



**School Ends 2:30PM -  
Friday 21st Sept. Please  
pick up students by  
2:45PM**

# The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

Issue No 29—WED 19th SEPT

TERM 3  
**2018**



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

## WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>17th SEPT</b> Parent Teacher Interviews (Bookings via Compass) Year 3-6 Assembly—John Coutis 9:15AM Book Fair	<b>18th SEPT</b> Parent Teacher Interviews (Bookings via Compass) Book Fair	<b>19th SEPT</b> Parent Teacher Interviews (Bookings via Compass) Book Fair	<b>20th SEPT</b> Grade 1 Sustainability Morning 9:00AM Yeah 4 Calligraphy Expo 2:30PM BYOD Information Session in the Library 'Self –Regulation' Parent Workshop 6:30-7:30PM Book Fair	<b>21st SEPT</b> Footy Day 1:45PM Whole School Assembly in Gym <a href="#"><u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ENDS 2:30PM - Please pick up students by 2:45PM</u></a>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

<b>8th OCT</b> First day of Term 4	<b>9th OCT</b>	<b>10th OCT</b>	<b>11th OCT</b> Principal for a day event	<b>12th OCT</b>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Final payment for G2 2 Science

Discovery Dome is Due:

**FRIDAY 12TH OCT**

**MIDNIGHT**



<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONSENT/PAYMENT DUE</u>	<u>EVENT DATE</u>
Alexandra Adventure Camp - Grade 4	<b>31/5/2018</b> <b>(CLOSED)</b>	Wednesday, October 24 - 09:00 AM— Friday, October 26 - 03:30 PM
Grade 2- Camp Manyung	<b>31/08/2018</b> <b>(CLOSED)</b>	Monday, December 17 - 09:00 AM— Tuesday, December 18 - 03:30 PM
Hoop Time (Basketball) Grade 3/4	<b>05/09/2018</b> <b>(CLOSED)</b>	Wednesday, September 12 - 08:45 AM— 03:00PM
Summer Lightening Prem	<b>07/09/2018</b> <b>(CLOSED)</b>	Friday, September 14 - 09:00 AM—02:45 PM
Science Discovery Dome Gr 2 Incursion	<b>12/10/2018</b>	Monday, October 22 2018 Sessions running throughout the day

### **\* NOW ACCEPTING PREP 2019 ENROLMENTS\***

Please see the office team for a 2019 Prep enrolment pack. Prospective families are welcome to attend our next school tour on Thursday 23rd OCTOBER departing from the front office at 10AM.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy almost holidays everyone. Thank you for an amazing Term 3. We wish students, families and staff a safe and restful holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 3 on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

## State School Spectacular

On Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September I was privileged to attend the afternoon show of the 2018 State Schools Spectacular with my family. I was absolutely blown away by the amazing talent, costumes and artistry on display. A HUGE congratulations to Lisa Scott for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students. Our Hillsmeade stars were easy to spot as they danced in many mass dance performances. Our students were amazing. A big thank you to all of our students who gave up lunchtimes to prepare for the event. Also, a big thank you to Karen Hounsome for her continued support with this group, it is honestly appreciated. Also a big thank you to Rachel Bampton for supporting in the rehearsals and at the event.

Make sure you find the time to watch it when it is screened on Channel 7 later in the year, you won't be disappointed.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Year 3/4 Hoop time

Congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 4 students who participated in the Hoop Time event at Casey basketball stadium last week. It was a great event with all students representing our school positively. A big thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who came to score, coach and support. A big well done to the All Star Boys team that has made it through to the next level.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### John Coutis

On Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September we were lucky enough to host guest speaker John Coutis at our school. The day began with a 7:45am breakfast chat with all staff. Next, it was on to a Year 3 – Year 6 assembly. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to hear about the importance of resilience, persistence, getting out of our comfort zones and giving our best. Our students listened attentively and respectfully and asked some really thoughtful questions.

In the following session John worked with our Year 6 Student Leaders and delved deeper into conversation around the importance of leadership, the importance of being true to yourself and a round table question and answer opportunity.

