

**'Everyday Counts'
Attendance Matters**

It's important your child attends school everyday unless they are unwell. Missing only a few days can make a difference to their learning.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

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| 0 days off school | 100% | Perfection |
| Equates to 2 days off school each year | 99% | Excellent |
| Equates to 5 days off school each year | 97% | Good |
| Equates to 10 days off school each year | 95% | Slight Concern |
| Equates to 20 days off school each year | 90% | Concerned |
| Equates to 30 days off school each year | 85% | Very Concerned |

The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

Issue No 7—WED 17th MAR

TERM 1
2021



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

WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

| WK 8 MON 15th MAR | TUES 16th MAR | WED 17th MAR | THUR 18th MAR | FRI 19th MAR |
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| | School tour for prospective families | | | Interschool sports 9:00-11:00am Book Club Orders Due |
| WK 9 MON 22nd MAR | TUES 23rd MAR | WED 24th MAR | THUR 25th MAR | FRI 26th MAR |
| Parent teacher interviews | Parent teacher interviews | Parent teacher interviews Prep Responsible Pet Incursion | Parent teacher interviews Free Dress Day (gold coin) | Parent teacher interviews School Photo Day Interschool Sports |
| WK 9 MON 29th MAR | TUES 30th MAR | WED 31st MAR | THUR 1st APR | FRI 2nd APR |
| | | Year 3 Camp Prep Picnic @ 5pm | Year 3 Camp | Good Friday Public School Holidays |
| Term 1 School Holidays Friday 2nd April — Sunday 18th April | | | | |
| WK 1 MON 19th APR | TUES 20th APR | WED 21st APR | THUR 22nd APR | FRI 23rd APR |
| First Day of Term 2 Year 5 Camp | Year 5 Camp | Year 5 Camp | | Interschool Sports |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Happy Week 8. We hope that you are all having a great week as we near the end of Term 1. We are so pleased with the positive way in which our school has transitioned positively back to face-to-face learning. A big well done to our 2021 Year Preps who have settled in well to school life. We are pleased to have you all as part of Hillsmeade Primary School.

Active Afternoons

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Jeff McGann and Ahmad Chazbek for coordinating our weekly Thursday Active Afternoons. This has been a wonderful addition to our community events and really does provide a great opportunity for our Year 6 Student Leaders to connect with our community and support health and physical activity. A very big thank you to Parents and Carers for attending and for registering attendance each week through the COMPASS event. We really do appreciate our partnership in keeping our kids happy, healthy and active in alignment with Education State Priorities.

Happy, healthy and resilient kids -

School will be a positive experience and nurturing environment for our children to develop confidence, social skills and healthy life habits.



Academic Afternoons

We are very excited to be beginning our weekly Wednesday Academic Afternoons. This afternoon opportunity will support students to engage in skill practice opportunities with their peers and staff. A very big thank you to Jess Ellis, Kathryn Kidd and Tessa Strickland for coordinating this new community event.

Learning for life -

More students achieving excellence in reading, maths, science and the arts.



Clubs @ Hillsmeade

In 2021 we are excited to bring back our before school, recess and lunchtime clubs. Our large range of extra-curricular activities are part of our school wide commitment to cultivating a positive climate for learning with authentic student voice and agency activities. A very big thank you to our staff who have expressed interest in leading a club throughout 2021.

Year 5/6 Interschool Sports

Last Friday the 12th of March our Year 5 / 6 sports teams headed by bus to their first practice district sports event at Lyndhurst Primary School. Our students were very excited to be on a bus and visiting another school. Our student athletes participated positively and proudly upheld and modelled our school I RESPECT values. A big well done to all Hillsmeade Sports Teams who all managed a win on the day. A big thank you to all our staff coaches who are supporting these teams. We look forward to hearing about your upcoming events.

