

Wednesday 7th October No 30

OCTOBER

8th

Hoop Time Finals
Selected students

9th

Athletics Finals
Selected students

9th

Whole School
Assembly
2.45pm Grade 6 item

13th

School Tour 10am

16th

Lightning Prem.
Selected Students

NOVEMBER

2nd

Curriculum Day
NO STUDENTS

3rd

Cup Day Public Holiday
NO STUDENTS

4th -6th

Grade 4 Camp

5th

School Tour 10am

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to Term 4, eleven weeks for your children to continue their love of writing (as one of our key improvement areas this year), getting ready for transition into the next year level and enjoying the beautiful weather. Our teachers are well prepared for the term having planned their team programs for reading, writing, spelling, mathematics, science and other curriculum areas.

The term also sees the children in years 2 and 4 attend their camps, grade 6 children walking to Alkira SC for practical science classes, 2016 prep transition sessions, the Life Ed Van sessions and student reports being prepared.

Monday 2nd November is a Curriculum Day for teachers (no children at school on this day) to allow us time to look at the new Victorian Curriculum recently announced by the Department of Education & Training and start planning for 2016. **Tuesday 3rd** is **Melbourne Cup public holiday**.

Yesterday 14 children left for the ten day Somers Camp. This camp is an opportunity for the boys and girls to meet children from other schools, work in teams and participate in adventure activities. I'd like to thank Ms Toni Barker for volunteering to attend with the children. Hillsmeade PS was allocated more spaces after our offer to send a supporting teacher to the camp.



Over the holidays I heard from Mr Bret Mottrom who was successfully appointed as an Assistant Principal at Bayswater South Primary School, starting 2016. He is still acting in an AP role at Knox Park PS until the end of this year. On behalf of our school community, I wish Bret well with this exciting new role next year. I have also spoken to Mr Kieran Denver and Mrs Tara Jenner over the past few weeks and they are thoroughly enjoying their leadership roles in their new schools.

We welcome back teachers who have had long service leave during term 3: Mandy Ryan, Di Poulter, Rush Rajaram, Carrie Boyce and Rob Kay.

I'd like to inform parents who use the front gate to drop off or pick up their child, that there is a magpie nesting in the gum near the Administration Block. We have seen some swooping. Please be on the lookout.

Deborah

It's cool to be at school

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee

Think Big, Dream Big

The Bus Shopping tour is FULL but we do have a waiting list. Thanks to those that have paid their deposit & **its now time to pay the balance.**



Any questions to Inez Crowe 0425 896 874.



Christmas raffle free dress and bring a raffle donation and end of year party/concert/cake stall – date to be announced.

Tuesdays at lunchtime we will continue to sell zooper doopers for \$1 and hot chocolates for \$1.50.

GRADE 4 CAMP

Camp is on November 4th-6th
Balance of camp money must be paid
NO LATER THAN 30th October.



Notices Sent Home

- Canteen list term 4
- Lightning Prem (selected Students)
- Grade 6 Alkira Science Excursion

EXCURSION CUT OFF DATE

- **Grade 4 History The Colonial show**
Due back 27/10/15

The Kids Matter Action Team would like to invite all parent helpers to a morning tea in the library October 14th between 10.30 – 11.30am as a way of saying thank you for your support and help in the classroom this year

Kids Matter 

HILLSMEADE HEROES

Alexandria Johnson, Eliana Sidiqi, Callum Fletcher, Ashini Randeni, Manea Vaeau, Hamza Akhiaqi, Nargis Naim, Steven Abraham, Indiana Hyde, Justin Oral, Jack Toland, Jasraj Hayer, Santi Giannaras, Isabella Soun, Nicolas Zlatkovic, Julianna Rentero, Brigitte Dickinson, Dakota Mayworm, Zavannah Cuthers, Jai Groza, Logan Kane, Zack Watson and Josh Wallace

- **DO YOU NEED MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS?**
- **DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD?**

We may be able to help you if you are the holder of a Health Care Card. The Government have made available \$125 per child to support families to cover the costs of camps, excursions and incurSIONs.

Please come to the office to fill out the application and bring your Health Care Card for photocopying. If you have any queries please phone and speak to one of the office staff on 9704 6313.

*Any future notices you can then write **"Please use CSEF"** and you do not need to send any money.*





Grade 5s at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

Exploring the Gold Rush, migration and daily life in Australia's history

16th of September, 2015



Grade 6 Alkira Science Excursion:

- 6A 21st October
- 6B 28th October
- 6C 4th November
- 6D 11th November
- 6E 18th November



Please return permission slips no later than 2 days before visit date. There is no cost for this excursion.

No dogs allowed in school grounds Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

Refer to "The Link" dated 17th June, 2015 when this motion was passed at School Council.



Breakfast Club Back on !
Starting 13th October 2015
 8.15am - 8.45am
 @ Happy Hub



Hillsmeade Primary School



Playgroup

Suitable for Parents with 0-3 year olds
 Every Thursday
Starting October 22nd 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Venue: Early Learning Centre

Please R.S.V.P to Angela @ the ELC or email: nixon.angela.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

ATTENDANCE AT HILLSMEADE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2016

My children, listed below **WILL NOT** be returning to Hillsmeade in 2016.
 (This does not apply to Grade 6 students)



_____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015
 _____ Current Grade 2015

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parents Signature _____

Please indicate which school they will be attending.

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HILLSMEADE VISION STATEMENT

Hillsmeade Primary School is a warm, friendly and diverse learning community where students have opportunities to learn in a manner that is personalised and caters for their interests, needs and strengths. We strive to prepare our students and families for a life of continual learning and we pride ourselves on our unique learning environments. We aim for Hillsmeade students to investigate, communicate and become lifelong learners with curious minds and a bright future.