

UPCOMING CURRICULUM DAY:

**FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

**\*STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND\***



# The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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**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
19th AUG Book Week and Lamont Book Fair Visiting Optometrist	20th AUG Book Week and Lamont Book Fair Bedtime Stories 5-6PM Visiting Optometrist	21st AUG Book Week and Lamont Book Fair Visiting Optometrist	22nd AUG Book Week and Lamont Book Fair Visiting Optometrist DIST ATHS GR6	23rd AUG Book Week and Lamont Book Fair Whole School Assembly 2:45PM in the Gym
26th AUG Year 6 Canberra Camp Depart	27th AUG	28th AUG Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion	29th AUG	30th AUG Electives
2nd SEPT Gr 5A/B/D Solar System Incursion Fathers and Friends Morning Alkira Experience Day	3rd SEPT School Tour for prospective families 10AM AFL Footy Inflatables Gr2/3/4/5A/5B	4th SEPT ICAS Science Testing Yr 4 Alkira Students Visit AFL Footy Inflatables GrPrep/1/5C/5D/5E/6 Gr 3 History Box	5th SEPT Gr 5 C/E Solar System Incursion	6th SEPT ICAS Science Whole School Assembly 2:45PM in the Gym
9th SEPT	10th SEPT Hoop Time 5/6	11th SEPT ICAS Writing	12th SEPT R U Ok Day? VSSS Dress Rehearsals	13th SEPT VSSS Dress Rehearsals Electives

# Upcoming Events

Year Level	Name	Date	Cost	Due Date
Grade Prep &1	Swimming Lessons	19th –23rd Aug	\$36	10 Aug
Grade 6	Canberra Camp	26th-30th Aug	\$50 Deposit has been paid	Final payment due 1st Aug
Selected Students	Narre Warren Dist. Aths	27th Aug	\$7.00	20th Aug
Grade 5	Sovereign Hill	28th Aug	\$56	14th Aug
Grade 6	Alkira Experience Day	2nd Sept	Nil	TBC
Classes 5 A,B & D	The Size of the Solar System Inc	2nd Sept	\$10	26th Aug
Selected Students	ICAS Science YR 2-6	4th Sept	\$15	2nd Aug
Grade 3	History Box Inc	4th Sept	\$13.50	21st Aug
Classes 5 D, C & E	The Size of the Solar System Inc	5th Sept	\$10	26th Aug
Grade 5 & 6	Hoop Time	10th Sept	\$17	5th Sept
Selected Students 5/6	ICAS Writing Yr 5-6	11th Sept	\$15	2nd Aug
Selected Students 3/4	ICAS Writing Yr 3-4	11th Sept	\$15	2nd Aug
Selected Students	ICAS Reading 2-6	17th Sept	\$15	2nd Aug
Selected Students	ICAS Maths Yr 2-6	19th Sept	\$15	2nd Aug
Grade 3	Science Discovery dome	19th Sept TBC	TBC	TBC
Grade 2	Casey Mannor Inc	19th sept TBC	TBC	TBC
Grade 4	Alexandra Adventure Camp	16 –18 Oct	\$50 deposit has been paid Full cost \$278	Final payment due 20th Sept
Selected Students	Science Talent Search	28th Oct	\$8	31st May
Year 2	Camp Manyung	9th-10th Dec	\$50 deposit Due 9nd Aug Full cost \$190	Final Payment due 21st Nov

For further information log on to Compass to view the Parent Calendar or contact the office

Coming Soon—Term 3 2019 @ Hillsmeade Calendar of events

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy week 6. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful week and that everyone is managing to keep warm in this chilly weather.

There has been some very exciting things happening across Hillsmeade over the last few weeks.

A huge thank you to families who attended the Science Expo and last night's bedtime stories. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed in warm pyjamas and some parents and grandparents.

## STAFF REFLECTION - MISTONI BARKER

### VPA Conference

Last week Jodie Bray, Crystal Wells, Shiona Watson and I went to the VPA Principals Conference.