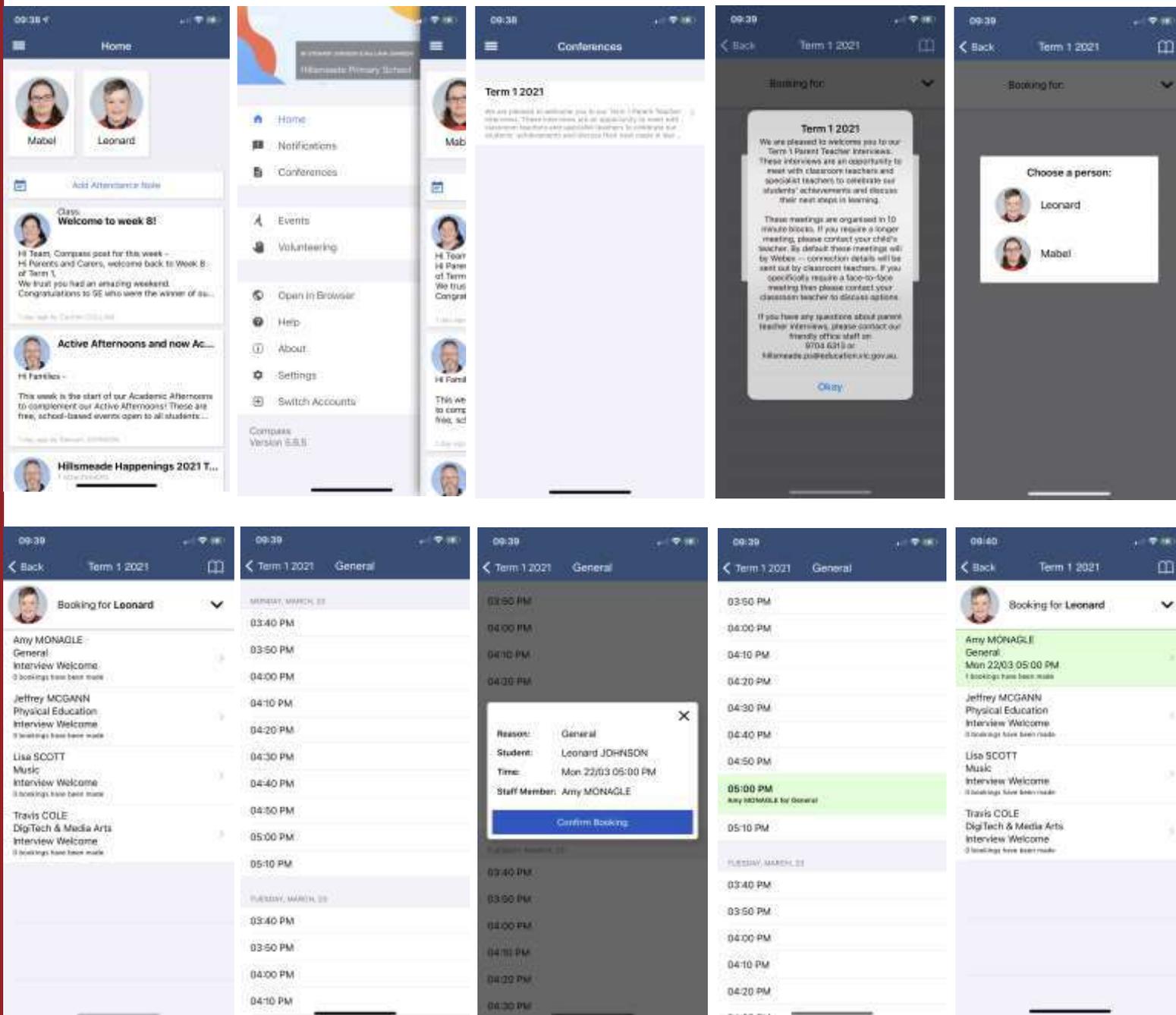
Thursday 25th March is a Free Dress Day by gold coin donation. This is a fundraiser for our Easter raffle (tickets are available for purchase).

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Next week we will be having our Parent Teacher Interviews running on Monday the 22nd of March – Thursday 25th of March. The parent teacher interviews are a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and hear about the progress that your child is making and also set goals for future learning. Interviews will be conducted via WebEx. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher onsite, please send them a compass message.

If you are having trouble booking an interview online, please contact the office. If you require a translator for your interview please get in touch with your child's teacher or a member of the office team.

BOOKING VIA THE COMPASS APP



BOOKING VIA THE COMPASS WEBSITE

Parent Student Teacher Conference
Term 1 2021
[Click here for booking](#)

My News

Carmen COLLINS
1 day ago

Welcome

Welcome to Term 1 2021

We are pleased to welcome you to our Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews are an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers and specialist teachers to celebrate our students' achievements and discuss their next steps in learning.

These meetings are organised in 10 minute blocks. If you require a longer meeting, please contact your child's teacher. By default these meetings will be by Webex -- connection details will be sent out by classroom teachers. If you specifically require a face-to-face meeting then please contact your classroom teacher to discuss options.

