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MARCH  
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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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**2020**



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
2nd MAR	3rd MAR	4th MAR PREPS ATTEND	5th MAR	6th MAR Electives Hillsmeade Cross Country
9th MAR LABOR DAY Pubic Holiday, students do not attend	10th MAR Prep Responsible Pet Incursion Gr1 Chicken Hatching	11th MAR Gr 1 Chicken Hatching Prep family picnic	12th MAR Gr 1 Chicken Hatching	13th MAR Gr 1 Chicken Hatching Gr 5/6 Grand Prix Whole School Assembly
16th MAR VSSS Rehearsal #1 for selected students	17th MAR School Tour @ 10am	18th MAR Prep RACV Safety Squad Incursion	19th MAR SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Project Magnet Parent Workshop 6:30PM	20th MAR Electives Free Dress Day
23rd MAR Parent Teacher Conferences	24th MAR Parent Teacher Conferences	25th MAR Parent Teacher Conferences	26th MAR	27th MAR Last Day of Term 1 Whole School Assembly @ 1:30 School finishes @ 2:30

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy Week 6. I hope that everyone is having a wonderful week. A reminder that Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> March is the Labour Day holiday and no students are required at school.

## **Declaration of Poll – School Council 2020**

Thank you to the parents who nominated for election as members of the Hillsmeade Primary School Council for the period of March 2020 to March 2022. Our school community appreciates the eagerness of so many parents to support the school through school council membership.

The following members have been elected to the Hillsmeade Primary School Council through the ballot process.

### **Parent Member - 2 year Term:**

**Victoria Bartuccio (elected through the first call for nominations)**

**Lisa Holmes**

**Kristy Panayiotou**

Congratulations and thanks to those who've nominated and been accepted into these roles and we look forward to their valued contribution to the school community.

### **Senior Cross Country (Year 4, 5 and 6)**

A reminder that this Friday will be our Senior Cross Country. This event involves students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. We wish our runners the best of luck for this event.



## Melbourne Footballers Visit

On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, we had four Melbourne Football players (AFL) attend Hillsmeade to talk about leadership and

how as leaders we can have a positive impact on others and ourselves.

Students had the opportunity to talk about the I-RESPECT values and share their thoughts with the players about what they mean to them and how they display these every day. The players discussed how they display and view leadership. Students participated in team-based games, having a core focus on leadership, teamwork and communication.

This was a positive experience for our student leaders and SRC representative and the members of the Melbourne Football Club.





# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Hillsmeade Happenings

Some photos from this week's Hillsmeade Happenings episode. A reminder to please ask your child's teacher if you would like to view the weekly episode.



Irene & Evelyn

Arts Captains



Year 4  
Media  
Photos



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Young Leaders Day

This year Hillsmeade Primary School is delighted about attending the Young Leaders day by Halogen. Our Year 6 Student leaders will be visiting the Melbourne Exhibition building and will hear from some very exciting speakers. We look forward to our student leaders sharing their learning.

### Dare to be Different @ the Grand Prix

Hillsmeade Primary School is again luck enough to be sending some very excited year 5 and year 6 students to be part of the dare to be different initiative at the Grand Prix next week.

“FIA Girls on Track - Dare to be Different is a global, not-for-profit initiative spear headed by formula 1 development driver Susie Wolff. In Australia the program is backed by Motorsport Australia. We offer school girls aged 8-18 a unique opportunity to participate in our free Girls on Track—Dare to be Different events.

The goal of the program is to grow interest in STEAM subjects and industries amongst school girls with the aim of increasing female participation in these sectors, using motorsport as a tool to expose them to the incredible opportunities and career paths.



20 Mar 2020

## SPEAKERS

### CURRENT



JOHN COUTIS



ERIN MOLAN



JADE SLATER - HOST



BIANCA CHATFIELD



ROVE MCMANUS



SOLLI RAPHAEL

## CASEY TECH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Hillsmeade  
P.S. "Getting  
better at  
getting better!"

