

Last day of Term 4
 20th DEC
 School finishes at
 1:30PM. Students to be
 collected no later than
 1:45PM



The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

Issue No 40—WED 18th DEC

TERM 4
 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
16th DEC Grade 1 Cape Schank Excursion	17th DEC Year 6 Graduation 6-7:30PM	18th DEC Prep visit to Casey Fields Year 5 Little Day Out	19th DEC	20th DEC - Last Day Term 4 Final School Assembly @ 12:45PM School Finishes @ 1:30

First day back for 2020 is Wednesday 29th January
First day for Prep students is Thursday 30th January

27th JAN Australia Day Public Holiday Students do not attend	28th JAN Curriculum Day Students do not attend	29th JAN First day back for students grs 1-6	30th JAN First day for Preps	31st JAN
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We'll see you on Wed 29th JAN 2020 for Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy last week of Term 4 2019 everyone. I hope that you have all had a wonderful year and I wish you all a fantastic, safe and relaxing Christmas and holiday time. Thank you for a wonderful 2019 at Hillsmeade Primary School.

FROM THE 2019 SCHOOL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

On behalf of school council I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the leadership team and all of the teachers of Hillsmeade for your tireless efforts throughout the year.

To our graduating class of 2019, we are proud of all you have achieved in your time at Hillsmeade and we wish you every success in the transition to secondary school.

To all of our school community, have a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to another exciting year in 2020.

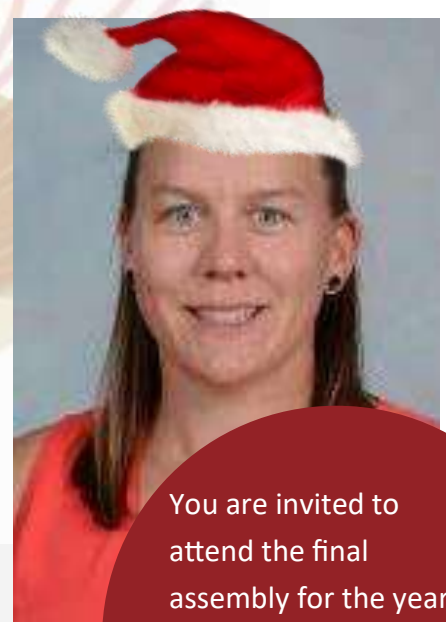
Yours sincerely

Brooke Gniel

President

2019 School Council

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2019 School Council members for their work throughout 2019. Their work has been valued and appreciated. Thank you to School Council President Brooke Gniel, Kelly Suhr, Natalie Hale, Kristy Panayiotou, Vicky Bartuccio, Inez Crowe, Danielle McKelvie, Stewart Johnson and Crystal Wells.



You are invited to attend the final assembly for the year taking place this Friday at 12:45pm in the gym. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you a safe

and happy holiday break!

Xmas raffle
drawn at final
assembly!



ELC CONCERT

ELC Concert

Congratulations to Shiona Watson and the ELC team for a wonderful Kinder Concert taking place on Monday evening on the amphitheatre. It was a wonderful event that was very well attended. The students did an amazing job of presenting to the audience and we were absolutely blown away with their performances.

A huge congratulations to Shiona and the ELC Team. Well done.



STAFF FAREWELLS

Best wishes to the following staff who are moving on to a new adventure in 2020. Thank you for the ways in which you have positively contributed to Hillsmeade Primary School. Your work and support has been appreciated.

Good bye and good luck!

Jenny Ching
Kate McArdle
Catherine Daire
Jeromy Lewier

Toni Barker
Belinda Catanese
Ash Voutier

We will miss you!

Christmas Concert

A huge thank you to all of the families who attended Friday night's Christmas concert. It was a lovely event taking place on our beautiful amphitheatre. A huge thank you to Shiona Watson for coordinating this fantastic event, our Student Leader MC's and our wonderful student performers. Also a huge thank you to staff who supported this event. It was fantastic.

Well done to performers Travis Cole and Jeromy Lewier. Thank you to Travis Cole and Jess Szalek for their efforts on the night.