If you have any questions about parent teacher interviews, please contact our friendly office staff on 9704 6313 or hillsmeade.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

[Start Booking Now](#) [Show me How to Book](#)

Term 1 2021

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Teachers

- Travis COLE (DigTech & Media Arts) - Interviews Welcome
- Lisa SCOTT (Music) - Interviews Welcome
- Jeffrey MCGARR (Physical Education) - Interviews Welcome

General

- Amy HONAGLE (Interviews Welcome) - [Book](#)

Click on a time slot at the left of the screen to make a booking.

BOOKING VIA THE COMPASS WEBSITE

Confirm Booking ✕

Reason: General

Staff Member: Amy MONAGLE

Student: Leonard JOHNSON

Time: Tuesday, March 23 2021 - 04:10 PM

OK
Cancel

Teachers

- Travis COLE** DigTech & Media Arts
Interview Welcome
- Lisa SCOTT** Music
Interview Welcome
- Jeffrey MCGANN** Physical Education
Interview Welcome
- Amy MONAGLE** General
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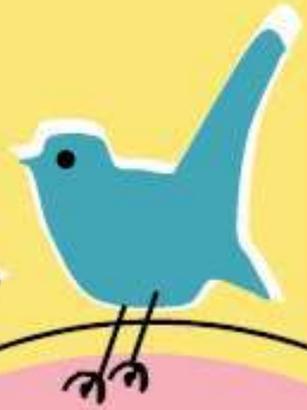
<https://hillsmeade-vic.compass.education/>

If the bookings menu is not visible for you, please ensure you are logged into your parent compass account and not the student account.

HILLSMEADE PRIMARY
SCHOOL

EaStE R
Eggstravaganza

RAFFLE &



FREE DRESS DAY

THURSDAY 25
MARCH



GOLD
COIN
DONATION

Raffle
drawn in
the last
week!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
DUE BACK FRIDAY 26 MARCH



FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade,

I hope this week has been a positive one for you and your family. Last week I shared what the Zones of Regulation are and information about the yellow zone.

Don't forget breakfast club every Monday and Tuesday 8:15am-8:40am at the canteen

New edition!



We have added a new item to breakfast club for next week. There will be canned peaches added that students can have in a bowl. Come and enjoy!!!

This week will be a focus on the red zone. The **Red Zone** is used to describe extremely heightened states of alertness and intense emotions. A person may be elated or experiencing anger, rage, devastation, or terror when in the red zone." <https://www.zonesofregulation.com/learn-more-about-the-zones.html>

We educate students to know, no zone is "bad" and that they are all normal feelings. We focus on strategies that can help us when we are in the Red zone. Although some strategies will work for us differently, there are some common strategies that work for lots of students when they feel in the Red zone, such as:

- Running
- Taking time to reflect
- Talking to trusted adults
- Breathing exercises
- Drinking water

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

- What is the size of the problem

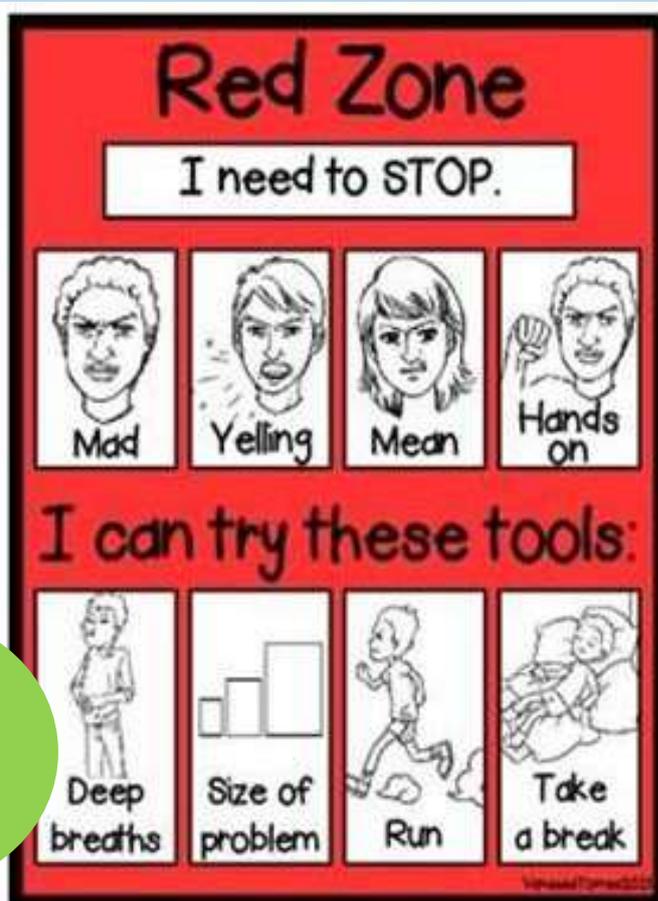
The zones language is used every day in all classes to build emotional literacy, the Zones of Regulation is unpacked through the positive Start Program and students have an opportunity to design and come up with strategies that they can use to support them to self-regulate. Please find some information on the zones from the official Zones of Regulation website below.