On Monday, all Year P-3 teachers went to Casey Tech for their professional learning on Chemical Sciences. Casey Tech School delivers innovative and real-world education programs in partnership with local industries and community groups, helping to prepare students for the jobs of the future. We engaged in activities looking at teaching chemistry concepts in the early years. It was wonderful to look at the stages of inquiry-based learning and what this looks in our classrooms.

—Dimple Bhardwaj



### What were your main takeaways from today's professional learning?

Amy Monagle: That exploring chemical science through simple collaborative activities is an effective way to highlight student understanding and promote learning from each other and deeper thinking.

Amy Davis: That looking at chemistry is more than just chemicals. It about the properties of everything and what makes each thing unique.

### What activities/practical ideas would you like to implement in your Chemical Sciences unit next term?

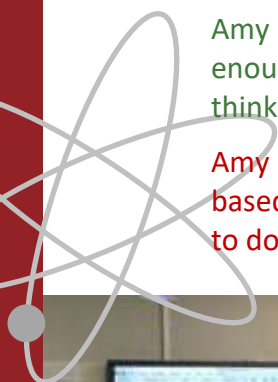
Amy Monagle: As a grade 3 team we were discussing implementing the Elsa Frozen hands activity and exploration of materials activities.

Amy Davis: I would love to implement the properties brainstorm activity that we did but get the preps to draw instead of write.

### Next steps- what future learning opportunities would help us deliver excellence in teaching Science at Hillsmeade?

Amy Monagle: Yesterday was really helpful. Science is one subject that I don't feel like I know enough about and so days like yesterday really helped with my confidence for teaching science. I think that providing PD's that help spark ideas and activities for our students is really helpful!

Amy Davis: Some professional learning on how to make science really hands on and inquiry based so that's students are asking their own questions and answering them. I'm not sure how to do this with preps.



### Excel Professional Learning

On Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February some staff engaged in an early morning Excel professional learning opportunity led by our Business Manager Stewart Johnson. It was a wonderful professional learning opportunity, with data, formula, and even some donuts.



Please bring a gold coin donation to Free Dress Day. Money raised will be used to purchase Easter Raffle prizes



HILLSMEADE PRIMARY

# Easter

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY  
MARCH  
20TH

Free Dress Day



# “FOXY’S BOOKMARK COMPETITION”

Congratulations to all our winners from

“Foxy’s Bookmark Competition”.

Foxy and I were blown away with the effort and creativity students put into their bookmarks. It made our decision extremely difficult.

Stay tuned to find out how you can win your very own copy of our winners bookmarks.

- Miss Carter



## FROM MR CARDAMONE



Good afternoon Hillsmeade Community,

I hope the week has been a positive one so far.

**Don't forget to sign up for our parent workshop later this term!**

We are very lucky to have back Beth Johnson presenting What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)?

There will be discussion time, opportunities to share successful strategies you use at home and share questions or challenges you may be experiencing.

This was a full house last year!!! **Please register for the seminar** with your name (and anyone else you are coming with) on Compass or at the front office by March 16<sup>th</sup> **9704 6313** or [hillsmeade.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hillsmeade.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**Please see the attached brochure for more information.**

Last week I shared some information on social and emotional learning and this week I will share some information on the five key areas of social and emotional learning.

The model (right diagram) defines five social and emotional skill areas essential for the development of good mental health.

The below information is from the BeYou website <https://beyou.edu.au/>

### *"Self-awareness*

*This is the ability to recognise and understand your own emotions, thoughts and values, and understand how they affect your behaviour. It's about understanding and assessing your personal strengths, and understanding that abilities and intelligence can be developed and improved. The main skills include:*

- *identifying emotions*
- *self-perception*
- *understanding strengths*
- *self-confidence*
- *self-efficacy*

### **Self-management**

*This is the ability to manage and regulate your emotions and behaviour, including managing stress, controlling impulses and keeping yourself motivated. The main skills include:*

- *impulse control*
- *stress management*
- *self-discipline*
- *self-motivation*
- *goal-setting*
- *organisational skills*

### **Social Awareness**

*This is the ability to understand and empathise with people from a range of diverse backgrounds, and to understand social and ethical norms of behaviour. The main skills include:*

- *perspective-taking*
- *empathy*
- *appreciating diversity*
- *respect for others*

