To the School Community,

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Throughout my time as principal at Hamlyn Banks PS I have consistently promoted the school values of Respect, Safety and Being a Learner to assist students in living these values. There are thousands of examples of our students using the values throughout the year and I am confident in saying that there would be equally as many examples from teachers and parents. We have multiple mechanisms for celebrating these instances through our “Star of the Week” awards and positive behaviour certificates, which as a school community we should be very proud of. Unfortunately from time to time there are examples where the values are not displayed and in the last fortnight it has been brought to my attention that the behaviour of some community members is not up to scratch!

In my first year as principal I received multiple complaints from neighbours in surrounding streets regarding the number of parents dropping cigarette butts, littering and even drinking alcohol during pick up time at the end of the school day. We addressed this issue through the newsletter and directly with those involved. Unfortunately this issue has resurfaced in the past fortnight and will not be tolerated by our neighbours or our school. We have clear guidelines and expectations around smoking in the vicinity of the school and alcohol being present on or near school grounds is not condoned. I ask those involved to consider the wider school community, our reputation as a school and the fact that the students should not need to be exposed to this as part of their school day. I am very proud of our school and would like to make my message very clear that further behaviour of this kind will be referred to local laws at the City of Greater Geelong as well as the Victoria Police. Community members continuing with this behaviour may also be issued with trespass orders preventing them from being on or within a certain distance of the school grounds.

NB – This is not a wide spread issue and only reflects the behaviour of a few adults in our community – if you witness any of this behaviour please inform me at the office confidentially.

School Council – was held yesterday and I would like to thank all members for their attendance and input into the meeting. School Councillors for this year are:

Deb Hartup - Parent – President
Tania Celi – Parent – Vice President
Katherine Rhodes - Parent – Treasurer
Peter Grivas – Parent
Hayley Rapp – Parent
Maxine Tippett – Parent
Kirstin Ridgeway – Parent
Karen Foxwell - Parent
Tammy Hase – Parent
Elly Carr – DET Employee
Emily Daws - DET Employee
Cassandra Cook - DET Employee
Kerrie Duan - DET Employee
Daniel Vella - DET Employee

I look forward to working closely with them this year during our School Council and Committee meetings.

Congratulations must go out to Stewart McSpedden and his fiancé, Julie, who will celebrate their wedding this weekend. We wish them the very best for the future!

Next week is the last week of school before the holidays, it is a busy week with School Athletics and school photos occurring during the week. Please remember that we finish on Thursday 24th of March at 2:30 pm.

Daniel Vella
Twilight Netball
All teams play at 4.15. It is important that team members are available to play and arrive before game time as there will be no extra players to fill in.
Remember a sports bottle of water and \$3 game fee.

Year 4 Bike Ed by 4 J
The grade 4s at Hamlyn Banks have just finished 2 weeks of Bike Ed. Here are some comments from the grade 4s in 4/3 J.
We have learnt lots of skills like: how to use arm signals, riding on rough surfaces, slow riding, standing up for power, going down dips, scooting, scanning, emergency stopping, overtaking and some road rules.
We have noticed that our skills have improved and we are now feeling more confident when riding our bikes.
Don’t forget: Never ride a bike without a proper fitting helmet.
Check that your helmet is Australian Standards approved and that your bike is the right size for you.
Enjoy riding your bike. It’s good exercise and always be SAFE!
By Grade 4s in 4/3 J

2017 Year 7 Information Sessions
Wednesday 16 March 5.30pm  Thursday 17 March 9.15am
For more information please phone: 5277 1177
VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
www.whc.vic.edu.au
37 - 61 Vines Road
Hamlyn Heights 3215
Phone: 5277 1177
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.

$110 raised through School Banking last term!
Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised $106 for our school through School Banking commissions in Term 4 2015 Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every Tuesday
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

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.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Grade 1D: Tameka D
For always being a mature and very focused student.
Grade 1H: Onyx W
For being a focused learner and always giving 100%.
Grade 1W: Lahn H
For writing and drawing great number stories.

Grade 2D: Zac T
For using Mathematician strategies.
Grade 2H: Noah D
For his great work in Maths!
Grade 2L: Gemma M
For her excellent work finding ideas to write about in her writer’s notebook.

Grade 43J: Kyan M
For being a respectful learner in class. Well done!
Grade 43M: Libby H
For her dedication to her reading every morning.
Grade 43P: Hayden W
For accepting help from others during class.
Grade 43S: Isabella C
For having a wonderful, strong work ethic.
Grade 43T: Riak A
For making changes to improve her personal narrative.

Grade 65D: Oaklee M
For showing persistence during writing.
Grade 65G: Tim M
For being fair and helping others in the yard! Awesome job, Tim!
Grade 65H: Josh R
For continually sharing ideas and experiences with the class – a real team player!!
Grade 65S: Sheridan D
For pushing herself to do her “best edit ever”. Well done!!
Grade 65U: Madi S
For the excellent word choices in her personal narrative.

Maths Star: Shakira S
For her great work demonstrating the split strategy for addition.
This week in BSC…

This last week in BSC we spent a lot of time playing table or board games. These games were a great example of how children teach children. They helped each other by explaining the rules and giving reminders when taking turns. There was lots of encouragement and fun for everyone who joined in.

Thanks for a great week.

Sharon

Hi everyone,

The preps have been amazing this week, 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.

This 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.

Next Thursday 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