It was such a pleasure having John and his wife at our school. He commented positively on the “vibe” of our large school community and the care and consideration the students and staff at our school had shown him. To find out more about John, and his inspiring stories, please visit:

<http://www.johncoutis.com/>

### Staff Matter Breakfast

On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September we had a staff breakfast to celebrate R U Ok day. It was wonderful to see so many staff engaged in great conversation. I would like to publicly thank all the staff at Hillsmeade for their hard work and dedication to our community.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership

Congratulations to all of the students in Year 5 and Year 6 who participated in last week's Lightning Premiership event. It was great to see our students displaying our I RESPECT values whilst representing our school. A big thank you to Mr Ahmad Chazbek for coordinating this event and to our staff and parent coaches.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Principal for a day 2018

Hillsmeade Primary School is very excited to again be part of the Principal for a day event in which we welcome a guest into our school for the day. This year our guest will be Ms Sue Karzis, CEO of State Schools' Relief. We look forward to welcoming Sue to Hillsmeade on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.



**The event**  
Thursday 11 October 2018

The Principal For A Day 'shadows' the school principal, and participates in normal day-to-day activities in a primary, special or secondary school.

[More](#)

The principal and the Principal For A Day discuss the challenges and current issues each is facing in their leadership role. Other activities on the day usually include a tour of the school buildings and site; and discussions with students and teachers.



**The relationship**

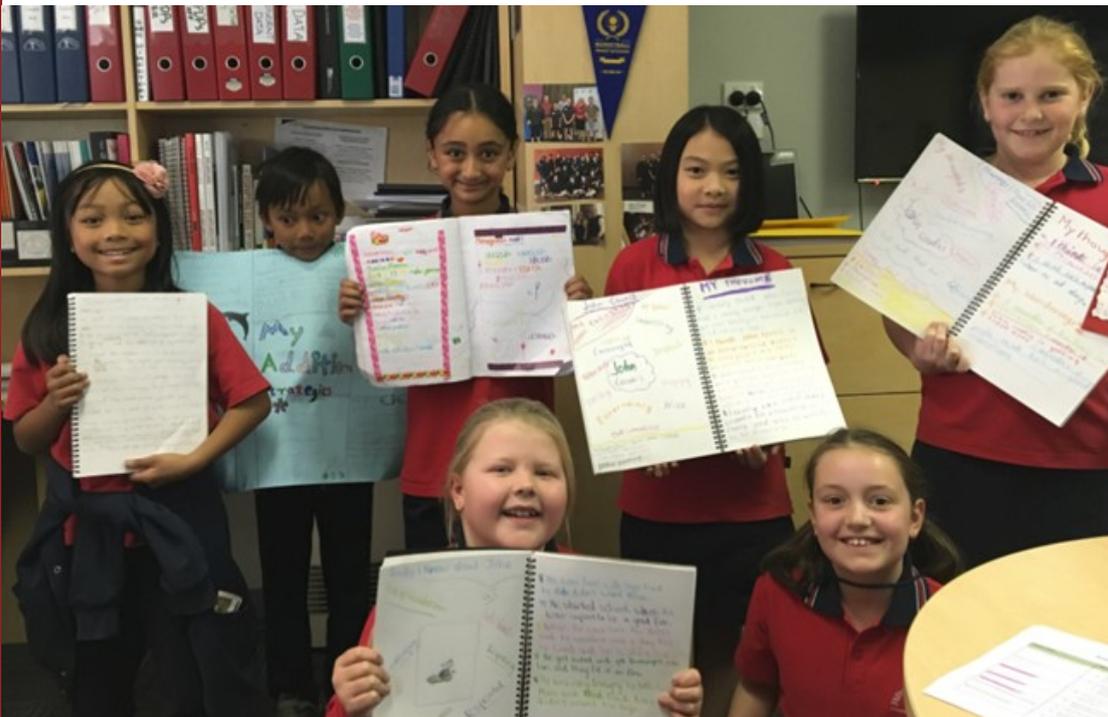
Independent research has found that the day shared by participants in Principal For A Day is mutually beneficial for schools and participating Principals For A Day.

