



Canteen Reopening THURS 22nd OCT

Please note adjusted ordering availability:

- **Students in Grades Prep-2 on Thursdays ONLY**
- **Students in Grades 3-6 on Fridays ONLY**

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The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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TERM 4
2020



THE FULL CALENDAR AND DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW VIA THE COMPASS APP OR WEBSITE

WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

MON OCT 12th	TUES OCT 13th	WED OCT 14th	THUR OCT 15th	FRI OCT 16th
All students return to onsite learning	All students return to onsite learning	All students return to onsite learning	All students return to onsite learning	All students return to onsite learning
MON OCT 19th	TUES OCT 20th	WED OCT 21st	THUR OCT 22nd	FRI OCT 23rd
Book Week & Lamont Virtual Book Fair	Book Week & Lamont Virtual Book Fair	Book Week & Lamont Virtual Book Fair	Virtual Assembly Posted to Compass Book Week & Lamont Virtual Book Fair Pyjama Day (No Donation)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MON OCT 26th	TUES OCT 27th	WED OCT 28th	THUR OCT 29th	FRI OCT 30th
Lamont Virtual Book Fair	Lamont Virtual Book Fair	Lamont Virtual Book Fair	Lamont Virtual Book Fair	Day for Daniel—Wear a Red Shirt Lamont Virtual Book Fair
MON NOV 2nd	TUES NOV 3rd	WED NOV 4th	THUR NOV 5th	FRI NOV 6th
Hillsmeade Cup day	Melbourne Cup Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY			Virtual Assembly Posted to Compass Crazy Hair Day (No Donation)

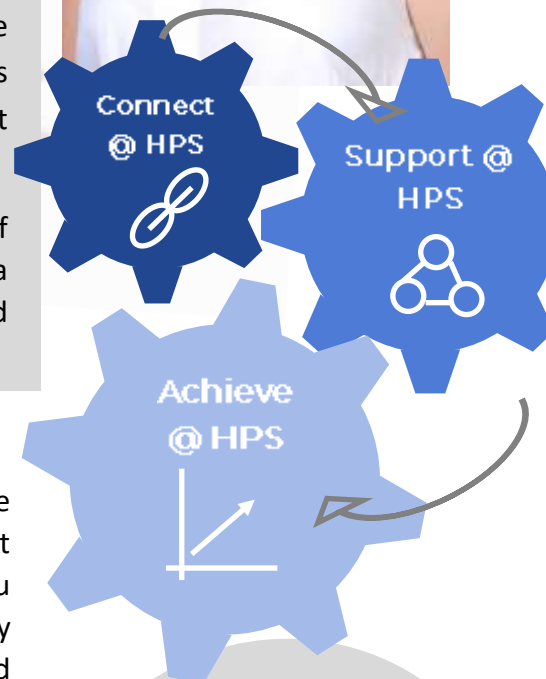
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy Week 2 of Term 4 and a huge WELCOME BACK! It is so wonderful to see our students return to on-site face-to-face learning. It has also been nice to say good morning, good afternoon and a big welcome back to our parents and carers. We are so excited to be back for Term 4 and working with focus on: connect, support, and achieve.

2020 certainly has been a year like no other. We are so proud of the ways in which our community has supported each other through this challenging time and are committed to ensuring that Term 4 is a great term to finish of our year.

We have honestly valued the community commitment and support of the staggered drop offs and collection points and have reflected as a school at how well the students are transitioning back into class and into routine.



Parent Opinion Survey 2020

We value feedback from our parent community and are excited that the 2020 DET Parent Opinion Survey offered the opportunity (for the first time) for all parents within the community to participate. Yesterday you should have received a link via COMPASS with the parent survey information. Participation in the survey is voluntary, however, we would really appreciate parents and carers taking the time to complete this survey as we utilise this feedback and data to support planning for school-wide improvement and growth.

Staff Opinion Survey 2020

This year we have again engaged in a reflection opportunity for staff of Hillsmeade Primary School to provide feedback on the ways in which we work. This data is used each year to develop goals and targets for areas for improvement and growth.

Student Attitudes to School Survey 2020

This year our students will again be engaged in the Year 4 – Year 6 DET Student Attitude to School Survey. This is an opportunity for students to provide feedback on their perspectives of school at Hillsmeade. As a school we utilise the data and feedback from this survey to plan for future goals, priority areas and improvement and growth opportunities.

138 Days of Prep

This Friday we celebrate 138 days of school for our Prep students!

“Your
opinion
matters!”

Now is the time to
submit prep
enrolments for
2021!

Please contact the
office if you have
plans to relocate in
2021.

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. With a conservative estimate of 10% of Australians having dyslexia, raising awareness is key to building stronger understanding and support for people with this learning difference.

At Hillsmeade, we are inspired by the approach of 'The Dyslexia Advantage', which acknowledges the challenges faced by people with dyslexia but also highlights the strengths and successes that are also experienced.