### **Relationship skills**

*These involve the ability to develop and maintain healthy and positive relationships with others. They include the ability to communicate clearly, listen, cooperate, resist peer pressure and negotiate conflict. The main skills include:*

- *communication*
- *social engagement*
- *relationship building*
- *Teamwork*

### **Responsible decision-making**

*This is the ability to make informed and responsible decisions about personal behaviour and social interactions with others, based on adherence to ethical standards, safety concerns and social norms. The main skills include:*

- *identifying problems*
- *analysing situations*
- *solving problems*
- *self-evaluation*
- *self-reflection*
- *ethical responsibility*

**John Cardamone**  
Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning

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

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.



# PROJECT MAGNET

## PARENT WORKSHOP



## ‘What is Autism and ADHD?’

Hillsmeade Primary School is excited to announce our next parent workshop, What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)? presented by Dr. Beth Johnson and Ms. Rachael Knott

**What:** This workshop will explore what Autism and ADHD are, how they are diagnosed, support and treatments available, and current research.

**When:** 19<sup>th</sup> of March 6:30pm – 7:30pm (seated by 6:20pm)

**Where:** Hillsmeade Primary School staffroom

**About the MAGNET Project:** The MAGNET Project is a federally funded research program aiming to reduce time to diagnosis for autism and ADHD. They need 1000 families from across Victoria who have a typically developing child, or a child with ASD and/or ADHD to take part in this important research. The MAGNET project team will be working with Hillsmeade Primary School throughout 2020. All families will receive a clinical report once they have participated.

You can find out more about the MAGNET Project at <https://www.monash.edu/turner-institute/research/project-magnet> for more information or register at <https://tinyurl.com/monashmagnet/>

**Why:** Hillsmeade Primary School is partnering with the Turner Institute of Brain and Mental Health, Monash University and Monash Children’s Hospital to support the Monash Autism/ADHD Genetics and Neurodevelopment (MAGNET) Project. In exchange, the MAGNET team are giving back to Hillsmeade and the City of Casey community through workshops for families with information about the latest scientific research.

Through these workshops, we hope to not only strengthen our partnership with families but also the connections between the families and Hillsmeade. There will be discussion time, opportunities to share successful strategies you use at home and share questions or challenges you may be experiencing.

Please register for the seminar with your name (and anyone else you are coming with) on Compass or at the front office by March 16<sup>th</sup> 9704 6313 or [hillsmeade.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hillsmeade.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**Cost: NO COST**

## ICC WRITING COMPETITION

Over 120 students entered our recent writing competition to win a double pass to 2020 ICC Women's T20 Final. We were amazed at the thoughtful and creative responses students delivered, answering the prompt:

*Who is your favourite sportsperson and how do they show our IRESPECT school values?*

Congratulations to the following students who won:

- Miss Nicole Page



### Grade 2

Olivia M—2C

Paige D—2B

Jaden M-2B

Rhys C—2E

### Grade 4

Mehran A—4A

Zachariah A- 4A

Owen H- 4C

Evana L—4D

William M- 4D

### Grade 3

Sienna F—3D

### Grade 5

Anika A—5D

Sam L- 5A

### Grade 6

Cooper S—6A

Chloe K—6A

Bailey P- 6C



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be held on Thursday 19th March for the whole school.

School photos can be ordered online with the following instructions. Prices range from \$27 - \$53.

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

**Step 1:** Go

to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code **LG3 X97 85R**

**Step 2:** Enter your student's details

**Step 3:** Choose the package that best suits your needs

**Step 4:** Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

If you would like to pay using cash please collect an envelope from the office.

This envelope is to be handed to the photographer on the day with the correct money enclosed. No change will be available.

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photography & print specialists



## 2020 Photo Day

### Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

#### Hillsmeade Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 19-03-2020

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 18-03-2020 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 **Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [LG3 X97 85R]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\* Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

#### 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [LG3 X97 85R]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [18-03-2020]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

#### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

**ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE**

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you **Do Not** wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

## FROM THE COMMUNITY



Bunjil Place  
Theatre  
Narre Warren  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

**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 Incursions at Hillsmeade Primary School.

**Applications must be submitted by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.**

Please see the office staff for further information and application forms.

