

Wednesday 23rd March 2016 No 8

Dear Parents / Guardians

Well here we are at the end of term 1 for 2016. It has been a short term and we are in for an 11 week term when we return. It is important therefore that we take the time to rest and refresh as we head into the winter months. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and spend quality family time together.

Congratulations to our new School Council office bearers for 2016: **President** Stewart Johnson, **Vice President** Corey Fleming, **Treasurer** Brooke Gniel and **Minute Taker** Jodie Bray. We will be hosting a Parent Information Session early next term to share the Annual Report with our school community.

Tomorrow afternoon, staff will farewell Sharon Whiting, our Business Manager. Sharon is retiring from the Department of Education after over 30 years of dedicated service. Many of our past and present parents/guardians have had conversations with Sharon and have valued her professional, calm and respectful approach. On behalf of the Hillsmeade community, I would like to wish Sharon well in retirement.



Last Thursday, the Progressive Choir were invited to sing at the opening of Coles, Casey Central. Mrs Scott and I walked the School Captains and the members of the choir down to the shopping centre where we were involved in the opening ceremony. The Choir sang the National Anthem before performing a number of songs as community members came through the doors. I was asked to cut the ribbon with our School Captains, Stefanie and Joel. It was a great community event and fantastic that Hillsmeade Primary was asked to be involved.



We held a working bee on Sunday 9am to plant donated plants into the recently developed garden beds around the portable classrooms. Thank you to all families and staff members who participated in this project.



Today 15 parents attended our third Parent Helpers session. It is exciting for us to know that our parents are willing to learn more about how to support children with their reading and then volunteer some time to listen to the kids read. We've also set up processes in the classroom to ensure that our volunteers have Working with Children Checks and sign in and out each time they are here to support us. This is a DET requirement and we thank all parents for following the policy and processes.

If you are travelling for the break, please do so safely. We look forward to students returning to school on Monday 11th April.
Deborah

MARCH
24th
Special Friends Day
Grade 1's 9am- 10 :30am
Multicultural Dress Up Day
Whole School Assembly
1.45pm Choir item
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
2:30pm FINISH
25th
Public Holiday
(NO SCHOOL)
Good Friday
APRIL
11th
BACK TO SCHOOL
Term 2
11th-13th
Parent Teacher interviews
15th
Cross Country
Grades 4/5/6
9.20am-10.50am
17th
Car Boot Sale
8am till 1pm
19th
Pj's For Books Day

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!

Look what's going on at Hillsmeade

Hillsmeade Fundraising Committee 2016 Think Big, Dream Big

Wow what a week! This week is going to be HUGE and firstly I want to thank everyone for supporting the Easter Raffle. We will have 87 prizes to hand out on Thursday at assembly (From 1.45pm). Last reminder to hand in raffle tickets for your chance to win an awesome prize/s.

Remember our EASTER EGG HUNT starts straight after assembly so don't go home. GOLD COIN DONATION to participate. LJ Hooker Narre Warren South 'You're The BEST'. Thank you for your support! There has been a slight change: ELC children will participate at the ELC (2.45pm) so our younger participants will not feel overwhelmed with the 900+ older children (Thanks Shiona)!!

Preps and grade 1 will start at the 2.35pm, grades 2, 3 and 4 start at 2.45pm and grades 5 and 6 at 2.55pm. (all to take place on the athletics oval)

BYO own collection bag or make one! Entrance will be at Chloe's Garden and our HFC Girls will help with our exit area so hopefully it will be smooth sailing.

The HFC girls will also be selling: Hillsmeade Drink Bottles 50 cents, Zooper Dooper Holders 50 cents, Sticker Books \$1, Royal Children's Hospital Environmental Bags \$2 and our "FUNDE" Discount Booklets \$10 (Discounts to: Village Cinema's, Strike Bowling, The Pancake Parlour, Muffin Break, Hungry Jacks, Timezone, Salsa's, Taco Bill, San Churro, AND SO MUCH MORE.

The stall will be held on the Basketball courts near Chloe's Garden. Please note this stall is CASH ONLY thankyou.



AMAZING AMAZING AMAZING response to our first ever Car Boot Sale. We have sold 40 sites with only 20 remaining. Payment is now due or first week back of Term 2.



