



Friday last day Term 2 is a 2:30 pick up.

# 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?



### Term 2 School Holidays 26th JUNE - 11th JULY

MON 12th JULY	TUES 13th JUN	WED 14th JULY	THUR 15th JULY	FRI 16th JULY
First Day back for Term 3				
MON 19th JULY	TUES 20th JUN	WED 21st JULY	THUR 22nd JULY	FRI 23rd JULY
MON 26th JULY	TUES 27th JULY	WED 28th JULY	THUR 29th JULY	FRI 30th JULY
			School Tour 10am from Front Office	
MON 2nd AUG	TUES 3rd AUG	WED 4th AUG	THUR 5th AUG	FRI 6th AUG

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy Week 10 of Term 2. Well done to our students, parents and carers for so positively navigating a tricky Term 2. We are so proud of the ways in which our community has supported each other. It is fantastic to have our students back on site engaging in face to face learning with their teachers and class mates. A big thank you to our staff for ensuring that our students have positively transitioned back to onsite learning.

Friday is our last day of school for this term. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful school holiday period. Stay warm and stay safe.



## Thank you and best wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the Hillsmeade Primary School Community for supporting me and helping me grow throughout my time as Principal.

I absolutely feel privileged to have had the opportunity to lead Hillsmeade Primary School as Principal.

Hillsmeade Primary School is a wonderful school, made up of amazing students, parents and carers and staff. I will move forward with such positive memories from my time at our school.

I would like to acknowledge the support of school council, both present and previous. A big thank you to

School Council Presidents Megan Shields and Brooke Gniel for their ongoing support, care and commitment.

Thank you to the amazing past and present students at Hillsmeade Primary School. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to get to know you and see you grow and achieve amazing things.

A big thank you to the parents and carers for being a wonderful support to our students, myself and the wider school community.

A big thank you to the staff past and present. The support, care, dedication, team work and ways in which you support students to grow and achieve has been amazing and appreciated.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts and achievements of the Leadership Team. Sarah Smith, Crystal Wells, Shiona Watson, Stewart Johnson, John Cardamone, Dimple Bhardwaj, Nicole Page and Hardev Singh. Your hard work, care, professionalism and support is something that I will treasure. I feel lucky to have been a part of our team and will miss working with you all.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hillsmeade Primary School is positively placed to step confidently into the future. Wishing the school community all of the very best.

**Mrs Jodie Bray, Principal**

### Farewell and Best Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and best wishes to Assistant Principal Crystal Wells and Admin Team Member Emma Wiesenekker. Crystal and Emma have been an integral part of the school for a number of years and have positively impacted our school in so many ways. We will miss them and wish them all the best on their next adventures in education beginning in Term 3. Thank you both for your positive contribution to Hillsmeade Primary School. Your work, commitment, care and



support has been appreciated and valued. Best wishes moving forward.

### Virtual Assembly

This Friday our end of Term Assembly will be a virtual one posted to COMPASS in the afternoon.

### Student Reports

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June student reports will be available via COMPASS.

### Best of Luck

Sending our 2 Hillsmeade Primary School runners Gemma B and Mahli T best wishes and good luck as they move on to the next stage of Cross Country for SSV Casey South Division.



*'Wishing you well on your next adventure. Farewell and good luck!'*



### **Year 6 Family Suitcase Project**

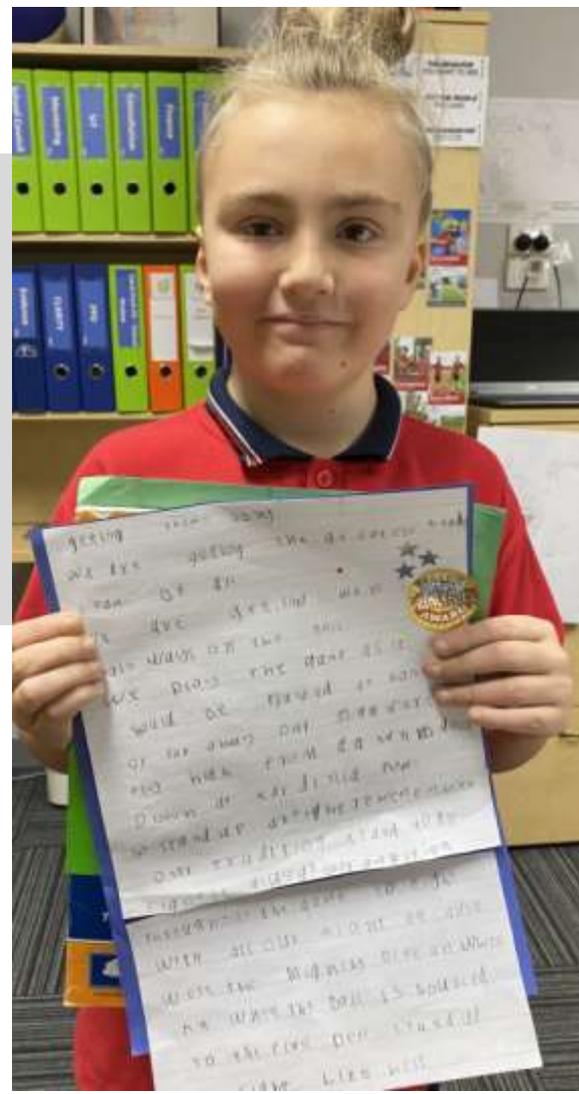
A big well done to our Year 6 students who have this week shared with their peers and teachers their Family Suitcase. The amazing efforts our students and families went to was inspiring. We had the opportunity to learn so much about our Year 6 students and their family history and traditions.