[More](#)

Principal For A Day is a valuable and rewarding experience for participants, and many Principals For A Day and schools continue their relationships on a voluntary basis. Results to date include professional learning exchanges, curriculum development, careers advice, job offers to students, industry and work experience visits, two-way mentoring and sharing of ideas and resources.

### Footy Day

A reminder that this Friday is a special day at Hillsmeade Primary School – FOOTY DAY. We encourage all students to come dressed in their supported gear, in support of their AFL team, NRL team, Soccer Team or other sporting team. If students could please bring a gold coin donation that will go towards supporting the Fight Cancer Foundation.



### Happy Homework Share

This week I was lucky enough to have some Year 3 and Year 4 students visit me and share some wonderful home learning tasks they have been engaging in to support their learning. I was blown away by the quality and commitment these students had shown towards their learning. I was so proud of them and their efforts. Well done!

## FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade community,

Wow last week and school holidays almost upon us! I wish you all a safe and happy holidays whatever you do with your families. Holidays are a great time to catch up on quality time, slow down (if you can) and really enjoy time with your children.

Last week was R U OK day. All year levels focused on this important day and learnt how to ask if someone is ok. The focus is on asking people whether they are ok which is obvious, however I think this a great day and reminder how important this is, equally as important is that we don't have to wait for this day to open up any conversations. There's no science or research here, just a simple coffee, tea or hot chocolate with the kids to see if they are doing ok can be pivotal in finding out if someone needs help or support.

Yes you may need to dig deeper in conversation so I have attached a very simple link that R U OK website has provided everyone to assist

<https://www.ruok.org.au/how-to-ask>

go to this link and tap on 'download conversation tips.' You can search their website, there are so many resources to look at and explore. You may want to unpack this with your families to show that it's ok not to be ok and this is how we can find out if someone else is not doing ok.

If you would like any more information, please contact me.

John Cardamone

Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning



Hillsmeade is currently home to a nesting pair of swooping magpies. Please exercise caution around the pirate ship and junior playground fence line. This area has been made out of bounds until further notice.



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Hillsmeade Primary School has been very fortunate in securing 60 student tickets to a matinee performance of School of Rock on the 21st of November, 2018.

This is a fantastic opportunity for interested students from years 4-6 to experience a live musical at Her Majesty's Theatre.

Tickets will be \$45 per person, (the school is subsidising \$5 per ticket as well as covering the cost of the buses to and from the event).

If your child would like to participate in this event, please complete the form below and return to the office by the 20th of September.

**\*\*In the case of more than 60 expressions of interest, the first 60 forms received will be given preference.**

## PARENT WORKSHOP Self Regulation

Hillsmeade Primary School is very excited to present our next parent workshop. This workshop will be presented by John Cardamone (Leading Teacher Social & Emotional Learning) and Crystal Wells (Acting Assistant Principal Wellbeing).

**What:** 'Self- Regulation'

**When:** 20<sup>th</sup> of September 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Where:** Hillsmeade Primary School staffroom

**Cost: NO COST**

## JOHN COUTIS - GUEST SPEAKER



On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, we welcomed guest speaker, John Coutis, to our school community. John spoke to our staff at an early breakfast session and captivated us all with his anecdotal stories that were shocking, upsetting, hilarious and inspiring. He sent a strong message about the choices and opportunities we have in life, to strive for our goals and treat others with respect and kindness.

*'John inspired our students with great discussion about goal setting, who inspires us and why.'* **Mr McGann**

*'John made me stop, think and really put things into perspective.'* **Mrs Sibly**

*'John encouraged our students to think about their choices.'* **Mrs Ziino**

*'John put things in perspective and gave us a great reminder about gratitude and what we have in life.'*  
**Mrs Arbuckle**

Students in Year 3 – 6 attended a special assembly with John Coutis. He made a profound impact on the students with his jokes and important underlying messages which promoted some rich discussions back in the classroom. Our Student Leaders then had the opportunity to participate in an engaging leadership session with John.

