To the School Community,

Being part of the teaching profession is a privilege for those who choose being a teacher as a career. We are in the position to contribute to the development of young people in many and varied ways. Reflecting back on the week that was it is evident that the staff at Hamlyn Banks have a genuine focus on teaching and learning, planning for students at their point of need, tracking their progress and developing tasks that are interesting for their class. Going through this process is our core business and I am proud of how our students are responding to the approaches we use at our school.

Add to this the social and emotional needs of students and your skills as a teacher become tested even more! I have every confidence that our teachers focus on the positive behaviours demonstrated by our students and thank the students for giving them many opportunities to do so. Despite this there are students who need extra support and teachers at our school rise to the occasion when students need extra support. They modify groupings, design tasks to connect different students and carry out Restorative Conversations to help resolve issues between students. Sometimes this work and effort goes unnoticed. If you have the chance please send a message to your child’s teacher when something is going well or if they have supported your child to solve an issue or overcome difficulties.

The Geelong College Challenge was held yesterday and 8 of our students were able to attend and represent our school (look out for the report below) our teams performed well achieving third overall which was an excellent effort. What stood out for me was the way in which our students connected to and mixed with students from other schools. They were confident, courteous and encouraging of each other and students from other schools. I would like to thank Mrs Gillespie for her organisation and Geelong College for hosting the event.

NAPLAN will be held next week for all year 3 and 5 students. I look forward to the students participating in the experience that assists our school in measuring student progress over 2 years. As a school we assist the students in preparing for NAPLAN by completing some trial tests but more importantly through our day to day teaching approaches. Information about NAPLAN will be sent out in the next day or 2.

I would like to thank families for their responses to the survey about Assembly – your insights are helpful and I look forward to the Community Engagement Committee responding to the data.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Daniel Vella
Writing by 65G

Should junk food be banned at school!! We will present our argument at assembly.

Grade 6/5 News

On the 3rd of May 2 teams from Hamlyn Banks were lucky enough to be chosen to go to the Geelong College challenge. In Team 1 Anthony, Angelle, Sheridan and Jake and in Team 2 Marcus, Pip, Jett and Jessie. Throughout the day they provided us with Party-pies, Sausage Rolls, slices, sandwiches and cordial which was the highlight of our tummies!

We did a number of Challenges like the Art challenge, Sport Challenge, Technology Challenge and the Major Problem. In the Major Problem we had to build a rocket with a Softdrink bottle, a tennis ball, masking tape and duct tape. Our finishing products were Successful, Team 1 with their HBPS flying machine and Team 2 with The Shark. In art, we were given two stanley knives, an eraser, two pencils, a sharpener, different silvery contacts, cardboard toilet rolls, and different sized styrofoam semi spheres. We had to make a rocket using only these resources. We were judged on teamwork, looks (we were the best looking) and symmetry. We placed 2nd in the art challenge and 3rd overall we were really proud of what we had accomplished over the day and had a whole lot of FUN!

Thank you to Mrs Gillespie for organizing such a great team, and Mr Vella for attending!

Written by Marcus, Anthony and Pip.

Education Week May 16 to 20

A flier has been sent home today with information about Education Week at Hamlyn Banks. It would be great to see lots of members of our school community joining in the activities. Buddy grades will be working together during the week to create a presentation to share with you on the Friday.

Please ensure that order forms and money are returned if you are joining us for breakfast on Tuesday 17. Sorry, but we won’t be able to take late orders.

We will need helpers to work in 15 minute shifts on the breakfast BBQ in the following timeslots:

7:45-8:00am for setting up
8:00-8:15am
8:15- 8:30am
8:30-8:45am
8:45-9:00am
9:00-9:15am packing up.

Please let the office know via phone, email or facebook if you are able to help out.

Thank you
Kerrie Duan and Community Engagement Committee.
**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.

**Student Welfare - Talking About Feelings**
A handy motto to have in your family is ‘All feelings are OK in this house’. You will have to explain that there are helpful and unhelpful ways of expressing them. It’s fine to be angry and want to be alone, or punch a pillow or have a cuddle no matter how old you are. It’s not OK to damage things or kick someone. Being able to talk about the many different feelings we all experience is a key skill for children to learn. The child who can say “Well I felt a bit embarrassed and hurt” will deal with situations better than one who sees every uncomfortable feeling as anger and strike out at others – or bottle up bad feelings inside. There are some things you can do:

- Tell stories from your life and describe how you felt. Talking about feeling happy is really important!
- Give your child some time to chat about their day.
- Assist children to identify their own new feelings and develop empathy for others. When you read a book or see a movie, ask your kids “How do you think that person felt?”

This builds emotional intelligence that will help them with their relationships all throughout life.

This information is taken from the Drummond Street Services website which has helpful information about family relationships and parenting: [http://ds.org.au/](http://ds.org.au/). They regularly run sessions such as the recent session ‘Parenting Children Who Worry Too Much.’ Our school will soon be offering the ‘Seasons for Growth’ program at our school which is a group session for children who have experienced change and/or loss in their lives. Families will be sent a letter enquiring whether this may be suitable for their child. Any questions please contact Ms O’Shea (Mondays and Thursdays).

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Prep C: Lucian Bock**
For trying his best to be a great listener and learner.

**Prep F: Harshee Patel**
For a wonderful ‘have a go’ attitude in writing. Well done Harshlee! You’re a star!

**Prep U: Levi Lee**
For being a superstar writer! Keep it up Levi!

**Grade 1D: Riviere Medley**
For the amazing effort she puts into sharing her completed work.

**Grade 1H: Jack Caruana**
For his amazing writing. Well done Jack!

**Grade 1W: Jake Spiteri**
For great ideas in writing

**Grade 2H: Heath Ellis**
For always showing all the school values and trying his best in all he does. Well done!

**Grade 2L: Charli Grundy**
For always having a positive attitude towards her learning and a smiley face in the classroom.

**Grade 43J: Emily Posterino**
For always showing the school values & a positive attitude to her work! Well done!

**Grade 43M: Mav Walsh**
For his great effort during Maths group.

**Grade 43P: Erik Quigley**
For making a great improvement in reading.

**Grade 43S: Kianah Millar**
For always showing the school values

**Grade 43T: Gabby Cooke**
For settling into 43T’s routine so quickly!

**Grade 65H: Corey Sherlock**
For her persistence in completing challenging Maths activities.

**Grade 65S: Ella Cooke**
For making a fantastic start in 6/5S! Well done!!

**Grade 65U: Tayah Walsh**
For her awesome work as a Recycling Monitor.

**Grade 65U: Chloe Posterino**
For outstanding participation in the Biolab incursion.

**Mother’s Day Stall**
We will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday, May 6th. If you have any suitable, new items you would like to donate, please leave them at the office. We would love to see a few volunteers to help on the day.

We will need helpers on the Thursday around 2.30 hopefully to finish by 3.15pm. Helpers needed on Friday at the Multi Purpose Room at 9am.
This past week in OSHC...

This week in OSHC the children have been working with Hama beads. They have been very enthusiastic about creating with the different colours and designs. Some of the children have struggled because the beads are so small. They have persevered with some beautiful results. The children are learning to rise to a challenge and not give up when they find it difficult!

Our focus this term is on bringing out the potential leader in each child. Thank you to Molly and Leah for being recognised as leaders and role models in our OSHC program. These children applied to be Buddy Leaders by identifying the things that make a good leader and by putting them into practise. Well done to these children!

The children and OSHC staff would like to wish all of the mums a very happy Mothers Day this Sunday..

Sharon

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