



The Highlights

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EVENTS CALENDAR FEB

- 15 Book club due
- 21 Parent Teacher Years 1-6
- 21 School Council
- 28 Parent Teacher Years 1-6
- 28 HBPS Cross Country
- 28 Grade 6 orders due

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- 13 Labour Day Holiday
- 14 3-6 Aths Day
- 21 AGM & School Council
- 22 School Picnic
- 22 Lightning Prem
- 30 School Photo's
- 31 Last day of Term 2.30 finish

NOTES SENT THIS WEEK:

- Grade 6 tops
- School Council Election Info

From Toni's desk

We have celebrated another great week at Hamlyn Banks. It is wonderful to see all students participating in individual conferences with their teachers to identify new learning goals and to discuss strategies to achieve success in these goals. This information will support discussions at our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This semester's Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted over the next two weeks (Tuesday February 21 and Tuesday February 28), from 3.30-6.00pm. Each interview will be scheduled for a duration of 10 minutes. We encourage all parents to log onto Compass to secure an appointment time for this important transfer of information. If you are unable to attend an interview on either of these days, we encourage you to contact either your child's teacher or the office to make an alternate meeting time.

Prep parents please note that you have already undertaken Parent Teacher interviews earlier this term, so unless you have a particular issue to discuss with your child's teacher, you do not need to make an appointment time.

Fees

Our school fees are set at \$185 for the 2017 school year. This price is extremely reasonable in comparison to other school/kindergarten fees. For us to ensure a high quality education for your child, it is extremely important that these fees are paid by all families.

CSEF

Any parent with a Health Care Card or Pension Card is able to claim a \$125 subsidy, which can be used for camps, sports or excursions. Forms are available at the office to be completed for the 2017 school year.

State School Relief, as part of the Victorian Government's funding for school uniforms, will provide every eligible Prep student with a Hamlyn Banks hoodie. This will process will begin in term 2.

Could all families please visit the office in upcoming weeks to collect paperwork for 2017. This includes:

- Parent Contribution Forms (fees)
- CSEF Application Forms (bring your Health Care/Pension Card with you)
- Necessary medication forms
- Asthma Action Plans (must be updated every year)

2017 School Council

The 2017 School Council process will run over the next few weeks. The Hamlyn Banks School Council consists of 14 members, with 9 parent and 5 staff representatives. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6.00pm, and these forums provide an opportunity for parents to have input into the operation of the school. For the 2017 elections there will be 6 parent vacancies and 1 staff vacancy. Nomination forms will be available from the office from today. Completed nominations must be received by the Principal by **4.00pm on Friday February 24.**

School Council Timeline

Wednesday February 15	Vacancies declared & nominations called for
Friday February 24	Nominations close at 4.00pm with the Principal
Tuesday March 14	Close of ballot, if nominations exceed positions
Tuesday March 21	Annual General /School Council Meeting

A note has been sent home today, outlining this process.

SCHOOL NEWS

Junior School Council

A large number of students have nominated to represent their grade on the 2017 Junior School Council. The nomination and voting process involving all students across years 3-6 is now complete and we will be announcing our 2017 Junior School Council representatives at an upcoming assembly. Thank you to Miss Daws for leading this team in 2017.

Arrival Time

Mornings are a key learning time for students. A number of students are arriving at school after the bell, which means that they aren't sufficiently organised for the new school day. Could we please encourage all students to be at school in time for the music each morning to ensure a smooth and settled start to the school day.

Meet with the Principal Team

We would like to invite parents, grandparents and carers to meet with our principal class team in an informal morning tea setting this Friday from 9.00am. This discussion will provide the opportunity to reflect, question and discuss aspects of school implementation. Both Kerrie and I look forward to sharing thoughts and understandings in the Staff Room on Friday morning.

Sunsmart

We are very mindful of the dangerous effects that sun exposure can have on our skin. **All students are expected to wear a wide brimmed hat** for all outdoor activity, which includes recess/lunch breaks, PE classes and Assembly. We have very clear processes in regard to our 'no hat' expectations at Hamlyn Banks. If students do not have a hat, they are required to play only in one of two allocated shade areas during breaks. There is signage to indicate the 'no hat zones' and teachers will be redirecting any student without a hat to these areas.

We do have a small number of hats for sale at the office at a cost of \$15.00 for a Hamlyn Banks bucket hat or \$8.00 for plain navy blue wide brimmed hats. Your child can be fitted at the office to ensure correct sizing.

Congratulations to the 10 classes whose students all have a hat. We are very proud of you!

I hope our families are enjoying working together with all school staff to make our school a great place to learn and play. We are proud to teach and learn at Hamlyn Banks.

Toni Scott

Twilight Netball

The first week of any new season is an interesting time. Thanks so much to the supportive players who filled in where we were missing people and to their parents who allowed them to stay for a second game. Hopefully all players will turn up this week. Thanks also to a lovely grandparent who made sure her three grandchildren were at their game. This was particularly important as they were in one team.

