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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

We are committed to remote learning that is:

REASONABLE
PURPOSEFUL
CONSISTENT
SUSTAINABLE

**Upcoming
 Return to
 School for:
 Preps, Gr 1 & 2**

MON MAY 25th	TUES MAY 26th	WED MAY 27th	THUR MAY 28th	FRI MAY 29th
Statewide Curriculum Day. No students on site or remote learning posted to families .	Grades Prep, 1 & 2 return to onsite learning.	Grade Prep, 1 & 2 onsite learning.	Curriculum Day No students on site or remote learning posted to families.	Grade Prep, 1 & 2 onsite learning. Virtual Assembly Posted to COMPASS.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy week 5 everyone. I hope that everyone had a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope that the little tea bag template made it your homes in time for the special day.

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

In the **first stage**, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, senior secondary (Year 11 and 12 VCAL and VCE) students and all students in specialist schools will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.

Year 10 students undertaking VCE studies, including VCE VET studies, should also attend school for those classes where practicable. If this is not possible for your child/children, our teachers will make sure the work provided to students attending at school is also provided to your child/children.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day.

In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9 June.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal.

This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, including staggered school start and finish times (to be confirmed);

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- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students;
- the way we conduct parent-teacher meetings and interviews

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

Hillsmeade Home Learning Portal



A reminder that there are some amazing resources and links on the Hillsmeade Home Learning Portal which is accessible through our school website. This space has a range of supports that are available to students and families to support learning.

<https://www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au/hlp/>

Virtual Assembly

Did you catch our last virtual assembly? Congratulations to our award winners and wristband recipients!

<https://vimeo.com/user101352237>

The Reading Support Portal

Please take the time to visit the Reading Support Portal, via the Hillsmeade Home Learning Portal. This is a wonderful space created by our Intervention Team to support positive engagement in Reading. This space is updated regularly and provides fantastic resources and prompts to support learning. A huge thank you to our Intervention Team Members: Angela Cooper, Evelyn Schultz, Jo Monroy, Meg Yates and our Teaching and Learning Assistant Principal Sarah Smith for this amazing resource.



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 19th of June 2020.

Send us email for a digital application form.

FROM MISS TOOBA

والدین گرامی ہلسمیڈ،
امید ہمہ صحت و محفوظ بائین .

ما اخیراً اعلامیہ ریس دولت ایالت وکٹوریا دنیل اندریوز، دوبارہ مکتب را شنیدیم.

قسمیکہ قبل پلان شدہ، دوشنبہ ۲۵ می ۲۰۲۰ و پنجشنبه ۲۸ می ۲۰۲۰، روز پلان درسی میباشند. در این دو تاریخ، شاگردان به مکتب نمی آیند.

شاگردان پریپ، صنف اول و صنف دوم، بروز سه شنبه ۲۶ می ۲۰۲۰، دوبارہ مکتب را آغاز میکنند. شاگردان صنف سه، صنف چار، صنف پنج و صنف شش، بروز سه شنبه ۹ جون ۲۰۲۰، دوبارہ مکتب آغاز میکنند.

مستون از همکاری همه ای شما در طول این مدت .

READING @ HOME

From Ms Monroy

During remote learning we can continue to read. Here are some ideas and tips on how to support your child:

- Encourage your child to read in a different place in the house – help them to create a reading fort or take a book outside and enjoy the sunshine.
- Set aside a special 'reading' time.
- When reading, position yourself so your child can see the words and the pictures.
- You can help your child identify and remember words and sounds.
- Read stories aloud to your child with expression, or try putting on the voices of characters. This will help make reading fun.



Teacher Read - Alouds

A huge thank you to our Reading Learning Specialist Tabitha Carter for leading the teacher read alouds. It has been so wonderful to hear some classic stories read aloud by our Hillsmeade Primary School staff, available on our website.



DID YOU KNOW?

Supported Play at Hillsmeade

During recess and lunch play times, the Education Inclusion Support team explore opportunities to model, scaffold and support students with developing their prosocial skills through play and social experiences. These fundamental skills help students learn how to interact with others in a positive and safe manner and increase their confidence and encourage resilience. We encourage this through ball games, team sports, social activities and learning experiences. Look out for more 'Snapshots' from Supported Play experiences and ideas on how to support children through play in future newsletters.

