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WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

MON DEC 7th	TUES DEC 8th	WED DEC 9th	THUR DEC 10th	FRI DEC 11th
	State-wide Transition Day 2021 Preps and Year 7	2021 Step Up Day 9:30-3:00pm		Virtual Christmas Concert FREE DRESS DAY (no donation)
MON DEC 14th	TUES DEC 15th	WED DEC 16th	THUR DEC 17th	FRI DEC 18th
Gr6 Graduation is filmed (wear graduation clothes)	Year 6 Graduation - Normal school day, collect gift from school 3:30-5:30		Gr 6 Celebration @ Gumbuya World	Virtual Assembly Posted to Compass - <u>Last day of Term 4 1:30 pick up</u>
School Holidays				
MON JAN 25th	TUES JAN 26th	WED JAN 27th	THUR JAN 28th	FRI JAN 29th
	Australia Day Public Holiday	Students not at school	Curriculum Day Students do not attend	Students start back at school
MON FEB 1st	TUES FEB 2nd	WED FEB 3rd	THUR FEB 4th	FRI FEB 5th
		Preps do not attend		

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy week 11. We hope that everyone has had a great end of the Term. We wanted to say a very big thank you to everyone within our Hillsmeade Community for the continued support, feedback and partnership in 2020 a year like no other.

I wanted to say a big thank you to all of our students for their wonderful efforts and achievements this year. We are so proud of the ways in which you have worked to support each other throughout 2020. Thank you for being flexible, adaptable, caring, kind and amazing. We are so proud of you.

Also, a big thank you to our Hillsmeade Primary School staff. 2020 has certainly thrown some challenges at us but I am so proud of the ways in which we have partnered together to connect, support and grow our learners. Thank you for the hard work, commitment, care and covid-tunnities.

2020 Graduates

Congratulations to our Year 6 Graduating Class. Our 2020 Graduation was different this year, but still amazing. A huge congratulations to our Graduates for doing such an amazing job, for the Year 6 Team for coordinating the event, well done to Travis Cole for using his magic to put the whole vimeo together, a big thanks to Felicity and Emma for putting together the grazing graduation boxes, thank you to our official photographer Stewart Johnson and thank you to parents for their understanding regarding the event.

Congratulations

A big congratulations to Sarah Smith who was recognised for her outstanding contribution to education in 2020 with a function last Friday at Government House. We are so proud of you Miss Smith.



Year 6 Big Day Out

Wishing our Year 6 classes and their teachers a wonderful celebration day at Gumbuya World tomorrow. We hope that the excursion is a wonderful celebration of your time at Hillsmeade Primary School.



Congratulations

Well done to Harry de Koning who was recognised this week as being the recipient of the HOLT Community Spirit Award. Well done Harry.

End of Term

A reminder that this Friday is the last day of school for the year. School will finish at 1:30pm.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION



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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU!

Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and thank you to the staff not returning in 2021. Thank you:

- Steph Li
- Janelle Struth
- Tilly Le Faou
- Martine Ziino
- Alisha Kums
- Kate Pollock

Thank you everyone for a year like other. Have a wonderful and restful holiday period.

FROM MR CARDAMONE

Last week!!! I am sure there are lots of mixed emotions for everyone, including all the staff at Hillsmeade. It has been a big year. I just wanted to thank the Hillsmeade community for being awesome to work with, I have really enjoyed working closely with families and students to work on and talk about social and emotional learning.

I wanted to say a big 'see you later' to all the Grade 6s and their families, thank you for being a wonderful bunch of students and I wish you all the very best for the future, please come back and let us know how you are going in high school, and remember 'Social and Emotional Learning is everyone's business!'

A big thank you to Yassine Dai for doing a great job this year as the Social and Emotional Learning school captain. This is the third year that we had a SEL captain and he has set a very high standard. All the best for your future endeavours Yassine!

This time last year I wrote about the topic TIME. I have added this again as I believe it is only timely to reflect on this. I hope this writing piece is a reminder of the importance of this and how it can have a positive impact on our families. Please let me know your thoughts on this J

Last week's topic, no research here, no quotes, no references just a big focus on **time**, yes time. Reflect on how you spend your time now, who with? Where? How? and why? Time is so important I think we forget about it, that we don't get it back, no matter what we do, no amount of money or wish can bring time back. I believe at times all of us take time for granted at different stages, we move through life with things just ticking over and at times forgetting the most important people in our lives, our families, our children and our very close friends.

I know for me I make this a very big focus now and don't compromise on this, this can be hard, with work, social commitments, sport and other weekly commitments, however we need to build in time with people that matter most to us, especially our children, I honestly think that children spell love a different way, another four letter word T-I-M-E. They say time is money, however I want to make a new line, 'time is love'.

It's a great opportunity with the holidays approaching that we take time to spend with our children and build on our very important family values. Build on the great experiences they have and build memories that no amount of money can buy, memories that create and build family connection. Spending time and being present in the moment with our children is one of the best protective factors that as a family, can create and make our children feel safe, happy and mentally healthy. I know with my children that's what I will be focusing on.

With that said I wish all families nothing but the best and hope you have an awesome, safe, healthy Christmas and a happy new year. Once again thank you so much and I look forward to working with you in 2021.

[And remember Social and Emotional Learning is 'Everyone's business!'](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

I hope this is helpful for you and your family.

Thank you.

John Cardamone Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning



MAD DAY

MAD Day (**M**aking **A** **D**ifference) was a chance for students to raise awareness about local, national or global issues. Students had to investigate an issue they were passionate about and collaborated with like-minded students. Give-aways and interactives were used by stall holders to engage with the other students. There were many brilliant stalls and the awareness shared on the day was amazing. Well done to all grade 5 and 6 students.



STUDENT WORK YEAR 6

Grade 6 have been reading Harry Potter as a novel study and in maths students worked in groups to create a Quidditch Pitch. Here are some examples of their work.



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