To the School Community,

The month of May is always a busy time at Hamlyn Banks PS! Both Teachers and students are in the midst of completing NAPLAN, Report Writing, participating in the Attitudes to School survey as well as completing the usual activities and tasks during the school week. Both NAPLAN and the Attitudes to School Survey are important to our school as they give us information about what is going well and areas for improvement. I look forward to receiving our results in the near future and using the information to make decisions about the future of our school.

Amongst the business of May is Education Week an event celebrated across the state that I look forward to each year. This year Mrs Dasovic and Mrs Hughes (with the help of others) have organised a series of Education Week Events with the highlight being a breakfast (Kindly supported by Vallis IGA on Vines Road) on Tuesday May 17th starting at 8:00am followed by an open morning. We encourage all community members to attend. Other Activities include:

- Monday – Footy Day where students are encouraged to wear their favourite teams' colours.
- Tuesday – Breakfast (8:00am) and Open Morning (9:15)
- Friday – BluEarth Activities 9:00 – 10:00 and 2:20 -2:50 Buddy Grade Activities, 3:00 Assembly.

A great deal of thanks goes out to Naomi Eales and her team of helpers for their organisation of the Mother’s Day stall. The students at our school appreciate the opportunity to acknowledge the love and care they receive from their mother’s or mother figure in their lives. The event was well organised with a wide variety of options for the students to purchase.

Each year all staff at our school complete a performance and development plan. Teachers have started to put their plans together and I am pleased to say that the plans reflect the work we are doing at our school to improve teaching and learning in writing. The teachers are making the most of using the resources available to support the 6+1 traits of writing including coaching and PD from Mrs Conder. As a staff we are also focussing on improving teaching and learning when Mental Strategies are required in Maths. With the help of Andrea Hillbrick and consultation with the team leaders from each year level Mrs Conder has produced a comprehensive document outlining essential learnings at each level – I will make this document accessible on the website next week for you to see the level of detail that is being developed by our staff.

Please enjoy the rest of the week and see you at Assembly!

Daniel Vella
Prep U Maths

We love maths in Prep U! Recently we have been learning all about teen numbers. We know that each teen number has one group of ten (that’s what the one means) and that the second numeral tells us how many extra ones there are. We use tens frames to help us work this out as you can see!

Mother’s Day Stall

A special thank you to Naomi Eales and her helpers for the amazing organization of the Mothers Day Stall. Hope you all enjoyed your gifts. Close to $1100 was raised on the day. Thanks again.
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.

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. Orders are now closed!!!!
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.

Grade 6/5 News
Thank you to everyone who returned their Year 7 Application forms. Forms will now be forwarded to relevant schools.
HBPS will communicate with Secondary Schools until all students are placed (as per preferences) for 2017. Confirmation of placements will be provided in writing from HBPS on Wednesday 10th August.
If you require further information about the Year 6 to Year 7 transition process, or make any amendments, please contact your child’s classroom teacher, Will Urquhart (Transition Coordinator) or Daniel Vella (Principal).

Library News
We have just purchased another set of ‘Tom Gates’ books by Liz Pichon and the latest Ahn Do Weirdo No. 6 along with some great picture fiction books. So keep an eye out next time you visit the library.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep C: Ben Choundary
For being a great listener & trying his best to be an amazing learner.

Prep F: Lily Thomson
For always trying her personal best in all that she does. Well done Lily! You’re a star!

Prep U: Bronte Dalziel
For her confident approach to her learning and always trying her best. Keep it up!

Grade 1D: Maddysn King
For using describing words in her 7up sentence. Awesome effort Madstar!

Grade 1H: Archie Hepburn
For being a kind & caring friend.

Grade 1W: Darcy Blane
For adding great ideas to class discussions.

Grade 2D: Mikayla Frost
For always trying her best at everything she does.

Grade 2H: Makiah Tyler
For being a fantastic learner during writers workshop. Keep it up.

Grade 2L: Quinn Jennings
For her imaginative writing piece and using features authors use.

Grade 43J: Blake McKeon
For thinking like a Mathematician when solving problems. Well done!

Grade 43M: Richard Quigley
For being an amazing Mathematician in Maths. Great job.

Grade 43P: Anabelle Gardner
For thinking critically about her writing in order to improve her word choice.

Grade 43S: Sienna Pupavac
For always being a wonderful helper in class.

Grade 43T: Alex Pearce
For becoming a more confident reader.

Grade 65D: Adam Arsenijevic
For working hard to improve his writing.

Grade 65D: Megan Frost
For always working hard & being a great role model to other students in the class.

Grade 65G: Gracie Fuchshofer
For trying really hard during her naplan testing!! Awesome Job Gracie!!

Grade 65H: Ben Francis
For his commitment to his work presentation—great headings.

Grade 65S: Jasmine Greig
For her focused work in all areas of the curriculum.

Grade 65U: Jett Kennedy
For his excellent team work at The Geelong College Challenge.
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This past week in OSHC...
...we said thank you to Molly and Leah for being such great Buddy Leaders, they were chosen because they felt it was important to be kind and to help others. Well done girls because you practise this value so well. We would also like to congratulate and welcome Madison, Talia and Aarliyah who have been chosen to be Buddy Leaders for this coming fortnight. They identified that a good leader was someone who made sure that everyone was included and that no one should feel left out.

Our program this week includes our regular activities of drawing/colouring, Lego, games (Uno, Chess etc) and our group time. We also have activities that are suggested by the children and they have a say about what to get out and how to set up the space. I have noticed that the children enjoy being shopkeepers and role playing, using props and making signs to add to their game.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your week.

Sharon

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