*'I thought the assembly was great and John said if you have a disability, don't let anyone judge you for it. John Coutis' message was to treat people the way you want to be treated.'* **Chevyan 4D**

*'I enjoyed John Coutis coming to Hillsmeade because it was the best experience. I talked non-stop to my parents for ages about what the bullies had done. The most important three words to say to your loved ones are I LOVE YOU.'* **Courtney 4D**

*'John shared lots of stories and I liked the way he bounced back from bullying.'* **Lucy 6D**

*'John Coutis shared an important message – before you think of quitting, remember why you started in the first place.'* **Abbie 6D**

*'John Coutis came to our school on Monday. He is so funny! But he also taught us some lessons too. The three most important words are I love you. And another lesson is to treat others the way you want to be treated. I think that goes to everyone in this school. I really want John to come again soon!'* **Narjis 4D**

## FROM THE COMMUNITY

### Hillsmeade Primary School Managed Laptop Program

*Parent Information Session Thursday 20 September, 2018. 5:30pm-6:00pm.*

**2018 Grade 5/6 Students**

**Location: School Library**

## About the Laptop Program

A 'Laptop Program' provides students with personal portable computers to enhance opportunities for learning. The program helps schools engage the digital generation by nurturing individual learning experiences. This approach can increase independence and self-initiated learning in students and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Learning experiences across the school are purposefully designed to develop the attributes of a global learner. In this way, each student learns to develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills and practices required in the digital world. The intent is to provide our students with "anywhere, anytime" inclusive, engaging learning.

## Why Hillsmeade Primary School implements a student laptop program

Hillsmeade's Laptop Program provides an environment where grade 5/6 students have the **option** to have access to a personal laptop computer as well as digital content and educational software. Benefits of the school laptop program include: increasing student engagement in learning, personalising instruction and facilitating student collaboration. Students will have immediate access to resources and information on the World Wide Web.

### Student Requirement for the Laptop Program

- Students will be able to work with the laptops at school
- Students will be able to take the laptop home and return it the next day
- It will be the students' responsibility to return the laptop fully charged the next day
- **Students will be required to strictly observe the 'Internet Use and Technology Policy' of the school**

The managed laptop program is **not** a school requirement and the purchasing of a personal laptop is at the discretion of the parent/guardian. Students who do not purchase a personal laptop will have access to the school supplied laptops and IPADs provided in each class.

If you are unable to attend the information session and you have any questions regarding the program for 2018 please contact the school on 9704 6313.

## NUDE FOOD DAY

The SRC met today for our regular weekly meeting. We discussed the overall success of Tuesday's Nude Food Day. The Reps brought the results of the rubbish that was collected. It was really encouraging to see an overall reduction in the amount of rubbish brought to school from the Monday to the Tuesday.

The SRC would like to thank all grades for making the effort to support the Nude Food Day initiative.

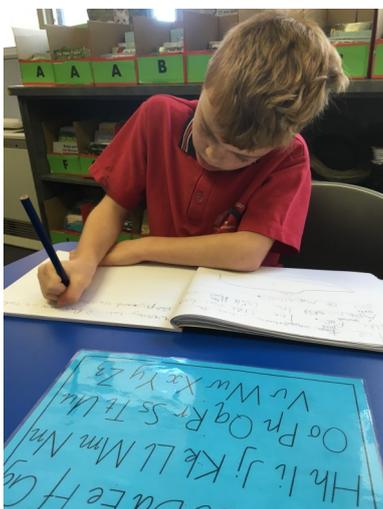


## LITERACY LAB

The end of Term 3 brings wonderful opportunity to share some of the learning reflections that have happened in the Literacy Lab.

"I've learnt in here to always put my words on the line when writing." -Jamil

"The Literacy Lab is fun when we read the play at the end of the story. It's fun!" - Cooper



### Tips on how to encourage literacy skills during the school holidays:

- Encourage students to write, draw and talk about what they would like to do on a special day.
- Have students write a letter or postcard to a family or friend.
- Create a story with your child about an adventure.
- Write a list of all the places you visit where you can find letters, words, instructions etc.
- Keep a holiday diary.
- Make a new game up, and write or type instructions to share with family and friends.
- Read a recipe, write a shopping list and create a meal with your child.
- Create a list of questions that they would like to ask their teacher, a book character or family member.

