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Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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TERM 3
2020



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

WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

MON SEPT 14th	TUES SEPT 15th	WED SEPT 16th	THUR SEPT 17th	FRI SEPT 18th
	Gr 4 Virtual NGV Excursion			Last Day of TERM 3 Virtual Assembly Posted to Compass. FOOTY DAY

School Holidays Sept 19th - October 4th (Any updates/changes will be posted to compass)

MON OCT 5th	TUES OCT 6th	WED OCT 7th	THUR OCT 8th	FRI OCT 9th
ALL students remote learning	ALL students remote learning	ALL students remote learning	ALL students remote learning	Virtual Assembly Posted to Compass ALL students remote
MON OCT 12th	TUES OCT 13th	WED OCT 14th	THUR OCT 15th	FRI OCT 16th
Prep-2 Onsite learning Gr 3-6 remote	Prep-2 Onsite learning Gr 3-6 remote	Prep-2 Onsite learning Gr 3-6 remote	Prep-2 Onsite learning Gr 3-6 remote	Prep-2 Onsite learning Gr 3-6 remote

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy Week 9 of Term 3. Well done. This certainly has been a term like no other. We are so proud of our community: students, parents and carers, and staff. You have all put in amazing effort to stay connected, learning, reflecting and supporting each other. I am so proud of our school and the ways in which we have come together at this difficult time.

From Friday the 18th of September at 2:30pm you are all officially on school holidays. Wishing you all a safe, restful, sun filled holiday time. We are looking forward to Term 4 and the possibilities of having Year levels back on site. We will continue to communicate changes to on site attendance learning in a timely fashion. Please have a great break, we look forward to Term 4.



Footy Day

This Friday the 18th of September is footy day. Whilst this year the day looks a little different. We are very excited to have our annual footy day virtual parade, some football / sports connected learning activities and some exciting extra things. A huge thank you to Student Empowerment Leader Travis Cole and the Year 6 Student Leaders for coordinating this event for our school community.

Term 4 Week 1

As per the government's released plan – Victoria's road map to reopening, the plan states that in week 1 of Term 4 students from Prep – 6 will continue to engage in remote and flexible learning. If you are a permitted worker your child/ren can continue to be supervised on site as per the Term 3 requirements.

First Step	Second Step	Third Step	Last Step	COVID Normal
<p>11.59pm on 13 September 2020 First Step commences at 11.59pm on 13 September</p>	<p>Later of threshold being met and 28 September 2020 Move from the First Step to the Second Step if we reach an average daily case rate of 30-50 cases in Metro Melbourne over previous 14 days with public health advice regarding transmission source</p>	<p>Later of threshold being met and 26 October 2020 Move from Second Step to Third Step if we reach <5 new cases (state-wide average over previous 14 days) and <5 cases with unknown source (state-wide total last 14 days)</p>	<p>Later of threshold being met and 23 November 2020 Move from Third Step to Last Step if we reach no new cases for 14 days (state-wide)</p>	<p>When threshold met Move from Last Step to COVID Normal if we reach no new cases for 28 days (state-wide), no active cases (state-wide) and no outbreaks of concern in others states or territories</p>
<p>Childcare and early educators: closed except for permitted workers Schools: remote learning unless an exemption applies Adult education: only onsite for those on permitted list</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: re-opens Schools: remote learning with staged return for onsite learning for Prep to Grade 2, VCE/VCAL and specialist schools in Term 4 Adult education: only onsite for those on permitted list</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: open Schools: remote learning with potential staged return for onsite learning for Grade 3 to Grade 10 based on public health advice Adult education: learn from home if you can, onsite learning for hands-on, skills-based learning</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: open Schools: remote learning with potential staged return for onsite learning for Grade 3 to Grade 10 based on public health advice Adult education: learn from home if you can, onsite learning for hands-on, skills-based learning</p>	<p>Childcare and early educators: open Schools: onsite learning Adult education: return to onsite learning</p>

Hillmeade Primary School Footy Day




Prep – 2 Challenge

Your Mission:

To complete 8 or more of the below footy day activities.



Enjoy your Remote Footy Day.

