From Daniel’s desk

To the School Community

I would like to begin by formally welcoming all our students and families back for what we believe will be yet again another exciting and productive year. The most pleasing thing about returning after the holidays is seeing our students, staff and parents safe and well which is the most important thing of all. We also welcome our new families and especially our new preps, who have an exciting journey in front of them! They are of course in the best of hands and I’m positive they will have a rewarding and great introduction into school life. Our school should be proud of the transition program delivered last year which has helped develop a connection for the students before they even start school.

Even with so much achieved last year, I’m really excited at developments we have planned and will be working towards achieving this year. We will be maintaining our strong commitment to continual school improvement, making our school even greater than it already is.

It was fantastic to return to such a clean and well-presented school. We couldn’t be happier with our cleaning contractor who coordinated the internal cleaning of carpets and windows as well as our Handyman John Dalitz who did an amazing job with the grounds. You would have noticed significant work being completed to the portables at the Devon street end of the School. I would like to thank the contractors for their hard work over the summer. Their work is complete and I’m sure you would agree that the work adds to the aesthetic of the school and facilities for the students and teachers.

Staff are extremely excited about their teams and structure of our classrooms and the groupings that have been created after significant thought and care. We have also worked hard at maintaining our commitment to providing the lowest grade sizes possible; our average class size is 23.2 students, despite receiving many unexpected enrolments, which is below the Department recommendation of 25. I look forward to an extremely productive year at HBPS, working closely with all staff, students and the school community. I also look forward to working closely with our new school captains, Riley, Layla, Emma and Brodie as well as our new house captains who will receive their badges at assembly on Friday.

School Fees

I would like to thank the parents who have already paid their school levy for resources and other contributions. It is important that all families make these payments promptly to ensure that cost of the resources purchased for your child is covered. This year the fees are $185 significantly less than many other public schools, some of which charge up to $500.

School Council Elections

All families will receive information about the upcoming School Council Elections. I encourage all parents to consider nominating for a position. Your contributions at a governance level are valued and important when making decisions about the future of the school.

If you would like further information about how School Council works please contact me directly or go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/profdev/Pages/schcouncilgovernance.aspx

Allergies

Hamlyn Banks Primary School is committed to providing a safe environment that meets the needs of all our students. There are many students in Victorian schools who are at risk of an allergic reaction to nuts and other foods. It is therefore important that I cover the topic of allergies – particularly those that relate to peanuts, tree nuts and nut based products to ensure the safety of our students.

The condition of anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (e.g. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal, and cardiovascular). A severe allergic reaction usually occurs within 20 minutes of exposure to the trigger and can rapidly become life threatening. In affected students, just being in the vicinity of people who are consuming nuts can trigger an anaphylactic attack. As a result we request that you please do not send tree nuts, peanuts or associated products to school. There is an increased risk of other food allergies in peanut allergic children and because of the risk of cross contamination it is recommended that peanut allergic people avoid all nuts.

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We request that you do not send the following:

- Foods containing nuts or peanuts to school. In particular peanut butter, hazelnut spread (Nutella), certain muesli bars, chocolate bars and biscuits containing nuts. This applies to items with nuts as a listed ingredient, but does not apply to those foods labelled “may contain traces of nuts”.
- No nut oils such as peanut oil.
- Nuts and peanuts in birthday cakes or treats that may be brought to school.

We also request you encourage and promote the following:

- Thorough washing of hands and face if children have eaten these foods before coming to school.
- Drink containers and lunch boxes which are clearly labelled with the name of the child for whom they are intended.
- Discourage any trading or sharing of food between students.
- Continue vigilance when there is a change from usual routines e.g. excursions, family picnic days at school, sports carnivals or special events.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

Family Picnic

Our annual family picnic will be held on Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} of February between 5:30 and 7:30pm. There will be activities for students and parents run by Kelly Sports who will also share some information about possible after school sporting programs. The event is BYO Food and Drinks, (No Alcohol Permitted) and interested parents will be able to attend an information session about the school iPad program and/or a short presentation about how we tackle incidents/bullying and promote positive behaviour at HBPS.

Netball

Hamlyn Banks Primary School enters netball teams in our local competition at Geelong West Netball Association. This is a small local competition held at Hurst Reserve courts, Douglass St, Herne Hill, catering for primary students in a social rather than highly competitive setting. The competition provides netta (modified game for younger students) & netball in sections for grade 3 & 4, grade 5 & 6. There is a 4.15 round and a 5 o’clock round.

Term 1 competition begins on Thursday, February 12\textsuperscript{th}.

Geelong West cancels play if the temperature is 30° or above. Students are notified at school.

Players wear our summer school uniform of gold polo and navy shorts. Fees are $3 per game and $3 team registration.

Notes were given out today and need to be returned by Friday when students will get together and organise themselves into teams, with friends.

Training

Training will be Wednesdays, from 3.20 to 4 pm. Players, particularly those new to the game, are encouraged to attend training but it isn’t compulsory. Any parents willing to help with training or managing a team on Thursdays are most welcome. See Mrs Davidson or Miss Carr.

Grade 6/5 News

Camp

Sovereign Hill has contacted us for our finalised numbers for camp. At this stage there are still students who have not returned their parent permission form. Please do this by the end of the week. We also need to inform Sovereign Hill of any dietary requirements when we confirm numbers. Updated asthma management forms from a medical practitioner should be handed to Mrs Davidson the week prior to camp. Full payment of $248 (less the deposit of $50 for those who have paid it) must be made by 9am on Friday, February 13\textsuperscript{th}.

Important.