- Ms Tania Agnew

FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Yes we can do it! Ice Fishing.

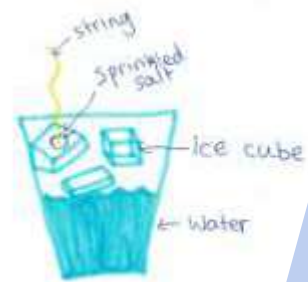
Salt lowers the freezing point of water to below 0 degrees Celsius. When you added salt to the ice cube, it melts a thin layer on top of the ice cube. The water cooled down further and re-froze around the string. - Ms Bhardwaj

Mezghaan 5C

What was the magic ingredient Mrs B sprinkled?
Salt

Why does the string stick to the ice?
The salt melts on the ice and the string sticks.

The reason why I picked salt is because I have tried this and I used salt but it WORKED!

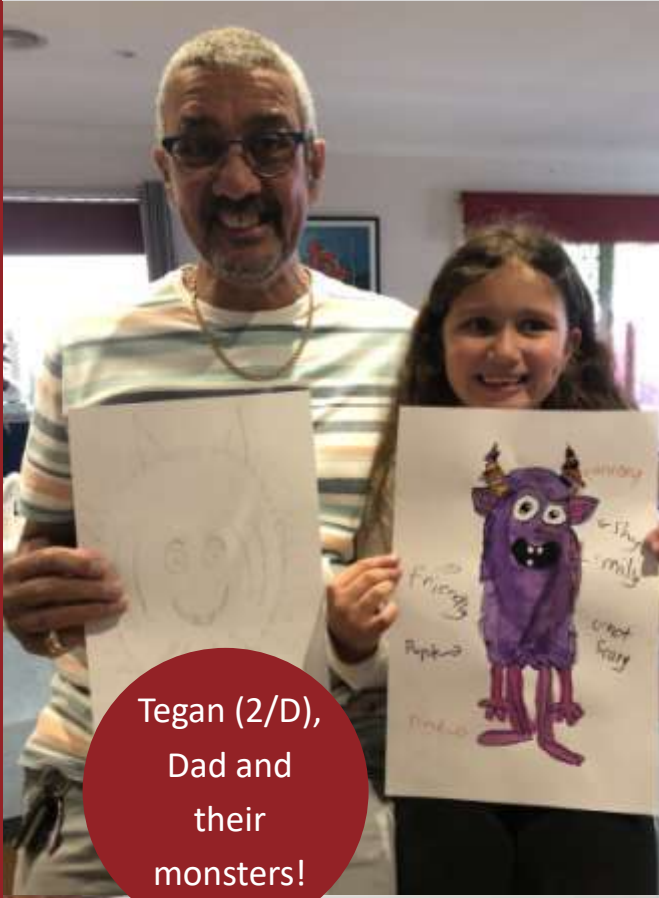