Draw a picture of yourself in your team colours.	Write a story where you are playing football for your favourite team.	Find out 5 facts about your favourite AFL player.	Make your own homemade sausage rolls with your family https://tinyurl.com/AFLSausageRolls
Go outside and kick a ball with a family member.	Design your own footy guernsey. 	Watch the best marks of the last 19 years with a family member https://tinyurl.com/AFLMarks	Go outside and pretend to be in the footy day parade (wave flags, smile, dance etc.)
See how many times you can kick a ball in the air in a row.	Kick the football as far as you can and measure the distance in steps.	Make a footy player from old paper rolls https://tinyurl.com/PaperPeopleHPS	Play spot the difference https://tinyurl.com/AFLSpot
Look up and learn the lyrics to your club's theme song.	Make your own digital footy wordsearch https://tinyurl.com/WordsearchHPS	Play AFL Bingo with your family https://tinyurl.com/AFLBingo	Write a letter to your favourite football player.

Hillsmeade Primary School Footy Day




3 – 6 Challenge

Your Mission:

To complete 8 or more of the below footy day activities.



Enjoy your Remote Footy Day.

Take photos of yourself in your team colours performing different footy actions.	Write a story where you are playing football for your favourite team.	Make a poster about your favourite AFL player with 10 interesting facts.	Make your own homemade sausage rolls with your family https://tinyurl.com/AFLSausageRolls
Go outside and kick a ball with a family member.	Design a new footy Guernsey for your favourite team. 	Watch the best marks of the last 19 years with a family member https://tinyurl.com/AFLMarks	Play AFL Bingo with your family https://tinyurl.com/AFLBingo
See how many times you can kick a ball in the air in a row.	Run the longest kick competition in your house and graph the results.	Make a footy player from old paper rolls https://tinyurl.com/PaperPeopleHPS	Write a letter to your favourite footy player and tell them why they are the best!
Look up and learn the lyrics to your club's theme song and rewrite them as a parody.	Make your own digital footy wordsearch https://tinyurl.com/WordsearchHPS	Compete against your family with Footy Trivia! https://tinyurl.com/AFLTrivia	Write a poem about footy.

FROM MR CARDAMONE



Good Afternoon Hillsmeade Community,

I hope that the week has been a positive one so far. Only a few days to go now and the holidays will be here. I hope you have an opportunity to spend quality time with your family. It has been a challenging time for all of us and it's important to take time out and to focus on ourselves and our families.

Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas has a free webinar you can listen to about 'Dealing with homeschooling under lockdown'. Michael answers questions from parents emailing and writing in.

"If it takes a village to raise a child, we've lost the village while we're confined to our homes. Some kids are thriving, some are coping, and some are struggling – and the same could be said of the parents."

Parenting Ideas founder, renowned parenting educator and author Michael Grose joined the ABC Radio Melbourne's Conversation Hour to answer parents' questions about homeschooling, missing milestones, and discussing coronavirus with your children."

You can listen via the below link.

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/dealing-with-homeschooling-under-lockdown/>

I am sharing a very important article from Kidshelp-line on online safety. With the holidays coming up, it is a great time to talk about being safe online with your children.

Social media and safety

Using social media is a regular part of life for most young people. Support your child to manage the risks in their online world but still enjoy its benefits.

The use of social media platforms has exploded in the past decade

Things can change so fast, it's hard to keep track! Let's catch up on some of the social media basics.

- *Young people use social media to connect with others they may or may not know offline in the 'real world'*

- *Online profiles have basic information that forms your child's social media identity - people identify each other through their profiles and also by what they post online*
- *Young children mostly start using social media to play online games; they may then graduate to platforms such as Instagram, Tumblr and Facebook Children as young as 6 access social media sites and their access increases with age.*

Social media can be enjoyable and beneficial for your kids

Contrary to what you might have heard, risk does not always equal harm on social media. Social media can offer benefits for your kids:

- *To connect with family and friends*
- *Share their creativity through music and art*
- *Develop and express their unique identity*
- *Expand their social circle*
- *Explore different ideas*
- *Provide opportunities to learn with others*

Types of social media commonly used

Social media is constantly changing and evolving. It can be hard to keep track of what platforms are most popular with your child and their friends.

While there are too many to list in just one article, you can learn about them and get [up-to-date information](#) on the [eSafety](#) website.