Goals of The ZONES Curriculum

Teaches students

- Identify their feelings and levels of alertness
- Understand their feelings in context
- Effective regulation tools
- When and how to use tools
- Problem solve positive solutions
- Understand how their behaviours influence others' thoughts and feelings

And ultimately move towards Independent Regulation



FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Year 2 is heading FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Well Done to Year 2 students and teachers for having hands-on experiences to go beyond labelling and sequencing to understand the how and why of life cycles!

Look at their creativity, they are enjoying being artists while learning about life cycles!



FROM SQUIGGLE & MISS PAGE



It's Squiggle here, your school writing puppet! Miss Page and I visited the Prep ad Year 1 students during their literacy learning time. Have a look at what they're learning to do!

Keep up the successful work Hillsmeade!



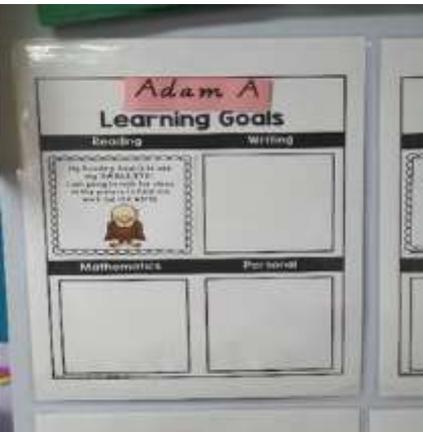
Learning to identify letters and sounds supports young readers and writers to develop phonological awareness. Ms Papa is showing her students how to stretch sounds to read words.



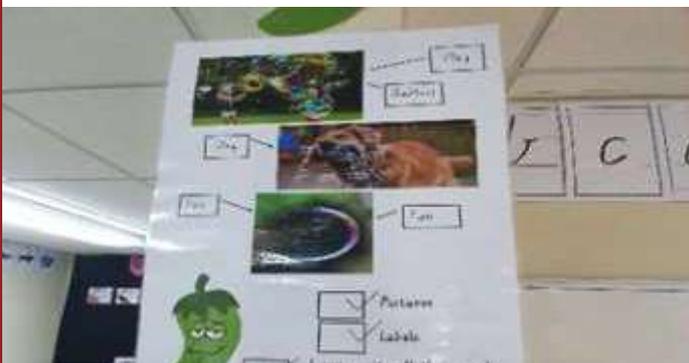
Teachers work with a group of students on a common reading strategy during guided reading. Mrs Beamish wears her delightful blue hat to remind students that guided reading is a special time and can't be interrupted unless it's an emergency!



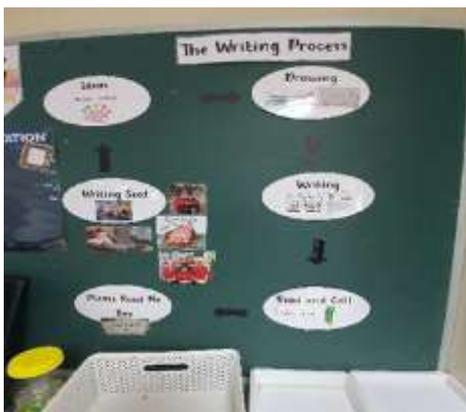
During literacy learning, students engage in a variety of engaging and hands-on independent learning activities. These allow learners to work towards their learning goal and practise what their teacher has taught them.



Having a goal to work towards encourages our students to always strive towards success. Our Prep students are using their 'eagle eyes' to look closely at the pictures to help them understand their reading.



Year 1 students have quality exemplars of how to make improvements to their writing. Ms Lane has created a cool, mild and hot chilli rating to encourage her students to up-level their writing.



Students are working on ongoing pieces of writing. With the guidance of their teacher, they work through the writing process to publish quality writing.

2021 Photo Day

Online Only Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Hillsmeade Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 26/03/2021

School photo orders will be taken via our online system only this year.

If you have not yet received instructions on how to place your order online, it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed. All student's photos are taken regardless of purchase.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 25/03/2021 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase only

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Click Here - click on this link if you are using a supported device.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [LG3 X97 85R]

Step 2: Enter your student's details.

