To the School Community,

In what is a very busy week at Hamlyn Banks PS I would like to congratulate the staff and students on their continued focus on teaching and learning as well as the effort they put into developing other experiences in our school.

I would particularly like to mention the work of the School’s student leaders, particularly those who are involved in the BluEarth Leadership program. The team has been working cooperatively towards the BluEarth and House Colour Day to be held on Monday 20th October. This day will not only acknowledge our commitment to the BluEarth principles but also developing leadership in our students and recognising Haemophilia, a condition that one of our prep students lives through. The students will experience activities organised by our leaders and I’m sure it will be a day that all will enjoy. Good luck student leaders.

Parent Opinion Survey— I would like to thank all of the families who participated in the survey, we have recently received the data and in summary there have been improvements in all areas except Extra Curricular Activities, with a significant increase in the parent opinion of classroom behaviour that has moved from the lowest 25% moving close to the 70th percentile which is an accurate reflection of classroom behaviour at our school. It would be great to see this positive perception continue to increase. Some areas to develop still exist around extra curricular activities, connectedness and safety.

Buildings and Grounds— As part of the DEECD Maintenance Program we have received approx. $50000 to refurbish Room 12 and 13 (Ms Devlin and Ms Moorfoot’s portables) as well as some further work on the Physical Education Centre (formerly the Old Multi-Purpose Room) which is great news for our students. I would also like to remind families that there is a working bee this Sunday from 9:00—12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 to finish off the day. I am looking forward to working on the school grounds as a community.

Assembly— I would like to thank the community for understanding the need to cancel last week’s assembly. I am looking forward to passing out the awards this week at Assembly and also announcing the winner of the term 3 House Points Awards as well as the 100% attendance awards to the year 4/3 students who were away at camp before the holidays.

School Review News— We have had our first visit from our School Reviewers Frank Schoenderbeek and Debbie Clancy on Monday and the discussion about our school was extremely positive and productive. I am looking forward to going into more detail when they return on the 27th of October to delve further into our school data and have deeper conversations about our successes and areas of improvement.

Finally congratulations to Mrs McKinnis who has become a Grandmother this week—Charlotte (Lottie) Adelaide Fitzgerald was born on Sunday, 3.5kg Mum and bub are doing well. Have a terrific week—See you at the Working Bee!
Daniel Vella

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**BluEarth Day**

**On the 20th of October** the leadership students have organised a whole school BluEarth day. We are raising the awareness of the importance of physical and mental health. We would appreciate if people wear house colours and appropriate clothing to move well. These include shorts, runners, and a shirt. This cause is for the haemophilia foundation a problem which effects males. You can find more information on [www.hvf.org.au](http://www.hvf.org.au). Please bring a gold coin donation if you wearing your house colours.

**Tomorrow is pyjama day at school! We are all dressing up in our pyjamas to acknowledge how important relaxation is for our emotional well-being. No donations are required to dress up and teddies are welcome. We look forward to seeing everyone in their ugg boots!**
**Twilight Netball**

The school netball competition at the Hurst Reserve courts will start this Thursday, October 16th. Ashby teams will not be available this week, due to their school concert, so we have organised a mixed team of players so that Da A Team won’t have a bye. We still have places for players in netta (beginning players from grade 1 to 3) and the grade 3 / 4 teams. If your child is interested, please see Mrs Davidson (room 2) or send a diary note.

Remember your $3 game fee and sports bottle of water.

**Times**

- **65G Poetic Poems**
  - Cinquain Poem
  
  She is poems
  
  She is a caring young lady
  
  A young lady with a sparking heart
  
  A young lady with beautiful eyes
  
  A lady with a heart with no fear
  
  A young lady with an angel face
  
  A young lady with the strength to soldier on
  
  A young lady more than good enough to be my sister

  From Aiden

- **Airplane:**
  - Enormous, cool,
  - flying, transporting, traveling

  Aircraft - Eric

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

- **Grade Prep D: Christian L**
  - For showing confidence when writing. Keep it up Christian.

- **Grade Prep R: Sierra D**
  - For having a ‘Red Hot Go’ at her handwriting and being a good role model.

- **Grade Prep S: Oliver G**
  - For his fantastic listening in the classroom :)
  - Grade P1F: Max B
  - For his excellent efforts in writing. Well done Max!
  - Grade 1O: Korey S
  - For a fantastic attitude and great behaviour on our Werribee Zoo excursion.
  - Grade 1S: James W
  - For the interesting information he adds to all class discussions.
  - Grade 1W: Ella M
  - For trying her best in everything she does.
  - Grade 2D: Mav W
  - For working hard at improving his hand writing..
  - Grade 2M: Danielle R
  - For her fabulous Mathematical investigations while learning about fractions.
  - Grade 43D: Billy G & Anni H
  - For always being respectful towards Mrs. Lancaster during our Library sessions.
  - Grade 43J: Lakiah F
  - For her impressive attitude to improving her Maths understanding.
  - Grade 43U: Damon S
  - For his mature attitude and helping others on camp.
  - Grade 45D: Anthony C
  - For a superb start to his time at Hamlyn Banks PS. Welcome!
  - Grade 45L: Eva L
  - For sharing what he did over the holidays with so much detail. Well done Sonny.

