

Welcome back to school!



The Link

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
3rd FEB	4th FEB	5th FEB Preps do not attend	6th FEB	7th FEB Electives
10th FEB Hillsmeade Swimming Trials Gr 4/5/6	11th FEB	12th FEB Preps do not attend	13th FEB	14th FEB Whole School Assembly
17th FEB	18th FEB	19th FEB Preps do not attend	20th FEB	21st FEB Electives
24th FEB Adaption for Survival— Year 5 Incursion	25th FEB	26th FEB Preps do not attend	27th FEB	28th FEB Whole School Assembly

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Welcome back to 2020. We hope that everyone has had a safe and restful holiday time and that returning families and students are excited about the year ahead.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2020 at Hillsmeade Primary School.



Welcome Preps and New Students and Families

A very big welcome to our new Prep students and new and returning families to Hillsmeade Primary School. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces as we begin the school year.





2020 New Structure

In 2020, we introduce a new daily structure. The addition of a 10 minute home group each morning is an exciting opportunity for classes to build positive relationships, engagement and connectedness to school. Our teachers are working collaboratively to make class home group time a positive start to each day for our students. The new also structure allows for extended learning time in the classroom.

The introduction of new specialist programs provides exciting opportunities for our students. Each class will participate in 4 specialist subjects weekly. This also provides increased collaborative planning and preparation time for teachers to fulfil their important work.

9:00 – 9:10am	Home group
9:10 – 10:10am	Session 1
10:10 – 11:10am	Session 2
11:10 – 11:30am	Recess
11:30 – 12:30pm	Session 3
12:30 – 12:45pm	Lunch eating in classroom
12:45-1:30	Out side play time
1:30 – 2:30pm	Session 4
2:30 – 3:30pm	Session 5



Welcome New Staff

A huge welcome to our new staff to Hillsmeade Primary School; Alisha Kums (ELC), Rachell Dorman (Prep), Wendy Beamish (Prep), Amy Davis (Prep), Casandra Bodie (Year 1), Stephanie O’Dea (Year 2), Amy Monagle (Year 3), Alexandra Hope (Year 3), Bryce Turvey (Year 4), Samantha Aplin (Year 4), Hardev Singh (Year 5), Rebecca Borham (Year 5), Shondale Ferdinands (Year 5), Janelle Struth (PMP) and Stephanie Li (Mandarin).

Upcoming Events

Year Level	Name	Date	Cost	Due Date
Grade 4, 5 & 6	Hillsmeade Swimming Trials	Monday 10/02/20	NIL	Friday 07/02/20



Media Arts

In Media Arts, students will create visual representations that communicate, challenge and express their own and others' ideas, as both artist and audience. They explore their world through the media arts, including film, television, photography, animation and audio. Media Arts is designed to engage and inspire the students, encouraging them to develop their creative and intellectual potential. In Media Arts students make and respond to media using a variety of technology, including cameras, iPads, computers, microphones and editing software. Students will collaborate to create story boards and scripts, photograph and film their subjects, and work together to edit their pieces into their final form. Learning in the Media Arts also helps students to develop understandings of their own and other cultures, and their responsibilities as global citizens. - Travis Cole




Performing Arts

Welcome to Performing Arts. All students will participate in the program for one semester this year. The Drama curriculum aims to develop students confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, risk taking and challenge their own creativity. Learning in Performing Arts involves students making, performing, analysing and responding to drama. When attending Performing Arts the students will be participating in many activities that may include puppet plays, emotions activities, improvisation, drama games, script writing, learning about stage craft, role plays, performing created and already scripted plays and skits, fairy tales and readers theatre. - Danielle McKelvie



PMP - Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) is a program where children take part in activities designed to develop balance, fitness, hand-eye co-ordination, fundamental motor skills and the understanding of concepts (eg. on, in, through, under). PMP helps concentration and enhances brain development by stimulating students' senses through movement.

- Janelle Struth



Hillsmeade Primary School
Growing and Learning Together

Vision

At Hillsmeade Primary School, we aim to continually grow and learn together by supporting individual abilities and excellence in academic achievement, celebrating diverse backgrounds and cultures, and becoming global citizens prepared for the needs and expectations of our ever changing society .