The types of online platforms your kids may use include:

- *Social media networks where people interact with others eg Facebook*
- *Microblogging where users broadcast short messages eg Twitter and Tumblr*
- *Media sharing where people share photos and videos eg Youtube and Instagram*
- *Messaging apps that send SMS/texts/short videos eg Kik, Messenger and Snapchat*
- *Multi-player online games eg Moshi Monsters, Club Penguin and World of Warcraft*

Report Unsafe Content

 eSafety Commissioner

Report Unsafe Content

If you see unsafe content online or see your child engaging with it, you can make a complaint to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

FROM MR CARDAMONE

Common risks on social media for kids

Some of the things you may worry your kids are exposed to include:

- Access to inappropriate content
- Having their personal information shared
- Being embarrassed, harassed or attacked on social media
- Sexting and image-based abuse
- Being groomed online
- Accidentally downloading viruses or Malware

Empower yourself and your child to take steps to stay safe

Talk to them about things they can do to minimise the risks. Educate yourself about the steps you can take if things get out of hand or potentially dangerous.

- Provide a clear expectation about their online behaviour
- Use strong passwords and update them regularly
- Encourage them not to share passwords with friends
- Teach them about the consequences of sharing

- Keep identifying information to a minimum eg do not reveal their location
- Encourage them to talk with a trusted adult about online issues
- Contact Police immediately if you become aware of grooming on social media
- Change privacy settings so only friends and family can view their profiles and posts
- Be aware of what your child is doing online and who they talk with

While social media is usually a regular part of a young person's life, it's good to know that your child is staying safe

Talking to your child about the risks and benefits of social media can help them navigate these platforms safely.

Encourage them to contact Kids Helpline for additional support, tips and strategies. They can [call](#) us, start a [WebChat](#) or [email](#) us today.

As a parent, you're not alone in supporting your child through their use of social media. If you're struggling with this, call the [Parentline](#) service in your State or Territory and talk through your options with a counsellor.

You could also visit the [eSafety](#) website to find out more about [offensive content](#) and [cyberbullying](#) and what you can do."

You can view this article at <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/social-media-and-safety>

WELLBEING RESOURCE



<https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/podcasts-and-webinars/podcasts#:~:text=Help%20your%20child%20learn%20and,areas%20of%20life%20and%20learning.>

Thank you.
John Cardamone Leading
Teacher in Social and
Emotional Learning

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



MANDARIN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



If you wish to continue your Mandarin over the school holiday, here are some activities you could do to help reinforce your vocabulary.

You can click on a Quizlet study set to browse the words in **Flashcards** and then play **Match** and **Gravity** games. Please feel free to explore the sets under a different year level. You do not need a Quizlet account to do these activities.

If you haven't used Quizlet study sets yet, please watch this instructional video first: [How to Use a Quizlet Study Set](#)

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Numbers 1-10	Numbers 1-10	Numbers 1-10	Numbers 1-10	Numbers 1-10	Numbers 11-40	Numbers 11-40
	Colours I	Colours II	Family I	Family II	Countries I	Countries II
					Months & Seasons	Months & Seasons
Social & Other Words (Prep)	Social & Other Words (1&2)	Social & Other Words (1&2)	Social & Other Words (3&4)	Social & Other Words (3&4)	Social & Other Words (5&6)	Social & Other Words (5&6)

This can also be found on the Mandarin section of our portal.



Use any device to set a reminder or alarm for 9:00 a.m.