Well done Year 6's. We were blown away with your efforts, creativity and confidence in sharing your learning.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

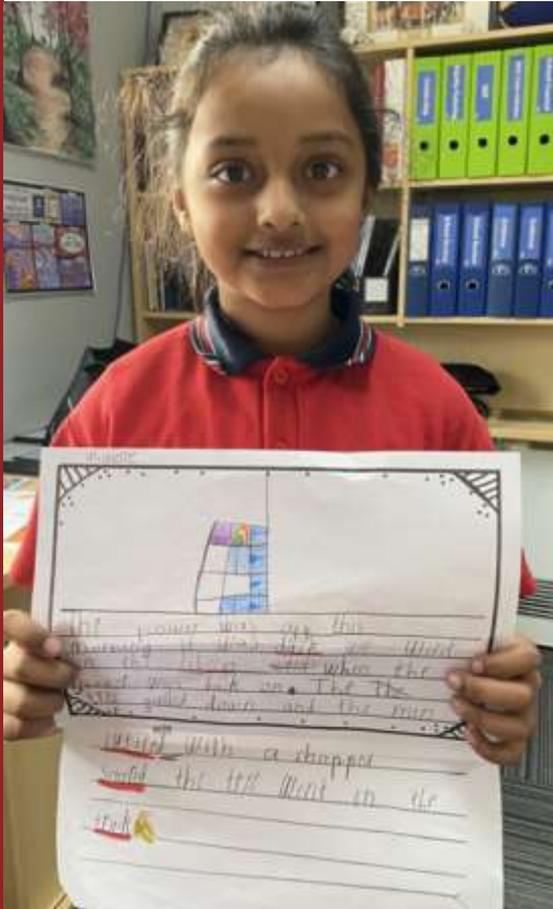
## Writing

A big well done to our students who continue to share some amazing gains as writers. I have had the opportunity to hear from so many students about how they love writing, and how much they have grown in their learning and understanding. A big well done to Year 2B student Brady who this week shared his writing about the Geelong Cats AFL team. He so confidently showed his writing from the beginning of the year to now and could talk about the ways in which he has grown and developed. Well done Brady!

