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on the night



Last day of Term 4

20th DEC

School finishes at
1:30PM. Students to be
collected no later than
1:45PM

The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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2019



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

WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
9th DEC Gr 2 Camp Manyung	10th DEC Gr 2 Camp Manyung Statewide transition day	11th DEC 2020 Step-Up-Day (9:30-11:00) Prep –Gr 5	12th DEC Woolworths discover tour 3/F	13th DEC Hillsmeade Xmas Concert 5-8PM
16th DEC Grade 1 Cape Schank Excursion	17th DEC Year 6 Graduation 6-7:30PM	18th DEC Prep visit to Casey Fields Year 5 Little Day Out	19th DEC	20th DEC - Last Day Term 4 Final School Assembly @ 12:45PM School Finishes @ 1:30

First day back for 2020 is Wednesday 29th January

First day for Prep students is Thursday 30th January

27th JAN Australia Day Public Holiday Students do not attend	28th JAN Curriculum Day Students do not attend	29th JAN First day back for students grs 1-6	30th JAN First day back for Preps	31st JAN
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy Week 10. Term 4 is quickly coming to an end and it is a wonderful opportunity to look back and reflect on some wonderful things that have taken place throughout the year.

2020 @ Hillsmeade Primary School

Next year there will be some changes taking place across the school to support school wide priorities and improvement initiatives. The school beginning and end times will stay the same, with some changes to the daily session structure to support the inclusion of a daily 10 minute home group. The inclusion of a 10 minute home group time each morning is to support positive connections and attendance, whilst also supporting year level based priority areas.

Next year we will also be trialling a change to the specialist program. As 2020 is a year of our school production we will be introducing Performing Arts. We are currently awaiting confirmation of our schools booking at Bunjil Place for our production.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and the wonderful opportunities available at Hillsmeade Primary School for our students.

The specialist classes across the school in 2020 will be:

PE	1 hour all year	All year levels
Mandarin	1 hour semesterly	All year levels
ICT	1 hour semesterly	All year levels
Music	1 hour semesterly	All year levels
Performing Arts	1 hour semesterly	All year levels
STEAM	1 hour Year 3 - 6	Year 3 - 6 only
PMP	1 hour ELC - 2	Kinder - 2 only

2019 School Council

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2019 School Council members for their work throughout 2019. Their work has been valued and appreciated. Thank you to School Council President Brooke Gniel, Kelly Suhr, Natalie Hale, Kristy Panayiotou, Natalie Bartuccio, Inez Crowe, Danielle McKelvie, Stewart Johnson and Crystal Wells.



The new daily structure will be:

Home Group Meetings	9am - 9:10am
Session 1	9:10am - 10:10am
Session 2	10:10am - 11:10am
RECESS	11:10am - 11:30am
Session 3	11:30am - 12:30pm
Lunch Eating Time	12:30pm - 12:45pm
LUNCH TIME	12:45pm - 1:30pm
Session 4	1:30pm - 2:30pm
Session 5	2:30 - 3:30PM



Congratulations to our 2019 Student Leaders. Your work throughout the year has been appreciated. Well done.

Camp Quality Incursion

On Tuesday 3rd December, our whole school had the opportunity to participate in a free incursion presented by Camp Quality. Students were introduced to puppets through a show that helped dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with cancer and illness. The education program was interactive, engaging and informative for our students from ages ELC to Year 6.



2020 Prep Transition

Over the past five weeks we have welcomed new students and their families through our prep transition program. Children have been gaining confidence and familiarity in the school environment, participating in classroom activities and building positive relationships with their teachers and peers. Our weekly parent sessions have been well-attended and we presented an additional evening information session on Wednesday 4th December. On Tuesday 10th December, our new Preps attended a half-day session in their new classroom with their 2020 teacher. We look forward an exciting year ahead with our newest cohort!

U Train

Hillsmeade Primary School will continue to support school based learning in partnership with U Train and their students in 2020. We welcome U Train students: Bernadette Jarrouje, Jacob Herra, Juliet Leagailosolo and Mina Ekhlasi.

