

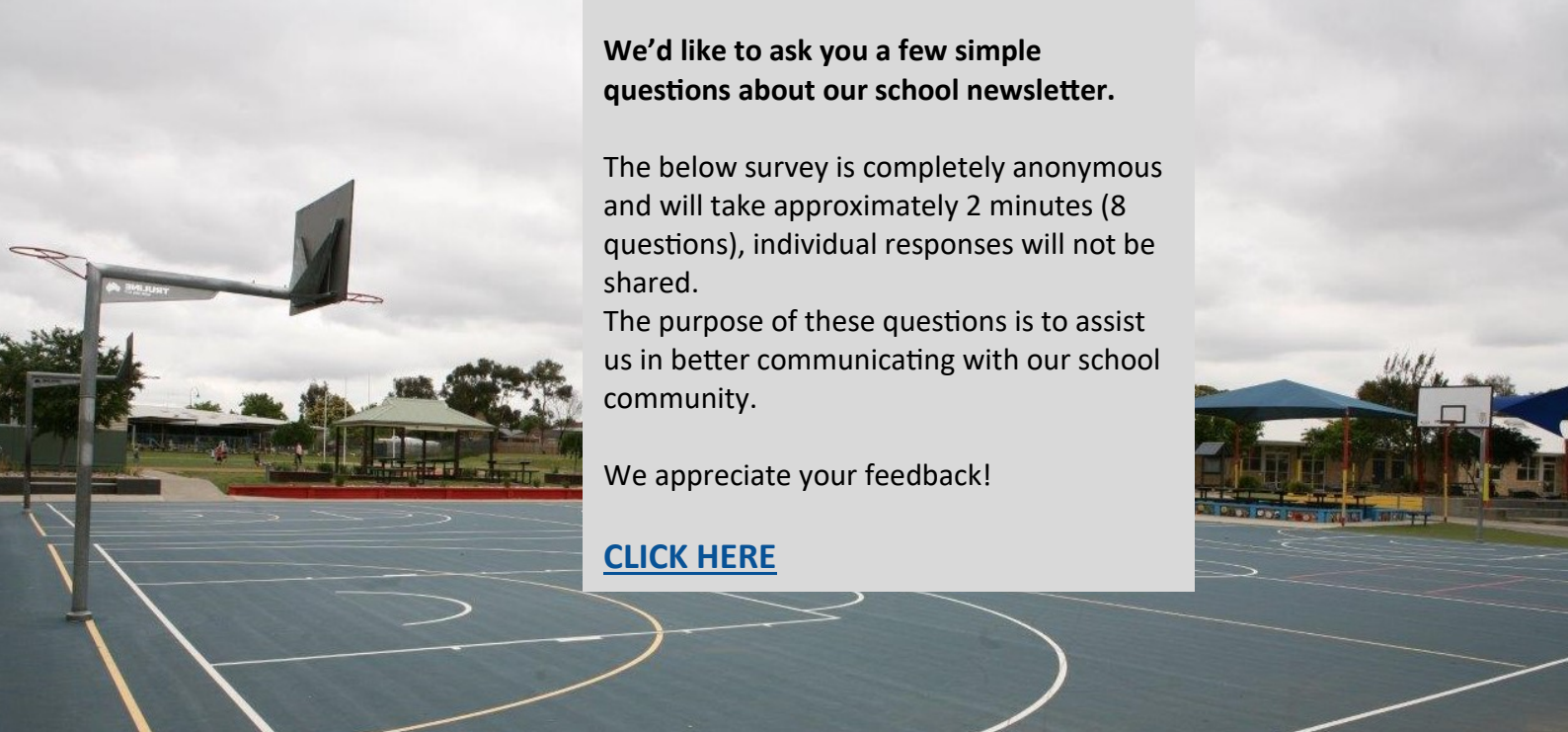
We'd like to ask you a few simple questions about our school newsletter.

The below survey is completely anonymous and will take approximately 2 minutes (8 questions), individual responses will not be shared.

The purpose of these questions is to assist us in better communicating with our school community.

We appreciate your feedback!