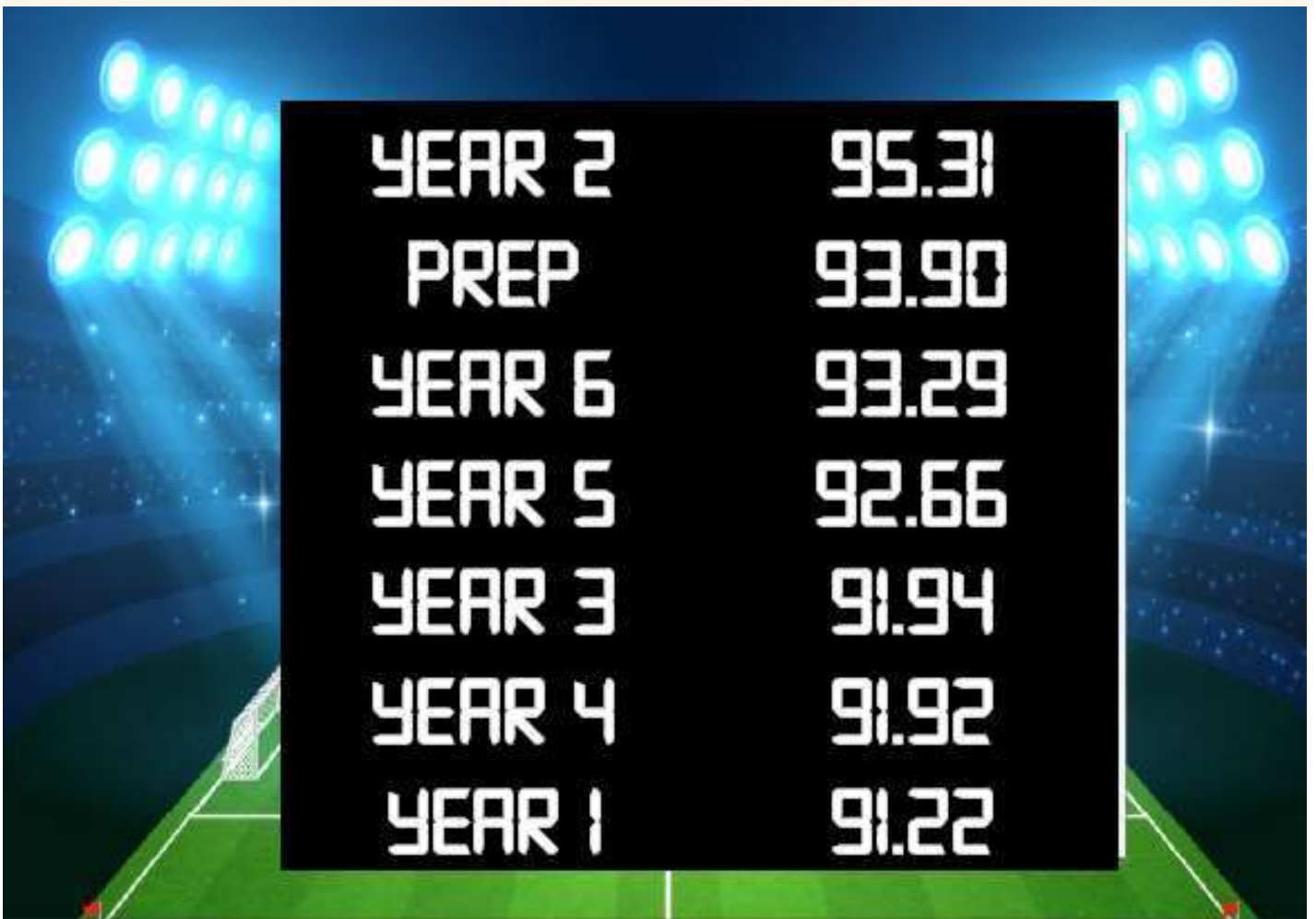
To record your child's attendance using the online form.

You will need to complete the daily attendance form so we know which students are engaged in remote learning. Please complete this form once for each student every day.

Online attendance opens at midnight and closes at 1 p.m.



AUGUST ATTENDANCE HERO



Attendance Matters
Every student, Every day

Every Day Counts"

Awarded to
Grade 6

For most improved attendance in term 3

J. Bray

Principal

18/09/2020

Date

Every Day Counts"

Awarded to
Grade 2

For most improved attendance in term 3

J. Bray

Principal

18/09/2020

Date

FROM SQUIGGLE

Dear Hillsmeade,

Squiggle here, your school writing puppet!

Our Year 4 authors have been enthusiastically writing and learning throughout term three.

Recently, the students focused on persuasive writing and speeches. They can now convince their parents to do many new things! Take a look below at Angel's persuasive speech about eating more ice cream and Dion's ideas for getting a mobile phone.