Our excited Year 2 Campers off to Camp Manyung in Mount Eliza!



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2019 VSSS

A big well done to the 2019 Hillsmeade Primary School Victorian State School Spectacular team. It was wonderful to see many of you on the televised component over the weekend. A huge well done to Lisa Scott, Danielle McKelvie, Rachel Bampton, Tesss Parmenter and Catherine Daire for their work in supporting our students. The show was Spectacular.

FROM MISS SMITH

PLT Leader Induction

On Wednesday 4th December, Jodie Bray and I supported our 2020 PLT Leadership team with an offsite induction session at Bunjil Place. Our leaders were introduced to the role, responsibilities and expectations that will support the development of highly effective collaborative teams at Hillsmeade.

Building a Professional Learning Team is a proven way for schools to increase student learning by creating a culture that is:

Focussed on a continuous improvement by linking the learning needs of students with the professional learning and practice of teachers committed to professionalism fuelled by collaborative expertise.

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Congratulations to our 2020 PLT Leaders:

ELC – Katrina Roberts

Prep – Rachel Sutcliffe

Year 1 – Lauren Slevin

Year 2 – Jenny Elkin

Year 3 – Jess Ellis

Year 4 – Sarah McGrath

Year 5 – Hardev Singh

Year 6 – Michael Davies

Specialist – Lisa Scott

Congratulations

A big congratulations to year 5 student Amelia K who was the winner of the design a book mark competition for local MP Gary Maas. Amelia's design will be used to produce a book mark that will be promoted within Casey. **Well done Amelia.**



Be sure to put the 'i' in 'Kind' when you pass by the art room, just like Fiona P from 2/B!





Art Expo

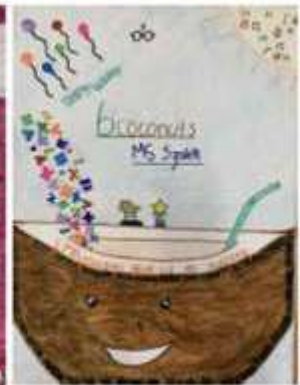
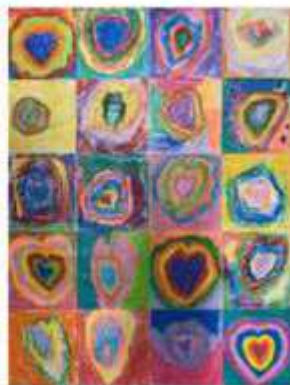
On Tuesday 3rd December we held our annual Art Expo. The evening began with some fun and creative activities in the main building, followed by a visit to the hall. We presented an amazing showcase of student creativity and a gallery of collaborative class canvas artworks available for auction. The bidding on artworks raised over \$1600, an incredible effort by our Hillsmeade community! Successful bidders will be notified by phone and invited to collect their artworks from the office upon payment. Money raised will support our 2020 Arts programs. Thank you to our talented students and teachers for their hard work and our families who attended to make the night a wonderful success.



2019 HILLSMEADE ART EXPO CLASS ARTWORKS FOR AUCTION



\$1,600
raised for
2020 Art
Programs!



MAD DAY

It was market galore at our annual MAD Day on the 29th November. The hall was full of excited year 5 and 6 students ready to sell their products and share their learning from our term 4 economics and DCT units. As our customers came in, students were busy explaining about their products. As always, the nail polish designs, food and student designed games were a hit! There was no shortage of cupcakes but the real hit this year was the snow cones by 6D's very own Rise and Shine, who won the "Most Money Made" award. Their business made a total of \$238 alone. Well done to all the awardees of the day including best dressed, best portfolio, most innovative design, best advertising and best customer service.

A huge congratulations to all the year 5 and 6 students for their endless efforts in the preparations and on the day. It is always a big celebration to see all the hard work come together. We were very fortunate to once again raise close to \$6000 to go towards the Year 6 Graduation celebrations. This is such a wonderful help to our year 6 community and we are very thankful for the contributions and endless support.