This year's theme, The Courageous and Creative Leader, was powerful and inspiring.

Opened by Minister of Education, James Merlino, it was an opportunity to reflect on the learning journey and celebrations of Hillsmeade, reinforcing just how important the time provided to our professional learning teams is to the improvement of student outcomes and wellbeing. It made me very grateful for the time, support and opportunities we are offered at Hillsmeade PS, to be informed with up to date practices, up skill ourselves as teachers and leaders around the excellence in teaching and learning and the implementation of goal setting for our learners.

Lee Watanabe-Crockett inspired us to think about Global Digital Competencies and the ways in which we offer opportunities for our students to be prepared for the future. Leading with, "*Kids are 15% of our population but 100% of our future,*" it had us wondering what our students believe are the most urgent problems in the world that need solving.

It really shined a light on the growth of student agency and how students can use solution fluency to be courageous and create change.



With a focus on wellbeing and our school's focus on Social and Emotional Learning, Wayne Schwass, had us lost in his story and how he overcame many hurdles throughout his football career. His speech was inspiring and really did leave you thinking, why do I care more about the health of my car than I do of my own mental health? If I had a cold I would go to the doctor? *Mental health and physical health are the same, the only difference is the attitude towards it.* He reinforced the changes in society and the expectations and challenges of gender identity, values and characteristics of the narrative and the importance of being emotionally connected.

I would like to thank Jodie, Crystal and Shiona for giving me the opportunity to attend the conference with them. I look forward to seeing



where our next steps take us and the opportunities to come for the courageous and creative students of Hillsmeade.

**Toni Barker - Year 5 PLT Leader**

## FROM SICKBAY

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/factsheets/Head-lice-Scratching-for-answers---Frequently-asked-questions>

### 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.

### Why does my child keep getting re-infected?

Re-infection is the least likely reason for head lice returning in a week's time. If eggs do not die, or were not removed during the original treatment they may hatch and the lifecycle starts all over again. To break this lifecycle you must re-treat (regardless of treatment method) seven days after the first treatment and continue with weekly checking.

### Treatment choices

- Chemical: Treat and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in seven days.
- Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat every two days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## “Are you planning on missing school because of a family holiday?”

We all love a family holiday! Getting away for a while can be a great way to bond as a family and experience new things. But is it worth missing school? Will your child be able to catch up on the learning that they will miss?

At Hillsmeade we would prefer you to take these family trips during the school holidays so that your child doesn't miss out on important learning opportunities!

If missing school is unavoidable, please give the school and the classroom teacher as much notice as possible. When entering the absence on compass, select 'family holiday' from the options. Please contact the school if you need help entering any absences into compass. We are happy to help you!

## “Attendance matters— every child every day.”

FROM MS TOOBA

### ایا قصد دارید به دلیل تعطیلات خانوادگی از مکتب غیر حاضری کنید؟

همه ما عاشق و دوست دار تعطیلات خانوادگی هستیم! دور شدن برای مدتی می تواند راه عالی برای بیوند به عنوان یک خانواده و تجربه چیزهای جدید باشد. اما، آیا این ارزش غیر حاضری از مکتب را دارد؟ آیا طفل شما توانای یادگیری دروس از دست رفته را دارد؟

در مکتب Hillsmeade, ما ترجیح می دهیم که شما در طول تعطیلات مکتب این سفرهای خانوادگی را انجام دهید تا طفل شما از فرصتهای مهم یادگیری محروم نشود! اگر غیرحاضر شدن از مکتب غیرقابل اجتناب است، لطفاً تا حد امکان به مکتب و معلم صنف هر چه بیشتر از سفرتان اطلاع دهید. هنگام ورود غیرحاضری در کمپاس ( Compass )، "تعطیلات خانوادگی" را از گزینه ها انتخاب کنید.

لطفاً در صورت نیاز به راهنمایی برای ورود هر نوع غیرحاضری در Compass، با مکتب در تماس شوید. ما خوشحالیم که به شما کمک می کنیم!

