To the School Community,

Since the last newsletter I am pleased to say that I continue to be impressed by the students at Hamlyn Banks PS.

I was fortunate enough to attend the District Cross Country event yesterday where more than 40 students represented our school. All students displayed exemplary behaviour and gave their best in all races. Hamlyn Banks students, Dennis L and Jack M, both won their respective events, the 12/13 year old boys and the 9/10 year old boys running very quick times. I know we all love a winner but the highlight for me was watching a group of 12/13 year old boys from our school running the course together as a group, spurring each other on to achieve the best result that they could. Blaire 13th, Riley 15th, Mekhi 16th, Will 17th, Tim 18th, and Ben 19th.

My thoughts around this when telling the boys how appreciative I was of their attitude and support for each other extended into thinking about other areas that children at our school support each other. When in the yard I regularly see students making sure that others are included in games and encouraged to join in. During class time students continually assist their classmates and teacher by demonstrating the school values, getting their work done, assisting others when they aren’t sure what to do, lending an ear or – despite the recent media-giving their friend a hug if they’re sad!

If there is an action around this for our community it is to consider this small but significant decision by the boys mentioned above to put others first and try to be like them more often. For me this will be a memory that will be at the forefront of my mind as a proud moment in my role as principal, thanks boys!

The Attitude to Schools Survey is a Department of Education tool used to capture information about the attitude students have towards school. During this week I will be administering the surveys to our year 5/6 students to capture their thoughts and attitudes towards school. The questions revolve around teaching and learning, behaviour, safety and opportunities to experience different things at school. Our community has experienced major growth in student attitudes and I am confident that we can continue the upward trend.

Enrolments for 2017 are now being taken and I encourage current families to enrol any siblings ASAP preferably prior to the end of term 2. This will give us an opportunity to plan ahead with confidence and understand the opportunities for enrolment that exist for others wanting to enrol at our school. Information will be sent out to local Kindergartens in the coming weeks.

Enjoy the rest of the week, I hope to see you at assembly where 2L will be presenting their work.

Daniel Vella

NOTES SENT THIS WEEK:
- Grade 4/3 Camp Note
- Term 2 Calendar
- Premiers’ Reading Challenge
- Special Lunch Order
Writing by 2L

2L has hit the ground running this term, finishing off our personal narratives and making sure they are nice and neatly presented for our published piece of work. In maths we have been working on multiplication and division and how the two are similar. We are looking forward to continuing to learn about and improve our reading ability throughout the rest of the term.
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.

Community Engagement Committee (formerly School Development). New members needed.

This group will usually meet once a month on a Friday afternoon before assembly (2:15-3:00pm).

Our first meeting for 2016 will be on Tuesday April 26 2:15-3:00pm. (Please note change of date to the Calendar)

The purpose of this committee is generally fund raising or grant opportunities for the school to access with the aim to support the overall connection between the school and the broader community.

Some of the work carried out by this committee in the past has been: The organisation of the school twilight fair, appointment of a canteen and school uniform provider, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Stall, ‘Uniform Policy, second hand uniform …… to name a few.

It would be great to have some new members in this committee. Please join us on the 29th to find out more. There will be some afternoon tea available.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep C: Lexie M
For always showing our school values, especially while Miss Cockerill has been away.

Prep F: Raph B
For sharing his terrific understandings of the solar system and for his very caring attitude towards others. Well done Raph!

Prep U: Sheridan M
For always showing all our school values and trying her best!

Grade 1D: Mikayla B
For making an extra effort to ensure her writing is amazing. Keep it up Mikayla!

Grade 1H: Norishar N
For always being a respectful member of 1H.

Grade 1W: Mya G
For always trying her best in everything she does!

Grade 2D: Madison R
For always upholding the school values of being a safe, respectful learner.

Grade 2H: Taneisha S
For always showing our school values and trying her best.

Grade 2L: Madison G
For producing a wonderful published personal narrative.

Grade 43J: Benny D
For showing persistence and a great effort in the District Cross Country.

Grade 43M: Riley F
For his great Maths skills when working with addition.

Grade 43P: Jack D
For having an ah ha moment when learning how to do a subtraction algorithm.

Grade 43S: Bobby M
For showing our school value of respect in the classroom.

Grade 43T: Talia B
For using lots of persuasive language while writing.

Grade 65D: Charla C
For making a fantastic start to the term!

Grade 65G: Tess M
For always doing her best in all subjects!

Grade 65H: Marcus Z & Anahera S
For their patience and support of students and Mrs. H with setting up iPads for class banking!

Grade 65S: Montanna P
For starting the term with great interest & enthusiasm.

Grade 65U: Miranda M
For her outstanding effort at District Cross Country.

School Photo Day

Special School Photo’s

All photo’s arrived last week. If you have any queries about your school photos please contact Leading Image on 1800 750 586. School Captain, House Captain.

Music Captain & Junior School Council photos are on display on a noticeboard in the corridor near the office. These photo’s are $10 please order and pay at the office. Orders need to be in by the 1st of May.
This past week in OSHC...

...the children and I have enjoyed a lot of different activities over the past week as we prepare for an exciting second term. Some of the fun we have had this week has included – ‘chess’, ‘uno’ and ‘connect four’ to challenge ourselves and each other; also active games such as ‘music and movement’, ‘tram lines’ and climbing and sliding on the playground; our creative activities consisted of drawing/colouring, painting and collage with some awesome art work produced.

Thank you so much to the families who have responded to our requests for additional information to complete your child’s enrolment records. With your assistance, we will be planning to have this task complete by the end of this week!

Just a reminder to families that next Monday, April 25 (ANZAC Day Public Holiday) – BSC and ASC will not be operating on this day. ANZAC Commemorative services and events around Geelong this coming Monday are detailed on the following web site. (http://www.intown.com.au/events/anzac-day-2016-around-the-geelong-region.htm)

Take care and enjoy the rest of your week.

Sharon