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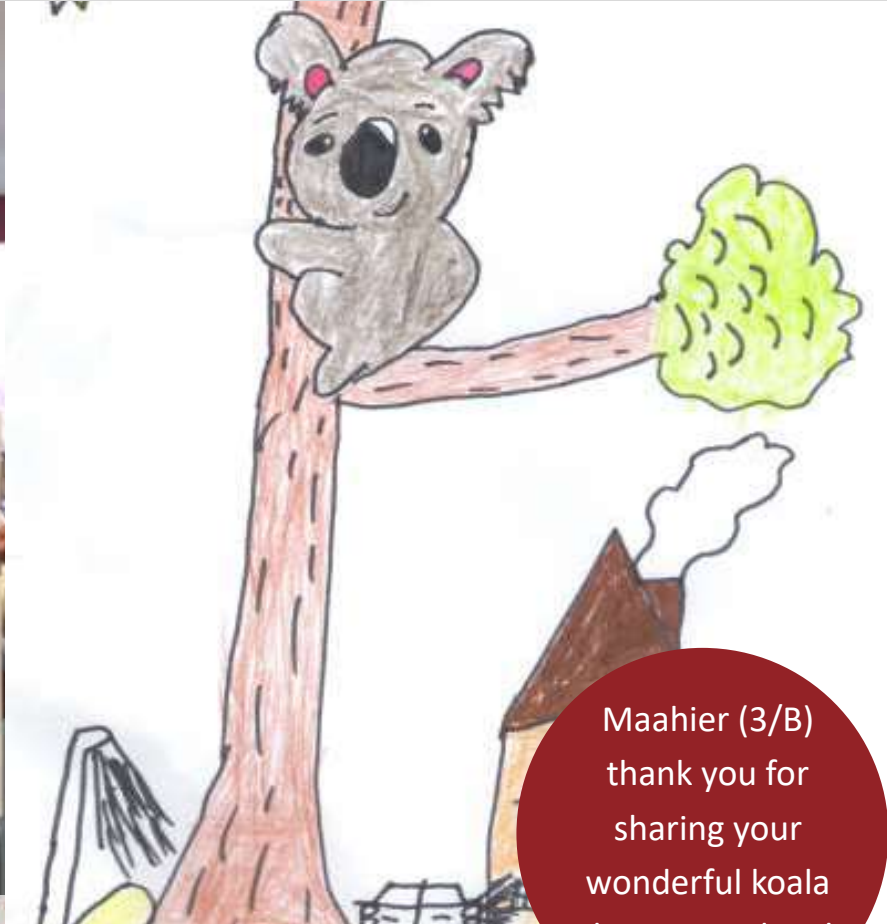
- Mezghaan S 5C
- Tiahlie H 3D
- Jehtt H Prep C
- Maahia S 3B
- Abhinav 2C
- Shaileshwar S 5C
- Samuel R 3A
- Joshua R Prep A
- Ella R Prep A
- Mia J 5C
- Teagan J 6D
- Ruby 5C



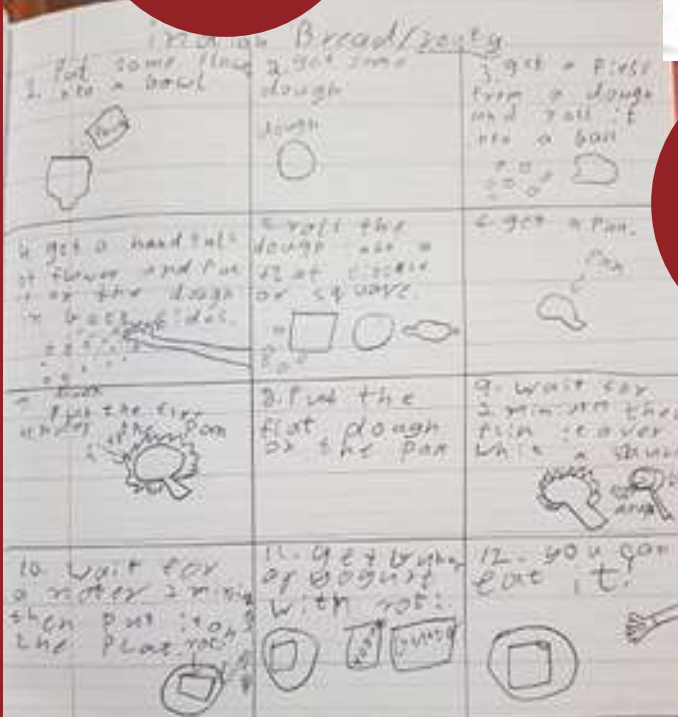
We know that Term 2 is unlike any other Term 2 we have had in our school. But, we are all in this together. Please enjoy the below shared images of our students positively engaging in remote learning. We are so proud of our school community and the way we are all supporting each other during this testing time.