[CLICK HERE](#)

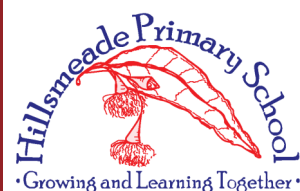


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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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

WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
20th MAY Gr 4 Disability Awareness Guest Speaker 12:30-1:30PM Teeth on Wheels	21st MAY Maths Games Night/ ARTS Focus 5:00-6:00PM	22nd MAY Teeth on Wheels	23rd MAY "When I Grow Up" Dress up Day Teeth on Wheels	24th MAY Inter-school Sports Round 5 9:00-11:00AM Electives
27th MAY Teeth on Wheels	28th MAY Teeth on Wheels	29th MAY Teeth on Wheels Divisional X-Country 9:15-1:30PM	30th MAY Teeth on Wheels	31st MAY Teeth on Wheels Whole School Assembly 2:45 in the GYM
3rd JUNE Teeth on Wheels	4th JUNE School Tour for Prospective Families 10AM @ Front Office	5th JUNE Teeth on Wheels Lightning Prem 9:00-3:00PM	6th JUNE Year 3A/B/C Start Smart Banking	7th JUNE Electives



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Primary School Community,

Happy Week 5 everyone. I hope that you all have had a fac week. Wishing you all a wonderful 2019 Education Week. This is a great time to reflect on the importance of education and the ways in which we can partner together as a community to help each other thrive.

Election Day BBQ

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our election day BBQ volunteers. It was a beautiful day at Hillsmeade last Saturday the 18th of May, and we were so proud of our student volunteers assisting on the day. We received many positive comments about our school and about our wonderful helpers. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers, including our School Council representatives. Also, a huge thank you to our staff who supported on the day. A big thank you to Crystal Wells for coordinating the event.



Cakes for a cause

Well done to Ester, Keely and Mikayla for a very successful fundraising venture 'Cakes for a Cause'. It was so pleasing to see our students working so hard to raise money for such a wonderful and supportive group the Cancer Council. A big well done on raising over \$500 for this event.

A big thank you to the families who supported this fundraising event.

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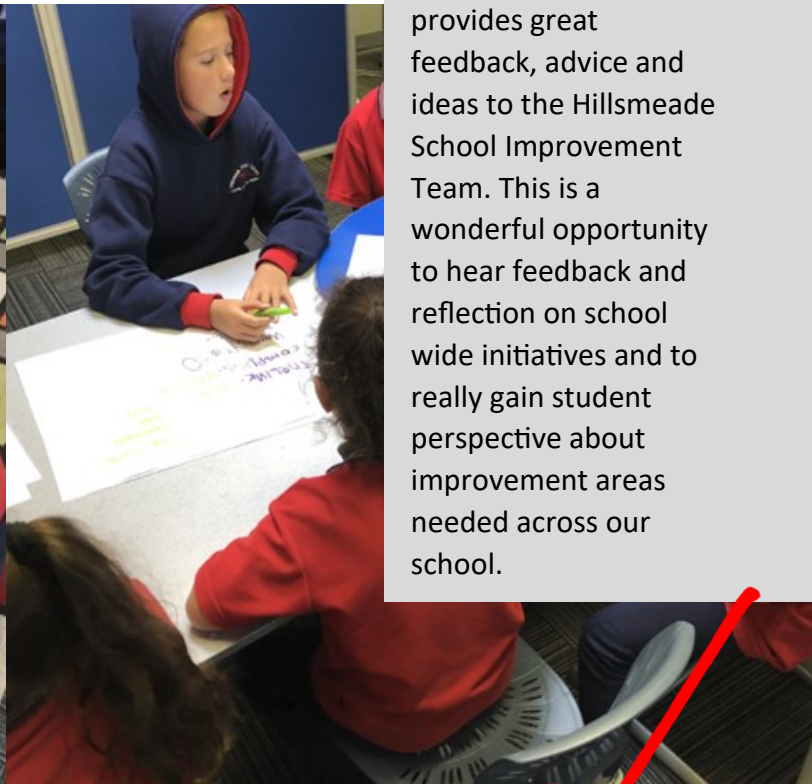
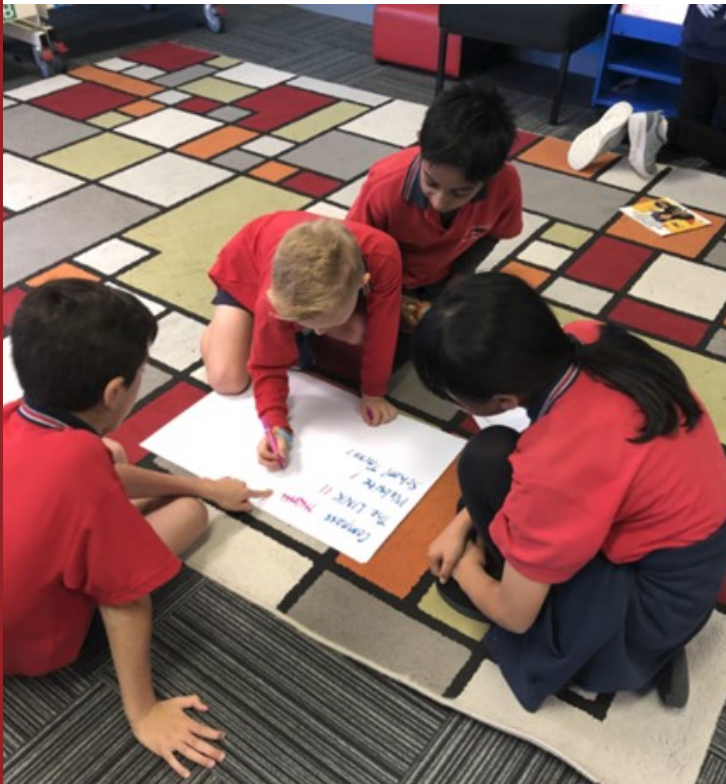
Student Leader Badge Presentation

