From Daniel’s desk

To the School Community,

Firstly, I would like to offer my gratitude to the all of the students who attended the school disco last night. It was clearly the most well attended disco since I have been at Hamlyn Banks PS with the participation during the event highlighting how much fun students at our school have. I would like to thank Mrs Duan and the parent members of the Community Engagement Committee for their work in organising such a wonderful event. As parents/guardians in our community I also thank you for your cooperation in signing your child in and out of the event and picking them up at the correct times.

Reports will be sent home tomorrow with your child and addressed to parents/guardians who the report is written for. I do encourage you to read the report and discuss it with your child/children focussing on being positive about what they have achieved and supportive about areas for improvements. Also take the time to think and list any clarifying questions you may have for teachers when you attend interviews on July 11th (unless your interviews with Mrs Sharp and Ms Devlin have already occurred) to assist you in understanding the reports more clearly. I encourage all families to attend the interviews as it assists our school in hearing your views and thoughts about your children that may help us support them more at school.

Assembly this Friday will be at 2:15 with school finishing at 2:30pm. I will present the 100% attendance winners at the assembly, they would have already received their certificates in class. As Prep C missed their opportunity to present at a previous assembly they will be sharing their learning with us this week.

My pride in being principal at this school continues to grow and I would like to thank the students, staff and community members making it a fantastic place to work. The willingness of the staff to continue to learn is always impressive and the quality of teaching continues to improve. Mrs Duan and Mrs Conder contribute significantly to this through their work with the teachers in Professional Learning Teams and coaching situations that focus on supporting teachers to best cater for the students in their classes. The students continue to respond positively to the way that we teach and have embraced our new approach to teaching writing with open minds. The writing that is being produced is already demonstrating that the students are developing a love for writing and improving the quality of their work. I look forward to seeing this continue.

We love hearing about success stories about students at our school. Mikayla and Megan Frost, students at our school who are members of Cheer Geelong, are part of a team who due to outstanding performances and dedication to their sport have been selected to further develop their skills making an all expenses trip to Hawaii in 2017. We wish them the best in their endeavours and encourage them to continue their hard work.

I hope the students enjoy their holidays with their families and all return safely back to school on Tuesday July 12th.

Daniel Vella
Grade 6/5 News

Museums in Motion

Last Wednesday all 5/6 students dressed up as someone or something from the history of Australia for our Museum night. Some of the exhibits included Railway Workers, Gold Diggers, Soldiers, Captain Cook, Matthew Flinders, Peter Lalor, Ned Kelly & William Bligh. Students became experts on topics including the Eureka Stockade, Rum Rebellion, Frontier Conflict, Crossing the Blue Mountains & Development of the railway network. Parents & students came around asking questions & taking photos. It was great experience for all involved.

Emily H 6/5D

On Thursday the 16th of June the Outdoor Ed students got the privilege to go on a fishing excursion at St. Augustine’s waterhole. Some of us fished off the jetty & the others fished off the bank. Most people caught a fish (Rainbow Trout) with 28 being caught & some even took them home to cook them! At the end we got a showbag from Fishcare Victoria. We thank Mr. Urquhart & Fishcare for the great experience.

Jasmine, Montanna & Kaitlin

Expressions of interest for the NGSC Advanced Science Program in Semester 2 are wanted. Student's who showed interest have taken home a form. The program requires the children to attend NGSC every Tuesday from 2:10-3:10pm, with their own transport. The 4 students in Semester got a lot out of it, so if your child is keen please let Mr. Urquhart know by the end of this week. 4 candidates will then be selected to participate & families contacted. Thanks
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.

5 cent Fundraiser – Congratulations to everyone!

NEW ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE NOW AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR $60 COME AND GET YOURS NOW.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep C: Nick W
For writing an amazing book about Star Wars.
Prep F: Blair K
For outstanding counting skills beyond 1,000! You are a super Mathematician Blair! Well done!
Prep U: Shae-Lee C
For her confidence in all areas and being a fantastic learner! Keep it up Shae-Lee!

Grade 1D: Sienna V
For the amazing effort she put in to her narrative.
Grade 1H: Tyson H
For his fantastic home reading routine. Keep up the fantastic effort.
Grade 1W: Jude M
For sharing his great ideas in writing.

Grade 2D: Max F
For ensuring his ideas are clear in his fictional story about a dragon.
Grade 2H: Chloe P
For being a fantastic learner during Maths his week. You are a Superstar!
Grade 2L: Tyla C
For working hard to show the school values of being safe, respectful and a learner.

Grade 43J: Nicholas M
For great work in Multiplication.
Grade 43M: Mav W
For his expert carrying in Maths.
Grade 43P: Sharman L
For showing great understanding of Multiplication strategies.
Grade 43S: Tia S
For always showing our school values and doing everything with a huge smile!
Grade 43T: Macen B
For being elected as band captain for Just Brass.

Grade 65D: Chloe R
For working hard during the editing process while publishing her narrative.
Grade 65G: Tom B
For his wonderful effort in Maths and being helpful towards others.
Grade 65H: Jack M
For working hard on little areas that make big improvements!
Grade 65S: James M
For showing leadership & resilience in the classroom!
Grade 65U: Jesse R
For using his fishing skills to help others on our excursion.

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This past week in OSHC...

Here is our contribution to the school Newsletter
This week we had a 'fire evacuation drill' as a part of our BSC program. The children were aware of what they needed to do to stay safe because they practice 2 emergency drills each term. We also enjoyed some hands on activities, such as making chatterboxes and paper airplanes as well as using wool to make friendship bands or beads for jewellery. They took lots focus and patience to create!
Term 2 ends this Friday and I hope that everyone enjoys a fun winter break and I look forward to seeing everyone again in term 3.

Sharon

Hi everyone,
Well it is finally here, the last week of term 2, wow hasn't this year flown so far! I have been so lucky to meet so many new families this year already. The program is going from strength to strength and it can't continue to grow without your support, so I would like to say a massive thank you for all your support to the families that are currently using the service, and any families that will use the service in the future. We have a great bunch of children that come along and make it worthwhile to come in each day. I am a very lucky person.

Just a reminder that the program starts at 2:30 on Friday due to the early finish of school. We will run until our normal 6:00pm finish. As we are running for a slightly longer time there is a small charge for this. If you would like to find out more please give head office a call. We will not start back until Tuesday 12th July due to the children not being required at school on the Monday due to the curriculum day.

Don't forget that term 3 is a very cold term, I would love to see all children bringing along their jumpers to each session so that they are able to come outside to play when we go out. Jumpers are our “tickets” outside, which means children with jumpers are the only children allowed outside. Please remember to have hour child's name clearly marked on all their clothing so that they are easily returned to their rightful owner.

Just a reminder that it would be really great if parents could send a text message to the service to let me know when your child is not attending on a day that has been booked. We have special procedures to go through when a child is not in attendance that should be. A quick text could save us some time and unnecessary stress looking for a child that is already at home. It is also Camp Australia policy to charge you for a non attendance if 7 days notice has not been given. I realise that it is difficult to give 7 days notice especially when it comes to children and illness, if you get a doctors certificate for the day your child is away and email it to head office they will not charge you for this absence. You can contact head office on the number above for more information.

Enjoy your holidays I will see you back here in 2 weeks time ready for a busy term 2.

Thanks for your time Mel