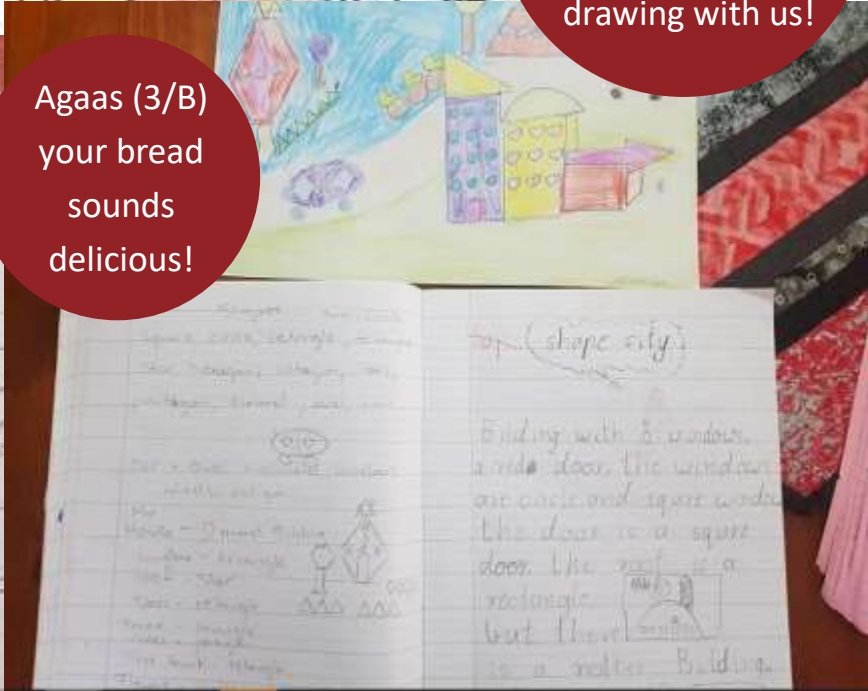
Tegan (2/D),
Dad and
their
monsters!



Maahier (3/B)
thank you for
sharing your
wonderful koala
drawing with us!



Agaas (3/B)
your bread
sounds
delicious!



We would love to see photos of families learning from home!

Email us at hillsmeade.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

FROM MR CARDAMONE



Good Afternoon
Hillsmeade Community,
I hope the week has been
a positive one for you and
your family. We are
nearly half way through
the term and hopefully

the Link articles I have been sharing have
been helpful and useful for you and your
family. Please let me know if there is a
particular topic that you would like
information on and I will endeavour to
pass that onto you.

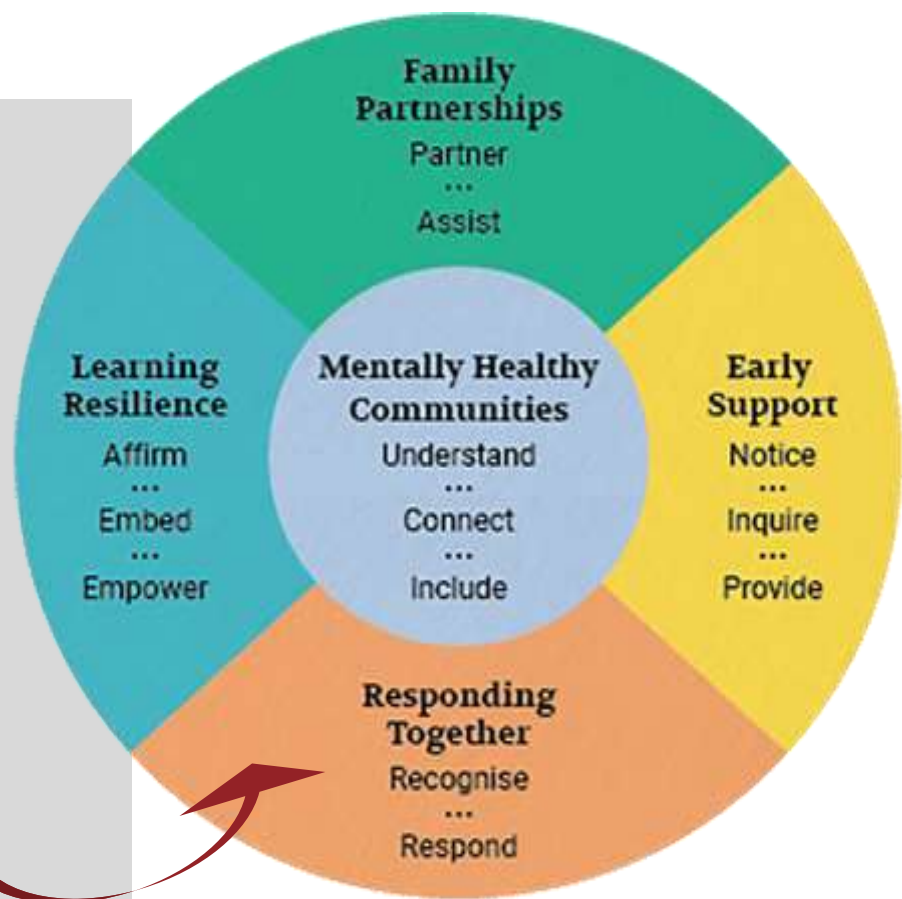
As you might be aware we are a Be You
school. Be You is a framework that
focuses on five domains which covers
mental health and wellbeing for our
students, staff, families and our
community. It's important that we become
familiar with this as it will be a big focus over the
coming years at Hillsmeade.