## LIGHT IT RED FOR DYSLEXIA - AN AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD DURING OCTOBER



- Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that affects the skills needed to read words quickly and accurately. Dyslexia can also affect writing and spelling.
- Dyslexia occurs on a continuum from mild to severe.
- Dyslexia, which is also known as Specific Learning Difficulty, affects one in five Australians in varying degrees.
- Dyslexia is not an intellectual disability.
- Dyslexia is not a condition that can be cured but strategies can assist reading skills.
- Diagnosis is best undertaken by a professional educational psychologist.
- Dyslexia does not limit the potential of the person to lead an independent, full and successful life.
- People with Dyslexia often have unique abilities in thinking outside the square and being creative.
- <http://www.speldvic.org.au/information-for-parents/>
- <https://dyslexiaassociation.org.au/>

### FROM MS TONI BARKER

#### Year 6 Professional Practice Day

This term for our Year 6 Professional Practice Day we took the opportunity to go to Alkira Secondary College to observe the teaching and learning in the years 7&8 classes. Each year, we have majority of our year 6 student's transition to Alkira and wow, did we feel like celebrities on our learning walks! We are very thankful to the staff and students who allowed us to come into their classrooms and shared their learning and resources with us.

A big thank you to Daniel, Charlotte and Ashini, three of our past year 6 students from 2017, who were our guides and answered many questions we had throughout the day. It was fantastic to get feedback from them about how prepared they felt when they started year 7 but also to have them voice what they felt prepared them most, what they have learnt and their ideas of what could be added to the year 6 program to continue to close the gap from primary to secondary school.

Thank you to our Teaching and Learning Assistant Principal Sarah Smith for organising this opportunity for the Year 6 team and we look forward to continuing to work closely with our main feeder secondary college, Alkira Secondary College in the near future. To find out more about Professional Practice Days please visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/practice/improve/Pages/ppe-practice-days.aspx>

Toni Barker

Year 6 PLT Leader

## CANTEEN

Orders to be in **NO** later than 9:30am.

### CLOSED TUESDAYS

Clearly write Name and Grade and **whether you have paid via QKR** with your order on your bag or envelope.

Alternatively you can view and order everything on our Qkr! App.

Please remember an extra 10c in your order if you DON'T have a brown paper bag.

### Thursday Specials

Aussie Pie or Sausage Roll & Drink \$4.00

Tomato Soup and Toasted Cheese \$4.00

6 Chicken Nuggets, Brownie and Drink \$6.00

### Monday/Wednesday Specials

3 Fried or Steamed Dim Sims & Drink \$3.50

Pizza or Pasta and a Drink \$6.00

Tomato Soup, Roll and Brownie \$3.00

Home made soup, Roll and Brownie \$4.00

Tomato and Toasted Cheese Sandwich \$4.00

Hot Roast Chicken Roll, Brownie & Drink \$6.50

### Canteen Reminders

All frozen fruit, ice-creams & slushies need to be collected from the canteen at lunch time (they will not be delivered to the classroom).