## AFL INFLATABLES COMING TO HILLSMEADE!

Student feedback following the inflatable soccer activities they participated in last year was so positive that we have organised another inflatable sports activity for all grade levels on September 3rd and 4th!

With 'Finals Fever' and our Hillsmeade Footy Day coming up at the end of term 3, we are excited to provide all students the opportunity to participate in a 40 minute AFL inflatables activity, supported by classroom teachers and visiting sports coaches.

Please check the calendar to see when your child's year level will be participating in this exciting activity.



## NEW AMPHITHEATRE AT HILLSMEADE P.S

Hillsmeade Primary School was granted \$150,000 in funding to see work begin on a brand-new outdoor amphitheatre.

The amphitheatre incorporates design features such as synthetic turf in a number of colours and a timber stage.

Comfortable seating and landscaping complete the amphitheatre to make this an attractive and functional place for the school and the greater Narre Warren South community to use.

Hillsmeade Primary School is one of the largest schools in Narre Warren South, with a school community of about 900 children.

This great school is receiving the facilities that they deserve.



There are quite a few winter coats, jackets and drink bottles without names in lost property. Lost property is located in the main building near the front office.







Come and see the Hillsmeade Read Alouds with Miss Page, Miss Carter and Miss McGrath



Don't forget to visit the book fair this week before school 8:30-9:00am and after school 3:30-4:00pm.



**AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!**

**Where:** Hillsmeade Primary School Library

**Date:** 19th-23rd August

**Time:** 8:30-9:00am, 3:30-4:00pm

**Don't miss out!**  
Every purchase supports our school!

**LAMONT BOOK FAIRS**

[www.lamontbooks.com.au](http://www.lamontbooks.com.au)



## FROM MR CARDAMONE



Dear Hillsmeade Community,  
Happy week 6! I hope the information provided the last few weeks has been helpful and insightful; please let me know if you have used any of the information to support your children.

The brochure for the parent workshop (online safety) has been given out. Sign up and come down for some light finger food, coffee, tea and juice to hear about safety information for your children being online. Please look for the attached brochure for more information.

Last week we shared some tips and hints for the app Facebook, I hope this supported you with ideas to assist with this app. This week we will have a focus on the app Snapchat, although there is an age limit of 13+, we know many primary aged children still use this app. Please find below some helpful information to support you with this. This information is from the Carly Ryan Foundation, more can be found at <https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/> I will leave copies at the front office.

**John Cardamone - Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning**  
*'Social and emotional learning... It's everyone's business!'*

Hillsmeade Primary School is excited to announce our next parent workshop;  
Presented by John Cardamone and Martine Ziino.

**What:** This workshop will explore the importance of communicating, being safe and sharing ideas for families to monitor their children's online activity.

**When:** 12<sup>th</sup> of September 6:30pm – 7:30pm (seated by 6:20pm)

**Where:** Hillsmeade Primary School staffroom

**Why:** At Hillsmeade, we value the partnership between school and home. We believe that a positive partnership between home and school benefits all 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 you are coming with) on Compass or at the front office by 11<sup>th</sup> September.



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 Martine 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.

KEEP YOUR KIDS  
**SAFE** Online



# SNAPCHAT



Age Rating in  
the App Store:

**13+**

**Snapchat is a popular messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (called snaps) designed to disappear after they're viewed.**

## How does it work?

On Snapchat, users go by a handle.

To add friends, you can upload your contacts, search for people you know or use the 'Quick Add' feature of add friends of friends or strangers easily. You can also automatically add someone by taking a picture of their "Snapcode," a special QR code unique to each user.

To begin a conversation every Snap starts with a photo or video. Snapchatters can layer text, emojis, doodles, and more on top, and choose how long they want the Snap to be displayed (up to 10 seconds). Then, you can send the Snap to one or more friends. Stories is a feature that lets you string Snaps together into one longer narrative that stays available for 24 hours.

Be mindful who you are sharing images with and always remember that everything on the internet is permanent. Make sure you are happy for potentially anyone to see your snaps and share without permission.