Hillsmeade Primary School
Growing and Learning Together

Mission

To provide a caring, safe and supportive learning environment for children to grow.



In 2020 at Hillsmeade Primary School we are continuing to work towards our school mission, vision and values. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with students, parents and the community to partner in the learning journey.



School Grounds

Over the holidays we have had some wonderful improvements taking place across the school grounds. It has been so wonderful to hear the positive comments from the community about these improved spaces.

FROM MR CARDAMONE



Dear Hillsmeade Community,
Welcome back!!!

It has been great to see everyone back and settled back in school, it has also been great to see the preps so excited about school. I

hope everyone has had a great holiday and were able to spend quality time with family and friends.

We have another big year at Hillsmeade with lots of different events and activities coming up. Please have a watchful eye for these in the link.

We are proud to announce that we have Beth Johnson presenting again at our term 1 parent workshop on What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)? This was an amazing workshop last year and we can't wait for this! Times and dates will be set over the next week or two. Please be sure to sign up as last year we were nearly at full capacity.



This year we are partnering with Foodbank at the start of term 2.

Who is Foodbank? *"Foodbank is Australia's largest food relief organisation, operating on a scale that makes it crucial to the work of the front line charities who are feeding vulnerable Australians. Foodbank provides more than 70% of the food rescued for food relief organisations nation-wide".*

They do amazing work, they will be providing Hillsmeade with our breakfast club supplies, fruit and some lunches. If you would like to find out more about the fantastic work Foodbank provide visit <https://www.foodbank.org.au> If you have any questions, please let me know.

Mr John Cardamone—Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning

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

FROM THE COMMUNITY

A message from Performing Arts

School Production
2020- Let the Game's
Begin...

This week on Friday and Monday next week students from Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to audition for a Lead role and/or supporting role for our School production this year called 'Let the Games Begin'

Students who have shown an interest in auditioning have been given a short piece of dialogue to learn and read out at the auditions being held this Friday. Students who are successful after auditioning will be notified next week.

The Year 4,5,and 6 students will be rehearsing songs, dances and movement this semester which will all be put together to perform the musical production in term three. The school production is an exciting part of the students learning this year.

The Production provides opportunities for students to develop their communication, confidence, performance skills, co-operation, imagination, memory and concentration skills.

- **Danielle McKelvie**

Save the date-
This year our school production will be performed at the Bunjil Place Theatre in Narre Warren at night on Wednesday 29th July with all the students in Year 4, 5 and 6 performing.



The start of the school year is an excellent time to have your child's hearing and vision checked.

Difficulties with hearing and vision can have a serious impact on your child's learning and having a yearly check on these can help address any issues as soon as they arise.

Your GP can offer a basic hearing check and refer you to services for any additional investigation if needed.

One eye exam and vision check is free to medicare card holders annually. Speak to your local optometrist to book this.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Welcome Back!

“Hi everybody, welcome back to Hillsmeade! I hope you all had a fantastic and safe holiday. I cannot wait to see who completed the Summer reading challenge and hear about the exciting stories you have been reading in your new grades. I had to take a picture at the brand new library; I thought I was in Bunjil Place. Speaking of Bunjil Place, make sure you check it out this Thursday the 6th of February for a Harry Potter night of adventures (see details below).

Don't forget about our Hillsmeade Read Alouds. This week Miss Carter read me the funniest story called “*What do they do with all the Poo from all the animals in the Zoo?*” You are going to love it!

Love from Foxy. Teacher Read Alouds -<http://www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au/curriculum/literacy/tea>



<https://www.bunjilplace.com.au/harry-potter-and-goblet-of-fire>



HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

DATE
Thursday 6 February 2020

TIME
Activities in the Library
6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Movie screening at 8.00 pm

LOCATION
Bunjil Place Plaza

TICKETS
Free for all.

BUNJIL
— PLACE —

Breakfast Club

Is run every Tuesday morning at the Canteen from 8:15-8:45 by member of the Hillsmeade staff. Toast and cereal available.