A huge congratulations to our 2019 Year 6 student leaders who were last week presented their Student Leader badges from MP Gary Maas. It was wonderful to hear our student leaders make the student leader pledge in front of our whole school assembly. I am so proud of the inspiring work that our student leaders are leading across the school, and very excited about the opportunities and events that they have planned for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to our 2019 Year Student Leaders.



School Student Improvement Team

This year Hillsmeade Primary School has begun a student school improvement team. This team is led by Crystal Wells and provides great feedback, advice and ideas to the Hillsmeade School Improvement Team. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear feedback and reflection on school wide initiatives and to really gain student perspective about improvement areas needed across our school.

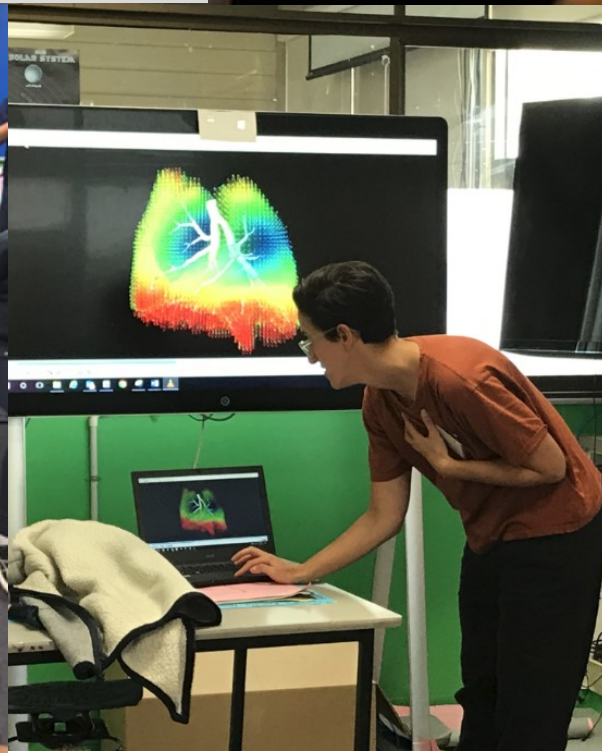


FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Meeting a Mechanical Engineer

On Tuesday the 21st of May, as part of Education Week 2019 we were lucky enough to host a special visitor to our school. Dr Freda Werdiger (pictured right) from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Monash University. We had a wonderful time with students finding out all about her field. Students were very respectful and appreciative of our guest.

