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

MON NOV 23rd	TUES NOV 24th	WED NOV 25th	THUR NOV 26th	FRI NOV 27th
				Crazy Sock Day (No don on required)
MON NOV 30th	TUES DEC 1st	WED DEC 2nd	THUR DEC 3rd	FRI DEC 4th
Curriculum Day— Students do not a				Virtual Assembly Posted to Compass
MON DEC 7th	TUES DEC 8th	WED DEC 9th	THUR DEC 10th	FRI DEC 11th
	State-wide Transi on Day 2021 Preps and Year 7	2021 Step Up Day 9:30-3:00pm		Virtual Christmas Concert (TBC)
MON DEC 14th	TUES DEC 15th	WED DEC 16th	THUR DEC 17th	FRI DEC 18th
(wear gradu on	Year 6 Gradu on - Normal school day, collect gi from school 3:30-5:30		Gr 6 Celebr on @ Gumbuya World	Virtual Assembly Posted to Compass - <u>Last day of</u> <u>Term 4 1:30 pick up</u>

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

I wishing all Hillsmeade families a happy and safe December. 2020 certainly has been a year like other, however we s II have many

- e ng things to look forward to at Hillsmeade:
- MAD Day (Make a D erence day) this looks a lot d erent this year, but our teams in Year 5 and 6 have been working hard researching important infor on that they are looking forward to sharing with our students at Hillsmeade.
- Christmas Concert Given that we are unable to have our school communit d on site for our annual Christmas concert, this year the event will be a virtual one. A big thank you to Je McGann and his elves for working hard to put this together for our community. This present on will be shared on the ernoon of Friday the 11th of December.
- State-wide tran n day this will happen next Tuesday the 8th of December for 2021 PREP and YEAR 7 students only (not all Secondary Colleges). We look forward to mee ng our new 2021 Prep cohort. We have enjoyed ge g to know them in smaller groups as part of the tran n program coordinated by Sarah Smith and Shiona Watson.
- 2021 Step Up day this will take place next week on Wednesday the 9th of December. Students from Year 1 – Year 6 (2021) will spend the day with their new class for next year.
- Gradu on Year 6 gradu on will take place and be Imed. This is very d erent to our historic gradu ons, however we are working hard to make sure it is a wonderful memory and experience for our graduates.

School Council

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our 2020 School Council. Thank you for con nuing to meet over web ex at least twice a term and for providing feedback for improvement throughout the year. A big, big, big thank you to our School Council President Brooke Gniel. Thank you for your years of membership of the school council and for being our School Council President for 4 years. We wish you and your family our well wishes as your last Hillsmeade student graduates and moves into Secondary College.



Christmas Ra

This year is a year like no other and as a school we have not con nued our s in fundraising given ancial impacts of the COVID 19 and the guidance around the handling of cash. This year we would like to hold our Christmas ra а le d erently. We are that every su g Hillsmeade and ELC student gets on entry into the Christmas ra . The winners will be drawn in the last week of school. We have 10 amazing hampers put together by Miss Emma and they look fantas c.

If you would prefer to not have your child entered in the Christmas e please let us know by sending an email through to the school email.

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Virtual Assembly

This Friday is our next virtual assembly. A big thank you to our Year 6 student leaders and Danielle McKelvie for putting it together.

Easing of restrictions at Hillsmeade, here is what you need to know.

These changes come into place as of <u>Tuesday 1st</u> December as part of the 'Last Step' and our new 'Covid Normal'.

Continue to stay home if you are unwell.

Staying home and getting tested remains the best way to reduce transmission.

If your child has persistent and similar hay fever/asthma symptoms, consider seeking a medical certificate from your GP that states it is safe for your child to attend school.

What if my child tested negative but still has symptoms?

The decision to send your child back to school should be made in conjunction with your GP.

My child tested negative and has no symptoms?

They can return to school and we don't require proof of the test result.

School will finish at 3:30pm.

Students can be collected from the current pick up points from 3:20pm onwards.

This will continue to assist with social distancing during peak times.

We would like to continue the current drop off process in the morning.

Any visits to the school longer than 15 minutes will need to be registered with office for contact tracing purposes.

Face masks are required for those aged over 12 when indoors. You do not need to wear a mask outside when able to remain 1.5m apart.

Can I attend my child's graduation?

Graduation events are limited to a maximum number of 300 people outdoors (including students). Given this limit we will proceed with our virtual event.

Our graduation will look a little different this year. Stay tuned for the 'Grazing Graduation'! There are no differences in restrictions between metro and regional VIC

> Year level groups at Hillsmeade can now mix. Students can visit from other schools.

Drinking fountains are now back in

use.

Playgrounds are not required to be cleaned everyday. We will all continue to practise good hygiene.

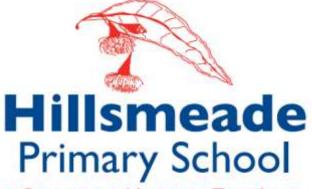
Indoor and outdoor contact sports can resume.