Electives 2020!

ELECTIVES ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER AWESOME YEAR AT HILLSMEADE!

Why? The purpose of the electives program is to enhance students connectedness to school and peers/staff across levels. The sessions are specifically chosen to encourage engagement in hands-on learning and activities to spark interests in varied learning domains. This addresses goal 2 and 3 from our school Strategic Plan around "school connectedness" and "student wellbeing" and our education state targets of raising "Happy, healthy and resilient kids".

When? Electives are held every second Friday afternoon— starting THIS WEEK!
between 2.30-3.30pm with Year 1-6 student (Preps will join in second semester)

How are they chosen? Students have chosen their top 3 preferences from the offered electives and are allocated their highest preference possible according to availability.

What is on offer? Semester 1 electives are...

JUNIOR ELECTIVES	SENIOR ELECTIVES
3D paper craft	3D design and printing
Elements of Design	Art Crew
Growing together!	Arts and Crafts
Have-A-Go Sports - Girls only sports	Be fit Boot camp
Indoor board games/Lego	Board games
Just dance around the world	Computer programming
Kids and Canvas	Environment Club
Mindful colouring	Fun and fabulous craft
ORIGAMI	Gardening
Team game challenges	Growth Mindset Fun
Yoga	Nifty Netball
	Outdoor sports
	Poetry
	Puppets
	Puzzle Time
	Stop motion and digital comics
	Hoop Time
	The Bakers
	Victorian State School Spectacular



In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?



That's when every minute counts the most!

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling, that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



BYOD PROGRAM

Thank you to all of the families who attended our BYOD information session at the end of 2019. We will be holding another information night later this term. In the meantime, if you have already purchased a device, we ask that you please keep them at home. As discussed at the information evening, term 1 is a time for setting up our systems, building staff knowledge of the device management software and ensuring everything is in place to ensure a successful BYOD program. We will notify the community, via the LINK and COMPASS posts, when we are ready for the students to bring in their own devices to be set up with the management system. Thank you for your patience and support as we roll out the BYOD program.



Tuesday 18th February

HILLSMEADE EXPO

and TWILIGHT SPORTS

We welcome all families to a fun and informative evening, showcasing our school!

5:00pm - 5:30pm

Visit our classrooms, new library, our grounds and facilities and teaching and learning corridor displays

BBQ

Sausages \$2.00

Cans of Drink \$2.00

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Twilight Sports



STEM GEMS



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



STEM GEMS seeks to ignite girls' interest and spark their enthusiasm in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics while building core life skills of self-confidence, self-esteem, curiosity, problem solving and risk taking.

Robotics Coding Collaborating Inventing

Creating Reflecting Designing Experimenting



STEM GEMS

Inviting Expression of Interest



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

We are inviting Expression of Interest (Grade 4 girls) for STEM GEMS. This will require participating in activities every Wednesday lunch. Should we receive a large number of Expression of Interests, we will go through the selection process.

For The Student: Name:..... Class:.....

What do you enjoy most about Science, Technology and Maths?

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Why would you like to join STEM GEMS?

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For The Parent: I give permission to my daughter to participate in STEM GEMS.

EOI are due by Friday, 14th February. If you would like any further information regarding STEM GEMS, please contact Mrs Dimple Bhardwaj.

Parent Signature:



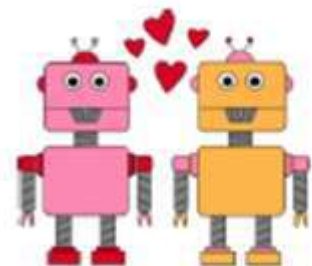
STEAM Agency

STEAM education is the learning of **science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics** in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach.



I can:

- Research
- Plan
- Design
- Create
- Reflect
- Collaborate
- Think creatively
- Team work
- Observe
- Wonder
- Ask questions
- Problem solve
- Improve
- Discover
- Challenge myself
- Persevere





STEAM Agency

Inviting Expression of Interest

We are inviting Expression of Interest (Grade 4 boys and Grade 5/6 students) for STEAM Agency. This will require participating in activities every Monday lunch. Should we receive a large number of Expression of Interests, we will go through the selection process.

