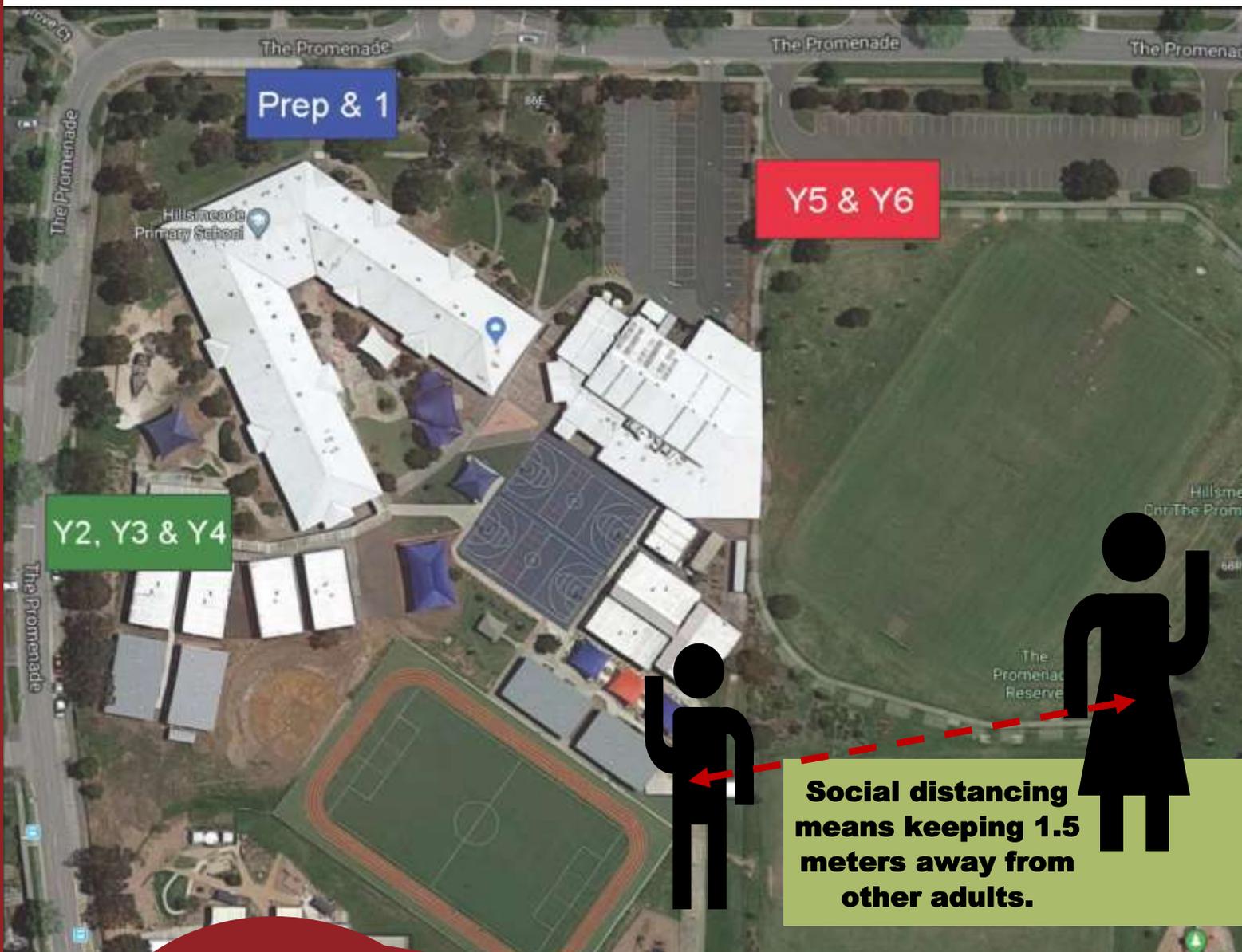


IMPORTANT INFORMATION



More than one child?

Students are to enter and exit via the eldest's gate.



Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school each day.

ENTRY POINTS AS OF TUES JUNE 9TH

Gates will be supervised from 8:30am each morning.

Students will be able to be collected from the exit points from 3:20pm.

Parents are to remain outside of the fence line adhering to distancing measures.



Overdue:

A reminder that Year 7 transition forms were due to the office May 29th. Please return them ASAP, if you haven't already done so.

Enrol NOW for 2021!

Email us for an enrolment pack @
hillsmeade.ps@education.vic.gov.au

The Link

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 JUNE 8th	TUES JUNE 9th	WED JUNE 10th	THUR JUNE 11th	FRI JUNE 12th
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY. Student's do not attend	Grades 3-6 return to school for on-site learning.	Grades 3-6 return to school for on-site learning.	Grades 3-6 return to school for on-site learning.	Grades 3-6 return to school for on-site learning.
MON JUNE 15th	TUES JUNE 16th	WED JUNE 17th	THUR JUNE 18th	FRI JUNE 19th
				Virtual Assembly Posted to COMPASS
MON JUNE 22nd	TUES JUNE 23rd	WED JUNE 24th	THUR JUNE 25th	FRI JUNE 26th
				Last day of Term 2 Student's finish at 2:30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Hillsmeade Community,

A huge welcome back to all of our students across Prep – Year 6. We are so excited to have you back at school, we have missed you. Happy Week 9. Term 2 has really flown by, and it certainly has been unlike any other Term 2 we have experienced.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support, care and hard work of our parents and carers. Your work throughout the remote learning period has been appreciated. During these unprecedented times it has been especially important to stay connected and partner together. On behalf of the staff of Hillsmeade we say THANK YOU!

A big thank you for also supporting the changes to drop off and pick up areas. We really do appreciate the support in keeping our community healthy and safe.

Hillsmeade Happenings

Each week for the remainder of this term we will post out the link for our weekly Hillsmeade Happenings episode that is coordinated by Mr Travis Cole and our Year 6 Student Leaders. We are excited to have our Year 6's back on site and ready to support the episodes.

This week's episode can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/427190023/9d888d45f3>

Virtual Assembly

For the remainder of this term our assembly will continue to be presented virtually. Last week's virtual assembly can be viewed via <https://vimeo.com/426119718/4845eaf5a7>

Electives

Our Year 1 – 6 electives will not run for the remainder of this term. Students will remain in their normal home group classes for this alternate Friday afternoon session.

Excursions and Camps

Based on Department of Education advice excursions and camps for this term will not go ahead. The leadership team is continuing to review all department advice regularly and will continue to communicate this with the community. We understand that these activities and events are important, and are planning for opportunities later in the year to include these where we can, and in alignment with further DET advice.

Student Reports

Semester 1 student reports will be available for families via COMPASS on Thursday the 25th of June. This report will also include teacher comments around student engagement during remote learning.

Do you have a student loan device?

A friendly reminder to all families with a loaned student device/s to please return them to the office along with the charger at your earliest convenience, once your child has returned to onsite learning. Thank you to those who have already done so.





Department of Education and Training

Office of the Secretary

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East Melbourne Victoria 3002
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Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around handhygiene

and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Atta
Secretary
Department of Education and Training

Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for parents, carers and guardians

Advice for parents about the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 Information

A reminder that the Department of Education website has information available regarding the response to COVID-19.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

About the staged return to on-site schooling

Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools can begin a staged return to on-site schooling.

Management of coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools

Information about school actions and responses if parents, close family, staff or students are or had contact with a confirmed case.

School bus services

Services will operate as normal on all Victorian school bus networks. Your school will be notified if this advice changes.

Advice for parents of trainees and apprentices

Ongoing advice regarding changes to TAFE, traineeships and apprenticeships during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Learning from home

Until Friday 5 June, students in Grade 3 - Year 10 will continue to learn from home. Ongoing advice is still available for parents about supporting their children while learning from home.