Well done to our STEAM Learning Specialist Dimple Bhardwaj for organising this wonderful opportunity.



YOU'RE INVITED TO MEET A MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

Who: Dr Freda Werdiger is from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Monash University.

She is currently working with scientists from the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital to help find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis, where they use their knowledge of fluid mechanics to look for patterns in the airflow of lungs that tell us how sick the patient is.

Day: Tuesday, 21st May

Time: 1.40 pm-2.30 pm

Where: In the STEAM room

Bring along a question to ask!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Education Week

A reminder that as part of celebrating Education Week, we will be having a dress up day this Thursday the 23rd of May. We are encouraging students to come dressed up representing their future careers.

We are so excited to see the students dressed up in their future career wear.

Last week I was lucky enough to have Alice and Lily from Prep share with me some writing about what they want to do as their career in the future.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL



Hillsmeade students leading the way

It is very exciting to see our students taking initiative and making plans for events to support others at Hillsmeade. A big well done to Year 6 students Jere, Josh and Rylan who are coordinating a series of lunchtime events in hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. We look forward to seeing our students working with each other and promoting our I RESPECT values.

A NOTE FROM MS TOOBA

هفته تعليمي ۲۰۱۹
روز پوشش لباس
پنج شنبه: ۲۳ مي ۲۰۱۹
موضوع: "وقتیکه بزرگ شوم"
براي شغل و يا مسلك كه اميدواريد در آينده داشته باشيد لباس بپوشيد.

هفته تعليمي خوش
خانم طوبا آرام

A reminder that this Friday we have our whole school electives taking place from 2:30pm onwards.

Have a great week.

Jodie Bray, Principal



Have you ever wondered what 'Electives' are?

Every 2nd Friday, students in grades 1-6 (preps join semester 2), join in with students and teachers across various year levels in fun and exciting activities. Students engage in and explore a passion, create new experiences, make new friends, all whilst practising our school I RESPECT values. **Ms Lisa Crowe and Mrs Carmen Collins**



LEGO



Paper making



board games



Sensory delights



Origami



Ultimate trivia



3D printing
 Team games
 Readers theatre
 Hip Hop Dance
 Cartooning
 Harry Potter book club
 Yoga
 Run away to the circus



Indoor Games



Just dance



Jewellery making



Keep an eye out for the semester 2 Elective choices coming out soon!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Maths Games Night

A big thank you and well done to the Hillsmeade community who attended last night's Maths Games Night. It was another wonderful community event that was very well attended. A big thank you to our Numeracy Learning Specialist Jess Szalek for coordinating this event. A big thank you to staff who also attended to support.

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Congratulations to the prize winners!

Sinem 2D

Castiel 2F

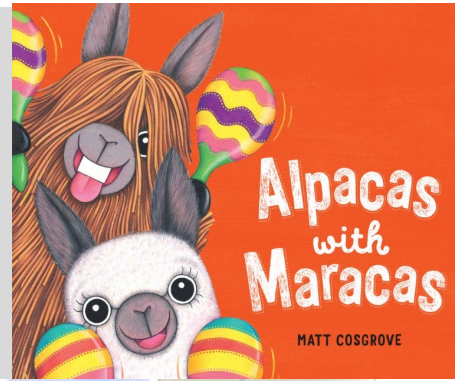
Navida 4C



FROM MISS SMITH



Today, all classes across our school and ELC participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. As a part of Education Week, this was a fun event to promote the value of reading and literacy, through Australian literature.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



Alpacas with Maracas

Wednesday 22 May 2019

www.alia.org.au/nss

#NSS2019

#1millionkidsreading

FROM MR CARDAMONE



Good afternoon Hillsmeade Community,

A big congratulations to the students that received an IRESPECT wristband, Archer S, Zye B, Bella N, Ava P,

Cooper T, Aisha R and Tomas D. A big well done!!!