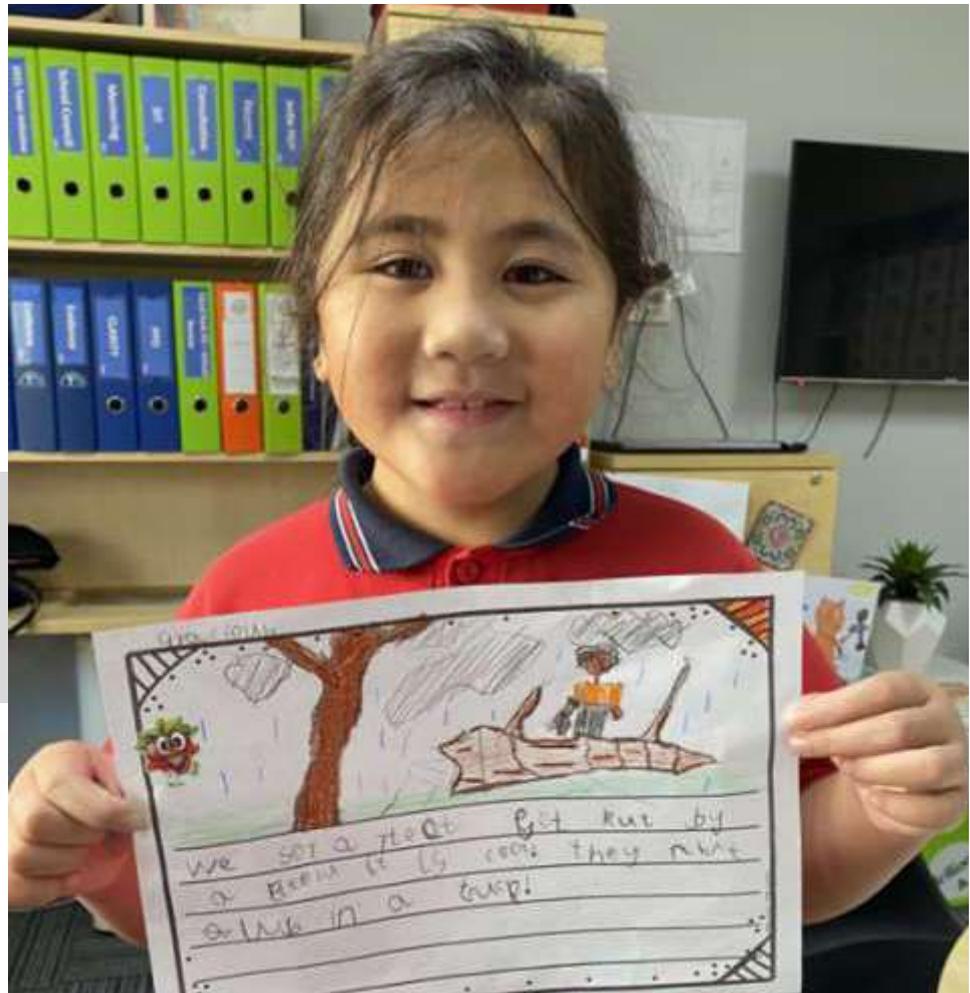


Well done to Michelle from 1E on her amazing work in Writing. This was a recount inspired by the day the power went out at school.

Great work Michelle.



Amazing Writing Gracious from 1E. Your writing and detailed illustration was fantastic. Keep up the wonderful work as Writers. Well done.



Wonderful writing!



## FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade,

Happy last week of the school term. This term has flown by, we have had lots of celebrations and some challenging times. The holidays are here, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with families and friends. Spending quality time with our children is so important and is one of the most important protective factors.

Next term, Hillmeade is excited to announce another **parent workshop**. Bryan Jeffrey will be presenting again, last year he presented to our community on the mental health and wellbeing of our children and what we can do to support them during difficult times. This will take place on August the 26<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow early next term.

This week I am sharing an important article from Kidshelpline, its focus is on building healthy family relationships. During recent challenging times families are spending more time together than ever before. At times that can be a challenge, please find below some tips and strategies to assist with that. You can find out more at <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/building-healthy-family-relationships>

Kidshelpline is a great resource for the whole family, there is a wealth of resources for parent/carers to read and understand local support agencies and have a better understanding how Kidshelpline can support your children. You can find out more at <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Your children are able to navigate through the website and go through a series of channels to describe how they are feeling and some resources to assist them with this.

## **Building healthy family relationships**

*Healthy family relationships are important for your child's wellbeing and development. Building strong family relationships supports them to cope with challenges and to learn to be independent.*

### **What is family?**

*There are many different types of families.*

- *Family is said to be a place we feel that we belong*
- *Traditionally families were based on biological or marital connections*
- *There are many different types of families - with and without biological or marital connections*
- *Our culture can influence what the word family means to us*
- *Some cultures have more extensive networks that they call family than others*

### **Healthy family relationships have a positive impact on your child**

*Healthy relationships between family members means that your child feels loved, safe, secure and supported as they grow into independent adults. Supporting healthy family relationships as a parent can mean:*

- *Being loving, caring and respectful*
- *Being warm, supportive and positive*
- *Communicating when disagreements occur*
- *Spending time doing things together to build strong bonds*

### **Some practical tips for building stronger families**

*We know that healthy family relationships supports your child's wellbeing and development. Here's some tips and strategies you can try at home with your kids:*

- *Set a positive example by being respectful and kind towards others*
- *Learn about child development and what is typical behaviour for your child's age*



## FROM MR CARDAMONE

- *Use time together to have conversations with your child*
- *Regularly spend time together*
- *Know that your child gets older they need space to explore and express their independence.*
- *Look after yourself- it's much harder to support your child when you're tired and run down.*
- *Give clear and consistent boundaries so your child knows what's expected.*
- *Try and remain calm in front of your kids during challenging situations.*
- *Strike a balance between work and family to reduce stress.*
- *Seek a healthy outlet for your frustrations and worries.*
- *Praise your child's healthy and appropriate behaviour and give specific feedback about what they did well*
- *Find opportunities to involve your child in family life and decision making that is appropriate for their age.*