**In our effort to become more environmentally friendly , straws will now only be given out upon request**

***Limited places available for 2019 ,  
3 year kinder program at the Early  
Learning Centre.***

***Cost per term is \$340.00.***

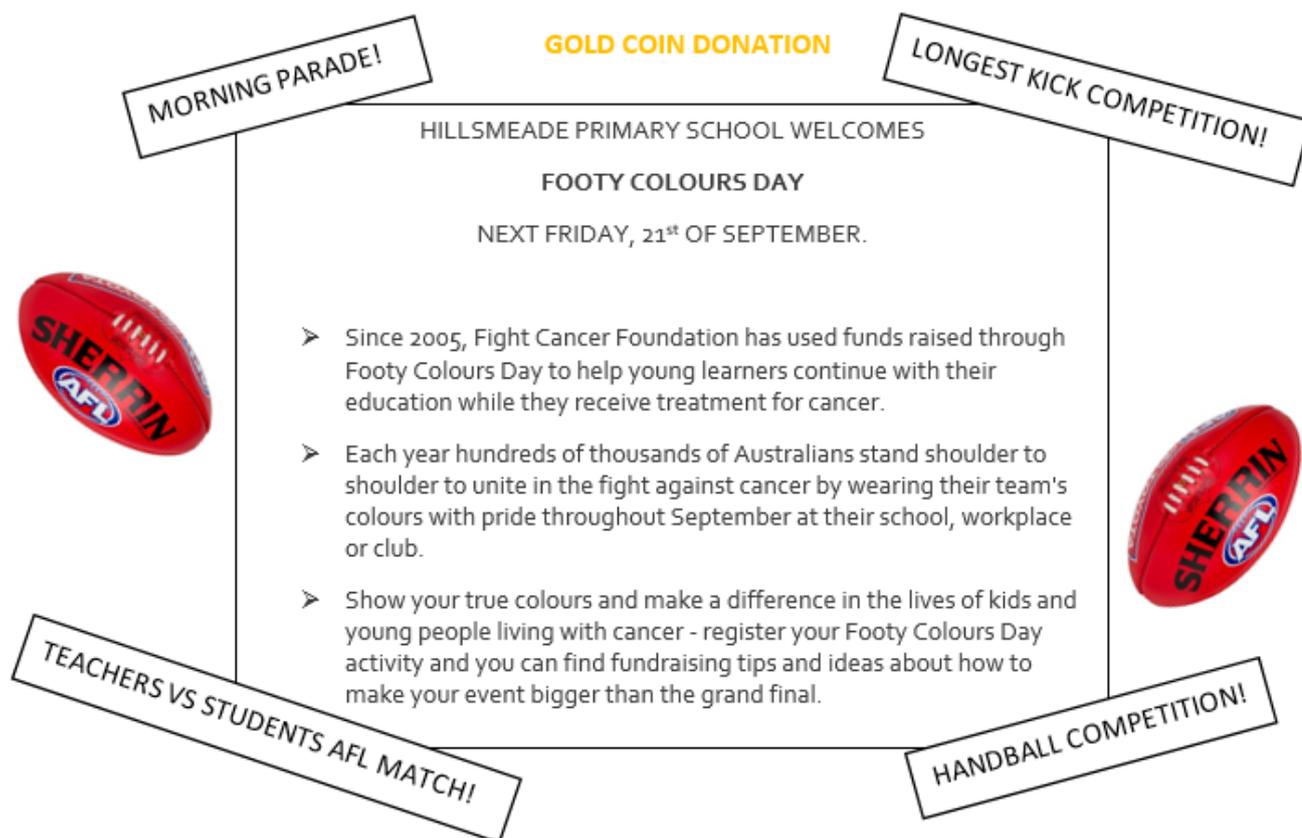
***Session times : Monday 1.15pm  
to 3.45pm and  
Wednesday 8.30am to 11.00am  
each week.***

***Please visit the ELC for enrolment  
forms.***



# FOOTY COLOURS DAY

## SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS!



**DRESS IN YOUR TEAM COLOURS AND BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION TO HELP US 'FIGHT CANCER'.**



**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER, 2018**  
**(LAST DAY OF TERM 3)**






**SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAM**

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th September  
\$55 per day or \$99 both days