## Live Stories

Live Stories are compilations of Snaps submitted by Snapchatters from events and locations around the world. Discover allows you to explore channels from established publishers who curate their own content. The Discover screen in Snapchat also includes a selection of the day's Live Stories.

## Video and Text Chat

Snapchat also allows for one-on-one chat. Like Snaps, chats are cleared when a recipient leaves the Chat screen. But you always have the option to save a message you'd like to keep.

## Lenses, Filters and Stickers

There are many ways to customise the look of your Snaps. Lenses add real-time special effects and sounds to a Snap. Filters offer different design overlays. Geo-filters are a popular way to customise your Snap at specific locations or events around the world. Stickers are colourful images and cartoons that give you additional ways to share content.

## Memories

Memories is a private collection of the Snaps and Stories that you choose to save and that don't disappear. You can use Memories to create new Stories and Snaps. You can also choose to store certain Memories in the password-protected "My Eyes Only" section, which is an important feature for parents to be aware of.

## Snapcash

Snapchat's payment feature is not for users under 18, but you should know about it so nobody "borrows" your debit card to pay someone back or receive money via Snapchat. Snapchat partnered with Square Inc., to enable users to link their Snapchat and debit card accounts to be able to make peer-to-peer payments for things like paying someone back for lunch.

## Spectacles

Spectacles consists of sunglasses with a built-in video camera. The glasses light up to show that you are taking a Snap, this may not be obvious to everyone at first so if your kids are using Spectacles, talk with them about protecting other people's privacy by asking permission before recording them. You can connect the glasses directly to a phone via Bluetooth or WiFi to add videos to Memories.

## Challenges

Snapchat is the number one application used for 'sexting' or 'sending nudes' between underage people. Users must be mindful of the social and legal consequences of sending images like these. If the user is under 18 years old it is illegal for them to produce, distribute or possess these types of images.

Child abuse pictures are illegal if they are:

- asked for;
- taken;
- received and kept; or
- sent, posted or passed around

The maximum penalty for sharing child abuse material can be up to 15 years in jail this includes an offenders details placed on the sex offender register.

[carlyryanfoundation.com](http://carlyryanfoundation.com)

the *Carly Ryan* foundation. APP FACTS

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## Privacy

Privacy settings that are available within Snapchat are the ability to restrict who can send a user photos or videos, 'snaps'. This can be enabled by going into the Settings menu, select 'Who can send me snaps', then select 'My friends'. This will ensure only people the user knows will be able to connect with them via the application. It is important to read the Snapchat privacy policy as it provides information about how the images and videos are stored and used. Users need to be aware that Snapchat has the right to reproduce, modify and republish photos and videos, and save them to the Snapchat servers, particularly in relation to the 'Live Story' feature.

## Snap Map

The Map allows Snapchat users to see where their friends are, as long as these friends choose to share their locations with them. Location sharing with friends via the Map is optional and is off by default; however, if you submit a Snap to Our Story, it may appear publicly on the Map in the exact location it was taken. Once you opt-in, whatever audience you're sharing with can see your live location updated, every time you open the Snapchat app, regardless of whether you send them or anyone else a Snap.


Location Sharing Options Include:

**Only Me (Ghost Mode):**

Your location won't be visible to anyone else on the Map. You can turn Ghost Mode on and off or opt to set a timer.

**Select Friends:** Choose specific friends to share your location with. Friends you select aren't notified when you choose them.

**My Friends:** Your location will be shared with all of your friends this includes friends you add in the future. This option doesn't include people who've added you as a friend, but who you haven't added back.

To edit your location settings, just tap the  button in the top-right corner of the Map screen. You can change who can see your location, or you can hide your location completely by going into Ghost Mode.



## How to block a user

- Go to your friends list.
- Hold the name of the offending user.
- Select 'More' on the menu that appears.
- Select 'Block' to stop receiving Snapchats from that person or pick 'Remove Friend' if you want to remove them from your contacts.

