



Canteen

We will be open Wed-Fri. All students can order on any day.

Lunch orders are available on Qkr only (no cash orders). Cut off for ordering is 9:10am

Open for counter sales at lunchtime only.

The Link

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

WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

WK 3 MON 8th FEB	TUES 9th FEB	WED 10th FEB	THUR 11th FEB	FRI 12th FEB
		Preps do not attend Hillsmeade Swimming Trials		
WK 4 MON 15th FEB	TUES 16th FEB	WED 17th FEB	THUR 18th FEB	FRI 19th FEB
		Preps do not attend	School tour for prospective families @ 10am	Scholastic Issue #1 closes
WK 5 MON 22nd FEB	TUES 23rd FEB	WED 24th FEB	THUR 25th FEB	FRI 26th FEB
	Hillsmeade Expo	Preps do not attend		
WK 6 MON 1st MAR	TUES 2nd MAR	WED 3rd MAR	THUR 4th MAR	FRI 5th MAR
		Preps are at school Prep Picnic 5-6pm		Hillsmeade Cross Country 9:15-11:00am Grades 4-6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

School Council Elections

We are holding School Council Elections for the 2021 school year. Please see the school council election timeline on the following page. **The call for nominations is open.** Forms can be collected from the Administration Office during office hours. We have 4 parent member vacancies (2 year positions) and 1 DET member vacancy for the next two years, as well as 1 vacant parent representative position (1 year position).

If you would like to nominate to be on School Council, please collect a notice from the office. Should we receive more nominations than the vacant positions, an election will be required. I am looking forward to working with the newly formed School Council after the election of office bearers on Tuesday 9th of March.

If you would like to find out more about the roles and functions of school council, please take a look at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/community/Pages/schoolcouncils.aspx>

Active afternoons @ Hillsmeade Primary School

Beginning next week we will be running weekly optional active afternoon sessions. These are in connection with our school commitment to work towards the Education State Targets. Each Thursday from 3:45pm – 5:45pm we will be offering outdoor activities across the school promoting physical activity. More information will be shared with families via COMPASS.

Happy, healthy and resilient kids

School will be a positive experience and nurturing environment for our children to develop confidence, social skills and healthy life habits.

By 2025 -

The proportion of students who report high resilience will grow by 25%

The proportion of students doing physical activity for an hour a day, five times a week, will grow by 20%

This term we will have a range of activities including some sport specific cricket activities.



Alkira Students

Please ask siblings from Alkira Secondary College to remain **outside** of the school grounds until 3:20pm each day. We understand that siblings are in attendance to collect students after school, however we have unfortunately had to remind many visitors about behaviour expectations, use of mobile phones, the playing of loud music and inappropriate use of school facilities.

To find out more please view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QorBAePFemI>

Or

Get in touch with Ahmad Chazbek or Jeff McGann at school.

Friday March 26th is School Photo Day

SCHOOL COUNCIL SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Hillsmeade Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by **4.00 pm on 17/02/2021**.

The ballot will close at **4.00 pm on 01/03/2021**.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school via Compass and the LINK.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 - to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	3
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 - to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	1
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 - to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023.	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school. - **Crystal Wells Assistant Principal**

2021 School Council Elections Timeline

There are 4 parent positions vacant and 1 DET Employee position vacant.

The **1 DET** vacancy and **3** of the **parent** vacancies are for positions to be held for **two years**.

1 parent position is for a term of **1 year** only.

Timeline below follows the DET guidelines for election process.

Notice of election and call for nominations	Tuesday, 9 th February 2021 shared on Compass Advertise in LINK Issue #2 on Wednesday, February 10 th .
Closing date for nominations	4:00pm, Wednesday, 17 th February 2021
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday, 21 st February 2021
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday, 22 nd February 2021
Close of ballot	4:00pm, Monday, 1 st March 2021
Vote count	Tuesday, 2 nd March 2021
Declaration of poll	Wednesday, 3 rd March 2020
Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 9 th March 2020
First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 9 th March 2020

Election oversight will be Crystal Wells

SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP

Expression of Interest

3rd – 9th May, 2021

Somers School Camp is offered to students in Years 5 & 6 across Victoria. Children who gain selection from our school will join with 160 other students from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program. Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at this Department of Education camp. It is a seven day commitment and as such I would ask that you only submit an expression of interest if your child can attend without concerns of sports or family commitments.