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

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



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 HAVE BEEN  
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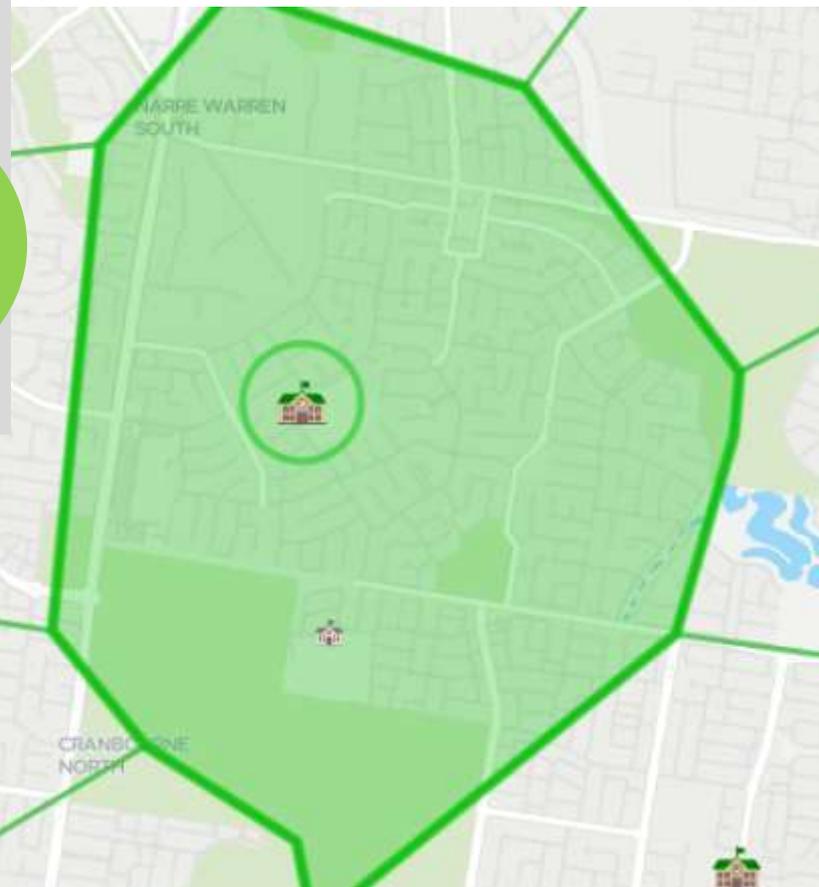
## PREP ENROLMENTS 2022

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2022. Prospective families can find out about their local designated school by visiting:

<https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>

Enrolment packs can be collected from the front office. If you would like a digital enrolment pack, please email us at:

**hillsmeade.ps@education.vic.gov.au**



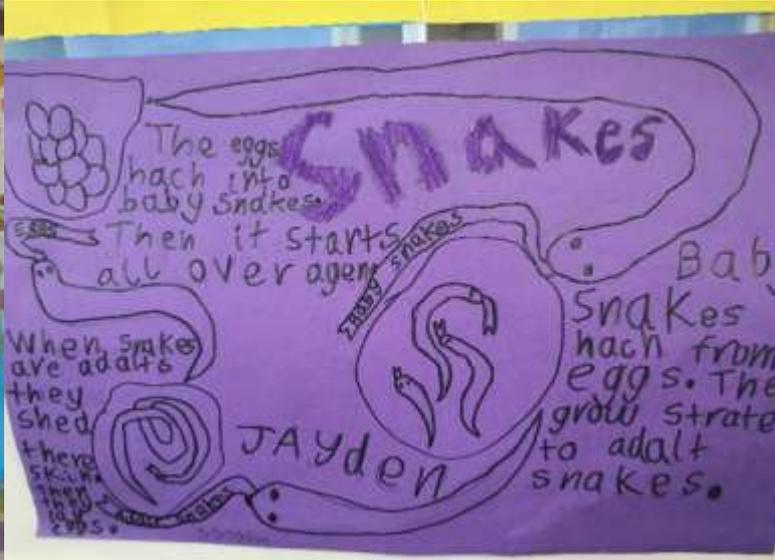
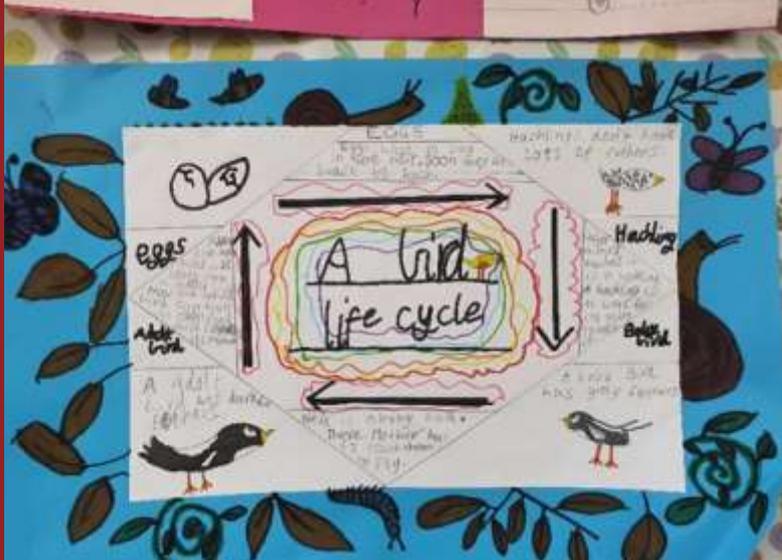
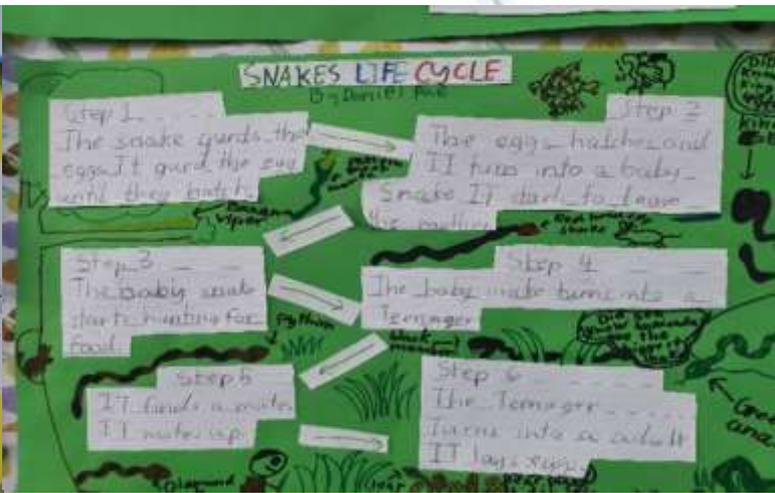
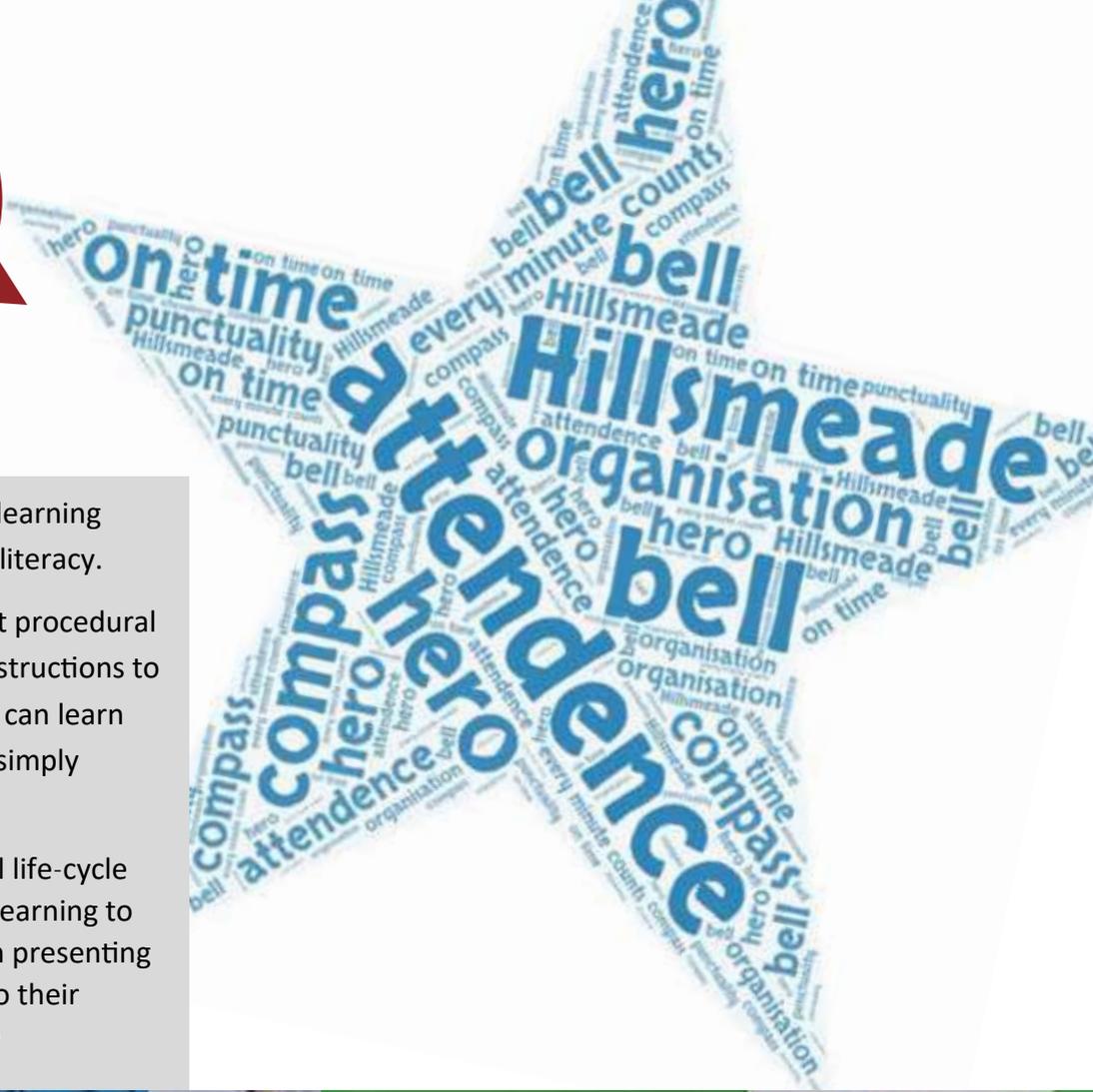
Attendance Matters @ Hillsmeade Primary!