## Upcoming Events

Year Level	Name	Date	Cost	Due Date
Grade 4/5/6	Hillsmeade Cross Country	Friday 6th March	NIL	Not Required
Grade Prep	Responsible Pet Incursion	Tuesday 10th March	NIL	Tuesday 3rd March
Grade 1	Chicken Hatching	Tuesday 10th— Friday 20th March	\$9.00	Wednesday 4th March
Grade 4/5/6 Selected Students	Division Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 11th March	NIL	Wednesday 4th March
Grade Prep	Grade Prep Family Picnic	Wednesday 11th March	NIL	Not Required
Grade 5/6	Grand Prix Excursion	Friday 13th march	\$9.50	Wednesday 26th February
Grade 5/6 Selected Students	Victorian State School Spectacular Rehearsal	Monday 16th March	TBA	TBA
Grade Prep	RACV Safety Squad Incursion	Wednesday 18th March	NIL	Not Required
Grade 5/6 Selected Students	National Young Leaders Day	Friday 20th March	NIL	Monday 16th March





**WELL DONE YEAR 5**

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# Science Talent Search



## Permission for STS 2020

I am interested for my daughter/son to participate in the 2020 Science Talent Search.

First Name .....Last Name.....

Class..... Contact number of Parent/Carer.....

Our Project Title.....

Section we have chosen is.....

Entry fees: Individual \$8 per entry through Compass

Parent Signature: .....

Please check the website for all details of this competition by visiting [http://](http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/forStudentParent.html)

[www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/forStudentParent.html](http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/forStudentParent.html)

Thank you,

Learning Specialist STEAM

Dimple Bhardwaj





## FROM THE COMMUNITY



## National Close the Gap Day Community Celebration

# FAMILY FUN DAY

Come and join us to acknowledge National Close the Gap Day and launch of the Derrimut Weelam Gathering Place smoke free policy. All welcome.

**Saturday**  
**21 March 2020**  
**11am - 3pm**

**Derrimut Weelam**  
**Gathering Place**  
(Mordialloc Life Saving Club)  
199 Beach Rd, Mordialloc

For more information contact  
Chris Edmonds 8587 0289 or  
cedmonds@smpcp.org.au

### Free activities held throughout the day:

- Music
- Story Telling
- Face Painting
- Jumping Castle
- Bush Food
- Local health and social services information stands

### PLUS

**11:30 am** Welcome to Country  
and  
Smoking Ceremony  
**1:00 pm** Traditional Dance

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## Koolin-ik ba Kirrip- buluk (Family & Friends), a NAIDOC Week Celebration



## Save the Date

Wed 8 July, 10am – 2pm

**Fun cultural activities • music • dance  
free BBQ • entertainment for the whole family**

### Interested in volunteering?

Contact Ellen Wachter, Project Officer, Windermere  
ellen.wachter@windermere.org.au

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## FROM THE COMMUNITY



ALKIRA  
COLLEGE



SECONDARY

**YEAR 7 2021**

**OPEN NIGHT**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents and future attend this Open Night Theatre on **Tuesday 5:30pm** and ending at



students are invited to to be held at the Alkira **24<sup>th</sup> March** beginning at **7pm**.

On the night, parents College, hear about special programs including information on the application process into these programs (Masterclasses, Sports Academy).

will be able to tour the

Information about these are also available on the should note that 2021 must live within School Zone (as



programs and applications college website. Parents students coming to Alkira in the designated Alkira determined by the Dept. of

Education). Parents with siblings already at Alkira are exempt from this zone.



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- 9704-7324



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Chris Newman  
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Captain

Matt Boyd  
2016 Premiers  
Western  
Bulldogs

Tom Scully  
2009  
No.1  
Draft Pick

Kara Donnellan  
Inaugural  
Fremantle  
AFLW Captain

Contact Helen (Registrar)

[registrations@nwjfc.com.au](mailto:registrations@nwjfc.com.au)

Home Ground: Sweeney Reserve

Narre Warren

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team if you would  
like to place an ad  
in the newsletter.