Talking to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19)

You can follow these tips for talking to your child about coronavirus to have a safe and reassuring conversation with links to additional resources.

Loaned devices and dongles

As students return to learning on-site, schools should ask that devices are brought to school each day.

Advice in your language

Guidance and advice for parents in your school community who speak languages other than English.

Physical distancing, health and hygiene

Find advice for students with complex medical conditions, student health and hygiene as well as school learning and use of facilities.

Changes to day-to-day school activities

Advice on changes to assemblies, drop-off times, camps, excursions, sport, public transport and school visitors.

Advice for parents of international students

Advice for students travelling to Australia or studying in a Victorian government school.

Health information ¹

Advice and updates on coronavirus (COVID-19) from the Department of Health and Human Services.

FROM MISS SMITH

Learning From Home Survey

We would really value feedback from our parents and carers in response to remote learning. This survey has been designed by the Department of Education and Training and the information you provide will be used to drive school improvements. Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. Thank you for taking the time to participate, your feedback is important to us.



To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/lfh/parents>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

School Name: Hillsmeade Primary School

3. Enter the School PIN below.

PIN: 698605

4. When complete, please click on the 'FINISHED!' button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.



PRIME SCI!

Dear Teachers and Parents,

Our Winter Science Workshops will be running from **Monday 29th June - Friday 10th July** and will be filled with hands-on home science for your children. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, PrimeSCI! will be providing **live-streamed Zoom Webinars** for the Winter School Holidays.

Webinars are scheduled to run for a minimum of 40 minutes, followed by an opportunity for a Q&A session, between PrimeSCI! presenters and participating children. Topics include States of Matter, Forces in Motion, Our Blue Marble and Wonderful Waterways.

Feedback from previous PrimeSCI! webinars: *"Thanks to your team for the workshop today. It was very enjoyable as always!!"....."Good value and well presented."*

Click here to see the [program for Winter 2020](#).
Book online now at: <http://www.trybooking.com/BJIED>

PLEASE NOTE: Your child's privacy and internet safety is important to us. Children will only be able to view our presenters, with all other participant video and audio muted.

For more exciting and fun PrimeSCI! information head to our website www.swinburne.edu.au/primesci

Hope to see you soon!

The PrimeSCI! Team

'Have your say
regarding remote
learning!'

FROM MR CARDAMONE



Good Afternoon Hillsmeade Community,

I hope the week has been a positive one so far. It has been great to see all of our students back at school, so far classrooms

have settled nicely. It is very evident that students are so happy to see their friends and teachers again. A big thank you to all families for their amazing work and support during remote learning!

It was great to see so many students going to breakfast club, just a reminder it will be open from 8:30am-8:45am at the canteen for the remainder of the term.

Last week I had the opportunity to share the work we do as a Be You school and in the mental health and wellbeing space. Hillsmeade was chosen from 3 Victorian school to present at an online national special showcase. We were selected because of the committed, passion and clear vision we have for our students, families, staff and our community in the mental health and wellbeing space.

- I shared the role we play in supporting our students and children with the before, recess and lunchtime clubs we have.
- Our recent partnership with Food Bank and how we are supporting our families through this initiative, along with using the goods provided by Foodbank at our breakfast club.
- Our dedication in teaching our students social and emotional learning every week in every class.
- Our commitment in working alongside families in best supporting your children and the whole family.

- Our clear expectation in making sure we provide a safe, comfortable teaching classroom for all students.
- How we work with external agencies and have the team around the child approach.
- The amazing community support we received during remote learning from our families.
- How we are a committed Be You community.
- The focus we have on our staff, having a Staff Matters Team.
- Having spaces in all classrooms to support our students with their wellbeing.
- Our focus on reconnecting our students back to school after remote learning, Sarah Smith developed a toolkit for teachers with a wealth of resources to best support with this.

