From Daniel’s desk

To the School Community,

I would like to congratulate all of the staff and students on a brilliant term one.

As always the students at our school never fail to impress me on how they demonstrate the school values in all areas. We have had students: attending Western Heights for cooking and science, participating in State School Spectacular Rehearsals, competing in sporting events and school netball, completing community service at Grace McKellar, taking tours for prospective parents and engaging in the school’s BluEarth program, where they have received exemplary feedback about their effort, behaviour and attitude.

All of the extra curricular activities we have at our school complement the classroom program and the whole school experience for our students. This year we have had 5 new staff members start working at our school and it is a testament to the rest of the staff and our approaches that they have really hit the ground running and are meeting the requirements and expectations we have as a community. Our work in Writing has gone to another level with all teachers following the lesson structure, planning processes, and research that they have begun to explore. Most exciting has been the development of the Writer’s Notebook to ensure that the students are generating ideas that they can apply to their writing.

Using FACEBOOK has continued to be an effective form of communication for our school community. It is where you will find instant updates and communication from our school and we also post our newsletter on Facebook as well as our website. It is important that all of our families are members of our Facebook page and subscribe to our website to ensure that they are up to date with communication and information. Alison O’Reilly does a fantastic job at maintaining and updating the website after Mrs Duan and Mrs Conder did an amazing job setting it up originally.

To subscribe to the newsletter:

- Go to www.hbps.vic.edu.au
- Click the “subscribe to Newsletter ” link on the right hand side of the page
- Fill in the online form and include all of the required information and please remember to press SAVE.
- Check your email inbox for confirmation (you may find it in your junk mail so please check)
- You will receive the newsletter once it is posted on the website.

To Join the Facebook Page:

- Create your own Facebook Page
- In the search bar type in Hamlyn Banks PS
- Ask to join

Julie Baker is an administrator of this site and checks all posts before they are made public to ensure the appropriate use of the site and she also uses the site very effectively for communication as do many of the staff members and parents at our school. I encourage all families to join this page.

Congratulations needs to go out to Ella Johnson who has recently been awarded 2 silver medals for hurdles at the State Athletic titles. Well Done Ella!

Travelling through the school since the last newsletter I have been very proud of what I see, especially the way in which the Preps have settled into the school year. They are already participating in independent reading time as well as guided group and individual reading sessions with their teachers. Congratulations to the prep team for all of their work.

Congratulations to the year 3-6 students for their effort at the Athletics Day yesterday. It was a pleasure to watch each event and observe our school community coming together on what was a terrific day for all involved. A huge thank you goes out to Ms Carr for her organisation of the event.
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I hope that you all enjoy your holidays, please make the most of your time with your families, I look forward to seeing the students after the break.

Daniel

Hi everybody,
Wow this term has really gone quickly. It has been awesome to see the preps become so independent and make their way to After School Care all on their own. This will continue this week and from next term they will be expected to make their own way every night. I do ask the office to do announcements for children that have not turned up, so please do not think that your child will be forgotten.

It is important for you to let me know if your child is not going to attend on any day they are booked in. This is to save me sending out a search party for them. You can let me know by sending a text to the mobile number at the top of this page. I thank you for your support in this.

I would like to remind you that school finishes at 2:30 on Thursday. After School Care will run from the close of school at 2:30 until our normal closing time of 6:00. There is an extra cost for the extra time. I am not really sure of the cost but you can call head office to find out. If you would like your child to attend please ensure they are registered before the day.

We have been very busy doing lots of Easter activities this week. Don't forget if you would prefer your child participated in different activities please let me know, so I can organise this.

I would like to also remind everyone that both before school care and after school care will be operating on the first day back at school, which is 11/4/15. Enjoy your holidays, stay safe, don’t eat too much chocolate.

Mel and Julie

SCHOOL NEWS

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This week in BSC…

The children enjoyed painting and exploring colours and variations. Some beautiful art work was the outcome of the experience.

We have come to the end of term 1 and I have enjoyed getting to know the children and share their morning routines. I hope that everyone enjoys a happy and safe Easter and holiday period, and I look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Sharon

STAR OF THE WEEK

Grade 1D: Matthew R
For being an awesome mathematician by showing that he can write a number story, drawing it and checking his answer.

Grade 1H: Maddison P
For settling so well into the routines at Hamlyn Banks P.S.

Grade 1W: Kairi S
For having a great attitude towards learning!

Grade 2D: Desiree H
For achieving her reading goal.

Grade 2H: Joel D
For his hard work during Maths this week. Keep it up Joel!

Grade 2L: Harrison G
For always showing respect to others in the class. Well done Harrison.

Grade 43J: Kaleb C
For his wonderful descriptive writing.

Grade 43M: Arman V
For focused learning in all areas.

Grade 43P: Alasdair T
For sharing his amazing knowledge about oxygen and fire at Western Heights.

Grade 43S: Josephine R
For always exhibiting our school values both in the classroom and outside in the yard.

Grade 43T: Evie T
For the impressive presentation of her personal narrative.

Grade 65D: Lucas T
For having a fantastic attitude towards learning & always doing your best.

Grade 65H: Jakayla W
For always focusing on task and doing your best to complete.

Grade 65S: Mia A
For showing persistence in Maths. Go Mia!

Grade 65U: Ava T
For accurate use of multiplication strategies.

Sports Star: Lachy M & Josh R
For showing great sportsmanship during the 800m and helping their fellow peers.