and wish you all a happy and positive experience with your families and children. See you next term.

Thank you.

**John Cardamone**

**Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning**



### **Free books for kids**

One new book released every Thursday in store.

BIG W is committed to making books more accessible to all Australian families by giving every child the chance to take home a classic storybook for free when they visit their local BIG W store. A new title will be given away each week for 12 weeks starting Thursday 21 February.

Meredith Drake, BIG W's Category Manager for Books and passionate advocate for reading to kids, says

"The connection between access to books and the child's future success and wellbeing is very well established. Research indicates that just 10 minutes of reading time a day can expose a young child to over 600,000 words in just one year, positively impacting childhood literacy."

Publishers of the 12-book titles, Scholastic Australia, also revealed in its 2015 Australian Kids & Family Reading Report\* that 86% of Aussie kids enjoy being read books aloud at home, with the main reason being because it is a special time shared with parents.

Collect all 12 books in store, no purchase necessary. Available nationally. While stocks last.



## Alkira Secondary College Master Class 2020

### Aims

Alkira Secondary College has always believed in 'securing the entitlements of every child'. As part of this philosophy, it is imperative that personalised learning occurs for those students who display gifted and talented characteristics. To achieve this, an accelerated and enrichment program has been designed:

- To encourage the achievement of personal excellence in all students
- To encourage and assist gifted or advanced students to achieve their potential



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### *What is involved in the program?*

Alkira's Master Class Program focuses not only upon acceleration but also considers the following:

- Critical thinking: particularly advanced research skills
- Creative thinking: for example; high level problem solving
- Collaborative skills: the ability to lead and be part of a team
- Caring/affective thinking: the capacity to be sensitive of the impact of their actions on others
- Self-regulated learning: planning, monitoring, and evaluating personal progress against a standard

The program focuses on the four key curriculum areas from Year 7 to 9. In these four areas students in:

- English and Maths focus on curricular acceleration
  - Year 7 and 8 completed in Year 7
  - Year 9 completed in Year 8
  - Year 10 completed in Year 9
- Science and Humanities
  - curricular enrichment
    - in depth rich learning tasks



#### *How do I apply for the program?*

By the end of Term One, applications will be available on the school's website. The application includes:

- an application form
- Year 5 NAPLAN Results
- Year 5 End of Year Reports
- A \$15 fee which is refundable if your child does not make the short list

A short listing will occur from these applications. Students who successfully make the shortlist will then be required to sit a further entrance test which consists of:

- A general aptitude test
- A written text

#### *Can I apply for the class if I am out of zone?*

You can apply, but as the school is now zoned, preferences are made for students who are within the zone.

## FROM THE COMMUNITY

### Running Club

Running/Walking Club commenced 5 weeks ago and have had many students and parents participate. A total of 51 participants have completed 539 laps. Amazing!! It is great to see students from Prep to grade 6 participating by walking or running laps. It is also fantastic that parents are getting involved and walking laps with the children too.

A few students will be getting their Running Club membership card as they have attended 4 sessions. Congratulations to Kyson PA, Jayden PA and Eli 3A.

Here is a quick rundown of some outstanding participants from Term 1.

Year level	Name	Laps completed
PA	Kyson	21
PA	Jayden	17
1D	Olivia	26
2F	Castiel	23
3A	Eli	35
3A	Harry	23
4A	Kiara	17
4C	Joon	17
4A	Terrance	32



I am looking forward to awarding the very first 50 Club certificate for this year with a few students closing in on the first milestone. Hoping to see many people at our last run for Term 1 this Friday.

**Mr Michael Davies 6/D**

### Alkira Information Sessions

For any families who missed out on the Alkira information night, the college has some programs that parents/students may be interested in applying for, which were specifically covered at the information evening.

A school day tour will run early Term 2.

Parents can book (limited places) through the 'Try Booking' webpage – the link is on the Alkira Secondary College webpage (under the events section).

<http://www.alkirasecondarycollege.com.au/>



## ALKIRA SPORTS ACADEMY 'HOW TO APPLY'

*The Alkira Sports Academy has been established to assist talented student athletes to achieve at the highest levels of performance in their chosen sport and to help them with their personal education and vocational development.*

All applicants should be playing their chosen sport at a representative or higher level. If they are in an individual sport then please include recent titles or achievements they have received. A current coach will need to fill in a section of your application form. This can be sent in separately if needed.

All applicants must be *at or above* current Victorian Curriculum standards\*\* in the core subjects (English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science and Physical Education) A year's worth of current reports must be attached. Athletes must in addition show *high* standards of behaviour and effort from previous reports.

Full applications include the written application form, the coaches letter and one years' worth of reports. Any incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

On submission of your application you will receive confirmation and further details from the Sports Academy. This may include a practical skills test and a formal interview as part of the selection process.

Application forms can be downloaded and printed off the school website:

<http://www.alkirasecondarycollege.com.au/curriculum/special-programs>



## SURVIVOR DAY

The vibe as students walked into the school grounds on Friday was enthusiastic and energetic with the years 5 & 6 students eager to participate in Survivor Day 2019!

Students have been preparing in class over the last two weeks for this day. Overcoming challenges in large teams, creating a dance and chant that individualises their team, building resilience and developing their teamwork skills, the lead-up was not short of social and emotional learning.

Each team participated in 9 activities with the year 5 and 6 teachers, varying from STEAM challenges; Party Popper and Tallest Tower, to teamwork challenges; Let the River Run and Move It, to Spy-derman, requiring critical thinking and strategies. The dance and chant performances raised the bar again this year and it was very exciting to see the enthusiasm, creativity and commitment from all team members.

Congratulations to the Sprinkle Survivors for coming overall winners (85 points), followed very closely by Oceans 14 (84 points) and MCM (79 points). Well done to Oceans 14 who won the best dance and chant and Brave Burritos for winning the overall I RESPECT values award.

I would just like to further the congratulations to all of the year 5 and 6 students and their teams for consistently demonstrating the I RESPECT values and a positive attitude towards every activity and challenge throughout the day.

**Toni Barker**



If you would like to place an advert in the newsletter, please see the friendly office team

Every Tuesday is:  
**School Banking Day**

**Dandenong High School**  
**Accelerated & Enhanced Learning Program**  
**Year 7 2020**

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

Application forms are available from the Dandenong High School website or from the School's Front Office.  
Applications close Wednesday 24th April 2019

For detailed information regarding our Accelerated & Enhanced Learning Program please contact the school on 9792 0561 or visit our Dandenong High School website [www.dandenong-hs.vic.edu.au](http://www.dandenong-hs.vic.edu.au)



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