*“Growing a mentally
healthy generation.*

*Be You provides educators with knowledge,
resources and strategies for helping children and
young people achieve their best possible mental
health.”*

Last year all staff engaged in professional
learning from the domain ‘Mentally Healthy
Communities’. This semester we have been
engaged in ‘Learning Resilience’. We just had
our staff meeting on this professional learning
which was a great opportunity to reflect and
discuss our practices in building resilience in our
children.



Domain 1: Mentally healthy communities

Domain 2: Family partnerships

Domain 3: Early support

Domain 4: Learning resilience

Domain 5: Responding together

I am proud to share with you that Hillsmeade is
one of 3 schools chosen from Victoria to
present to a national special showcase
celebrating our commitment mental health and
wellbeing along with being a committed Be You
school. Only 3 schools from every state will
share. This is a major achievement by everyone
in our community, sharing a common vision,
commitment and purpose to the mental health
and wellbeing for our staff, children, families and
the community.

This is a great opportunity to share and reflect
on the amazing work we have achieved,
however we must not be complacent as this vital
work never stops. I wanted to thank each and
every one of you for helping and contributing to
our successes so far. I always look forward to
promoting and raising awareness in this space.

- **Mr John Cardamone, Leading Teacher SEL**

FROM SQUIGGLE

Hi Hillsmeade,

I'm so excited to announce that from now on, I will be known as **Squiggle**! Thank you to the many Hillsmeade authors who suggested names for me and told me why they love writing at our school!



Check out my party! I invited some new friends!

Miss Page and I had a party to celebrate my awesome new name. While we partied, Miss Page and I wondered how students and their families are celebrating special events together from home. Can you please write me a letter with illustrations or photos, sharing how you are celebrating special

events from home. These could be birthdays, Mother's Day, cultural events or just enjoying time with the people you love. An adult can scribe for our junior Hillsmeade authors too!

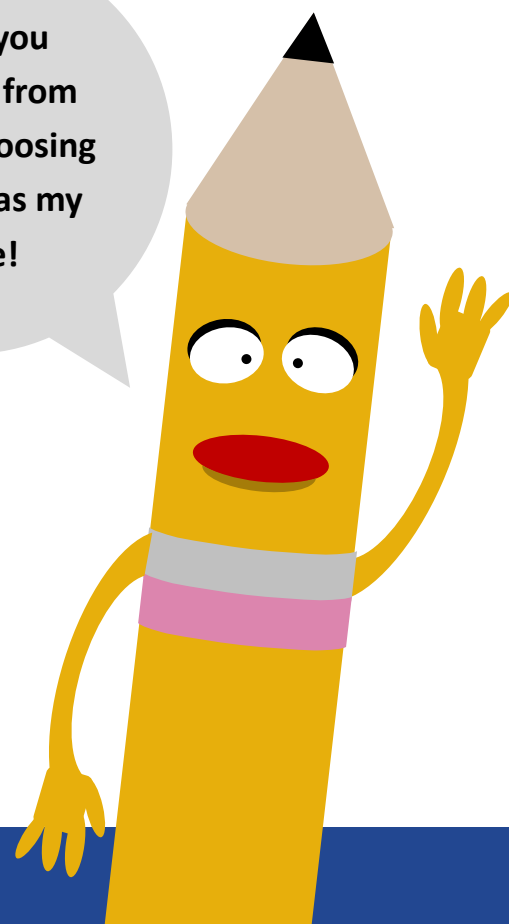
Please send your ideas and thinking to npage@hillsmeade.vic.edu.au by Monday 18th May. We have some cool writing prizes to share with excellent authors!

