From Daniel's desk

To the School Community,

Moving through the school since the last newsletter I have been fortunate enough to witness many engaging lessons delivered by the teachers at our school. The students have remained focussed at this late stage of the term and I congratulate them on their work ethic and cooperation during learning time.

At Hamlyn Banks we aim to provide students with a range of experiences to complement our academic focus. In the past week a range of students have participated in: Bike Ed, Cross Country, Guitar Lessons, Community Service, Sports Fun, Leadership Programs, Specialised Science Classes, Cooking and visits to our local secondary schools. Providing these opportunities takes significant organisation and effort but the reward is that the students make the most of the opportunities and represent our school with pride. Congratulations Students!

Mrs Jolly will be beginning her maternity leave in term 2, we will definitely miss her expertise in the Art Room and her positivity and sense of fun around the school. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her the very best. Of course the show must go on and we are fortunate to have secured the services of Melanie Saric - an experienced Art Teacher who has taught in both Horsham and Caroline Springs. Ms Saric will visit before the end of the term and I am sure that she will do an amazing job, as Mrs Jolly has, when teaching our students Visual Arts.

We will hold our Annual General Meeting next Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the staffroom. This will be followed by our first official School Council meeting for the year, I would like to thank all school Councillors for their commitment to taking on this role.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Daniel Vella
SCHOOL NEWS

Twilight Netball

Times – Thursday, March 10th
4.15 Gold Winners (3/4’s), Undefeatable Lightning (3/4’s), Bulldozers (netta)
5.00 Twilights (grade 5/6’s), Diamonds (netta), Undefeatable Thunder (netta)

The Geelong forecast for Thursday is 28°. If the temperature is 30° netball will be cancelled. Players will be notified at school.

Please make sure you check when your team is playing, as it changes. Thanks to players for helping out where players are missing.
Remember a sports bottle of water and $3 game fee.

Writing by 65S

In the 6/5 area we have been really busy. We have been to North Geelong Secondary College to learn about high school, our class did cooking and science.

This term all the grades from 3’s to 6’s did cross country. We all participated and tried our very best. We think during the time when we were running we all reached our personal goal.

We have been working with our buddies a lot. We worked together on the house flags, we helped our buddies practise reading and we taught them some BluEarth games. Our buddy grade is 1W and is the best buddy grade ever!!!!

For a couple of weeks we have been learning about the different habits of the mind. Some of the few we focused on were: finding humour, persisting, applying past knowledge, thinking interdependently and creating, imagining and innovating. We will be talking about these at assembly this week.
We have been out for 2 BluEarth sessions. They were run by our 3 leaders. Mekhi, Jasmine and Sheridan. We have learnt heaps of new games. Our favourite game would be Jump.

By Sheridan and Montanna

School Photo Day

School Photo day is 23/3/16. If you require a family photo envelope please come to the school office. Orders can be placed online so each envelope is now personalized with student name and a unique ordering code. If you lose this envelope your opportunity to order online will be lost and you will have to order by handing in your envelope on photo day.
No change will be given on the day, therefore it is vital that parents hand in envelopes that have the correct money enclosed. Each child needs his/her own envelope if ordering. Credit Card orders are now strictly online.

Grade 5/6 News

The Grade 5/6 students are excited to participate in their first Lightning Premiership sports for 2016 next week. Cricket and Softball will be played next Thursday with the kids honing their skills each Friday in 5/6 sport. The cricketers have been playing practice matches with Leigh (BluEarth), Mr. Urquhart and Mrs. Hickleton and the skills on show have been impressive. Miss Daws has been working hard with the Softballers with the students improving their catching, hitting & throwing.

Last week 5/6 students visited North Geelong Secondary College for a successful transition session. Students participated in Cooking, Sports, Woodwork & Science activities. All students received a show bag and items to take home. We thank North Geelong Secondary College for providing buses and all materials for the day to our students.

A reminder to all Grade 5/6 parents that Secondary School open days are currently being held. We strongly encourage families to visit schools to gain an insight into the school's facilities & programs.
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.

Piano Lessons
Great news, we have a new piano teacher! Lucy Jones is a highly qualified piano teacher and comes to us with many years of experience; it’s very exciting to have her on board and part of our Performing Arts program. If you would like your child to have piano lessons at school (starting term 2) please give Lucy a call on: 0433233543. Lucy will be able to provide information about when the lessons will be and how much they will cost.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Grade 1D: Jackie S
For focused work during guided reading sessions. Well done mate!

Grade 1H: Riccardo E
For being a friendly and respectful member of 1H.

Grade 1W: Aarliyal H
For being a great reader!

Grade 2D: Jake M
For always being focused and respectful.

Grade 2H: Taneisha S
For always being a perfect independent reader.

Grade 2L: Monica P
For always showing the school values and having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Grade 3J: Mark M
For improving his skills during Bike Ed. Well done Markie.

Grade 3P: Ruby L
For tackling tricky maths problems by using strategies she knows.

Grade 3S: Sophie V
For showing wonderful persistence in Maths.

Grade 3T: Marcus S
For his deep understanding of vertical addition.

Grade 43J: Mark M
For consistently trying her best during Writer’s Workshop and creating a fantastic personal narrative. Well done Jessie!

Grade 43G: Will H
For his amazing attitude when supporting his peers! Awesome job.

Grade 43H: Tamika M
For working hard at doing her best when challenged.

Grade 43S: Alana V
For her enthusiastic participation in all learning activities and Daniel P
For showing great persistence in all Maths activities. Well done!

Grade 43U: Rein G & Caleb D
For their enthusiasm at Grace McKellar.

Sport Star: Marcus S
For being super determined and positive during high jump practice.
This week in BSC…

This last week in BSC has been fun, as the children and I experimented with colours, conduits and cause and effect! Mostly we were anticipating what we would learn about next. Our science week began with walking colours and finished with lava lamps.

Other group activities included ‘Night at the Museum’, musical statues/ bumps, poison ball and tiggy. The children take turns organising and leading group games—a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and confidence.

Our BSC award this week goes to Molly for leadership skills shown at BSC. Thank you Molly, you are awesome!!

Sharon

Hi everyone,

The preps have been amazing this week, they have begun travelling over to After School Care all by themselves. This is a huge step in their independence and shows a huge amount of growth in their confidence. Next term the children will be in the habit of just coming over all by themselves.

Next week we will be beginning Easter activities. If you would prefer your children do not participate in these please let me know and I will organise alternative activities. I have an open door policy and have no problem rearranging so that the program caters to all children.

Don't forget if you would like your child/ren to attend the program, please log onto www.campaustralia.com.au it is very important that this is done before your child attends the program as it has vital information that I require to ensure the safety of your child. It is a quick process that should take no longer than 10 minutes.

Also, on the final Thursday of this term school finishes at 2:30, after school care will operate from the end of school. There is an added cost for the extra time that the session runs, you can call head office on the number above to find out exactly how much that is. We will close at the normal time of 6:00pm.

Thanks for your time,
Mel, Julie and Vina