Congratulations

Well done to Angela Nixon who was successful in her application for a shade sail grant for the school's year 5/6 playground. A big thank you to Jess Szalek and her performers Avia, Tyren, Keely and Zack for developing a song to support the expression of interest.



**Now the sun is so bright
we can't see where we're playing**



**Hoping that they put
some shade up there**



Sebastian 2D: There was lots of people talking in my cabin so I couldn't sleep. We were giggling a lot. It was cheeky fun! The purple mattresses were fluffy and soft.



Emily 2B: Camp was so fun. My highlight was going to the beach. I felt happy when the waves cooled me down. Agaas splashed me but I liked it!



Castiel 2F: When you go on the giant swing you get pulled up to 18m! When you let go it's really fun and I felt funny when I fell and it made me giggle! I was the first one and I was a bit scared but I did it anyway.



Ella 2C: Tree rolling was amazing. There were obstacles and my challenge was to hop on one foot and go backwards even when I was high up in the trees. Then we had to go on the flying fox to get down. It was incredible.



Dillen 2A: The beach was the best part of camp, we got to see some sea jellies and I found some sea snails. I also liked the cabins because they had bunk beds. We were lucky they had air conditioners because it was hot!



GR 2
CAMP



Jayden 2E: We had dinner at camp. I loved the food, it was delicious because we had gravy with it. The chocolate mousse and pancakes were the best!



**Congratulations
Gr 6
Graduates!**



Well Done Gr 3

In SEL the grade 3 students have been discussing all the things they are proud of this year and have written these on their Peacocks.

Some of the reasons they are proud is because:

They completed NAPLAN

They have achieved their goals

They have made new friends

They have been successful in grade 3

They are ready for grade 4

Congratulations grade 3, the teachers are proud of you too!

READING



Miss Carter and Foxy challenge you to read as many Aaron Blabey books as you can!

Summer Challenge



INTERCULTURAL

Special Events

Describe a special cultural holiday that you celebrate with your family over the Summer holidays or a certain time of the year. Include an illustration.

Fun Facts

Investigate a country/culture that you don't know a great deal about. List 3-5 new things that you learn.



Global Seasons

Research the capital cities of five different countries in the world and the season they are in at this point in time.



WRITING

If I invented an ice-cream flavour...

When the weather is hot, we all love a cool and icy treat. Imagine you invented a brand new ice-cream flavour over the Summer holidays. Can you tell us about it? You might want to include:

- Flavour name
- Ingredients
- Step-by-Step recipe
- Where did your inspiration come from?



Story Writing

Write a creative story titled **The mystery of the missing beach towel**. Can you organise your story with characters, a setting and a plot?

Letter Writing

Sometimes we miss our friends and teachers over the holidays. Write a letter to someone you haven't seen for a while. Tell them what you've been doing, what you are looking forward to in 2020 and why you miss them so much.



I read

Aaron Blabey books.

STEAM

Bird Feeder

Design and build a birdfeeder with recycled materials. Make sure there is space for the bird to land and eat the seeds.



Puppets

Use materials at home to make a puppet that moves, bends and twists on your command. Bring it to school to share their story with your friends.



Fly a Kite

Design and make a kite that can fly. Suggested materials: pipe cleaners, cellophane, string, paper, tissue paper, sticky tape, paddle pop sticks.



Summer Challenge



MATHS

Sand Castles

Build a sand castle and count how many buckets of sand it takes to create it. What shapes and 3D objects can you identify in your castle? Can you sketch your castle and label the shapes?



Patterns

Go for a walk and collect objects on your travels (flowers, rocks, sticks etc) and see if you can make a pattern with what you find. Does your pattern repeat? Or can you create a growing pattern? Take a photo or draw your pattern to share with your class in 2020.

Calendar

Create a calendar of the Summer holidays and record something you did each day.



WELLBEING

Bike Ride

Join family and friends for a bike or scooter ride.



Screen Free Day

Have a technology free day! Turn off screens and devices and enjoy some different activities.