We can't wait to see and read more of your writing.

Keep on smiling,

Squiggle

**Thank you
Emanuel from
3/A for choosing
Squiggle as my
name!**



READING CLUB REMOTELY

Ms Bodie reads *The Highway Rat*



This week we are asking you to watch Ms Bodie's read aloud "The Highway Rat" on the Hillsmeade website.

Please send your creations to Miss Carter and Mrs Patolo and you may be featured in the next Hillsmeade

Happenings:

tcarter@hillsmeade.vic.edu.au



INTRODUCING!

Our brand new chapter read alouds released each Friday evening.

There's nothing I love more than curling up in bed and reading a good book, especially when it's too cold to go outside.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

HILLSMEADE HEROES

Prep A	1/A	2/A	3/A	4/A	5/A	6/A
Robert C	Nathaniel K	Leo J	Samuel R	Brenna M	Hayden F	Ethan H
Wynta M	Joshua B	Eden A	Erica L	Simarjeet K		Zarah A
Prep B	1/B	2/B	3/B	4/B	5/B	6/B
Neha J	Yuvray S	Marcel M	Jayden H	Noori A	Blake R	Denise V
Aidyn M	Reina L	Jaden M	Sean A	Xavier T	Angelica T	Hayden S
Prep C	1/C	2/C	3/C	4/C	5/C	6/C
Austin W	Milla C	Yalda N	Shaaru P	Kaeden P	Logan D	Alexandria J
	Macey C	Setaish Q	Issaiah H	Erin G	Mezghaan S	Caelan L
Prep D	1/D	2/D	3/D	4/D	5/D	6/D
Hudson H	Vaughn B	Kiki X	Tiahlie H	Amelia S	Ali B	Mark S
Julian M	Jayda T	Arfan R	Allen K	Azzy S	Lilly E	Mahdia J
Prep E	1/E	2/E	3/E	4/E	5/E	6/E
Cooper T	Kini X	Jackson B	Orzal H	Cameron T	Shae O	Hannah A
Maddie M	Riley H	Emily M		Mabel J	Moneil S	Tom D
Prep F		2/F				
Isabella K		Nyepar L				
Abrish S		Lazar V				

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Sulaiman T 1/D **Hudson M Prep C**
Sarah A 1/A **Chloe M 1/A**
Lily C 1/A **Subaga S 2/D**
Brenna M 4/A
Lily M 2/F
Riley M 2/A

DIGITAL CERTIFICATES

Please send us an email if you would like a digital .pdf copy of your child's Hillsmeade Hero certificate.

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FROM THE CANTEEN

One Pot Banana Cake

Prep Time: 10 min

Cook Time: 40 min

Total Time: 50 min

Ingredients

- 125 grams Butter
- 2 Ripe Bananas
- 1 Egg
- 1/4 cup Milk
- 1 1/2 cups Self raising flour
- 3/4 cup Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla essence (works without)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 170 degrees Celsius (oven temps may vary)
2. Melt butter, sugar and vanilla in a saucepan.
3. Remove saucepan from heat and put in mashed bananas.
4. Add egg and mix well. Stir in flour, add milk and mix lightly.
5. Bake in tin of choice for approx 40 mins.

Enjoy!

We would love to see your finished creations!

Please email pictures to
canteen@hillsmeade.vic.edu.au

There will be a prize awarded to 1 lucky participant for each recipe!



FROM THE SICK BAY

Are You Drinking Enough Water?

- Water is essential to most bodily functions.
- The body has no way to store water and needs fresh supplies every day.
- The best source of fluids is fresh tap water.
- A child will need different amounts of fluid, depending on their age and gender.
- Women should have about two litres (eight cups) of fluids a day, and men about 2.6 litres (10 cups).
- Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding need more fluid each day than other women.
- Dehydration can happen when the body's fluids are low. It can be life threatening, especially to babies, children and the elderly.