FROM MISS PAGE

In Year 3, students have been learning about procedural texts during literacy.

Our student authors know that procedural texts tell the reader specific instructions to complete a task, or the reader can learn about the stages of a cycle by simply reading.

Take a look at these wonderful life-cycle texts our students created by learning to take notes during reading then presenting their published writing piece to their classmates. - Miss Nicole Page

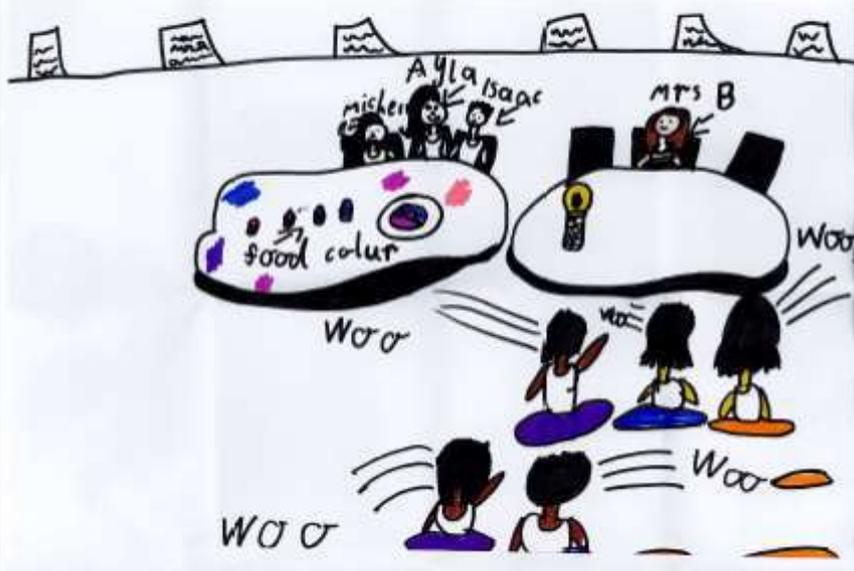


FROM MRS BHARDWAJ



1E going full STEAM Ahead in our STEAM Room!





Dear  
Mrs B

Thank you for  
lending us in  
wey did you plan it  
on Monday? We  
had so much fun  
she sad what is  
your parent thing  
to do my parent  
was the mimick.  
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Michelle

THANK YOU  
LETTERS TO MRS  
BHARDWAJ  
FROM  
TE!

Jacob.

Monday.  
Used the milk  
and the food color  
and the wool  
to do the experiment.

FROM  
Jacob



Ayla

Monday

I in God seeing  
you. I had fun  
with the food  
colour. I have bid  
you to all for that?  
I like that you are  
the best teacher  
te. I no ya ya ya!  
Teacher

From  
Ayla

# READING

# Winter Holiday Challenge



PREP - YEAR 2

## myON

Visit our new digital library, myON. Choose from the thousands of stories available to you. Your Teacher can see how many books you've read over the holidays. Which year level will read the most?

