To the School Community,

Firstly, I would like to thank the students, parents and teachers for their respectful participation in the Anzac commemoration held on Friday. It is important that as a school community we acknowledge the events of the past and maintain important traditions that shape our country’s identity.

For the students at Hamlyn Banks PS, understanding the exploits and experiences of the ANZACs makes them stop and think about the determination and commitment that is inside all of us. Fortunately, we can apply our determination in situations that are not to the extremes of a soldier in war who is risking their life for others. I encourage all families to discuss the idea of being determined with their children and link this back to what they can do to reach their potential at school. The focus could be improving in reading, writing, maths or another subject area.

At our school, we do expect students to read each night and complete other homework tasks like Mathletics or spelling iLink. Completing these tasks back to being determined and trying to improve. Can all families set a target for a certain number of nights reading or achieving Mathletics gold between now and the end of the term. Your role at home will be to set up an environment where this could occur, a quiet space, no T.V on or everyone in the house reads at the same time. Being determined to make this happen and sustain the effort will have a significant impact on your child’s learning. Please see your child’s teacher for further ideas if required.

I would like to thank the prep team for hosting parent teacher interviews yesterday. The attendance from parents was positive and we should all be proud of the progress that the Prep students have made so far this year. Congratulations Preps!

We are now taking enrolments for 2017, students and encourage you to spread the word among your friends and family, especially those at our local kindergartens.

Later this year (September) we will hold our Biannual Concert that is already being planned by the teachers and students. A tradition at this event is to source raffle prizes to add to the winning possibilities. We have already received a $600 voucher from Artist Photographers in Geelong, we would like to thank them for their generous donation and Erynne Hepburn for making the connection between them and our school.

Finally, a reminder that smoking in and around the school is not allowed. I ask that all parents refrain from smoking at drop off and pick up times and save smoking for times that students from our school are not present. Students and some parents have brought to my attention that some adults are not adhering to the signs up around our school and we would prefer they showed our value of respect in this situation.

I look forward to seeing you all at assembly.
Writing by 1W

Grade 1W have been working hard in all areas but we are especially proud of the work we have been doing in Maths lately.

We are learning about subtraction.

As Mathematicians we can:
Make a number story with materials.
Tell a number story.
Record our thinking.
Talk like a Mathematician.

We look forward to sharing our work with you on Friday at assembly.

Grade 6/5 News

Thank you to families who have returned Year 7 Placement Preference forms. Remember these need to be back by Friday May 13th.

Electives 2016

Last week the 6/5 students started Electives which will run for Terms 2 & 3. This year there are 5 options. Cooking with Mrs Gillespie, Art with Mrs Hickleton, Science with Miss Dawes, Photography with Mrs Sharp & Outdoor Education with Mr Urquhart. Here is a brief overview of each from the students.

Photography - We are taking photos with our iPads & digital cameras this term. We have to use editing apps to add different features. Mrs Sharp is teaching us how to do different types of photography so we can learn how to become experts. Madi S

Outdoor Ed - We are learning about fishing skills in Outdoor Ed. Last week we learned about the benefits of fishing, what equipment we would need & we even started to learn how to tie knots with fishing line. Hopefully we get to go fishing at the end of the term. Jesse R & Alex F

Cooking - In cooking we made menus & planned what we are going to cook in our groups. Each week this term a group provides a menu & cooks for about 20 people using the kitchen in the Arts Centre. Lochie C

Science - In Science we are going to be focusing on Solids, Liquids & Gases. We have to research a science experiment that fits into this & present it to the class, explaining the science behind it. Brandon M

Art - We are making large Papier Mache bowls & pencils. In the first week we have ripped up all the paper we will need for the term & this week we will be creating the papier mache to build our projects.

Students will rotate to another subject in term 3.

Grade 6 tops
I still have a range of ordered Grade 6 polo’s which are yet to be picked up. Could these families call into the office to arrange collection.
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. Special lunch orders of Pizza will be delivered Monday. 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
Prep C: Giorgio G
For working hard to think of the sounds when writing.
Prep F: Ella L
For being a very interested and enthusiastic learner and for her caring attitude towards her friends. Well done!
Prep U: Jordan E
For being a great learner who always tries his best!

Grade 1D: Ella R
For showing confidence with making and writing a subtraction story.
Grade 1H: Elena B
For starting each day with a lovely smile and positive attitude.
Grade 1W: Mikayla
For telling and recording number stories.

Grade 2D: Blade S
For being a risk taking author! Be proud Blade!
Grade 2H: Christian L
For his amazing writing during Writers notebook. Keep it up!
Grade 2L: Oliver
For finding very interesting sentences when investigating imaginative texts.

Grade 43J: Nakiah M
For great work in Maths. Well done!
Grade 43P: Ella J
For working like a true Mathematician! Well done!
Grade 43S: Angelique G
For writing a fantastic bold beginning for a persuasive piece of writing.

Grade 65D: Angelle W
For writing a fantastic persuasive test and working hard to include all the traits.
Grade 65G: Lachie H
For his excellent attitude and positive behaviour towards all his class work! Well done buddy
Grade 65H: Levi B
For the positive approach he has made to all his learning this term.
Grade 65S: Daniela N
For her fantastic work ethic in all of areas of the Curriculum.

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...
Our week at BSC has been busy and fun. The children usually enjoy active group games and this week was no exception. Some of the children have accepted the challenge to find the UNO Champion. There are one or two very good players amongst them.

Over the coming week the children and I will be practicing an emergency drill. Details will be displayed on the sign in table.

A huge thank you to families for their assistance in helping us to complete essential documents. Please note that our policy is to have all enrolment and related documents fully complete before children can come into care.

Sharon

New Entertainment Books are now at the school office for $60 come and get yours now.