**HOT SHOTS KIDS CLINIC**

- 4 - 10 yrs
- 9am - 11.30am

**JUNIOR SQUAD CLINIC**

- 9 - 16 yrs
- 11.30am - 2pm

**TERM 4 TENNIS PROGRAM**

**NEW ENROLMENTS RECEIVE**

- Tennis Racket
- Hot shots T/ shirt
- 9 Tennis Lessons

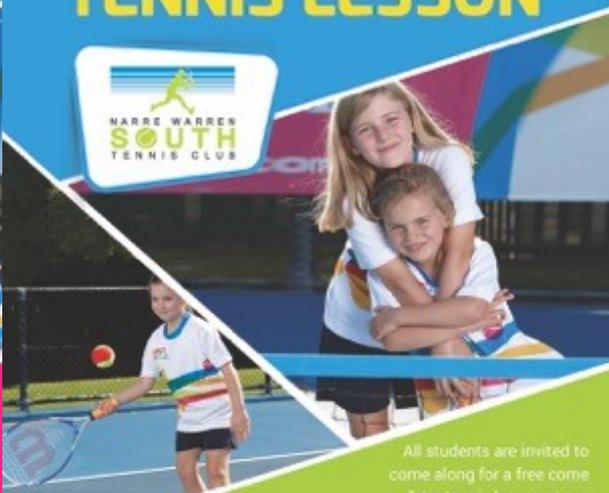
**MON, TUE, THU, FRI AFTERNOONS (45 MIN SESSIONS)**

- 4pm Red 4-7yrs **\$195**
- 4.45pm Orange 7-9yrs
- 5.30pm Green 9-12yrs
- 6.15pm Squad 10-16yrs

**SATURDAY MORNINGS (30 MIN SESSIONS) \$180**

- Red 4-7yrs 8.45am, 9.45am, 10.45am
- Orange 7-9yrs 9.15am, 10.15am, 11.15am
- Green 9-12yrs 11.15am, 11.45am

**AN INVITATION FOR A FREE TENNIS LESSON**

All students are invited to come along for a free come & try tennis lesson at our **Narre Warren South Tennis Club** on **School Court Off Ormond Rd NWS**

Your opportunity to have a free lesson is available on

**SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**

- 9.30am - 10.15am Prep - Grade 2
- 10.15am - 11.00am Grade 3 - 6

**PLEASE NOTE**

All new players that enrol for Term 4 Tennis will receive a **TENNIS RACQUET & HOT SHOTS T-SHIRT** to get you started. Please register via email or text and include parents name and child's name, mobile/home number and preferred day and time for your lesson.

Our lost property is looking very full! Please remember to put your child's name and grade on any items they bring to school so we can ensure they are returned to them if they go missing. The lost property basket is located at the front office.

Holiday & Term 4 Enquiries & Bookings please call or email tennis coordinator Adrian on 0417-591-911 info@mtennis.com.au

To register for your free lesson please call/text tennis coordinator Adrian on 0417 591 911 info@mtennis.com.au

**Lunar Drive In**

115 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HWY, DANDENONG. 9706 9988



**ALL CARLOADS ONLY \$25\* EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY** (per movie)

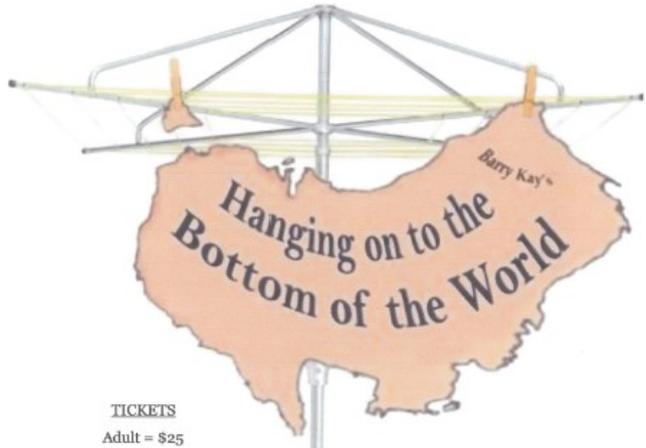
**ALL CARLOADS ONLY \$30 PER MOVIE THURS-SUN**

**SESSIONS AT WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU**

Information correct at time of printing. All dates and films are subject to change.

This production has been licensed through the Australian Script Centre

**Alkira Secondary College's Annual Production**



**TICKETS**

- Adult = \$25
- Children under 15 = \$15
- Alkira student/Alumni = \$15
- Children under 2 (if sitting on carer's lap) = FREE

9th and 10th October  
Bunjil Place- Studio Theatre

Tickets available through Bunjil Ticketing office

If you would like to place an advertisement in the newsletter please see the friendly office team.