This year, students will depart on a Monday morning and return on the Sunday evening. This is because NAPLAN commences on Tuesday 11th May.

The cost is approximately \$270 and this includes transport, accommodation, meals and pocket money to spend at the canteen. Full payment will be required by the end of this term and must be paid in one payment, if your child is selected to attend.

The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities all run by permanent specialist staff with the assistance of nine visiting teachers.

The camp provides children with the opportunity to accept challenges, improve their self-esteem, meet and mix with students from other schools, have fun and learn at the same time.

Please refer to the Somers School Camp website for more information about the activities, meals and sleeping arrangements.

Submitting an Expression of Interest does not guarantee you a placement in the camp.

N.B. Students who attend Somers Camp are expected to participate in our own Year 5 & 6 camp program. Somers Camp should not be considered an alternative as we need to maintain the viability of our own camps program.

Expressions of interest to attend is due by Monday 15th February. The expression of interest must be no more than one page.

Mrs Bray
Somers School Camp Co-ordinator



[https://
www.somersschoolcamp.org](https://www.somersschoolcamp.org)



We have books needing to be contacted!

Ms Smith is seeking some parent helpers to cover to help cover library books.

Books and contact can be collected from the office.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hillsmeade Happenings

We are very excited to be continuing Hillsmeade Happenings in 2021. A big thank you to Travis Cole for continuing in the leadership role of Student Empowerment Leader, working in collaboration with our student leaders to develop our weekly Hillsmeade Happenings episode.

If you missed this week's episode, you can access it below:

<https://vimeo.com/508713112/8cedbb44b4>



*** Editor's Note**
Apologies to our wonderful ELC - Jennifer Collins, Janine Sabec, Ashley Coad, Shiona Watson, Katrina Roberts, Angela Nixon, Silvia Cancado, Leanne Michaud, Anne Kelly, Rebecca Collie, Amy Leigh, Nettleton, Nanayakkarage Abeywickrama (top) and Specialist - Lisa Scott, Danielle McKelvie, Ahmad Chazbek, Travis Cole, Jeffrey McGann (below) teams who did not appear in the previous issue of the newsletter.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY @ HILLSMEADE

As we begin a new school year, it is a good time to check in with school policies. The **Mobile Phone Policy** can be found on our website, <https://www.hillsmeade.vic.edu.au/useful-information/school-policies/>

Some key points to highlight are:

The definition of 'mobile phone' **includes smart watches with similar functionality to a phone**. This means, if your child can receive or send texts or calls from their watch, their watch is subject to use as outlined in the school Mobile Phone Policy.

If you choose to have your child bring a mobile phone or smart watch that can make or receive calls or messages to school:

- **Students must have them switched off and stored securely** (teachers have a lock box for this) during school hours.
- In emergencies, **parents should still contact the school office**.
- If feeling unwell, **students still follow the school process** to have the office contact their parents.

Some exceptions may apply in the case of health and well-being factors or in the case of managing risk when students are off-site.

Ms Crystal Wells

Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing





TITANS
BERWICK SPRINGS
Football Netball Club


**FOOTBALL PLAYERS
WANTED FOR 2021**

Under 8	Under 9
Under 11	Under 12
Under 13	Under 14
Under 15	Under 17

Girls U12	Under 16
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If you have any enquiries or wish to sign up please contact our Registrar
jfregistrar.bsfn@gmail.com

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>


Book Club
 orders are due:
19th FEB (via LOOP)

Good Schools Guide 2021

Please follow the below link to view this years' issue. Hard copies can be viewed at the front office.