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

** Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee.

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

LG3 X97 85R - School Code

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS

EASY ONLINE FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [LG3 X97 85R]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 25/03/2021

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

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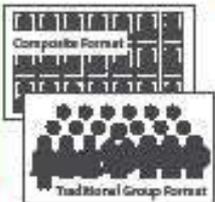
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Your school has chosen either the composite or traditional group format for your packages



Perfect for 10x8" Frames

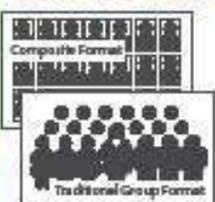


NEW
48 Personalised Stickers

package includes high res digital portrait image

Value Package

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\$50
\$5.00 per week
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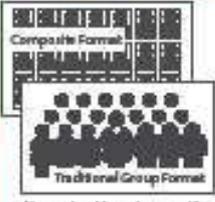
Perfect for 10x8" Frames



package includes high res digital portrait image

Regular Package

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PACK
\$48
\$4.80 per week
LATITUDEPAY



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Perfect for 10x8" Frames



package includes high res digital portrait image

Basic Package

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\$44
\$4.40 per week
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12x17mm



package includes high res digital portrait image

2x4mm

6x7mm

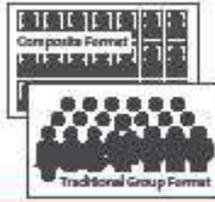
Option E - Portrait Only \$28



package includes high res digital portrait image

\$2.80 per week
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Option F - Group Only \$29



package does not include a digital image

\$2.90 per week
LATITUDEPAY

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Personalised Mugs \$19



Available online only

\$1.90 per week
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Also available for order online

STICKERS



\$10

NEW Personalised 48 Sticker Set

Our personalised sticker set features a range of 48 fun stickers many personalised with student name and/or image

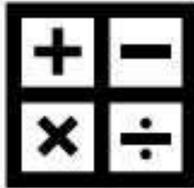
Stickers set included in Package A or available to order online

BONUS SIBLING OFFER



Have more than one child at your school? Order any A-E package online and order a b&w sibling at no charge. See reverse for further details.

Flyer Code 3PODOP



MATHS CLUB

When-Tuesday Lunch
Where-In the EAL Room

What are we striving to achieve?

Excellence in Mathematics!



JOIN US
FOR:

Speeding

Salute

Skip

Counting

Dice Games

Bingo

Connect 4

Fun!



Mrs Strickland, Mrs Bampton
and Mrs Bhardwaj



Running Club

Wednesday and Friday

from 8.15am



Fun, friends and fitness!
All year levels.
Wednesday
and
Friday.
Before school.
Meet at the amphitheatre.

Warm ups start at
8.15 am.



For more
information
see Ms Bodle

Hillsmeade
Primary School

• Growing and Learning Together •



Reading Club

When: Every Thursday 8:15 - 8:45am

Where: The Library



With Mrs Aplin & Miss Ellis

Enjoy a picture story book read aloud, find a quiet spot to read to yourself or another adult and come enjoy the magic of reading with us! Families welcome. Certificates awarded for student commitment to attending Reading Club.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

FROM THE SICKBAY

Good old-fashioned handwashing with soap and water is still the best defence against spreading gastroenteritis.

You can prevent the spread of gastroenteritis to other people if you:

Make sure everyone in the family washes their hands regularly, especially after toilet and before they eat.

Wash your child's hands with warm water and soap after they use the toilet and before and after they eat.

Wash your hands before you feed and after you change your child's nappies.

Be a soapy HERO!

<https://youtu.be/EAiQYDucios>

they use the

Clean kitchen tops, toys, toilet seats, nappy change tables and taps to ensure you don't spread the infection to others at home.

Keep your child away from others until 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. If symptoms persist, visit your GP.

Don't allow your child to attend child care or school until 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped.

Teach your child good hand hygiene by showing them how to become a Soapy Hero!

Remember, washing hands with soap and water is the best way to prevent gastroenteritis infection. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers while effective against some viruses (such as coronavirus), are not effective against gastroenteritis.



**2021 SEASON
PLAYERS WANTED FOR ALL AGES
INCLUDES U14S & U16S GIRLS TEAMS**



**TRAINING AT STRATHAIRD RESERVE,
COMMUNITY PARADE, NARRE WARREN SOUTH**

**All skill levels welcome with no experience needed
Emphasis on fun and development**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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CLUB EMAIL: registrar@narresouthlions.com.au**

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