Picnic

Join family or friends for a picnic in the park.

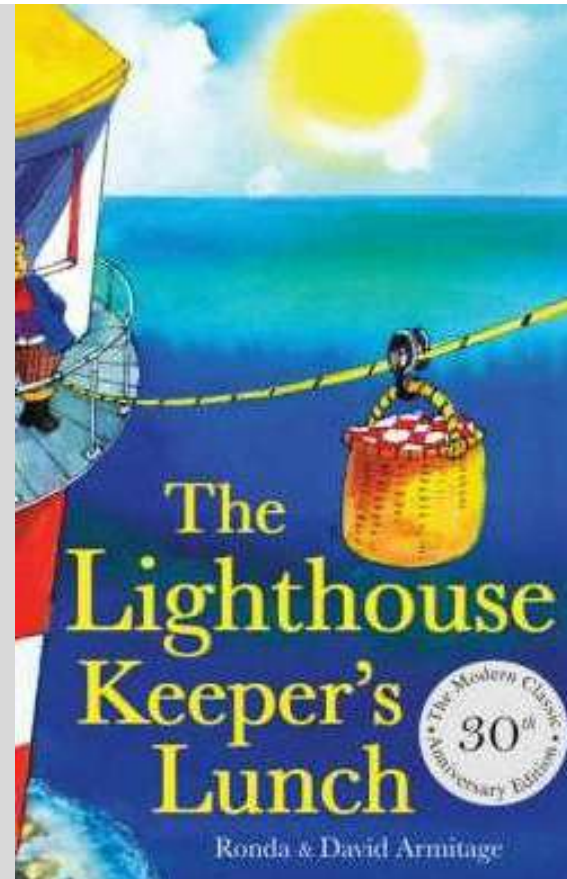


Complete as many challenges as you can, have your parent sign each challenge and return to school for a certificate. Bring a photo to share of you completing a challenge!

GR ONE CAPE SCHANCK

Grade 1 students have been exploring the Lighthouse Keeper series to engage in quality literature and build their understanding of design and technology. As an end of year celebration, we visited one of Victoria's oldest lighthouses, Cape Schanck. Our little ones bravely ventured to the top of the lighthouse, climbing over 60 stairs! We were guided by the 'Lady of the Lighthouse' through the Cape Schanck museum where students created delicate paper boats. As a special treat, we also visited Rosebud Foreshore playground where our students shared the space with other schools, proudly demonstrating our I RESPECT school values. A huge thank you to the enthusiastic family volunteers who attended our fantastic day out!

Grade 1 PLT Team



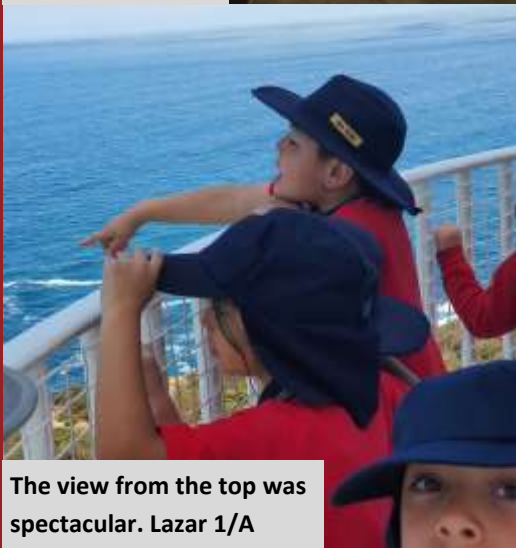
Are we at the top yet? Isla 1/A



I wasn't even scared! Ian 1/A



The light at the top is similar to a car light on high beam. Arlia 1/A



The view from the top was spectacular. Lazar 1/A



I never run out of energy! Isaac 1/E

Year 1 Excursion

Monday the 16th of December

On Monday I went to 2 look outs. Yesterday I went up the Cape Schanck Lighthouse. Then I went to the Rosebud Foreshore Playground. My favourite part was the spinning wheel and the slide. - Riley M 1A



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Last day for lunch orders will be Friday 13th December
- Canteen will be open for counter sales 18th and 19th December with limited stock
- Canteen will reopen Wednesday 5th February 2020

Expression of interest for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2020 (Current Grade 4 & 5's only)

Just a reminder to students that if they are interested in taking part in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2020 a written expression of interest needs to be given to Mrs Scott by the end of school on Thursday. Please include details of why you would like to take part, your dance experience and also demonstrate that you understand your commitment to the project.