Three of the most important things to know about dyslexia, according to *The Dyslexic Advantage*, are:

1. Dyslexia is a Learning Difference.
2. Dyslexic differences are associated with strengths in creative thinking and problem solving, but also specific challenges in the areas of reading, writing, and spelling.
3. Often a dyslexic student's greatest challenges are in the early school years. Fortunately appropriate instruction tends to be effective. As the challenges tend to recede, strengths also mature and become fully developed. We see dyslexic brain development like the planning for an ambitious building project. If you're planning something great, you may need a longer period of pouring and setting the foundation.

Ways to promote positive dyslexia awareness include:

1. **Tell a Peer.** If you're a parent, tell a parent. If you're a student, tell a student, If you a corporate exec, tell a corporate exec. Positive dyslexia awareness is needed at all levels of society and in many cases, the message comes through stronger if you're educating someone who is a lot like you.

2. Tell a Change Maker. Change makers come in all different types but include teachers, para-educators, tutors, therapists, state and federal legislators, and university professors.

3. Tell a Child. Children should grow up with a positive awareness of who they and their potential. So many adults have told us that a turning point happened when they started seeing themselves a positive way. Find a video or a book that talks about the positive side of dyslexia and let them know what you find amazing that they can do.

4. Share Resources. Share what you learn and don't worry about what you don't know. Point out websites, books, and materials. Look for materials that mention strengths associated with dyslexia as well as the challenges to help them get a balanced view of dyslexia from the start. Don't forget Facebook or other social media where a 'like' or a short comment can get a friend on a positive path to discovery.

Students with dyslexia would like you to know:

"Having Dyslexia is hard to explain, but it makes reading, writing, math, pretty much all of it (school), really hard for me.

I get nervous when I have to go to school, and feel sick in my tummy.

I wish more people knew about dyslexia, so that they knew we weren't dumb."

"I know lots of interesting things and I like to learn about new things. But, reading takes me longer and can make me feel tired because I have to think so hard. When I watch videos about things, I can learn about them more easily. I am really good at maths."



READING @ H.P.S

Dear Parents,

It was amazing to see our students walk through the school gates this week. We missed their smiley faces for sure. Classrooms are chirpy and buzzing once again and we are super excited to be back. We are ready to learn! Students are doing their independent tasks while their teachers dived into guided reading groups and individual learner conferences.



MATHS @ H.P.S



It was different doing Maths in the classroom today. It was fun as we could use the resources we did not have at home.



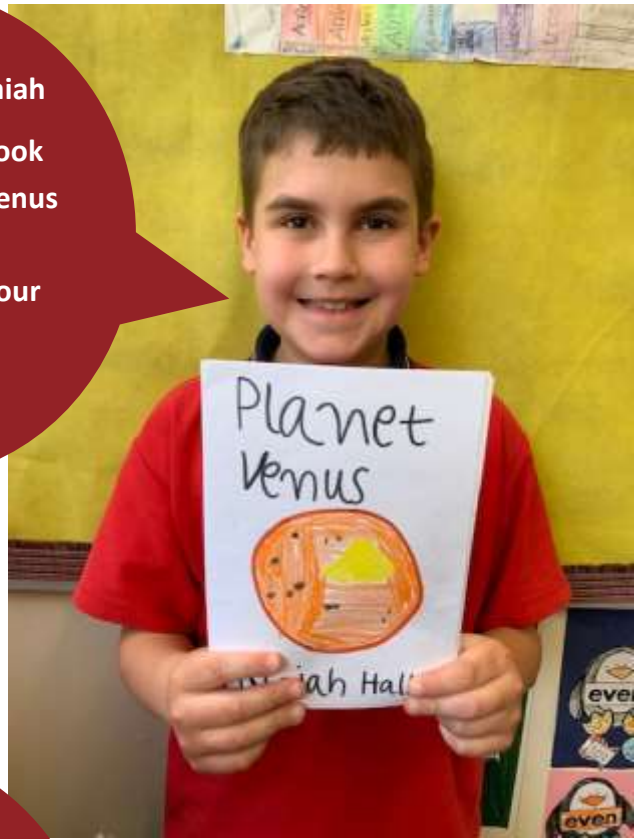
Maths was challenging today but we could ask our teachers and they were happy to help us!