This year our morning clubs have been a big success for our students, families and the community. Morning clubs have become an essential part of Hillsmeade's makeup. We know there is evidence that building positive school connectedness is a strong indicator for students to feel safe, comfortable, assist with their academic outcomes at times and most importantly, support with their mental health. Here is a snapshot of some of the clubs that run in the morning.

Breakfast club

We know the old saying "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." We know not having breakfast can affect the way our productivity levels can be impacted that day, at Hillsmeade we run breakfast club every Tuesday morning from 8:15am-8:40am. We have students that run this with the support of a teacher. This helps build the students leadership abilities along with having responsibility (part of our IRESPECT values). We serve toast with spreads, milk and Weet-bix. Come down and grab some toast (now that the cold weather is coming along) with your children!

Footy Club

Footy club is on every Tuesday from 8:15am-8:40am. Lately we have been playing "knockout". All players have a shot for goal, if they miss and the next person gets it you are out. I am a five-time champion!!! Come along and test your kicking skills this coming Tuesday! All ages welcome including parents and cares.

Gardening Club

We have a junior and senior gardening club every week, this helps build school connectedness,

Reading club

Early Bird Reading Club happens in the library on Monday mornings from 8:15 to 8:40 with Mrs Ewing and Ms McArdle, come along and read with one of us, read independently, read with a friend or listen to one of us read.

Story Time is on every Friday at 1:40, head to the library to listen to Mrs Ewing read a picture story book.

Running Club

Running Club happens every Friday morning at 8:20 – 8:40 on the synthetic oval. We have many very eager participants with two already having joined the 50 Lap Club and several others with their membership card (attend 4 sessions to become a member). Students run or walk laps at their own pace and often run with a friend. There are several parents that also join in by walking laps. Some come to complete a few laps whilst others stay for 20 minutes trying to beat their previous best. Come join the movement!

As you can see there are lot of morning clubs that you and your family can attend. Next week I will go through all the recess and lunchtime clubs that we offer.

If you have any questions please let me know.

John Cardamone - Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning

'Social and emotional learning...'It's everyone's business!'



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Attendance Notifications to Parents

Last week we sent out letters to all parents of children who have unexplained absences. An unexplained absence includes:

- Your child was away for all or part of a day, and we have not received an explanation from the parents
- Your child was late to school, but was not accompanied by a carer.

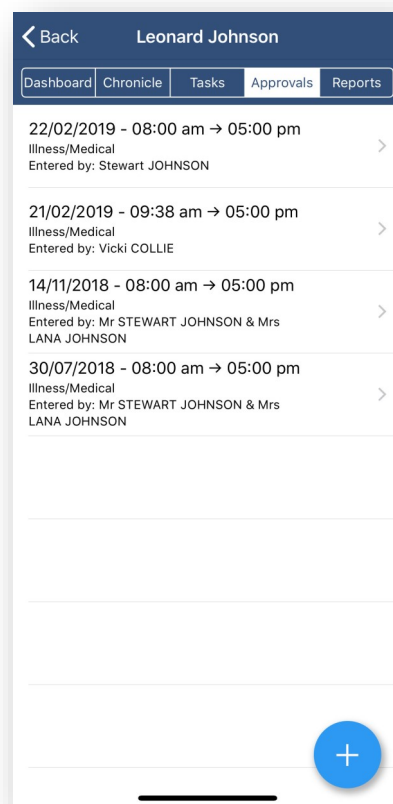
In future, we will be sending out these notices to all parents at the beginning of every month — you will get a paper copy and an email.

What Do I Do With The Notice?

All you need to do is explain the absence. You can do this in two ways:

1. **Via Compass website:** go to your child's profile then click the Attendance tab, then click the Unexplained tab
2. Or: return the form to the office after writing explanations next to each absence.

You can quickly & easily add an attendance note for your child in the Compass app: **the office team are always happy to help get you going with attendance and Compass.**



Parking Around the School

We've recently had feedback from some parents about the parking around the school.