Also, thank you to Mrs Samantha Aplin who also organised a Year 4 virtual assembly to the National Gallery Victoria. Mrs Aplin explained that:

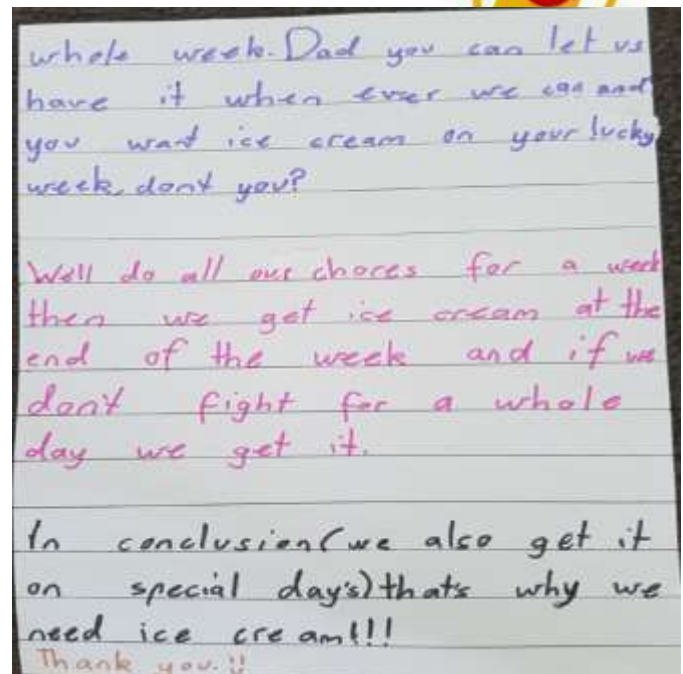
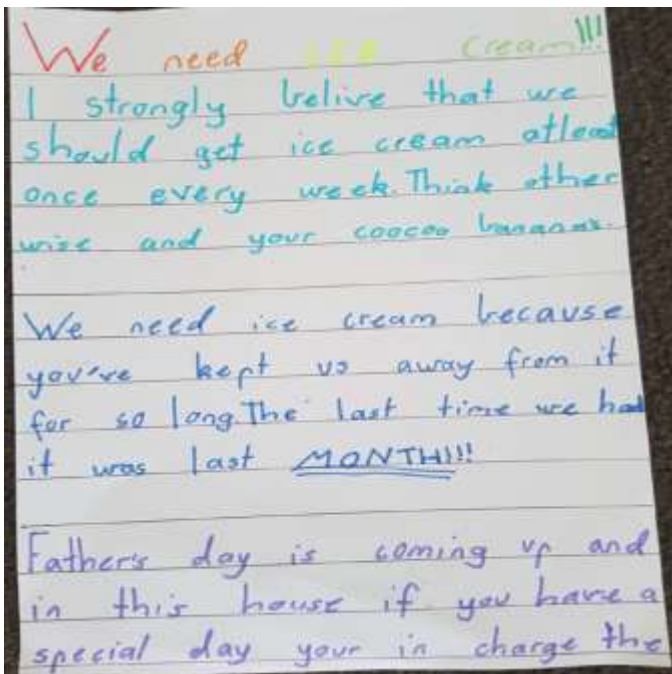
"The Year 4 children took part in a virtual excursion to the National Gallery Victoria, where they explored some world-famous paintings! They used the paintings as a stimulus for their descriptive writing and produced some wonderful ideas and writing in the session. The children participated enthusiastically and were a real credit to our school. Well done Grade 4!"