Then, on Friday of week 1 (2020) all students who submitted an EOI will be invited to attend an audition. For the audition there is no need to prepare anything, students will learn and perform a dance item altogether, which is the procedure that the Spectacular Team use to choose the ensemble dancers.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lisa Scott – Specialist PLT Leader

A NOTE FROM SICKBAY

Survive the heat this summer with these five simple tips



Drink more water



Never leave anyone in a car



Stay somewhere cool



Plan ahead



Check in on others

MY REFLECTION ON THE LAST 7 YEARS AT HILLSMEADE

PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO READ FOLLOWING

MILAD A **6A**

Hillsmeade,

Hillsmeade to me is my home. Hillsmeade is where I have spent over half of my life. I have been at Hillsmeade for almost a decade. If you are coming to Hillsmeade be prepared for an adventure! 🤖

I have had many many great Teachers like Mrs Monnroy, Miss Ellis, Ms Haworth, Mr MacAdams, Mrs Schultz, Miss Baker, Mrs Sibly and Mr Cole. There are also at Hillsmeade some very helpful staff like Ms Harry, Ms Tooba Aram, Mrs Bray, Miss Smith and Mr Cardemone and the lovely Ms Wells. Oh yes and the lovely office ladies.

Teachers,

Teachers are people who help you start your life you should never ever argue with your Teacher, swear at your Teacher and never ever leave your Teacher. Because all Teacher do truly care about you.

MY MESSAGE TO PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS

Hillsmeade is an amazing space and a very safe environment for everyone. You might come to Hillsmeade thinking school is boring and it is lame But trust me Hillsmeade is the best place to start your life. Trust me you will never want to leave Hillsmeade, Because Hillsmeade is the gates to starting your life.

You only get to live once so please live in peace.



Milad A
2013-2019
6/A Student Representative

A big farewell to our
Gr 6 students.

We wish them all the
best for 2020!

FROM MR CARDAMONE



Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Last week!!! I am sure there are many mixed emotions for everyone, including all the staff at Hillsmeade. It has been a big and eventful year. I just wanted

to thank the Hillsmeade community for being awesome to work with, I have really enjoyed connecting with families to work on and talk about social and emotional learning.

I wanted to say a big 'see you later' to all the Grade 6s and their families, thank you for being a wonderful bunch of students. I wish you all the very best for the future, please come back and let us know how you are going in high school, and remember 'Social and Emotional Learning is everyone's business!'

I wanted to say a big thank you to Alannah Delacy for doing a great job this year as the Social and Emotional Learning school captain. This is the second year that we have had a SEL captain and she certainly has set a very high standard. All the best for your future endeavours Alannah!

This time last year I wrote about the topic TIME. I have added this again as I believe it is only timely to reflect on this. I hope this writing piece is a reminder of the importance of this and how it can have a positive impact on our families. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Last week's topic, no research here, no quotes, no references just a big focus on **time**, yes time. Reflect on how you spend your time now, who with? Where? How? Why? Time is so important I think we forget about it, that we don't get it back, no matter what we do, no amount of money or wishing can bring time back. I believe at times all of us take time for granted, we move through life just ticking over and at times forgetting the most important people in our lives, our families, our children and our very close friends.

I make this a very big focus now and don't compromise. Work, social commitments, sport and other weekly commitments can make it difficult, however we need to build in time with people that matter most to us, especially our children. I honestly think that children spell love a different way, another four letter word T-I-M-E. They say time is money, however I want to make a new line, 'time is love'.