## myON

## Reading Cubby

Using blankets and pillows, create a snug little cubby inside your home. Curl up and enjoy a good book!



## Toy Read-Aloud

Gather your favourite toys together for your very own read-aloud! Choose a story to read or retell to your audience of admiring toys.



# INTERCULTURAL

## Family Backgrounds

Talk to your family about your heritage. Where were your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents born?



## Animals around the World

What animals have you seen in Australia? How many are native to Australia? Where do the other animals come from?



## Greetings

Research how to say hello/goodbye in 3 different languages.



# WRITING

## Winter Treat

Write or draw a procedure of step-by-step instructions explaining how to cook or prepare a winter treat. It could be a hot chocolate, vegetable-soup or anything that warms us up on a cold winter day.



## Wake up! It's snowing!

Use your writing skills and creativity to respond to the following writing prompt:

*When I woke up, there was snow blanketing my entire bedroom....*



## Jack Frost Letter

Write a persuasive letter to Jack Frost, the cheeky frost man who covers our lawns in ice and fills the air with fog! Tell him why he should stop or continue his frosty mornings!



# STEAM

# Autumn Holiday Challenge



PREP - YEAR 2

## Snowman Clock

Design and create your own snowman clock.



## Water Slide

Use materials from home to make a wicked water slide. Test it to see if it transports a toy to a splash-down at the bottom.



## Salt Painted Snowflake

Draw a snowflake, add glue and salt. Let it dry, now add water colour using a eye dropper. Keep it overnight to dry.



# MATHS

## 2D Shapes

Use twigs to design different 2D shapes.



## Winter Addition and Subtraction

Design 5 winter word problems that your peers can solve when you are back at school.

*A pile of bubble hats were lying in a pile. 2 were red, 4 were yellow and 3 were blue. How many hats were there altogether?*



## Missing Numbers

Use patterns to make a simple game for your friends.



# WELLBEING

## Be Kind

Create a card with writing or drawings for a friend or family member.



## Get Moving!

Dance with your family! Search 'Just Dance' online and select a song/dance.



## Gratitude Tree

With a family member, draw a tree and leaves. In the leaves, write or draw things that you are grateful for.



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**Read in Bed**

How many books can you enjoy snuggled up in bed? Try to read before you sleep or first thing in the morning. Does this put you in the green zone?

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**Book Review**

Create a book review, sharing your best read over the holidays!

Remember to include the title, author, and a simple plot that doesn't give the ending away.

**Greetings**

Research how to say hello/goodbye in five different languages.

**Artwork**

Create an artwork that represents the theme of *diversity*, as celebrated during Harmony Week.

**Buildings Around the World**

Research five buildings/landmarks around the world and explore the design features that have been inspired by different cultures.

## WRITING

**Winter Sensory Writing**

Create a Winter sensory poem. Go outside with a writer's notebook. Use your five senses to describe what you see, hear, smell, feel and taste to describe winter time. Think of ways to develop your writing ideas into a published piece.

**Write a Letter**

Imagine what it would be like to be a kid in the Northern Hemisphere, where it is currently Summer. Write them a letter describing what Winter is like in Melbourne, Australia.

**Narrative Writing**

*Due to the unprecedented snow in Narre Warren South, school has been cancelled today!*

Using this prompt, write an imaginative story. Can you organise your story with characters, a setting and a plot?

# STEAM

# Winter Holiday Challenge

## MATHS

**Skier Challenge**

Make an aluminium foil skier stand on the ski.

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**Olaf Snacks**

Make Olaf snacks of your choice, e.g. Olaf cookies or Olaf Banana Pop.

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**Snowstorm in a Jar**

Use water, oil and an Alka-Seltzer tablet to make a snowstorm in a jar.

**Board Game**

Design a board game using addition & subtraction or multiplication & division.

**Light Up Winter Village**

Design and create a light-up winter village using 2D and 3D shapes.

**Lego Snowflake**

Design and create symmetrical LEGO snowflakes.

## WELLBEING

**Gratitude Writing**

Strong evidence shows that by writing 3 things you are grateful for everyday can help you view things in a positive way. Get a journal and start writing!

**Quality Sleep**

Sleep is very important for our health. Create a sleep routine that you can stick to every night.

**Fun Fitness**

Create an Indoor fitness circuit. For example, one station can be 10 push ups, sit ups, planks or jogging on the spot.

## WINTER 2021

The Koorie Holiday Program is funded to provide young Aboriginal people aged 10 to 25 years old with the opportunity to participate in social and physical activities.