- **All parking around the school is managed by the City of Casey**, not by the school or Department. If you have feedback about the parking please direct it to them:
<https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/contact-us>
- **The staff carpark is not available for parents during school hours**, and we regularly lock the gates. We have had some very close calls with students nearly being hit by parent cars exiting the staff carpark just after 3.30pm.
- **The City of Casey have been issuing fines** regularly to people who are parked illegally around the school.
- **We have started to use safety cones to block off problem areas** such as near the front gates — parents often park here and block traffic at the roundabout which slows everybody down and makes the crossing unsafe for children.



Stewart Johnson

Business/HR Manager



STEM GEMS



Empowering girls in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

Dr Beth Johnson, Mrs Collins and Mrs Bhardwaj



In the last few weeks we have been learning about the brain and how we can use our other senses, not just our eyes to know what things are. Yesterday we did this by being blindfolded and we had to feel what the object was. I had fun doing it because sometimes I got it right and sometimes I got it wrong and that's what scientists do!

Hayley 4C

We are learning about the brain and how fast it can react and also to see how all the muscles work in our body. We did a test on this by having a group of three and one person dropped the ruler and another person had to catch it, one person had to record the results of how many centimetres it dropped before we caught it. My fastest reaction time was 2cm! It was fun because sometimes we dropped it and sometimes we didn't.

Eva 4D

We have been learning about what part of the brain does what with Beth the scientist, and we drew it in our science notebooks and we labelled it. We learnt which part of the brain controls our sight and we played a game learning how fast nerves tell each other what to do by touching them. We would do this by moving our fingers or moving our neck. Something that I really remember that the big part of our brain at the back coordinates our vision. I really like STEM GEMS because it gives me the opportunity to learn more and it's fun.

Ruby 4D



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
HILLSMEADE HEROES

Prep C	1/A	2/A	3/A	4/A	5/A	6/A
Rang Mazen	Everyone for their persistence and resilience!	Kira S Michael T	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	Queenie B Terrance C	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	Maddison M Nicholas W
Prep E	1/C	2/B	3/B	4/B	5/B	6/D
Isaac F Taylah R Riley H Macey C	Jordon A Daniel S	Emanuel P Yany Yang L	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	Harnoor S Anastasia R	Naveed S Amelia K Pania M	Shakyla V Rajvir P
	1/D	2/C	3/C	4/C	5/C	
	Olivia M Will P	Emily B Lachlan F Ella T	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	Yusuf M Emilee K	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	
	1/E	2/D	3/D	4/D	5/D	
	Isaac C Ben H	Joshua B Grace M	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	Logan K Adrian B	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	
	1/F	2/E	3/E	4/E	5/E	
	Jasmine R Celine H	Claire S Ethan S	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!	Kanvar S Luca H	Ciara Ahmad	
		2/F	3/F			
		Mia Claire Ashton Castiel	Everyone! Amazing NAPLAN efforts!			



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A Note from Sick Bay

If your child has Asthma could you please supply the school with a current Asthma Action plan signed by your doctor and ensure your child has Ventolin and spacer (named) either in their bag or in the sick bay.

Due to upcoming wet weather, it is a good idea to place a change of clothes, socks and plastic bag in your child's bag.

Just a reminder that all medication (with the exception of Ventolin) needs to be handed into the office with a Medication Request form or note with time, dose and in its original packaging.



[Teeth on Wheels](#) will be on site at the school from today through to the end of term 2. If you signed up for an appointment for your children then they will be calling you to arrange a time during one of the days they are here.

The office does not have the schedule from Teeth on Wheels, and we're unable to tell you (or remind you) when your appointment will be. If you have any questions you can contact Teeth on Wheels:

info@teethonwheels.com.au

(03) 9338 1191



Every Tuesday is:
School Banking
Day

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Class Name	Recreational / Competitive	Age Group	Class Day	Class Time
White Tinies	Recreational	2 - 4yrs	Tuesday	10.15 – 11.00
Silver Tinies	Recreational	Under 7	Saturday	9.30 – 10.30
Red Tinies	Competitive	Under 7	Monday	4.15 – 5.45
Sub Juniors	Competitive	8 - 10yrs	Saturday	11.00 – 1.30

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