Last week the year 5 students created newspaper articles about the day. Make sure you check some of them out here, along with some photos in this week's link. With ideas for 2020 already being imagined, we look forward to seeing you at our next MAD Day in term 4 next year. - **Toni Barker**
Year 5 PLT Leader



Students Go MAD!

On the 29th of November, Hillsmeade PS had their 2019 MAD DAY. MAD DAY is where the year 5 and 6 classes made, bought and prepared items all term just for 1 day. It is a day full of laughter, smiling, teamwork and RESPECT! On Friday the 5s and 6s organised their stalls 8:50-9:30 at 9:30 all the younger students came into the hall where MAD DAY was held. The younger students bring money to school and then go around to all the stalls and buy our products. When MAD DAY finished the 5 and 6s had an assembly they awarded some stalls like most organised, best dressed, never seen before and most money raised. The school raised about \$6,000, all that money will go to the towards Grade 6 Graduation and Big Day Out celebrations.

Our stall 'Spin It To Win It And Show Off Your Hair' came 3rd for most money raised they also got an award for most organised! We worked very well together and showed all the I RESPECT Values. We sold plenty of stuff such as, a spinning wheel with heaps of amazing prizes, how many lollies in a jar and extremely colourful hair extensions. Many students came to our stall and left with a smile on their faces.

Chloe K 5/C

MAD ABOUT MAD DAY!

On the 29th of November 2019 'MAD Day' was held at Hillsmeade Primary School. Mrs Jodie Bray, Hillsmeade principal said that this year was by far the best year ever! Students from year 5 to 6 ran about 5 stalls throughout all year 5 and 6 classes. Everyone went bonkers! The 5 and 6 classes made, bought and prepared for MAD Day through all term 4. They started preparing their stalls at 8:50am. Everybody did awesome keeping their costumers calm! Once they finished at 11:00am they were all super tired but still had to clean up their mess.

'Spin it to win it and show off your hair!' worked miraculously together by showing the schools 'IRESPECT' values. They had many things at their stall such as a spinning wheel which had 6 prizes ,slime, stress balls, stationary bags, positive bookmarks, creative rocks and lollies. They also had a guess how many lollies in the jar and hair extension braids. Many costumers came and bought things from their stall, then by the end of MAD Day they placed third in most money made and got a certificate for most organised! They were awesome and hopefully do well next year!

Zarah A 5C

A digital scoreboard with a black background and white text, set against a backdrop of a green football pitch and blue stadium lights. The scoreboard lists the following data:

YEAR 2	99.00
PREP	98.54
YEAR 1	98.52
YEAR 4	98.30
YEAR 6	97.84
YEAR 3	97.59
YEAR 5	96.26

Attendance Matters
Every student, Every day

Beauty Shines

He has done it again! MR CARDAMONE continues to be a great model at our annual MAD Day. He has painted his nails the 4th time in a row. He showed up on November 29, 2019 at HILLSMEADE primary school to show off his wonderful sense of beauty. MR CARDAMONE has had many comments that he should go on the red carpet at the BROWNLOW. We are sure is very pleased to get this comment a lot. MR CARDAMONE has prepared for so long by gathering all his ten cent pieces and even asking for change at the local supermarket to get this record achieved. It is a shame that he does not go to the races often, but he should be remembered for this moment. From now on MR CARDAMONE will continue to blow Hillsmeade away and be an inspiration to many people to be beautiful and follow their dreams.

Max N 5A



FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Last day for lunch orders will be Friday 13th December
- Canteen will be open for counter sales 18th and 19th December with limited stock
- Canteen will reopen Wednesday 5th February 2020



SCHOOL BANKING

Please note there will be no school banking in the last week of term. **Gill and Nat, Banking Coordinators**

A NOTE FROM SICKBAY

We have had some reported cases of ringworm (tinea) at Hillsmeade. Ringworm is a fungal infection that can affect any part of the body. Ringworm is spread by contact with others who have the infection or by sharing of towels, clothing or bathing facilities.