Victoriaschoolguide.starcommunity.com.au

FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade,

I hope the first few school weeks have been positive for your children and family. It has been great to see teachers and students get to know each other through the positive start program and take the time to build relationships and connectedness to school.

Breakfast Club

At Hillsmeade, we acknowledge the importance of having breakfast and to promote this as a great way to start our day. We are excited to announce Breakfast Club will start next week. We will have a hot breakfast on Monday, warm baked beans on toast and on Tuesday there will be toast and cereals available. Both days will run out of the canteen from 8:15am-8:40am. Parent and carers are welcome, please check in using the QR code located next to the canteen and remain 1.5 metres apart. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Last week I shared some of the things we do at Hillsmeade to focus on Social and Emotional Learning and the mental health and wellbeing of our students. I wanted to share with you in more detail about circle time.

Circle Time - Strengthening Relationships at Hillsmeade

Circle Time creates a space for our students to:

- **Connect** - with peers and teachers
- **Share** - ideas and important news
- **Support** - each other by talking through challenges
- **Celebrate** - achievements and growth
- **Encourage** - peers who may be working towards a specific goal or be faced with a challenge
- **Develop** - communication skills
- **Strengthen** - relationships with peers and teachers

ENJOY A HEALTHY START AT SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB



All students welcome!



FROM MR CARDAMONE

The core purpose of circle time is to build a sense of belonging and strengthen relationships within the class.

Below are some comments from our students and sharing their thoughts on circle time

"We get to know one another."

"What we've been doing to hear about each other's weekends."

"We listen and share."

"Play some games to get to know each other."

"Learn about feelings/how to fix problems, goes with SEL."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.
John Cardamone **Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning**

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



SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Auditions for the School Production 'Let the Games Begin'

Next week, students who signed up in Year 5 and 6, will have the opportunity to audition for a character or speaking role in the school production. Students took home a short piece of dialogue to learn, ready to audition. The auditions are being held next week on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th February and students will be notified of their audition time by the end of this week. The audition process was explained to students and the audition panel will be looking for voice projection, confidence and creativity. Students who are successful in being cast in a character or speaking role will be notified by the end of next week, Friday 19th February. Rehearsals for students who are cast in a role will be held Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtimes. The school production will be performed at night on Thursday 29th July at the Bunjil Place Theatre in Narre Warren for all students in Year 4, 5 and 6.

Danielle McKelvie
Performing Arts



Please contact the office team by email to place an advert in the newsletter.

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FROM MS BHARDWAJ



Dear Hillsmeade,

My name is Dimple Bhardwaj. I am the Learning Specialist STEAM at Hillsmeade. I will be leading curriculum planning and implementation in Science and Mathematics across the whole school. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. It removes limitations and replaces them with wonder, curiosity, inquiry and innovation.

It is inspiring to see our classroom teachers getting ready to provide rich authentic learning opportunities for our students to develop them as 21st century problem solvers, critical and creative thinkers. I look forward to a year full of high-quality teaching and learning that is in tune with real world applications.



CASEY TECH SCHOOL - FREE PROGRAMS

Intro to 3D Printing & CAD

Over three sessions, participants will learn about the history of 3D printing, how to use CAD software (TinkerCAD) and how to prepare a model for 3D printing.

When: Mondays 15 Mar, 22 Mar, 29 Mar (3 x 60min online workshops)

Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Ages: Grade 5 – Year 8 (max 15 participants)

[Click to register](#)

Sustainable Housing

Over three sessions, participants will learn about sustainable housing materials and architecture, and design their own energy efficient home.

When: Tuesdays 16 Mar, 23 Mar, 30 Mar (3 x 60min online workshops)

Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Ages: Year 7 – Year 10 (max 15 participants)

[Click to register](#)

Wonders of Water

Over three sessions, participants will learn about the physics and chemistry of water, with hands-on experiments that can be done at home.