Last of all a HUGE thankyou to Coles Casey Central for a donation for our HPV raffle - more details to come in Term 2 and also a HUGE thankyou to Karl and Annie (4A) for your donations for our raffles. Having community support really does help make a difference.

May you all have a beautiful Easter and school holiday break. Eat lots of chocolate. Enjoy this great weather and stay safe on the roads.

See you all at assembly - I'm the loud one!!

Best Wishes

Inez Crowe (Better than Donald Trump, I should run for President!)



1st Hillsmeade Car Boot Sale
Sunday 17th April 8am- 1pm in
teachers car park



1 x Full Car Park Space \$10, 2 x Spaces \$20 or 3 Car Spaces \$30.

1 x Table Space (Limited spaces available) only \$5

ALL SPACES MUST BE PREBOOKED & PREPAID

Must BYO table to use.

To book a space or enquires text

Inez Crowe 0425 896 874 or

Kerry Lee Jenkins 0419 355 595

Payment to HFC via Cash or Eftpos at the Office (\$20+, make sure it is referenced as Car Boot with your name and PH please).

Breakfast and Lunch BBQ will be run by "HPV".

Coffee Van Man on site too.

This event will be extensively advertised in "The Link" & the school website, LJ Hooker website, Window at Casey Central Shopping Centre, large notice board outside teachers Car Park; Garage sales.com; Gumtree & local newspapers .

WANTED - PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO COVER NEW READERS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Your help to cover brand new readers would be greatly appreciated. We can then have them ready for use in the classrooms early next term. If you would like to assist us please pop into the office before the end of term.

Thank you

Mandy Ryan Literacy Coordinator



PJ's for BOOK'S DAY – Tuesday 19th April



Our classroom libraries are in need of a bit of sprucing up.

Please donate a book and come dressed in your snuggliest, comfiest pyjamas on Tuesday April 19th.

Donations of good quality, pre loved or second hand books would be perfect and much appreciated!

Book donations are in lieu of a gold coin donation.

Thank you in advance for your support.



HILLSMEADE

Grade 5/6

SURVIVOR DAY

During Term 1, all 5/6 students have been learning about resilience, teamwork, being a good friend and team member, responsibility, honesty and compassion as a part of our Bounce Back Core Values. Survivor Day, on Thursday 17th March, was a chance to put all of these skills into practice and pull together, putting aside our unique differences, for a common goal—to WIN! What a great day we had in the sun using mats and chairs to avoid crocodiles, carrying coconuts, running the obstacle course while having sponges thrown at us, food, musical and quiz challenges, problem solving and of course our song/chant and flag presentations. Here are some pictures of the day....



Well Done to the **Dorito Gang** for your super teamwork which won it for you on the day!



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.

BUILDING RESILIENCE - PART 2

Some children are naturally resilient and can easily manage disappointments. While other children may need some assistance in managing disappointments and struggles. Parents can help using the following strategies to build resilience in their child.

3. Learn to say no

It is ok to say no. Clearly set boundaries are important. Kids that learn this early learn to manage expectations and accept that things don't always go their way.

4. Let them experience life

As a parent take a step back and allow them to resolve things themselves. This enables them to negotiate and accept things in their own way.

5. Make time for yourself

It is important to make time for yourself.

WATCH THIS SPACE... PARENT SUPPORT GROUP COMING IN TERM 2

The Early Learning Centre

The Early Learning Centre remains open during the school holidays for children enrolled in the Long Day program. There is no 4 year or 3 year sessional kinder during the holidays, this resumes the 11th of April.

Parent Teacher interviews for Hillsmeade Primary School will be held on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of April in Week 1 of term 2. Booking must be entered before the 9th of April when bookings for this event will close.

Interviews are strictly 10min. and spaces are limited. If you require more time please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

For Parents that do not have internet access, please send a note to school with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 974 6313 by Thursday 24th March.



Breakfast Club for 2016

Breakfast club will start again 19th April term 2



Canteen News .

For term 2 canteen will not be opened until Wednesday 13th April.



Entertainment Books 2016-2017.

Please pre order your books now for Term 2 Delivery.



If you wish to order on line our Online Order Page is now active and ready to take orders for the new Entertainment™ Memberships at www.entbook.com.au/189q056

NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Police Presentation on Bullying grade 5-6
- The Easy Way to book school interviews (eldest)
- Grade 2 camp (expressions of interest only)

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



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or
\$30 THURS - SUN

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