We are very proud as a school that we have a big focus on the mental health and wellbeing. We are always striving to improve and look at best practices moving forward.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Thank you

John Cardamone

- Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning



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

**Breakfast Club
(Grab and go)
8:30-8:45am
every Tuesday**

FROM THE COMMUNITY

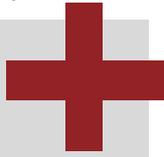
From the Sick Bay

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Asthma and medical action plans need to be updated at least every 12 months.

Could you please ensure these plans are updated and returned to school ASAP.

Any questions please call 9704 6313 and speak to Vicki.



SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has been suspended until further notice. The school banking helpdesk is available for any further queries 1800 674 496.

- **School Banking Coordinators**

PARKING @ HILLSMEADE

Getting back to keeping our roads safe around school areas

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announced on Monday May 11th, 2020 the State Government plans to open schools and the return to onsite learning. As the approach for all students to return to school is in its last stage, beginning Tuesday 9th June 2020, the City of Casey Parking Compliance team will recommence its patrolling of school areas.

Since Tuesday 26th May 2020, Parking Compliance Officers have increased their presence around schools within Casey, educating and highlighting the importance of adopting safe parking practices in, and around our schools, for the protection of students, parents and other pedestrians and road users.

A shared commitment to Community Safety

The City of Casey, together with the School Community, have a shared responsibility to maintain community safety. With this shared commitment, Council has a responsibility to ensure there is compliance with the Victorian Road Safety Road Rules. Road users have a responsibility to understand and comply with these road rules. On Tuesday 9th June 2020, Parking Compliance Officers will recommence active enforcement activity around schools, and infringements will be issued where offences are detected.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
HILLSMEADE HEROES

Prep A	1/A	2/A	3/A	4/A	5/A	6/A
Ella R	Jethro R	Eathen B	Max H	Mehran A	Arayna G	Dana C
Natalie A	Ruby S	Isaac M	Ayaan B			Dihein
Prep B	1/B	2/B	3/B	4/B	5/B	6/B
Soreti E	Tyler M	Lilly F	Milly J	Nafiza E	Ava M	Alisina A
Sahar A	Samara N	Rangi P	Lylah B	Kayden T	John B	Chloe H
Prep C	1/C	2/C	3/C	4/C	5/C	6/C
Hudson M	Kiara S	Sajjad T	Jacob A	Murtaza R	Nadeen A	Ciara C
Michelle S	Millie C	Anay T	Harrison C	Maya N	Nethulya K	Shae L
			Sienna D			
Prep D	1/D	2/D	3/D	4/D	5/D	6/D
Sienna T	Ashton B	Tegan B	Benjamin A	Abid S	Emilee K	Irene Y
Raheel N	Lolita M	Montana B	Zane B	Chase P	Adrian B	Gurnal S
				Sierra H		Neda A
Prep E	1/E	2/E	3/E	4/E	5/E	6/E
Ali A	Rayyaan M	Isaac B	Sinem O	Emma Z	Regan D	Max N
Ethan W	Tehan P	Brylie L		Addison C	Lachlan M	Luke G
Prep F						
Eliza W						
Xavier B						



Well done to the following students who have recently completed the Premieres' Reading Challenge:

Daniel G 6/E

Portia R Prep A

Ashton M 3/D

Charlotte R Prep A



Canteen News

Choc Coconut Brownies

Prep Time: 10mins

Cook Time: 20mins

Total Time: 40mins

Ingredients

- 1cup Self Raising Flour
- 1 cup Cocoa
- 1 cup Desiccated Coconut
- 1 cup Raw Sugar
- 1 cup Natural or Greek Style Yoghurt
- 4 Free Range Eggs
- 3 tablespoons Vegetable Oil

Please note: The canteen is currently not accepting cash. Recess snacks are available for purchase via the QKR app.

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 160 degrees Celsius. Grease and line a brownie pan
- Place all dry ingredients into a bowl and mix well. Add wet ingredients and mix until just incorporated. Place mix into lined pan and bake for 20 minutes or until just cooked in the centre.
- Allow to cool then cut into 24 pieces

Enjoy 😊