When: Thursdays 18 Mar, 25 Mar, 1 Apr (3 x 60min online workshops)

Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Ages: Grade 5 – Year 8 (max 15 participants)

[Click to register](#)

CASEY
TECH
SCHOOL

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If you would like more information, please get in touch - community@caseytechschool.vic.edu.au.

LITERACY @ HILLSMEADE

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Hillsmeade for another wonderful year of learning and growing together. My name is Nicole Page and I am thrilled to be working as our 2021 Literacy Learning Specialist, supporting our students to be enthusiastic readers and successful authors.

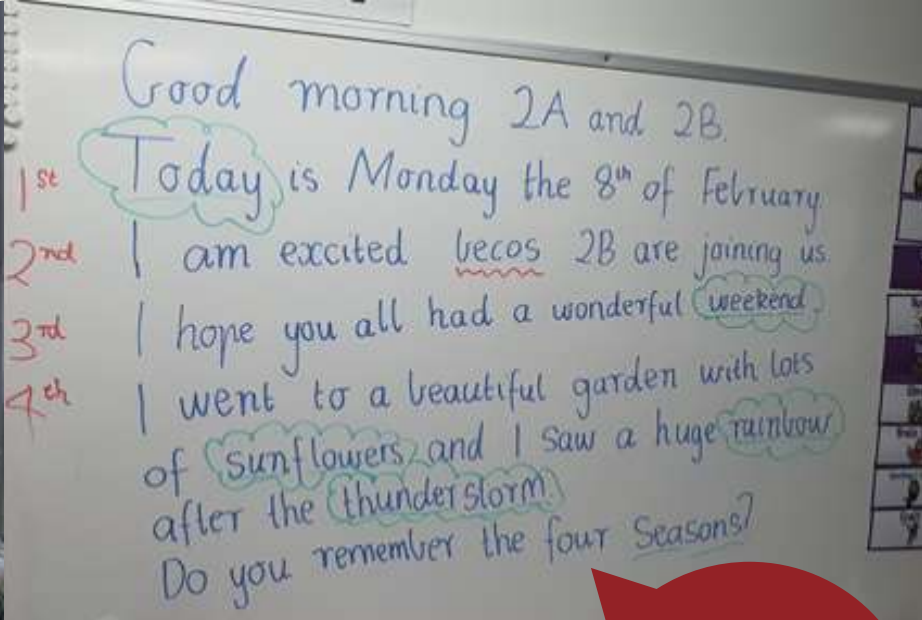
Along with my trusty sidekick Squiggle the pencil puppet, it has been wonderful to see our students back at work in the classroom. Take a look at the impressive efforts from of our super students!



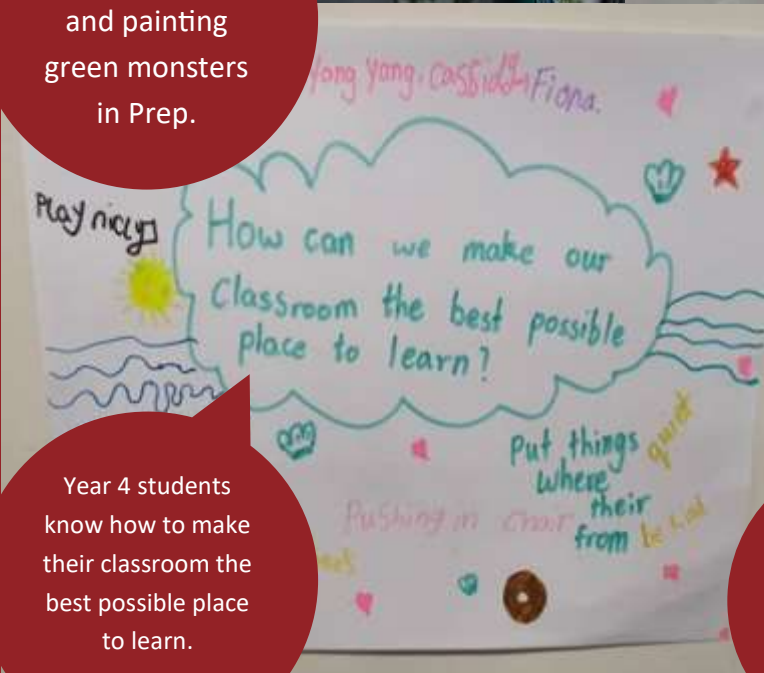
Welcome back!