Interschool sports activities can resume. OSHC may operate school holiday programs.

Multiple schools can attend a single facility.

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Multiple schools can attend a single facility.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Grade 6 Graduation

Gradua on:

2020 has been a year like no other, and given the current guidance we will II be holding a virtual Year **6** Gradua on. Although this is d erent, we are s II working hard to make sure it is a special memory. Gradu on will be ed on Monday the 14th of December and posted out on Tuesday the 15th of December at 6pm (this is to allow the content to be put together in a special gradu on package).

On Monday the 14th of December Year 6 students are to come to school in their gradua on attire. We will be holding the gradu on ceremony with all Year 6 students and st . This will be med and individual graduate photos will be taken, as well as class photos (which will be emailed out to families or the event). This footage will be put together in a gradue on package and will be shared with Year 6

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On Monday the 14th of December er the gradu on a pizza lunch will be provided for the graduates. Students can be collected from school from 2pm if they are wan ng to leave early a er the event.

On Tuesday the 15th of December Year 6 students will be provided with a small to share as they view the Gradua on package. This can be collected from the sta room window (close to the pirate ship) from 3:30pm – 5:30pm on Tuesday.

We do understand that this is not the gradua on we expected for 2020, however the current guidance does not support us holding the gradu on as normal given our large numbers.

We are excited to announce that the Year 6 Big Day Out will be going ahead on Thursday the 17th of December to Gumbya World. This event has been heavily subsidised to support families and student endance.

If you have any ques ons in rela on to this event please contact a member of the Year 6 team.

AT A GLANCE

- Monday Dec 14: Students wear gradua n clothes to school, gradua n is med (no parents). Pizzas provided for lunch. Students can be collected from 2pm.
- Tuesday Dec 15: Normal school day. Special gradua n ollected from school
 3.30pm-5.30pm. Virtual Gradua package available on Compass from 6pm.
- o Wednesday Dec 16: Normal school day.
- Thursday Dec 17: Celebra at <u>Gumbuya World</u> 9am-5pm. (Consent and \$10 payment required <u>now</u>.)
- Friday Dec 18: Last day of Primary School. School ends at 1.30pm, all students collected by 1.45pm.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hillsmeade Christmas Tree

A big well done to our students and st for putting together the wonderful tude jars to make up our entry into the Christmas Tree of tude comp on at Casey Central. A big well done to Sarah Smith for coordina ng our entry. This entry provided a \$500 gi card which was used to purchase the 10 e prizes for this

year's Christmas e.The school with the winning tree wins a \$1,000 card. Please take the me to have a look at the entered trees and cast your vote.

Vote for our tree by 'Liking' it on Casey Central's Facebook page <u>h ps://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>caseycentralSC/</u>



Hillsmeade Primary School has a clear purpose and vision for social and em nal learning to ensure our community thrives. This year, more than ever, we understand the importance of gra ude and n ing the pos es that exist around us. Inside these jars are nearly 1000 messages of gra ude from our school. At Hillsmeade, prac g gra ude helps us to be thankful everyday for the moments, people and places in our lives, that provide a sense of belonging and connectedness.

Our 2020 Christmas Raffles



HILLSMEADE PRIMARY IS PROUD TO PRESENT GRAZING **GRADUATION!**

Congratula ons Year 6 superstar, you made it! Please a end the school date and me below to celebratory grazing box to watch the virtual

on the collect a enjoy as you ceremony with

your family.

We'll see you online!

Available TUES DEC 15th 2020

3:30 - 5:30pm

More informa on to come via compass.

CONCERT FRIDAY 11th DEC

PRESENTS THE

'THE LINK WILL BE POSTED TO COMPASS, WE'LL SEE YOU ONLINE!'

FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good oon Hillsmeade Community,

Happy week 9! We have o ally entered summer, which means longer and ho er days with the family. This is a great me to start discussing with your children about school holidays and some a vi s to do as a family. This gives your children the opportunity to have responsibility and feel empowered in making family decisions. You can make this educa nal by doing research on d erent places of a ra ons or events.

How and what we say to our children ma ers when it comes to giving instru ns. Giving direct rm instruc-

s can be ben I and needed, but we know this is not always the case. I have shared an a le from Michael Grose that he has wr en about the importance on what we say and how we say it to our children ma ers to have the desired e ect. If you would like to know more please visit his website <u>h ps://</u> www.paren gideas.com.au/

Resistance words to avoid when talking to kids

Our choice of words when communica g with kids makes a huge d erence when trying to get their co-opera . The more we push a child who is resistant, the more likely they are to push back and display greater opposi n.

Some es one word can cause a child to fold their arms and thrust out their jaw in 'you-can't make-me' de nce. Let's take a look at some words that invite resistance, especially from strong-willed children who like to have their own way.