Ringworm will appear as a flat, spreading, circular lesion with a reddish outer edge. It may appear dry and scaly or moist and crusted.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms, please see your Doctor or Pharmacist and if confirmed case, please exclude from school until the day after treatment has commenced.

IT IS STILL IMPORTANT TO COME TO SCHOOL!

The end of term 4 is fast approaching, but it is still just as important for your child to attend school every day. Teachers are busy helping to make the transition to next year an enjoyable experience for students. Those last few days of term are also a great opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements with their teachers and peers! We look forward to seeing students right up until the last day of term!

* Please note that the last day of term 4 is Friday 20th of December. Final assembly will be at 12.45 PM and students will be dismissed at 1.30 PM. The first day of school next year is the 29th of January 2020 for grades 1 to 6 and the 30th of January 2020 for grade Prep students.

FROM MS TOOBA

آمدن به مکتب هنوز هم مهم است!

پایان دوره چهارم درسی سال به سرعت نزدیک می شود، اما هنوز هم به همان اندازه برای فرزندان مهم است که هر روز در مکتب حاضر شوند. معلمان مصروف کمک به شاگردان اند تا اخیر از سال فعلی تعلیمی شان به سال آینده برایشان یک تجربه لذت بخش باشد. روزهای آخر دوره درسی چهارم سال نیز فرصتی عالی برای شاگردان است که با معلمان و همسالان خود دستاوردهای خود را جشن بگیرند! ما منتظر هستیم تا شاگردان را تا آخرین روز سال تحصیلی ببینیم!

لطفاً توجه داشته باشید که آخرین روز دوره چهارم درسی یا آخرین روز سال تحصیلی روز جمعه ۲۰ دسامبر، ۲۰۱۹ میلادی. جلسه نهایی ساعت ۱۲:۴۵ دقیقه خواهد بود و شاگردان ساعت ۱:۳۰ بعد از ظهر رخصت می شوند.

روز اول مکتب سال آینده، ۲۹ جنوری، ۲۰۲۰ برای صفوف ۱ الی ۶ و ۳۰ جنوری، ۲۰۲۰ برای دانش آموزان صف ۷ تا ۸ است.

TALKING SCIENCE IN GR 3

Amelia Skaines (3A) and Jaide Davis (3B) invited me to see their amazing Science books they had created in their classrooms.

I found some brilliant facts about the atmosphere and the life on earth in Jaide's book "All about Earth". She researched about the earth's crust and her glossary taught me a lot about the asteroids, planets, molten rock and hurricanes. Great Job Jaide!

Amelia's book introduces students to "Experiments with Liquids". Who are hydrologists? What are the properties of different liquids? How do we write an experiment? How much water is used? Find out the answers to these and many more curious questions in her book. Well Done Amelia!

Mrs Dimple Bhardwaj



SCIENCE IN ACTION GR 4

Packaging has become a huge industry in the modern world. Everything from food to furniture can come in a package which might be made from materials such as metal foil or plastic film— materials that didn't exist even a few decades ago.

Year 4 Students Packages needed to protect and preserve Chocolate chip cookies while being economical, attractive for marketing purposes and preferably having minimal environmental impact.

It was fantastic to see students engaged in *designing, creating and testing* their package that would safely deliver a fragile gift. Surely Facial Expressions Speak louder than Words!





PHYSICAL SCIENCE IN PREP

Our Prep students had fishing wire tied onto their chairs with straws attached and were having fun pumping a balloon to investigate how things move. They were exploring the *push and pull forces* and developing their observation and recording skills. It was impressive to hear the scientific discussions that were happening in their classrooms. Our little people were busy making *observations, gathering evidence and exploring the idea of fair testing!*



We are so **proud of our STEM GEMS** who have made their humble contribution to the biodiversity of Australia.



A BIG THANK YOU to **Dr Beth Johnson, Mrs Collins, Mrs Bray, Miss Smith and Mr Johnson!** This was not possible without your ongoing support!

STEM GEMS developed their 21st Century skills and protected our charming, colourful native bees that are vital to the Australian environment!