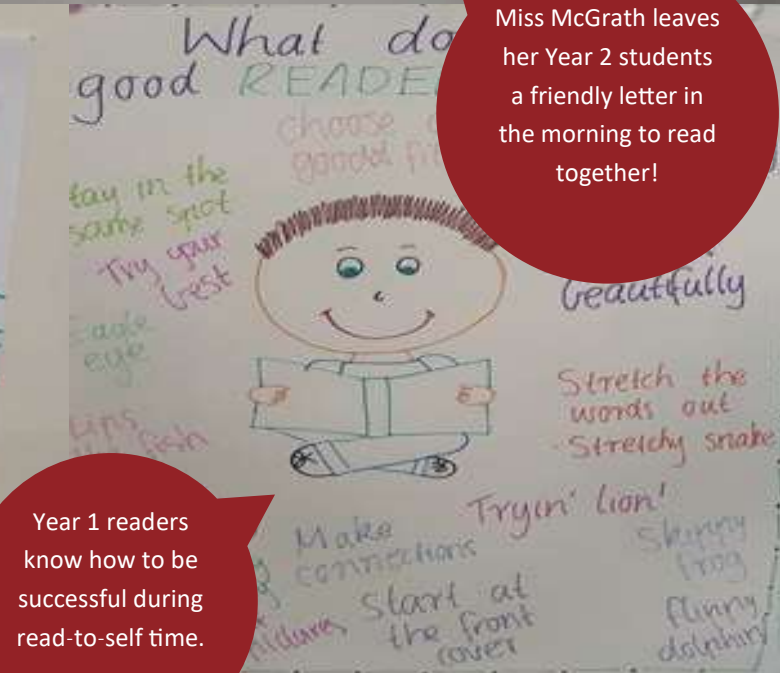
Reading 'The Colour Monster' and painting green monsters in Prep.



Miss McGrath leaves her Year 2 students a friendly letter in the morning to read together!



Year 4 students know how to make their classroom the best possible place to learn.



Year 1 readers know how to be successful during read-to-self time.

Real Reading Vs Fake Reading!



sitting sensibly

looking at the book

Reading each word

NOT talking

DO NOT change books

don't stare at the roof

DO NOT get out of your seat

Don't share books

Book the right way

Don't put the book on your head

No ASKING TO GO TO THE TOILET

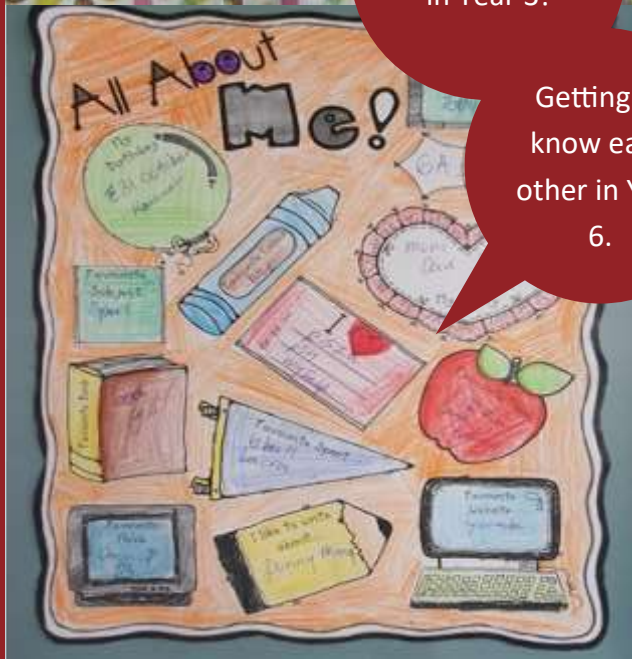
No flipping pages

Sustained Reading

There is no fake reading in Year 3!