## How do I report abuse on Snapchat?

To report a Story on the web from your computer, click the button on the video, then click 'Report'.

Like any social media Snapchat can be a positive social activity that keeps kids connected to their friends. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who they are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: [info@carlyryanfoundation.com](mailto:info@carlyryanfoundation.com)

[carlyryanfoundation.com](http://carlyryanfoundation.com)



Hillsmeade Primary School presents

FATHERS AND

FRIENDS MORNING

Monday 2nd September

8:30am - 9:30am



We invite you  
to our Father's Day  
celebration in the courtyard

Coffee at our canteen

Light refreshments

Games and activities

**This is a whole school event!**



# FATHERS' DAY STALL

Year 6

22nd August (due to Camp)

ELC, Prep, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

27th, 28th, 29th August



\$2.00



\$4.00



\$5.00



\$2.00



\$1.00



\$1.00



\$1.00



\$2.00



\$1.00



\$4.00

All students will have the opportunity to attend the Father's Day Stall with their class and teacher. Students will be able to purchase a gift during this session.

Additionally, after school between 3:30pm - 4pm on Thursday the 29th August, the Father's Day Stall will open to all parents and students. Please remember to bring a plastic bag to carry your gifts.

# FATHERS' DAY STALL

# CLASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST	
Time	Grade
9:10AM	6A
9:25AM	6B
9:40AM	6C
9:55AM	6D

TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST	
Time	Grade
9:10AM	PA
9:25AM	PB
9:40AM	PC
9:55AM	PD
10:10AM	PE
10:25AM	PF
10:40AM	ELC
11:00AM	Recess
11:40AM	4A
11:55AM	4B
12:10PM	4C
12:25PM	4D
12:40PM	4E
12:55PM	
1:10PM	ELC
1:25PM	ELC

WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST	
Time	Grade
9:10AM	2A
9:25AM	2B
9:40AM	2C
9:55AM	2D
10:10AM	2E
10:25AM	2F
10:40AM	ELC
11:00AM	Recess
11:40AM	1A
11:55AM	1B
12:10PM	1C
12:25PM	1D
12:40PM	1E
12:55PM	1F
1:10PM	ELC
1:25PM	ELC

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST	
Time	Grade
9:10AM	5A
9:25AM	5B
9:40AM	5C
9:55AM	5D
10:10AM	5E
10:25AM	
10:40AM	ELC
11:00AM	Recess
11:40AM	3A
11:55AM	3B
12:10PM	3C
12:25PM	3D
12:40PM	3E
12:55PM	
1:10PM	ELC
1:25PM	ELC
Open to all families 3:30—4pm	

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27th, 28th, 29th August

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

# SPECTACULAR

**MADE OF STARS**



**The Matinee performance  
of the 2019 Victorian State  
Schools Spectacular**

At Melbourne Arena  
Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne

**Saturday 14 September 2019**

Show time: 1.00pm (3 hour duration)

THE  
EDUCATION  
STATE

VICTORIA  
State  
Government

BATS Theatre Company's Production of

# hairspray JR.

Book by **Mark Thomas O'Donnell**      Music by **Marc Shaiman**      Lyrics by **Scott Wittman**      **Marc Shaiman**

[www.batstheatre.org.au](http://www.batstheatre.org.au)

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters  
 Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).  
 All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

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

**Splash's**  
 learn to swim

## ACCELERATE PROGRAM

**2019**  
 Mon 1 July - Thur 4 July  
 Mon 23 Sept - Thur 26 Sept

It is a well researched fact that a short burst of intensive learning accelerates motor skill development

## BOOK TODAY

swim safer for life!

- Small class sizes
- Structured learn to swim lessons
- Dedicated family focused learn to swim facilities
- Graded pool depth and length for all standards
- All swimmers individually assessed
- Life Saving and water safety

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 learn to swim

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**T. (03) 9707 5922**

Our learn to swim program also caters to children of all ages from babies as young as 12 weeks right up to squad level swimmers