FROM MR CARDAMONE



Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy week 10! Only two weeks to go!!! With transition week and the end of the year fast approaching, lots of changes will be happening for both adults and children. We prepare and react differently with change and transitions especially our children. It is

important that we support our children with small or big changes and we can do this a number of different ways. There is strong evidence that transitions and change can support the growth of resilience along with laying foundations of positive experiences related to change.

As safe adults in our children's lives we play a major role in role modelling of how to respond to change and transitions, whether at home, school or in the community. I have provided some information on healthy transitions from the Be You website <https://beyou.edu.au>.

"Everyone reacts differently to change – some find it exciting, some find it stressful, some hardly notice it happened.

Healthy transitions

The end of the educational year brings changes, both big and small, for children, young people and adults.

Adults use their experience and existing knowledge to predict what changes may be like, and how it may affect them and can develop strategies to help them adjust and cope.

Children and young people don't often have as much prior knowledge or experience to draw on which can make change more difficult and challenging.

Transitions are everywhere, every day. Transitions are best described as change: a period where we must adapt to new circumstances, expectations, people, environments or routines.

Transition involves more than the first day in a new situation – it's happens over time both before and after what we think of as the 'big' day. How quickly children and young people adjust varies.

When thinking about types of transitions for children and young people we might consider:

- *their first transition from home to an early learning service*

- *the first year of school*
- *moving from primary to secondary school*
finishing secondary school and moving to the next stage of study or work.

However, small transitions are happening every day for children and young people: saying goodbye to family in the morning, stopping one thing and starting something new, moving from one room or building to another.

Transitions also occur in home life: moving house, going on holiday, the birth of a sibling, family changes, separations or bereavements.

These early years' experiences can influence how we approach and cope with transitions throughout life.

What we might observe during transitions

Children and young people often communicate their feelings through behaviour. They rely on the adults around them to understand, acknowledge and interpret their behaviour, and provide a safe, secure, predictable space for them.

Transitions are successful when children and young people feel confident, secure and included – and these are all important

protective factors for children's mental health and wellbeing.

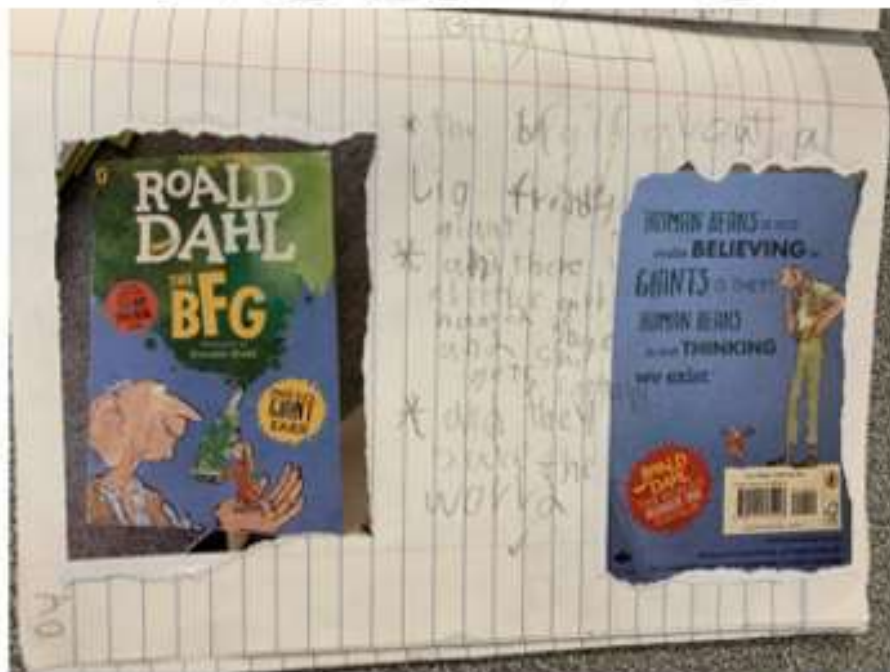
Supporting transitions and building resilience. We build resilience by learning and developing social and emotional skills – including coping skills. With these skills we manage life stressors, grow confidence and willingness to try new things, and seek and accept help when required.