Ready to start writing in Year 5.

Getting to know each other in Year 6.



On Wednesday 3rd February, students in Years 5 & 6 attended an audition for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2021. As part of the process, students were asked to submit a written expression of interest before attending the audition.

As a whole group they learned a short dance piece which they performed in front of a panel of staff and the audition was also videoed. Students were scored on their confidence, co-ordination, memory and enthusiasm. After some deliberation the following team of 16 students have been chosen to represent Hillsmeade in the Spectacular 2021:

Kemala, Tayla, Brenna, Erin, April, Ruby, Tienielle, Teagan, Kiara, Candice, Bianca, Paige, Athini, Alice-Lilly, Gemma, Abby.

The calibre of students auditioning was exceptionally high this year and we thank everyone for being so courageous and supportive of each other. Also, a big thank you to the panel members, Miss Smith, Miss McKelvie and Mr Cole.

Mrs Scott
Specialist PLT Leader

Parent Child Mother Goose Program

Enjoy an hour of rhymes, songs and stories with your child. Meet other parents.

School Terms

Tuesday mornings 16th February- 30th March

Session Time: 10.15am - 11.15am

Age: 2- 4 years

HILLSMEADE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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NARRE WARREN SOUTH

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STEAM Agency

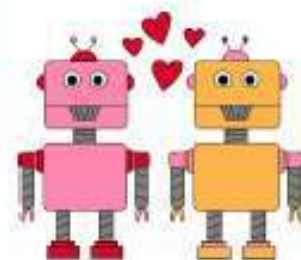


STEAM education is the learning of **science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics** in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach.



I can:

- Research
- Plan
- Design
- Create
- Reflect
- Collaborate
- Think creatively
- Team work
- Observe
- Wonder
- Ask questions
- Problem solve
- Improve
- Discover
- Challenge myself
- Persevere





STEAM Agency

Inviting Expression of Interest

We are inviting Expression of Interest (Grade 4 boys and Grade 5/6 students) for STEAM Agency. This will require participating in activities every Monday lunch. Should we receive a large number of Expression of Interests, we will go through the selection process.

For The Student: Name:..... Class:.....

What do you enjoy most about Science, Technology and Maths?

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Why would you like to join the STEAM AGENCY?

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For The Parent: I give permission to my daughter/son to participate in STEAM Agency.

Parent Signature:

EOI are due by Friday, 14th February. If you would like any further information regarding the STEAM Agency, please contact Mrs Bhardwaj.

STEM GEMS



Empowering girls in science, technology,
engineering, art and mathematics.



STEM GEMS seeks to ignite girls' interest and spark their enthusiasm in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics while building core life skills of self-confidence, self-esteem, curiosity, problem solving and risk taking.

Robotics

Coding

Collaborating

Inventing

Creating

Reflecting

Designing

Experimenting



STEM GEMS

Inviting Expression of Interest



Empowering girls in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

We are inviting Expression of Interest (Grade 4 girls) for STEM GEMS. This will require participating in activities every Wednesday lunch. Should we receive a large number of Expression of Interests, we will go through the selection process.

For The Student: Name:..... Class:.....

What do you enjoy most about Science, Technology and Maths?

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Why would you like to join STEM GEMS?

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For The Parent: I give permission to my daughter to participate in STEM GEMS.

EOI are due by Friday, 14th February. If you would like any further information regarding STEM GEMS, please contact Mrs Dimple Bhardwaj.

Parent Signature:



ENGLISH FOR PARENTS

AT HILLSMEADE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Would you like to learn reading, writing, speaking and listening?

These classes will help you to learn these skills which will help with everyday life activities, school activities, preparing for formal training and seeking employment.

CLASS INFORMATION

Mondays - 2 Options
9.30 - 11.30am or
11.45am - 1.45pm

FREE TUITION!
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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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CHILD MINDING FACILITIES AVAILABLE