- **Sports Star: Kaleb K**
  - For his determination and “never give up” attitude every week in PE. Well done Kayleb.

- **Maths Star: Aiden B**
  - For developing his understandings of shape concepts by building a 3D shape and representing it as a net.

- **Before School Care: Madison G**
  - Madison showed lots of enthusiasm when planting and watering our seeds. Well done!

- **After School Care: Sonny S**
  - For sharing what he did over the holidays with so much detail. Well done Sonny.

**65G News**

North Geelong Secondary College have invited the grade 5 and 6 students to attend a Multicultural Festival on Friday, October 24th from 12.30 to 2.30 pm.

At the Festival there will be music, activities, entertainment and market stalls. There is reptile bus in attendance, a petting zoo and street art. This excursion is free as bus transport is provided. However students can choose to buy items from the market stalls. A permission note will go home this week.

Debating

Over the next three weeks the finals of the Barwon Junior Debating competition will be held at Hamlyn Banks. Debates are on Wednesdays, starting at 4.30 pm. This week’s intra-zone finals, Bellbrae v Pt Lonsdale and Geelong Grammar and Lara will be held in room 2 and the library.
The school canteen will be available for lunch orders Wednesday & Fridays. Over counter sales will be available these days as well. Menus are available either on the School Web page or at the office. Special lunches will be delivered on Monday October 20th for those who have orders.

**JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY 2014 PREP – GRADE 2**

8:50am: Bell Rings. Take Roll. Organise Snack and Lunches in 2 Plastic Bags into the buckets with class name on it labelled SNACK and LUNCH, this will need to be transported to Goldsworthy.

9:00am: Buses will arrive. Grade 2’s on first bus. Grade 1’s on second bus. Prep’s on last bus.

9:15am: Buses will depart no later than 9.15am.

Upon arrival at Goldsworthy go to where your class name is displayed in the grand stand.

Place snacks/lunches in your class area.

9:30am: Gather class, must have a drink bottle with them and be at your first event ready to begin.

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**School Development**

There will be a school development meeting next Friday, October 17th, at 3.20pm in room 2 to plan for social events and fundraising for term 4. Interested parents are most welcome, as are their children while the meeting is on.
Before School Care
Hello Everyone!
What a great start to the term! We have been busy, busy, busy. The children have been making fabulous art with food dye and water, then some have turned them into gorgeous origami bracelets. The bracelets were tricky but the children persisted until they got the finished product.

This week we are implementing a reading club where each day children can come and listen to a chapter of a book before class. We are starting off with some Enid Blyton.

We still have some goodies left over from our craft stall, so children are welcome to bring a small donation for the Smith Family along and take something home. It must go so any donation is welcome! Remember every dollar we raise, Camp Australia will match!

Just a reminder that if your child’s name does not appear on the sign in sheet, there is another form over the page where you can enter the details.

The Star of the Week award goes to Madison G Madison showed lots of enthusiasm when planting and watering our seeds. Well done!
Have a great week, Jess and Debbie

After School Care
Hi everybody,

This week sees the start of our art and craft and science experiments for this term. We are starting off the term with a mini theme of spring and our art and craft this week is making some caterpillars.

Our science experiment is making duck vibrations, this is a quick science experiment that should be able to be done each day this week, so no one will miss out.

I was really impressed to see how many children remembered to bring their hats along to After School Care. Just a reminder that it is essential for all children to bring along a hat to be able to play outside. Camp Australia also provides sunscreen for all children to put on before they go outside. I understand that some children may have sensitive skin or you would just prefer that your child has their own, feel free to send it along in your child/ren bag. Just remember to put their name on it.

Last week we had a discussion about the rules and expectations at ASC. The students were very happy with all our previous rules and expectations and only wanted to make a slight change to the iPad rule. Basically the students have asked that the children with iPads wait until 5:30 instead of 5:15 to use them. We will be trialing this change this week. It is an important part of our program that every child get a say in what the expectations and rules are, as they are more inclined to respond to them as they have ownership over them. I will keep you informed about our outcome.

Our star of the week this week is Sonny S for sharing what he did over the holidays with so much detail. Well done Sonny.
Thanks for your time,
Mel, Irena and Karen.