Have a wonderful school holidays everyone,

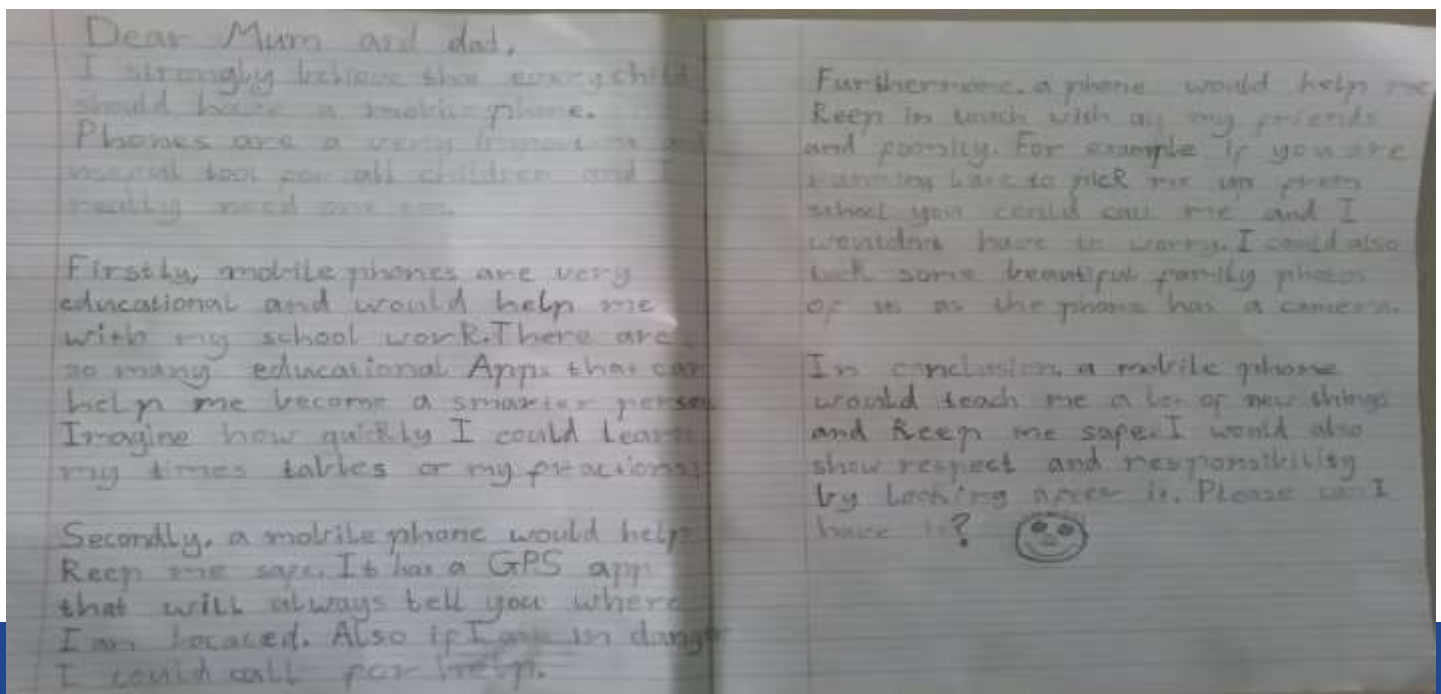
Keep on writing,

Squiggle

Angel K, 4C



Dion T, 4C



[VICTORIAN] MATHS CHALLENGE!

A fun and engaging way for families to engage in real life mathematics and explore problems together.

Maths today is more than learning by rote, and is about trying and applying a range of strategies when approaching maths tasks. Wondering how you can help your child at home with Maths and want to do something more than cooking or shopping? Then this is for you!

The Victorian Maths Challenge is for children and their families in Year 5- 8 (but really it is open for anyone who would like to have a go at some challenging maths thinking!) The Challenge, which runs until 29th November this year, provides a range of hands-on, open-ended and interactive activities that promote problem solving.

Whether it's engineering a paper tower in the Eureka Challenge, making estimations in the Paper Planes Challenge or building and keeping a boat afloat in the Titanic Challenge, there is a challenge to interest everyone in the family. With eight exciting challenges to choose from, each with videos and instructions to help families succeed, it's easy to get started.

Take on as few or as many challenges as you like. Work together to find your own solutions.

Click here <http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au/> to go straight to the Victorian Maths Challenge Website. If you have any questions, email Mrs Bhardwaj on dbhardwaj@hillsmeade.vic.edu.au

Choose a challenge



SCIENCE @ HILLSMEADE



Maths is FUN at Hillsmeade!

Students are working hard to develop their mathematical skills for everyday life. Thank you Little Mathematicians for sharing your worksamples! A "BIG THANK YOU" to all families for supporting our learners!

