

**The canteen will be closed this Thursday the 27th of May.**

# The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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**2021**



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

## WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

WK 6 MON 24th MAY    TUES 25th MAY    WED 26th MAY    THUR 27th MAY    FRI 28th MAY

### Education Week—'Building Connections'

<b>National Young Leaders Day Conference</b>		<b>National Sorry Day Interschool Sports Academic Afternoon Maths Dress up Day</b>	<b>Active Afternoon Parent Workshop 4-5pm  Canteen Closed</b>	<b>Onsite Assembly for Students</b>
<b>WK 7 MON 31st MAY</b>	<b>TUES 1st JUN</b>	<b>WED 2nd JUN</b>	<b>THUR 3rd JUN</b>	<b>FRI 4th JUN</b>
	<b>VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal</b>	<b>District Cross Country  Academic Afternoon</b>	<b>Active Afternoon</b>	<b>Electives</b>
<b>WK 8 MON 7th JUN</b>	<b>TUES 8th JUN</b>	<b>WED 9th JUN</b>	<b>THUR 10th JUN</b>	<b>FRI 11th JUN</b>
	<b>School Tour for Prospective Families @ 10 am</b>	<b>Academic Afternoon</b>	<b>Active Afternoon</b>	<b>Virtual Assembly</b>
<b>WK 9 MON 14th JUN</b>	<b>TUES 15th JUN</b>	<b>WED 16th JUN</b>	<b>THUR 17th JUN</b>	<b>FRI 17th JUN</b>
<b>Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		<b>Academic Afternoon</b>	<b>Active Afternoon</b>	<b>Electives</b>

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy week 6! We are at the halfway mark of a very busy Term 2. This week we celebrate Education Week. The theme this year is 'Building Connections' and we celebrate the connections between schools, local communities, families and carers.

Today was a Maths themed dress up day, classrooms were filled with a fantastic array of calculator costumes, number print dresses and 'Mathamagicians'.



## Young Leaders Conference

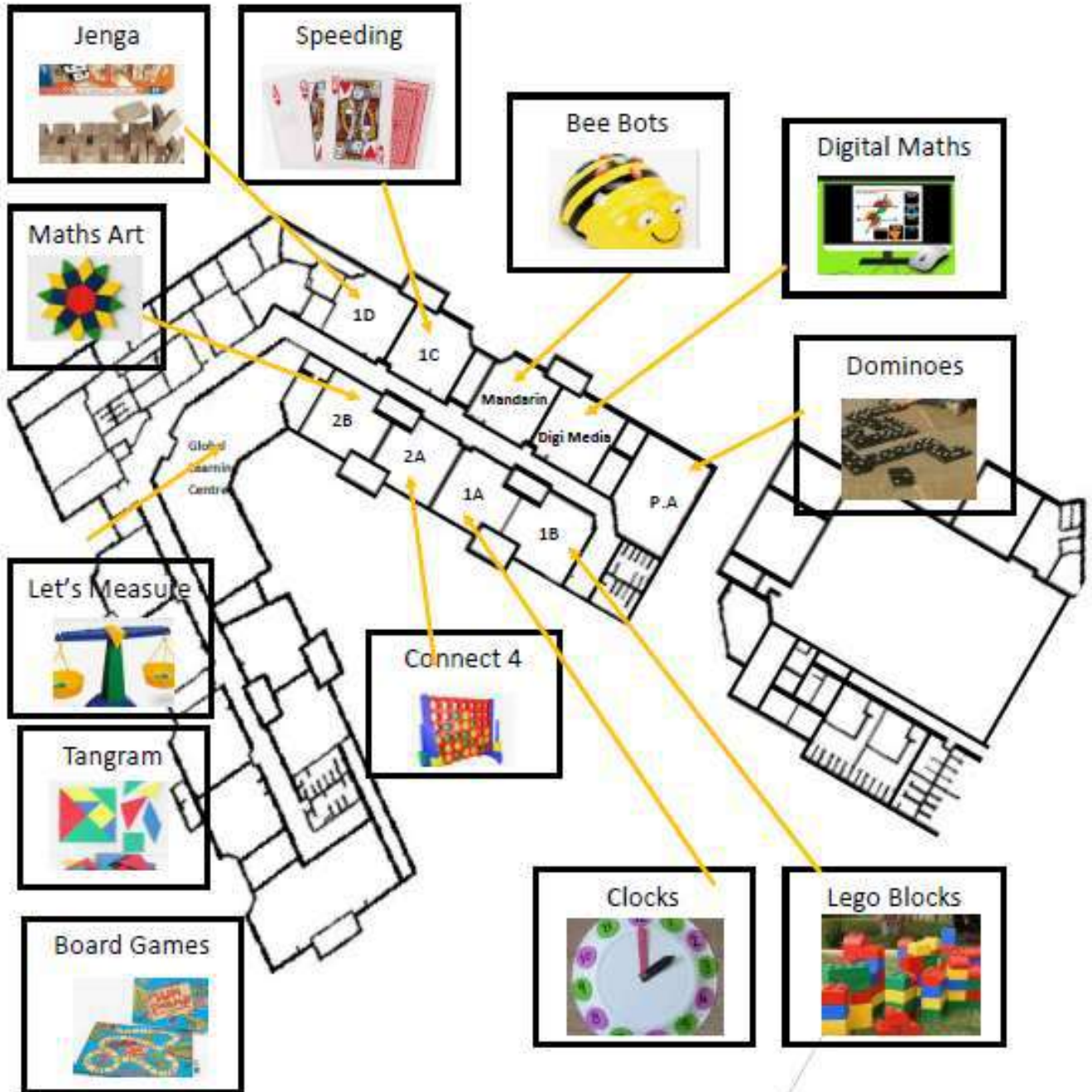
On Monday the 24th of May our student leaders along with Miss Smith, Mrs Flannery and Mr Cole attended the 2021 Young Leaders Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Our leaders had the opportunity to listen to a range of inspiring speakers from different fields such as the arts, sports, community leaders and social entrepreneurs.