The costume school requires that students wear flat black or brown leather shoes or boots (desert boots are fine and students may be able borrow these from family or friends), plain socks (no patterns, words or pictures)- girls would preferably wear LONG, white socks and boys’ LONG socks should be black, brown, grey or white – no sports socks.

Earphones/ headphones

To reduce distracting noise while students are using netbooks or iPads, we would like all students to have their own earphones/ headphines. These can be purchased quite cheaply in supermarkets or bargain stores.

Tissues

Students are asked to bring a box of tissues for use throughout the year.
School Development

The first meeting of the year for School Development will be on Friday, Feb 13th, after assembly, in Mrs Davidson’s room (Room 2). School Development’s main roles are to organise fundraising and social events. Please come to this meeting if you have an interest in either of these areas. Children are most welcome! Our major fundraiser this year is a Twilight Fair, to be held in term 4.

Team VIC

The Team VIC District trials for Basketball, Football, Soccer and Netball will be held on Thursday the 26th of February, 2015. Team VIC are looking for only the very best of students across Victoria so we can only send 1 male and 1 female student to each trial, only if they meet the standard and are eligible to be nominated. These trials are for students that are very highly ranked, who compete above their age group or who excel in their chosen sport. If you believe this is your child then I would suggest you contact Miss Elly Carr as soon as possible to determine if they are eligible for nomination. If you are unsure if your child meets this standard there will be a ‘Guidelines for Parents’ note that can be collected from the office. All nominations need to be passed onto Miss Elly Carr by Monday the 9th of February, 2015.

Regards, Miss Elly Carr

Student Agreement Notice

Each student received a copy of the Student Agreement this week. Each year we are required to have this filled in to provide annual permission for things such as Local Excursions, the borrowing of books, school promotions and photographs. It is most important that this document is signed and returned to school by the February 10th. Please take the time to organise this as soon as you can and return it to your child’s class.

Tissues Please

Could each family please send one box of tissues per child (per year) to help with classroom supplies. Thankyou to the families who have already sent tissues.

Library

Library sessions started for the year this week. Please make sure your child has a library bag so they can borrow each week.

Class Timetable below:

**MONDAY**: All 6/5's
**TUESDAY**: 2M, 2L, Prep F, 4/3C 1D & 1B
**WEDNESDAY**: 4/3D, 4/3M, 1W, Prep U & 4/3J
**FRIDAY**: Prep R, 2D, 4/3S.

Also the Library will be open MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY mornings between 8.30 & 8.50 for students to return and borrow books.

Hamlyn Banks PS Family Picnic

Tuesday February 10th 5:30pm—7:30 PM

Hamlyn Banks PS

Chaucer Street Hamlyn Heights

BYO Food and Drink ( No Alcohol permitted)

- Join your fellow community members for our Family Picnic.
- Participate in fun activities with your kids.
- Take a tour of the school.
- Information Workshops : Year 3-6 IPAD program and Parenting Workshop ( TBC)

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The Kelly Sports for running the activities.

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Hello Everyone and Welcome Back!

I am so glad to see all the happy, smiling and familiar faces after such a long time away! I have really missed everyone. I hope the holidays were as rejuvenating for everyone as much as they were for me.

Just to kick start the year we have been spending time getting to know everyone by making a profile that includes a photo, a self-portrait and our likes and interests. We will turn this into a lovely book to display in the service. Not only does this help everyone feel welcome but it helps staff ensure that all students needs are being met in the program.

Have a wonderful week,
Jess (BSC coordinator)

Welcome back everyone!

I was so excited to see everyone again after the holidays. I love to hear about all the amazing adventures you all got up to during the holidays.

Over this week and next we will be looking at the expectations when attending the after school care program. These are done with the children to ensure they are all aware of what is expected of them. We will also be looking at privileges for the 6/5 students and stars of the week. These are very special and I know the children really look forward to getting them.

I have a new monthly desk mat calendar. I will be writing special dates in there to keep you up to date so don't forget to check it regularly. I was also thinking that instead of telling me any changes to your booking and relying on me to remember, I would love for you to put them in this book also. There is a second page that will be on display for the children to see what we are doing on a day to day basis.

The inspiration behind these activities come from the children themselves and discussions we have had previously. We do like to have an art and craft activity, a science activity and a cooking activity each and every week. These will begin again in week 4 as I would like to have the children into a routine before these activities begin. As the preps do not begin until week 3 I have allowed an extra week for them to feel settled before we begin our planned activities.

Don't forget if you would like your child to attend either before or after school care visit the Camp Australia website and register them so they can attend.

www.campaustralia.com.au

Thanks for your time,
Mel and Karen

Vincent Road Guardian

Prop: Glenn Bennett-Hullin
(B Pharmacy)
PH 5278 4064
When you purchase goods from our pharmacy.
We will donate 5% to your school.

Geelong Hockey Club is
conducting a "Hockey – have a go!"
clinic
4 Weeks commencing Wednesday
March 4th. Cost $25 - equipment supplied (cost covers: venue & Insurance)
Stead Park – Johns St, Corio
4.30pm – 5.30pm Ages: 6 and above
To Register Call: Junior Co-ordinator,
Pete Taylor on: 0447 809 648 or email: taylor143@live.com
New, existing or Returning players are welcome.
We are looking for new/returning players (juniors and seniors) for the local competition run at Stead Park, Corio.
Any senior players can call: Seniors Representative: Pam Sutton 0412 914 586
Club Website: www.geelonghockeyclub.com

Please support these companies as they support us!
Spots are available please call the office on 5278 3100

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Coordinator: Mel

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