### Week One



#### FRIDAY 2 JULY

Cinema: Raya the Last Dragon

Venue: Cameo Cinemas (1628 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave)

Time: 12pm – 2pm

Cost: Free

Transport and snacks included.

### Week Two



#### MONDAY 5 JULY

Ice Skating

Venue: O'Brien Icehouse (Ground/105 Pearl River Rd, Docklands)

Time: 11am – 2pm

Cost: Free

Transport and lunch included.



#### WEDNESDAY 7 JULY

Snow Day

Venue: Lake Mountain Alpine Resort (1071 Lake Mountain Rd, Marysville)

Time: 9am – 3pm

Cost: Free

Transport and lunch included.

Cold, alpine conditions. Please dress in warm clothes: waterproof jacket, pants, gloves, scarf, and beanie. If you require help with clothing, please let us know and we can help provide assistance.

**IMPORTANT – DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS THE SNOW DAY MAY BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME. UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS VIA EMAIL.**

**\*Bookings are essential and MUST be completed here\***

Please note that each child will need to be booked via TryBookings separately.



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**TIS:** 131 450 (Translating and Interpreter Services)

#### Contact Program Organiser:

**Kish Mills**  
Gathering Place Programs and Partnerships Officer  
**Email:** kmills@casey.vic.gov.au  
**Mobile:** 0448 402 804

# KOORIE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## BUS TIMETABLE

### WEEK ONE

Friday 2 July: Cinema: Raya the Last Dragon

	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	10:30am	3:10pm
Hampton Park	10:45am	2:50pm
Doveton	11:10am	2:25pm

### WEEK TWO

Monday 5 July: Ice Skating

	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	9:15am	4:00pm
Hampton Park	9:40am	3:35pm
Doveton	10:00am	3:15pm

Wednesday 7 July: Snow Day

	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	6:00am	6:30pm
Hampton Park	6:20am	6:10pm
Doveton	6:40am	5:50pm

### Pick up and drop off points

Cranbourne	Lyal Street Bus Stop, Cranbourne
Hampton Park	Stuart Avenue Bus Stop, Hampton Park
*Doveton	Doveton Pool Driveway Bus Stop, Tristania Street, Doveton
**Doveton	Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place, 20 Agonis Street, Doveton

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## SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS - YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERS

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## 2021 Special Group Photos How to Order

Dear Parents and Students,

Hillsmeade Primary School SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS are now available online.

### ONLINE ORDERING

Your school's photos are available for secure online ordering. Photos will be delivered to your school office.

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE PHOTO ORDERING\*\*

**Step 1:** Easy Access Link: [Click Here](#) if you are using a supported device

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter your school code [LG3 X97 85R]

**Step 2:** Click on the Group Photos tab (top of the page)

**Step 3:** Choose the groups you would like to order from the list  
(left side of the page, you can view them at this point)

**Step 4:** Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

\*\*Online Orders have a \$1 service fee

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's special group photo order.  
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Advancedlife Team



# 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 Keeper 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: \$99



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## Program Breakdown

Lesson 1 –

Fingerprint Painting

Learn about the science of fingerprints and incorporate design and art to create an overall painting

Lesson 2 & 3– Coding and Robots

Learn about coding and robots over 2 sessions using mini speheros, Artie 3000, Dash Robot and explore Spike and EV3 robots from Lego

Lesson 4 – Pigpen Cipher and Morse Code

Learn about the difference between ciphers and codes and be able to create and interpret various codes and ciphers

Lesson 5 – Keyring Design and 3D printing

Design and create keyrings on a program and use the 3D printer to see your project come to life

Lesson 6 – Toothpick Bridge

Learn about the structures of different bridges using maths and science and then create your own bridge to hold a certain weight.

Lesson 7 – VR, AR and creating Game Sprites

Explore the world of virtual reality and augmented reality. Learn to design and create your own game sprite and your own game level!

Lesson 8 – Light up sweater/t-shirt

Learn about circuits and electricity to be able to create your own

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics which are incorporated together in everyday challenges that help promote problem solving, collaboration and communication, critical and analytical thinking, as well as creativity

The South Eastern STEAM Club will be held during Term 3 each Friday from 4:15-5:15pm for 10 sessions in the STEAM room (D13) at Berwick College.

This program will be free of charge and is open for students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

It is such a great opportunity for students to come and learn about STEAM and learn to collaborate in a team. It is a great chance to come and see what Berwick College's STEAM Program can offer.

The program is limited to 30 students. Register your expression of interest to the following email address

[irena.arney@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:irena.arney@education.vic.gov.au) using the link below.

[SOUTH EASTERN STEAM CLUB INTEREST FORM](#)