Please don't forget to bring your \$3 game fee each week. This pays for our umpires and also contributes to the cost of medallions at the end of the season. Anyone who forgot can pay this week. Players are welcome to give their \$3 to Mrs

Davidson on Thursday morning as it saves time before a game. Names are marked off on the team sheet as payment is made and the money handed in to our convenor, Wendy, at the courts.

Times – Thursday, February 16th.

4.15 Sapphires (3/4's), Stars (3/4's)

5.00 The Crunchies (grade 5/6), M&M's (grade 5/6), Diamonds (3/4's), Lightning (netta),
Thunder (netta), Storm (netta)

Remember a sports bottle of water!

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. Training will start this week, temperature permitting.

Parent Teacher Meetings for Years 1-6 are now open! The dates are Tuesday February 21st & 28th from 3.30pm-6pm. There is link to Compass from the Website if you need. Please contact the office if you need help with your User name & password!

School Canteen

Canteen is on Wednesday & Friday and during the term there will be some Special lunch



orders. Stay tuned for these. New price lists are available at the front of the canteen, the school website or the school Facebook page.

LOTE CHINESE (Mandarin) by 4/3 J

We are learning Chinese (Mandarin) with Mr Ang this semester. We have only had 4 lessons so far and have learnt so much already.

We can say...

Nǐ hǎo = **Hello!**

Zǎo ān = **Good morning!**

Wǔ ān = **Good afternoon!**

Nǐ hǎo ma = **How are you? Are you well?**

Wǒ hěn hǎo = **I'm very good/well**

We also learnt some **colour words** : Shén me yán sè = **What colour?**

hēi sè black	bái sè white	lán sè blue
hóng sè red (color)	lǜ sè green	zǐ sè purple

If you would like to find out more about how to say some of these, come to assembly this week.

Scholastic Book Club is due back today Wednesday 15th of February

Parents of Grade 6 students notes have gone home for Grade 6 Hoodies & T-shirts. These need to be returned by Tuesday February 28th. Samples are in the office for a try one.

Missing from 2D a Blue Glitter Smiggle lunchbox clearly named. Please contact the office if you find this.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Grade 1D: The Whole Class

For settling in beautifully to 1D. Let's have an awesome year!

Grade 1H: Emily D

For being a clever Mathematician.

Grade 1W: Levi L

For upholding the school values and trying his best!

Grade 2D: Mikayla B

For settling in smoothly into Grade 2. Great job!

Grade 2H: Mya G

For her awesome detailed entries in Writers notebook.

Grade 2P: Gemma C

For her amazing connections in learning.

Grade 43J: Nakiah M

For a great start with Chinese. Good listening & participation. Well done.

Grade 43M: Richard Q

For his amazing reading and writing.

Grade 43S: Cameron H

For the way he remains on task and puts in his best effort.

Grade 43T: Jaylah B

For recalling what we have learned in Mandarin.

Grade 43U: Bella B

For being the biggest bucket filler in 4/3U

Grade 65D: Libby H

For demonstrating an excellent understanding of the ideas and organisation traits.

Grade 65G: Jamie O

For making a great start with his ideas in his Writer's notebook. Keep up the enthusiasm.

Grade 65H: Kathryn P

For being a RESPECTFUL learner.

Grade 65L: Skye D

For having a great start to the year and always having a smile on your face.

Grade 65S: Lachlan H

For starting the year with so many positive choices.

Grade 65S: Orion C

For demonstrating true friendship & compassion.

Visual Arts: Macie H

For exhibiting her shading skills in pencil when creating her self portrait. Go Macie!

Camps, sports and excursions fund (CSEF)

Any families with a Health Care Card could they please return this form ASAP

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.

OSHC



TIMES

Hamlyn Banks Primary OSHC phone: 0452 247 747

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This past week in OSHC...

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 the best possible program. This reflection diary is located next to the sign in/out book.

Thanks for your time,

Mel.

HAMLYN BANKS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM

Come and experience all the fun our 7 week Kelly Sports Summer Sports program has to offer.

Conveniently located after school each Tuesday in a fun & positive environment, join us for
Cricket, Basketball, Dodgeball & Crazy Games!!!

COST: \$70 – 7 WEEKS (To enrol, please visit www.kellysports.com.au/events or call 0428 055 677)
VENUE: HAMLYN BANKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

"The Kelly Sports Programs offer our students opportunities for physical activities, including dance & multi-sports. Conveniently located on our school grounds, they are popular with students and their families. Staff are skilled in working with young people to love active participation."
Amanda Hay, Principal – Newtown Primary School

CLASS INFORMATION

Our Kelly Sports program allows your child to play a range of dynamic & active sports over a 7-week program.

Activities include Basketball, Cricket, Dodgeball & Crazy Games!

Come & join us every Tuesday straight after school.

When: Tuesdays

Starts: 14th February

Finishes: 28th March

Time: 3:15pm – 4:25pm

Year Levels: Prep - 4

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

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:

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