To the School Community,

Our school continues to develop and take significant strides in becoming a school that strives to focus on the positives in all aspects of school life. I am proud of the students and staff and the way they embrace our positive behaviour program that promotes our school values.

At the core of this initiative is the matrix (I have sent a copy home with the eldest student in each family) that students and teachers follow to enable students to understand how they can behave positively while at school. For teachers it is a reminder of the positive behaviours that are easily acknowledged through our reward certificates that are used to earn house and individual points. The impact of the Positive Behaviour Program has been highlighted in our wellbeing data with ratings regarding behaviour and school connectedness are rated well above the state averages. I ask that all families discuss the Matrix with their children as well as acknowledging and celebrating when they use our values at home.

This week Mrs O’Halloran ran her first pre-school music session for families with pre-school aged children, it was great to see a few families attending with the children having a great time during a very musical session. I encourage all families with pre-schoolers to attend the session on Wednesday mornings which is FREE for families with students at Hamlyn Banks PS.

Extra-Curricular activities are a large part of school life for students at Hamlyn Banks. They include incursions, excursions, sporting activities and the arts. This week some of our senior students attended North Geelong Secondary College for a specialist science group that was well received with the students, Ben, Alex, Riley and Brooklyn participating in hands on science activities. Our year ¾ team will take their students to Western Heights for a science and home economics program over the next few weeks, a roster is available on our website, where they will participate in exciting experiments and prepare and eat delicious food to add to their school experience. I am pleased that we are able to develop and maintain partnerships like this with the Secondary Colleges in our local area.

Diaries are distributed to students each year at Hamlyn Banks. They are still the most effective way to communicate with your child’s teacher and I encourage all families to check diaries daily. Teachers at our school are expected to sign diaries daily whether there is an entry on a particular date or not.

School Council Elections have been announced with nomination forms sent home with the eldest in each family earlier this week. School Council is an important part of running a school and enables me to gain valuable input, opinions and ideas from the parents and staff on Council. I encourage all members of our community to nominate for this role and invite you to contact me if you would like to find out more about this important role.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Regards
Daniel Vella

Tissues urgently required if anyone can donate a box for their classroom it would be much appreciated.
Twilight Netball

Times – Thursday, February 18th.

4.15  Twilight (grade 5/6), Gold Winners (3/4’s), Undefeatable Thunder (netta)
5.00  Undefeatable Lightning (3/4’s), Diamonds (netta), Bulldozers (netta)

Thanks to players who filled in for an extra game last week. Having players available for both rounds, if needed, really helps when someone comes a little late or we have people missing. Players only pay for their own game. Remember a sports bottle of water and $3 game fee.

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.

Numeracy in 4/3S

All 4/3 students have been learning about Place Value in Numeracy. We have been learning to read numbers correctly and understand the value of numbers. We took part in a learning experience called ‘Pyramid Flip’. It involved playing against a partner. Both partners flip over two cards each, make the highest 2 digit number possible and then read their number. The player with the highest number wins a point. Then players repeat the process but with 3 cards. Once again, the player with the highest number wins a point. If you are a great mathematician, flip more cards and make bigger numbers! We had a great time making and reading numbers. Mrs Spiranovic had NO luck when she took part!

Grade 6/5 News

On Tuesday Riley, Alex, Ben & I started the North Geelong Secondary College Year 7 Advanced Science Program. When we arrived we were introduced to the Principal and our teacher Mr Reeves. We were taken to the Science room where we watched a slide show & started our project making Fruit / Vegetable powered clocks. We had a variety of fruit and vegetables to work with we had to calculate their power. We are in the program with kids from 5 local Primary School so we look forward to learning more over the Semester.

Brooklyn C

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 will commence next week. Please make sure your child has a library bag so they can borrow each week.