# MATHS GAMES EXPO

Wednesday 26th May

Maths Games in the main building  
3:45pm—4:45pm



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am
Breakfast Club @ the Canteen	Breakfast Club @ the Canteen	Breakfast Club @ the Canteen or Running Club @ the Amphitheatre	Breakfast Club @ the Canteen or Reading Club in the Library	Running Club @ the Amphitheatre
Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time
Story Time with Lucas in the Library	Gardening Club	Just Dance Club in the Gym	Gardening Club	Year 6 Student Leader Meeting in the Library
Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	
STEAM Agency	Maths Club	STEM Gems SRC Meeting in the Library	Scribe Tribe in the Library	
Lunch Time		Lunch Time		
Year 6 Student Leader Meeting in the Library		Squiggles in the Library		
		After School Academic Afternoons 3:45-5:45	After School Active Afternoons 3:45-5:45	



Did you know we run clubs?

Why not come along?

# READING LOOKS DIFFERENT @ HILLSMEADE!

Hello Hillsmeade,

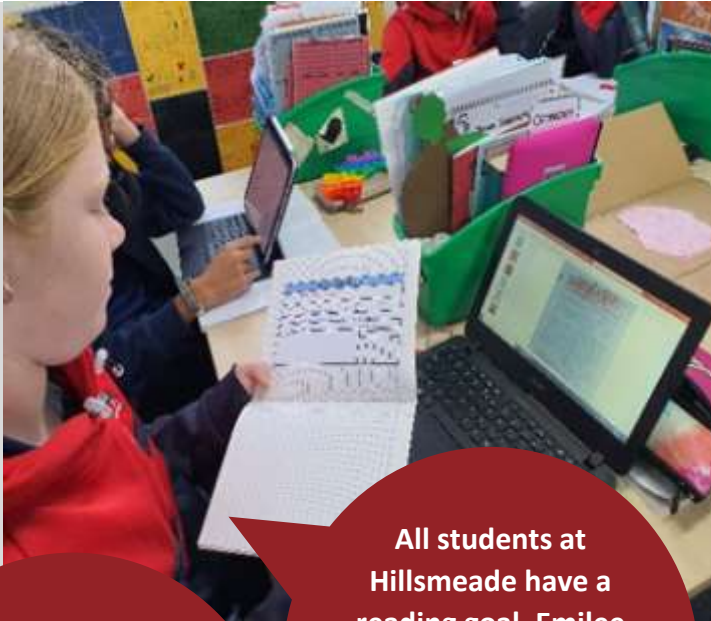
It's Squiggle here, your school writing puppet!

This week Miss Page and I visited students during reading learning. We were amazed to see students working diligently and independently. Students at Hillsmeade have individual reading goals. Our teachers are creative in planning learning activities for students to practise their goals in many different ways. That means nobody does the same 'boring' activity at the same time!

Have a look at all the different ways students practise their reading at Hillsmeade below.

Keep up the awesome learning,

**Squiggle and Miss Page**



All students at Hillsmeade have a reading goal. Emilee K in 6E is reflecting on her learning progress towards her goal!

1A students enjoy spending time on EPIC and MyOn, online reading platforms that align to student skills and interest.



Students in Year 5 can work independently while Ms. Hughes leads a guided reading group.



## SCIENCE IN YEAR 6 - MAKING PAPER

In week 5, we made paper in science. We made it by shredding up old paper scraps and putting them in a transparent bottle with water. We then shook it vigorously until it became very pulpy. After that we put it through a mesh strainer over a plastic ball to strain out all the water. Then we put it on a cardboard box to dry. I found it a lot of fun to do.

**Blake R 6/E**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 we made paper using recycled paper scraps! It was interesting! I absolutely loved it! The first thing we did was rip up paper and put it in a plastic water bottle. After we filled up the bottle with paper, we filled it up halfway with water. Then we had to shake the bottled up and down. It was literally an arm workout!