During transitions, things we can do that provide the most positive experience for children and young people, maintain and grow relationships, and reduce routine disruption and stress include:

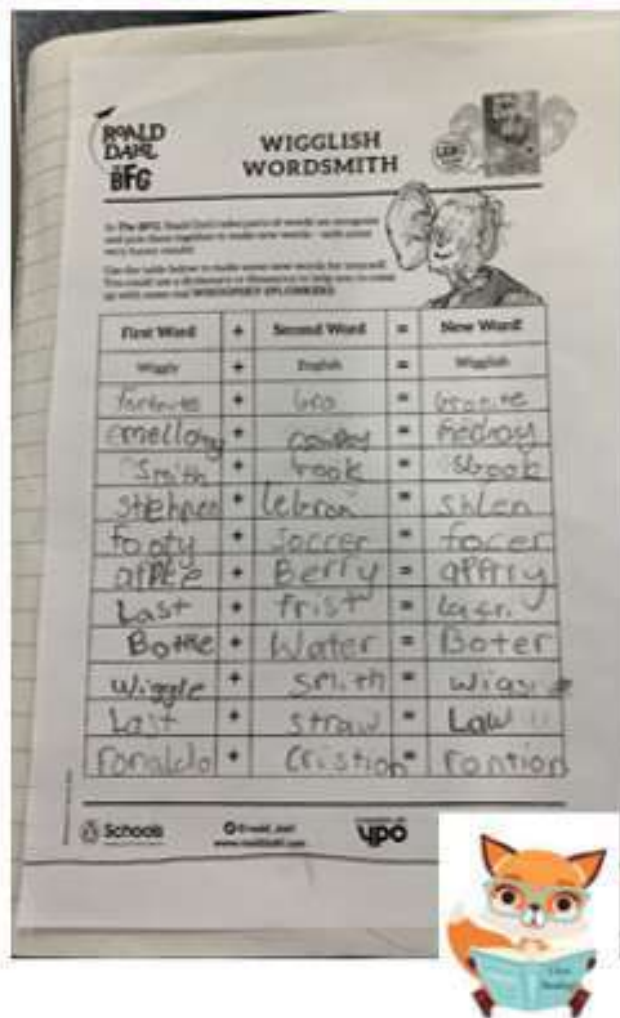
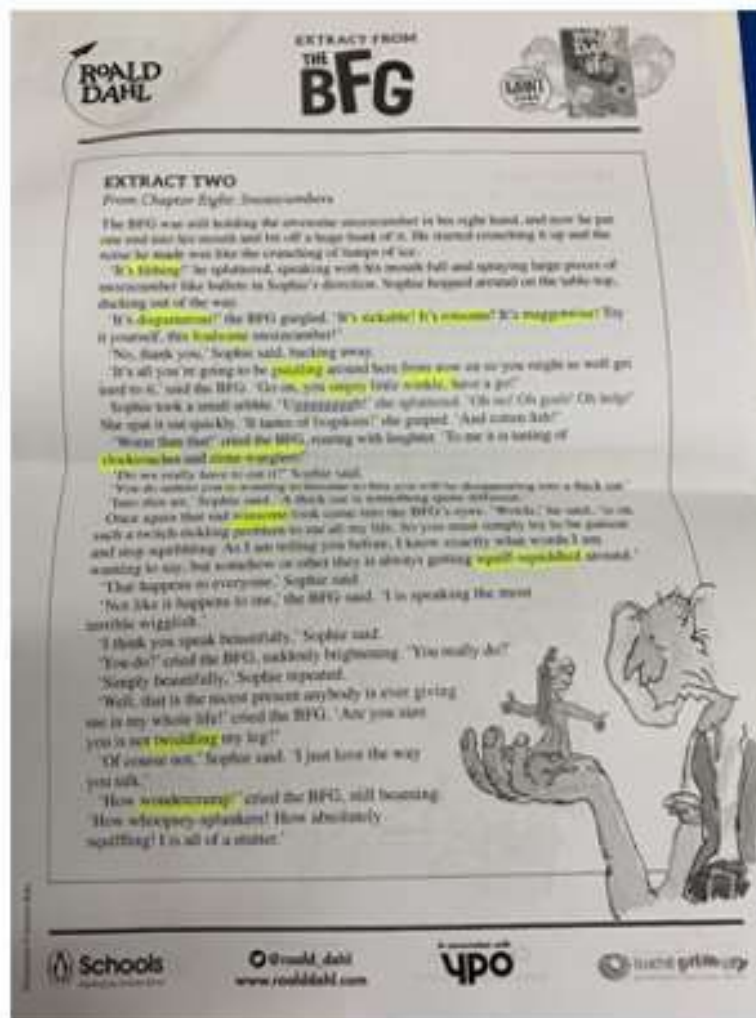
- *Plan and prepare for transitions through a supportive orientation process.*
- *Have consistent communication with everyone - including the children, young people, their families and educators.*
- *Develop strategies that include planning for and respecting diversity and individual needs.*
- *Be flexible when the unexpected happens.*
Establish routines as soon as possible to develop a sense of predictability in the new environment".