Resistance words

- Must for example "You must be on e!"
- Never for example "You should never be rude to your teacher."
- Always for example "You should always clean your teeth before bed."
- You for example "You need to go to bed now!" Don't – for example "Don't yell at your brother."

Why they invite resistance

'Must', 'Never' and 'Always' are absolute terms. They cannot be mod d in any way. Absolute terms invite resistance from children and young people who do not like to be told what to do. Strong-willed children and young people o en view these terms as open invitans to resist. If you have more than one child there is a good chance you have one of these children. If you were to say "You must be nice to your brother", a young resister thinks "We'll see about that".

Let them know what you will do

Many children do not like to be told what they should do. They like to think they are calling the shots. These children are not misbehaving – they just want to feel that they are in control. Which means some s, their ins t to resist becomes greater than their desire to follow. Instead of telling your child what to do, let your child know what you will do. It's a subtle but powerful sh For example:

• Try "I'm saying good night now" rather than "Go to bed now."

• Try "I'll put the meal on the table when it's set" rather than "Set the table!"

• Try "I'm driving you to school at 8.30" rather than "Get ready by 8.30."

You need to follow through if this is to be an e ec e use of language.

Avoid ending an instruc on on a neg ve

Ending an instruc on a nega e only drives the nega e behaviour deeper into the sub-conscious mind of your child. Saying "Don't yell at your brother" will ensure that your child will keep yelling again and again. Instead, say the behaviour you'd like in po terms. For example say: "Speak quietly to your brother" rather than "Don't yell at your brother." If you can't eradicate "Don't" then develop the habit of ending on a pos ve. For example: "Don't yell at your brother. Speak quietly."

Words m er

Your choice of words makes a huge d erence in terms of ge g co-opera from more challenging kids.

Of course, some parents believe that their kids should always do as they say, so their language is peppered with absolutes and nega es. This invites resistance and can lead to an ongoing ba le between parents and children. If this is the case, then maybe the language you use could bene from a le tweak".

Please let me know if you have any ques ons.

I hope this is helpful for you and your family.

Thank you. John Cardamone Leading Teacher in Social and Em onal Learning Social and emo onal learning...'It's everyone's business!'

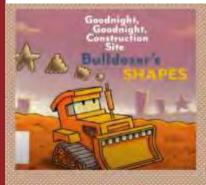


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	Year 4	95.63	
	Year 6	94.57	

Attendance Matters! Every student, Every day

CHALLENGING TASKS

Challenging tasks are demanding and **thought-provoking** mathem cal problems that aim to include **all students** in the lesson through character uch as being simply-posed, possessing a **low- oor and high ceiling**, and including **enabling and extending** prompts (Sullivan & Mornane, 2014).



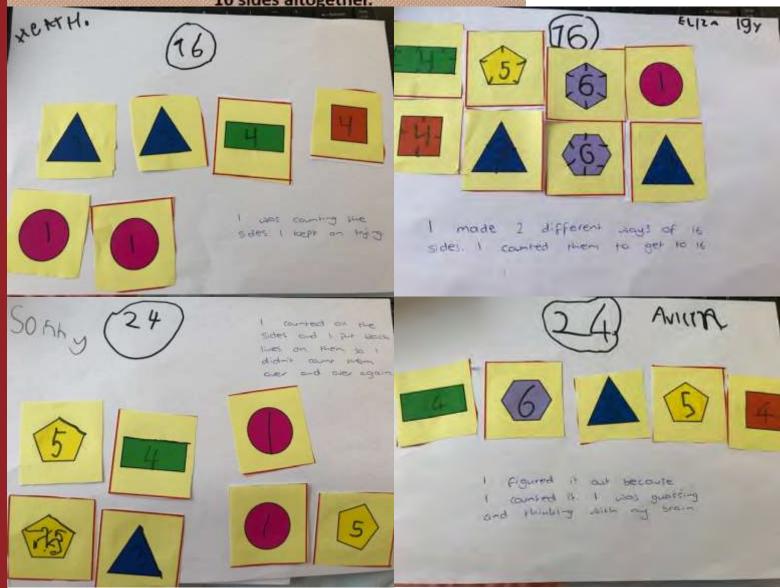
You are Bulldozer.

The manager of the construction site has given you a special job.

You need to collect shapes for the new building.

When you add the total number of sides of your shapes it must equal 16 sides altogether.





PREP DESIGNERS

Prep Designers!

Prep students are working on design ideas for our custom road map, to be installed in the junior play area over the new year. Students are working collabora vely to share ideas and o opinions, sugge ons, and encouragement to others as the discuss what features are most important in a road map.

The designs created by the Prep students will be shared with the design team at the line marking company. The design team will review the students' designs and try to iden fy features that have been most commonly included and incorporate these into the nal image.

This is a fantas c, authen c learning opportunity for our students, as they engage in a 'real life' design process.





Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day! For ages 7-14. Cost: \$90



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