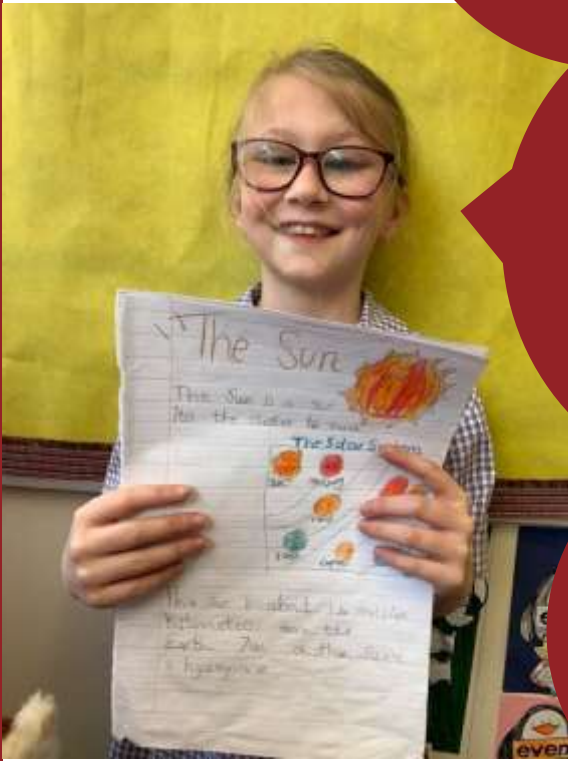
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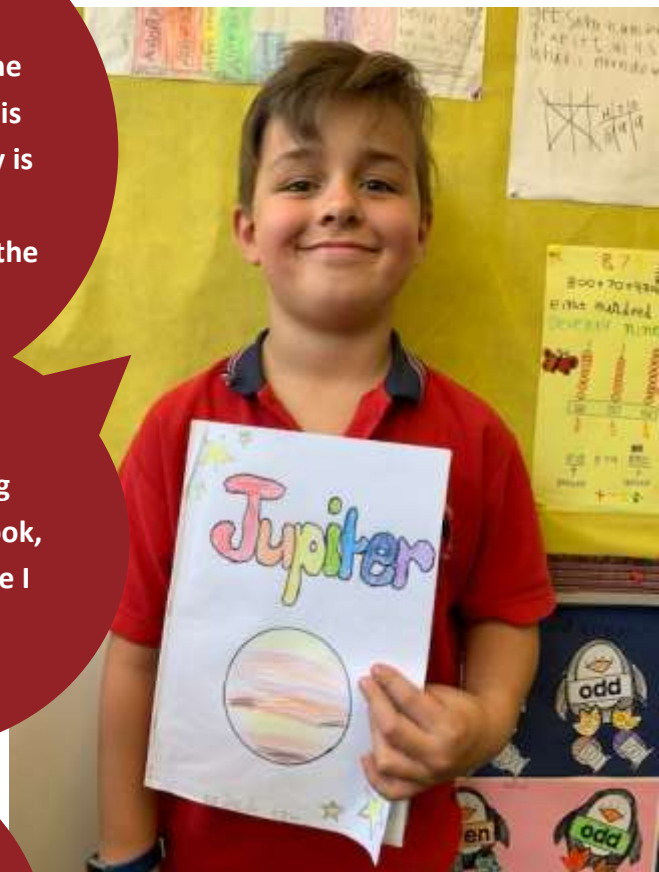
The Earth—Charlotte
“My favourite part about writing this book was learning what to include in a non fiction book.”



Planet Venus—Issaiah
“This non fiction book is about Venus—Venus is very hot! It was excellent to make our own book.”



The Sun—Chloe
“I learned how hot the sun is and how far it is from Earth—Mercury is the hottest planet because it’s close to the sun.”



Jupiter—Jacob
“It was fun making this non fiction book, I learned lots while I was researching.”



The Moon—Alex
“Writing a non fiction book was fun because I got to decorate my book and that was fun.”

Our Year 3 students created their own wonderful non fiction space themed books!

SCIENCE @ HILLSMEADE



All about Uranus—
Mahli

“I liked getting to
know lots about
space.”

Mars—Sienna

“I though writing our
own non fiction book
was cool because we
got to learn new
things.”



Did you know?

We could win \$10,000 for our school canteen! Watch Junior MasterChef on Channel 10 from 7.30 on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday for the next two weeks and then go to 10play.com.au/win afterwards and answer a simple question from that night's show.

You don't have to watch every night but the more entries we have nominating our school, the better our chances of winning! @jrmasterchefau

RETURN OF SCHOOL LOANED DEVICES

Hillsmeade PS has been proud to support remote learning by loaning devices to families during term 3. To support student learning as we return to school next week, we ask that all iPads, chargers and cords please be returned as soon as possible. A staff member will be at each drop off point to collect these from students as they come into school.



AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where: Hillsmeade's Virtual Book Fair

Online link shared soon

Date: 19th - 30th October 2020

Time: Anytime during the Book Fair

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Fever



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Sore throat



Cough



Chills
or sweats



Shortness
of breath



Loss of sense
of smell or taste

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**Clyde Recreation Reserve
Footy Pavilion. 10 Patterson's Road Clyde
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**Hallam Secondary College
Onsite in car park. Frawley Road Hallam
Opens from 9am – 4pm daily**

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