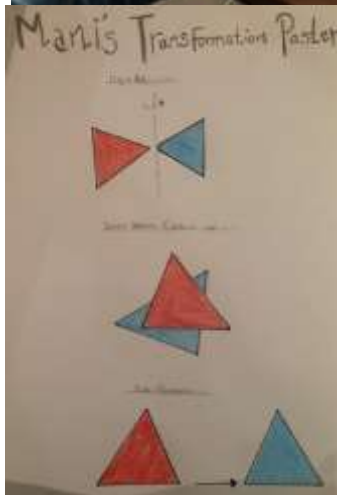
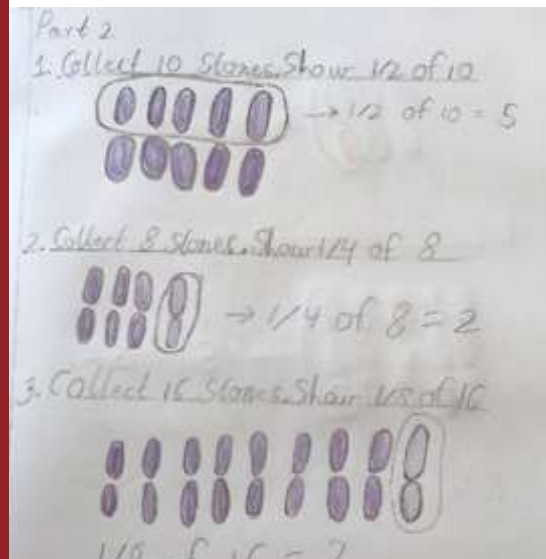
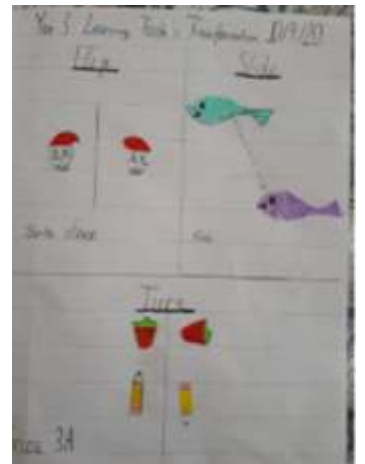
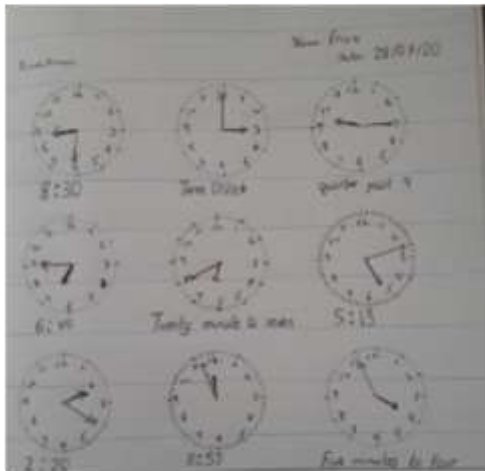
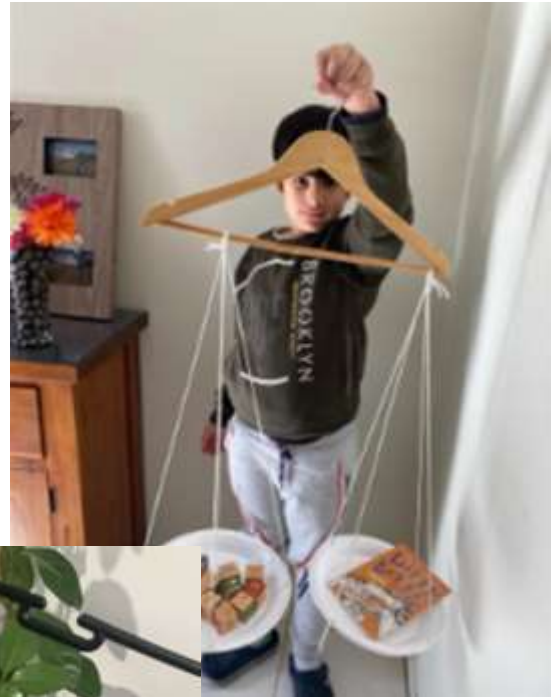


Maci from 1C showing great balance, concentration and focus as she aims to shoot during her Maths target game. She was very successful and decided to challenge herself by making the distance further for the next week.



Jessie from 1C has shown different ways to present her data during the Maths Target Game. I can see by her facial expression; Wednesday was her least successful game. I can see she is smiling now though after changing her game to be a rolling pin. It looks like she got a strike!