For The Student: Name:..... Class:.....

What do you enjoy most about Science, Technology and Maths?

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Why would you like to join the STEAM AGENCY?

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For The Parent: I give permission to my daughter/son to participate in STEAM Agency.

Parent Signature:

EOI are due by Friday, 14th February. If you would like any further information regarding the STEAM Agency, please contact Mrs Bhardwaj.

Start the chat before someone else does



Start the chat about online safety and help make every day a Safer Internet Day!

Join in the Safer Internet Day buzz

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The theme is 'Together for a better internet' and Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents to mark the day by starting family conversations about online safety.

You can download our Safer Internet Day resources at esafety.gov.au/sid and use them to start the chat about online safety with your family.

Explore Australia's online safety hub

Check out eSafety's great range of advice and resources. Get started by visiting our **parents and carers** pages and reading the practical tips for kicking off an online safety conversation. You can also download our **'Parents guide to online safety'** booklet (available in 5 languages), look through **eSafety Kids** with your family or get familiar with our **step by step advice** for reporting different types of online abuse. Find out more at esafety.gov.au

Join our free parent webinar

The session will cover how to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and cyberbullying.

Helping Kids Thrive Online

12th February 2020 at 8:00 PM (AEDT)

14th February at 2020 12:00 PM (AEDT)

Register now at esafety.gov.au/sid/families



eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au/sid

Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



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Update on the coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/information-public-novel-coronavirus>

C.S.E.F.

Do you have a health care card?

You may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (Camps Sports Excursion Fund) which gives each student \$125 per year to go towards Camps, Sports, Excursions and In-cursions at Hillsmeade Primary School.

Applications must be submitted by Friday 19th of June 2020.

Please see the office staff for further information and application forms



FROM THE COMMUNITY

Private Instrumental Music Lessons (Guitar, drums, keyboard)

What: This year we are offering Private Instrumental Music lessons for keyboard, drums, guitar/bass guitar and voice.

When: Lessons are held in class time and last for 30 mins. They will be taken by specialist music personnel: Mr Andrew Schmidt (keyboard & vocal), Mr Jesse King (guitar) and Mr Sean Kelly (drums).

Cost - \$28 for a 30 minute private one on one lesson.

How: If you would like your child to take part in the instrumental music program, enrolment forms can be collected from the school office.



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



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- Tap
- Hip Hop
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- Private Lessons – Singing, Acting, Dance (various styles)

Testimonials from Parents

"The kids love it, the variety of activities that are offered are great fun."

"Stage Creation staff provide a fun and safe environment for my child to try new things."

"We are so amazed at how much our sons confidence, self esteem and personal development has grown."

"Stage Creation gives all students equal opportunities to express their talents and interests."



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THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

On Friday 31st January, we conducted the auditions for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2020.

As part of the process, students were asked to submit a written expression of interest before attending the audition. As a whole group they learned a short dance piece which they performed in front of a panel of staff and the audition was also videoed. After some deliberation the following team of 16 students have been chosen to represent Hillsmeade in the Spectacular 2020:

Kiara S, Ava M, Ruby P, Teagan J, Bianca C, Tenielle B, Skyler S, Michaela C, Chloe H, Eesha T, Santiago G, Ananya T, Alexandria J, Evelyn P, Mia J, Garine N.

The calibre of students auditioning was exceptionally high this year and we thank everyone for being so courageous and supportive of each other. Also, a big thank you to Miss Smith, Miss McKelvie and Mr Cole for being on the panel. - **Mrs Scott Specialist PLT Leader/Music Teacher**

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Give Santa a break, and give the Gift of Entertainment, guaranteed to please. The New Digital Gift Membership is instantly available, valid for 12 months from activation and helps support our fundraiser. Everyone wins, especially Santa! Check out the new 12 month digital memberships at our payment page here

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Fridays:

Hillsmeade Primary School

The Promenade, Narre Warren South

Juniors, 7 to 13 years, 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Teenagers & Adults, 6:30pm to 8:30pm



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Dandenong - Doncaster East

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