After the paper and water was all sloppy and pulpy so I poured it into a sifter and drained the excess water from it. I then transferred into onto a cardboard box where it will dry out. **Moneil S 6/E**

For science, this week we are learning about reversible and irreversible changes. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May 6E participated in paper making. First, we ripped up paper into little bits and put the paper into a water bottle. Next, we filled the water bottle with half the amount of water. Now for the best part! We had to shake the water bottle hard for about 5 minutes or so until the paper turned into pulp. My group and I then sifted the pulp draining the water out of the clumpy mush we started with. We then put it on cardboard to dry. It is still sitting there drying and I think it might take a while to dry. In conclusion it is a reversible change. **C.J Beamish**





HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING?



There is a large amount of unnamed lost property items and uniform at the office. Do you recognise any thing here?

## FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade,

Happy week 6, I hope the week has been a positive one for you and your family so far.

**Reminder:** Every Thursday we will have another breakfast club morning! We will be offering Weetbix smoothies. This is very exciting as this means we will have breakfast club from Monday to Thursday. Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

I wanted to acknowledge some of the partnerships we have within the community that make breakfast club happen.

A big thank you to:

**Bakers Delight Casey Central**, they donate bread for our toast and jaffles

**FoodBank**, they supply us with cereals, fruits and milk and

**Coles Casey Central**, they donate bananas for our Thursday morning smoothies.

**A very big thank you!**

**Story time with Lucas** again was very popular! We saw many students come to listen Lucas read about dinosaurs. I wonder what he might be reading this Monday? This provides another opportunity for our students to engage in a club to learn and listen to someone to read. Story time with Lucas happens every Monday recess time.

Tomorrow Crystal Wells and I will be running a **Parent workshop presentation** on structures, routines and self-regulation. Some of the things we will cover:

### **Self-regulation**

- What is self-regulation?
- Why is it important?
- What strategies can we put in place around self-regulation?
- How can we have an impact in this area?



Ava H visited breakfast club last week and gave Mr C's weetbix smoothie a big thumbs up!

**Don't**  
**forget breakfast club**  
**every Monday,**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday**  
**and now Thursday!**  
**8:15am-8:40am at the**  
**canteen**

- What we do at Hillsmeade to support this?

### **Structures and routines**

- Why are routines and structure important for children and parents?
- How do we help children manage these?
- Family rituals
- Tools to help



## FROM MR CARDAMONE

The workshop will run from 4pm-5pm in the EAL room (a map will be provided). We hope to see you there.

I wanted to share a free webinar that will be running in a few weeks by Dr. Justin Coulson. He is one of Australia's leading experts in the areas of parenting, relationships and wellbeing. He is also an author on a number of books on the topic of families and relationships. In this article he covers the concerns that many families have, screen time.

This webinar is called **"THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF DISCIPLINE"** Please find more information below.

*"Ask a few parents about what they're trying to achieve with discipline and you'll hear A LOT of different ideas.*

Take these for example:

- "I want to teach my kids right from wrong"
- "I need cooperation from them"
- "I want them to listen to me"
- "I just want some quiet!"
- "I'm trying to stop bad behaviour"

*None of them are necessarily incorrect or wrong. Sometimes we do need quiet or cooperation. But whatever we think, none of us discipline our children wanting to hurt the relationship - and that's a real risk if we go about it the wrong way.*

*The good news is that when you know how to discipline your kids without creating resentment or resistance, you're a big step closer to a happier family.*

***And that's what we're diving into with our next Happy Families free webinar: The Do's and Don'ts of Discipline.***

*In the webinar, I'll be talking about:*

- *Why the centuries-old strategies we still cling to should be left in the past*
- *How we get discipline wrong and why*
- *The secret to perfect discipline (the secret is simple to learn, but hard in practice)*
- *Real-world examples of discipline that are as imperfect as you and your kids but still work*
- *Ideas for discipline that turn everything you thought you knew about the topic on its head*

*Ultimately, this webinar is about giving you a truckload of ideas about better discipline and more importantly, a new understanding of how vital this part of parenting is to a happy home.*

*The webinar is happening on Thursday, 10 June, at 8pm AEST.*

*(That's 6pm WA time, 7:30pm SA time, and 10pm NZ time.)*

**[Find all the details and register for free right here.](#)**

Or [https://  
happyfamiliesfamilyeduca-  
tion.ac-page.com/the-dos-  
donts-of-discipline](https://happyfamiliesfamilyeducation.ac-page.com/the-dos-donts-of-discipline)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

**John Cardamone**  
Leading Teacher  
in Social and Emotional  
Learning



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



"Every Day Counts"

# Awarded to Prep

*For most the best and most improved attendance in  
the month of April!*

J. Bray

May 2021

Principal

Date



We are a  
**victorian premiers'  
reading  
challenge**  
school

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading challenge

Sartaj 3/B Nathaniel 2/B Brandon 1/A Austin 1/E Sara 2/A

With Sara, Austin and Brandon all reading more than 50 books.



Tickets for  
sale at the  
end of Term  
2!

Any parents/guardians onsite must not use the student toilets. Please use the visitor toilet located at the front office. Thank you for your cooperation!

# Let The GAMES Begin...



Year 4,5 and 6 students

Night time performance at Bunjil Place  
Theatre Narre Warren 7pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Students arrive from 6pm

By Mike Smith  
& Steve Tifford



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