MATHS @ HILLSMEADE



Maths

Chicken, Salad + mayo Roll	\$5.50	
	\$10.00 -	
	\$5.50	
	\$4.50	
Chicken nuggets 3 for \$2.50	\$7.50	\$10.00
mini Hotdog	\$2.00	\$9.50
Flavoured milk chocolate	\$2.90	\$12.40
1 Strawberry	\$7.00	\$5.40

MATHS @ HILLSMEADE

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Maths project display on a corkboard:

- Left: A grid with numbers and symbols.
- Middle: A bar chart with two bars, one blue and one green, and the text 'Target 100'.
- Right: Text titled '5 Statements about my results' and '1 way you could change the game'.



WEEK ONE	11AM SESSIONS
Monday 21st September	States of Matter (Grades 3 - 4)
Tuesday 22nd September	Bend Stretch and Twist (Prep - Grade 2)
Wednesday 23rd September	Plastic Fantastic (Grades 5 - 6)
Thursday 24th September	Mix and Unmix (Prep - Grade 2) NEW!!
Friday 25th September	The Unseen World (Grades 3 - 6)
WEEK TWO	11AM SESSIONS
Monday 28th September	Sound and Light (Prep - Grade 2) NEW!!
Tuesday 29th September	Our Blue Marble (Prep - Grade 3)
Wednesday 30th September	Wonderful Waterways (Prep - Grade 6)
Thursday 1st October	Hot! Hot! (Grades 3 - 6) NEW!!
Friday 2nd October	Forces in Motion (Grades 3 - 6)



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PRIME*Sci!*

SPRING 2020 ONLINE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

PrimeSci! is now providing live-streamed hands-on science workshops for primary school-aged children.

Bend Stretch and Twist (Prep - Grade 2)

Become a Material Scientist to learn about the different properties of ordinary and amazing materials.

Mix and Unmix (Prep - Grade 2) **NEW!!**

This delightful hands-on session will draw children into the world of chemistry and engineering as they explore the phenomena of dissolving, crystallisation, and make colourful discoveries with materials sourced from around the house.

Sound and Light (Prep - Grade 2) **NEW!!**

This activity-filled and noisy session is designed to help children discover for themselves the fundamentals of sound and light as they manipulate these two energies.

Our Blue Marble (Prep - Grade 3)

Explore how planet Earth's temperature, atmosphere and water cycle make it ideal for supporting life.

States of Matter (Grades 3 - 4)

Solids, liquids and gases, and we introduce two other states of matter! Enter the world of atoms and molecules and find out more about the world we live in.

Hot! Hot! (Grades 3 - 6) **NEW!!**

Big Ideas like conduction, convection and radiation are learnt through play as children uncover the heat in everyday things like keeping doors closed, wearing jumpers, and hot air balloons.

The Unseen World (Grades 3 - 6)

Explore the incredible world of microbes (and viruses), the impact they have on our everyday life.

Forces in Motion (Grades 3 - 6)

This fast-paced session will frame student understanding of forces and how they interact. Learn the role of gravity, friction and magnetism in making objects move.

Plastic Fantastic (Grades 5 - 6)

Explore the world of plastics! Make your own slime, test the properties of certain plastics and discover more about these useful materials.

Wonderful Waterways (Prep - Grade 6)

Discover the hidden life in our creeks and rivers. Learn about the simple things we can all do to keep our freshwater habitats healthy.

**BOOK YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY
SCIENCE WORKSHOP NOW!**

Monday Sept. 21 - Friday Oct. 3
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLFWH>

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(03) 9210 1969
facebook.com/primesci

WORKSHOP COSTS & DETAILS

Our new online and interactive PrimeSci! Science Workshops will be delivered live via **Zoom**. The workshops are full of hands-on activities and are scheduled to run for a minimum of 40 minutes, followed by an opportunity for a Q&A session between PrimeSci! presenters and participating children.

Enrolment Fee per Family: \$10.00
(plus \$0.50 Trybooking Fee)

Registered families will receive an information pack within 24 hours with lesson details, Zoom instructions, and pre- and post-session activities.

PLEASE NOTE: Your child's privacy and internet safety is important to us.
Children will only be able to view our presenters, with all other participant video and audio muted.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PRIMESCI!

[SWINBURNE.EDU.AU/PRIMESCI](https://swinburne.edu.au/primesci)