Mr John Cardamone—Leading Teacher in Social and Emotional Learning

Reading Year 3



This term the Year 3's have been reading "The BFG" by Roald Dahl. Check out some of the fantastic work students have been doing and hear from some of the students to see why they love it so much.



Oliver - It's my second favourite Roald Dahl book, my favourite is "The Witches". I like that it's got suspense at the start and also that the BFG is always mixing up words. My advice would be don't watch the movie before the book because the movie isn't as accurate as the book. I give this 5 out of 5 stars because it's a really good book.



Siddra - I like The BFG because it is easy for me to read. The words are not too hard so I think grade ones, two's and three's would love this book. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars.



Kobe - I really like the story because Roald Dahl made up all these funny words.



Zac - I like the BFG because he's very friendly. It's really funny. I give it 4 out of 5 stars because I think it should have colour in the pictures, not just black and white.



Angel - I think it's really interesting because Roald Dahl used descriptive words to help you imagine in your head. I like Sophie because she's smart when the Bloodbottler came to the cave she hid in the snozzcumber so she wouldn't get eaten. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars because it's a really good book.





Gr 3 Goes
to the
Zoo!





These students have completed 200 or more nights of reading this year.
A wonderful effort, we congratulate them on their dedication to reading at home. - **Grade 3 teachers.**



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 Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

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HILLSMEADE WALKING STARS



Well done to the Walking Stars team who completed the night time half marathon walk on Saturday 7th December and raised over \$1200 for the Cancer Council. Wearing our fluro, whacky outfits we joined more than 6,000 other walkers, making our way from Alexandra Gardens, along the Yarra, through the city, around the Docklands, past the MCG and eventually back to the gardens. There were a few blisters and sore muscles but I am proud to say that all members so the team finished the course.

Such a fun event for a worthy cause. We will definitely be back next year!!! **Lisa Scott**



Upcoming Events

Year Level	Name	Date	Cost	Due Date
Grade 3 F	Woolworths Discovery Tour	Postponed to Thursday 12th December	NIL	10th Dec
Grade 1	Cape Schanck Lighthouse EXC	Monday 16th December	\$33.00	2nd Dec
Grade Prep	Casey Fields Playground	Wednesday 18th December	\$8.00	4th Dec
Grade 5	Little Day Out	Wednesday 18th December	\$25	2nd Dec
Grade 6	Big Day Out	Thursday 19th December	\$25	12th Dec



Come and join a 5 star accredited club in the City of Casey. Registrations for season 2020 for all ages, boys and girls are now being taken.

For more information see www.hpusfc.com.au or call 0473 008 704



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 13th December 5pm-8pm,

At School's Amphitheatre.

Sausage sizzle, food trucks, face paint,

Poster by Zahra 5/A

jumping castle and pre-sold tickets available.

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