Class Timetable below:

MONDAY: 6/5H, 6/5G, 6/5S & 4/3J
TUESDAY: All Preps & 6/5U
WEDNESDAY: 4/3M, 6/5D, 1W & 1H
THURSDAY: 1D & all Grade 2’s
FRIDAY: 4/3S, 4/3T & 4/3P

The Library will be open from 9am for all returns.
**School Canteen**

The school canteen will be available for lunch orders Wednesday & Fridays. Over counter sales will be available these days as well. Menus have gone home and are also available either on the School Web page or outside the canteen. Could all parents please write lunch orders on a brown paper bag. The next special lunch day is on Monday February 22nd, order forms where sent home today with orders needing to be returned by Thursday February 18th. No late orders!!!

**Star of the Week**

**Grade 1D: Mia H**
For always trying her best in all that she does.

**Grade 1H: Mayot A**
For a positive attitude towards his learning.

**Grade 1W: Dex W**
For being a focused learner.

**Grade 2D: Leah R**
For upholding the school values and being a thoughtful friend.

**Grade 2H: Oliver S**
For always trying his best especially in writing.

**Grade 2L: Sonny S**
For always showing respect towards others.

**Grade 43J: Belle T**
For her happy & positive attitude to all of her learning. Well done!

**Grade 43M: Max B**
For his great effort during reading time.

**Grade 43P: Xander S**
For respecting himself by being honest in choosing 'just right' books.

**Grade 43S: Ryan M**
For being a focused reader during Independent Reading Time.

**Grade 43T: Miller H**
For asking clarifying questions.

**Grade 65D: Arlie H**
For working hard to think of some great ideas during writing.

**Grade 65G: Anthony T**
For his kindness and consideration towards others! Awesome qualities young man

**Grade 65H: Ella J**
For her commitment to doing her best with all her learning tasks.

**Grade 65S: Misha D**
For showing great persistence during Maths.

**Grade 65U: Dennis L**
For his mature attitude to start 2016!

**Sport Star: Mekhi K**
For being an enthusiastic and supportive class member! Well done.

**Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**
You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5278 8122
or avernon@bethany.org.au

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**Barwon Services Connect**

Barwon Services Connect will be providing an outreach service from our school again this year, starting on Friday 4th March 2016. They will be working in the library on a Friday afternoon (2-4pm) each fortnight. Here is some information about their service:

**What Is Services Connect?**
Services Connect is an easier way for you to get the help you need.

**What will happen if you take part?**
We will talk to you about what is important to you:
- Having a safe place to live
- Working
- Learning
- Looking after yourself and your family
- Being a good parent
- Looking after your health
- Managing money
- Being safe
- Being part of the community
- Building relationships

Families who would like to be referred by the school to this service please contact the office at Hamlyn Banks PS on 5278 3100 to speak with Ms Joey O’Shea. If Ms O’Shea is unavailable, please ask to speak to Mr Daniel Vella or Mrs Kerrie Duan.

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**Clonard College Geelong**

Open Day 18 March

Info session followed by tours 1:00pm & 4:30pm

For a prospectus please call: 5278 2195
or Email: office@clonard.catholic.edu.au

www.clonard.catholic.edu.au
This week in BSC...

This week the children and began working on our term 1 Tcaf project. The 'better buddies program' is designed to help children feel safe and welcome at before and after school care. We will be participating in activities that will give the children an opportunity to get to know each other better. Creating a birthday chart is a great way of celebrating special days. We have had lots of fun creating 3D art and using Lego to construct some great buildings. A very industrious week and I am looking forward to more, this week.

Sharon

Hi Everyone,

Now that we have settled in really well I would like to formally welcome all the new and returning families to this new year. I have been excited to meet all the new children that have started the program this year. It has been great getting to know you and I look forward to continuing this throughout the year. I have been super impressed to see the number of prep children already attending, they have settled in beautifully and I look forward to getting to know these children and all the new children attending this year.

Don't forget that all children need to be registered before they attend the program. This is to ensure I have all the important information that is required, like emergency contacts and allergy information. You can register by visiting www.campaustralia.com.au and filling out the form. You can also manage your child's bookings here as well.

At OSHC we have a reflection diary which shows you what we have been up to during our session. You are also able to comment in this and provide us with feedback. We use this feedback to continue what we are doing well and to make any improvements so that we can provide your children with the best possible program. This reflection diary is located next to the sign in/out book.

Thanks for your time,

Mel, Julie and Vina