It's a great opportunity with the holidays approaching that we take time to spend with our children and build on our very important family values. Build on the great experiences they have and build memories that no amount of money can buy, memories that create and build family connection. Spending time and being present in the moment with our children is one of the best protective factors that as a family, can create and make our children feel safe, happy and mentally healthy. I know with my little one that's what I will be focusing on.

With that said I wish all families nothing but the best and hope you have an awesome, safe, healthy Christmas and a happy new year. Once again thank you so much and I look forward to working with you in 2020.

And remember Social and Emotional Learning is 'Everyone's business!'

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Mr John Cardamone—Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning

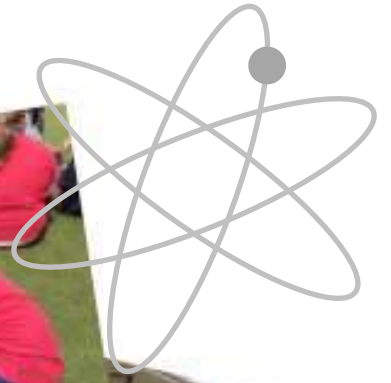
Social



Time spent
with family is
worth every
second!

No amount of
money or success
can take the place
of time spent with
your family.

SCIENCE IN GRADE 2



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The grade 2 students have been exploring STEAM during our inquiry unit this term. As a celebration to conclude the unit, Mrs Bhardwaj and the STEM Gems and STEAM Agents put on an exciting morning which included a variety of STEAM rotational activities. The Agents and Gems confidently explained each activity to the grade 2 students, supervised and supported them during their learning.

We would like to thank them and Mrs B for such a fun way to conclude our unit!





WELL DONE!

This year, we have seen an improvement in 'explained absences'.

This means that you, the families of Hillsmeade, have done an outstanding job of communicating with the school to let us know why students may be absent. Thank you for your ongoing support and communication in regards to student attendance!

2019 Student Attendance Average

Prep	98.93
Year 1	98.78
Year 2	98.68
Year 3	97.95
Year 4	98.55
Year 5	97.85
Year 6	97.86

Attendance Matters

Every student, Every day



JAN 2020

**Koorie School
HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

BOOKINGS OPEN

9am **FRIDAY** the 10th of
DECEMBER

2019

Ages 10 and up

The 'Strong Culture, Good Health' Koorie holiday program is funded to provide young Aboriginal people with the opportunity to participate in social and physical activities that are inclusive of culture.

WEEK ONE

Wednesday 8th January

Aqua Fun Park

Time: 11am - 1pm

Transport Included

BYO snacks & water

Friday 10th January

Big Bash Cricket

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Transport Included. Light meal included.

BYO Snacks & water

WEEK TWO

Wednesday 15th January

Beach Sports Day

Time: 10am - 2 pm

Transport Included. Lunch provided.

BYO snacks & water.

Friday 17th January

Rollerskating

Time: 1:30pm - 4pm

Transport Included.

BYO Snacks & water.

WEEK THREE

Wednesday 22nd January

Adventure Park Geelong

Time: 10am - 4pm

Transport Included. Lunch/snacks provided.

Friday 24th January

Movie (*Spies In Disguise*)

Time: 10am - 12:30pm

Transport Included. Snacks provided

Contact City of Casey

T: 97827378

NRS: 133 677 (National Relay Service)



Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place

TIS: 131 450 (Translating and Interpreter Services)

Upcoming Events

Year Level	Name	Date	Cost	Due Date
Grade 5	Little Day Out	Wednesday 18th December	\$25	2nd Dec
Grade 6	Big Day Out	Thursday 19th December	\$25	12th Dec



RJ Legal



Come and join a 5 star accredited club in the City of Casey. Registrations for season 2020 for all ages, boys and girls are now being taken. For more information see www.hpusfc.com.au or call 0473 008 704



SCHOOL BANKING

Please note there will be no school banking in the last week of term. Gill and Nat, Banking Coordinators

FREE KIDS DENTAL

(Medicare Bulk Bill for eligible children under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme)



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