To the School Community,

With Education week in full swing there is a real buzz in the air! **Footy Day** on Monday was spectacular, with the school basically a sea of Cats jumpers with a smattering of the rest of the teams and the visit from Guthrie and Lang from the Cats really hitting the mark. The students in year 3-6 were fantastic during the session where they experienced a virtual tour of Simmonds Stadium hosted by Harry Taylor and engaging conversation with the players.

Tuesday’s breakfast and open morning were a hit! I would like to thank the many families who attended the breakfast and open morning. It was a real pleasure to see parents from our school engaging in the classes and enjoying connecting with their children during school time. My feeling is that the morning gave many parents further insight into what we do at school and has created further confidence in our approaches. I would like to particularly thank Mrs Dasovic, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Duan for their organisation of the week with a huge congratulations to our School Captains: Jasmine, Anthony, Marcus and Sheridan for their professionalism during the school tour sessions with prospective parents. The feedback about their confidence, knowledge of the school and welcoming attitude was outstanding.

I look forward to the remaining activities especially the whole school BluEarth activities on Friday morning between 9:00 and 10:00. I encourage all parents to come and participate in these interactive sessions.

**Scooters and Footballs** are both very popular items amongst our students. I have been receiving regular feedback about the use of both items during drop off and pick up times. I will be reminding students that Scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds before or after school as due to the number of students and families in the yard it is a hazard. If a student is seen riding their scooter in the grounds they will be reminded of our value of safety and the report will be logged on Compass to record the incident. Further instances of riding their scooter in the yard will result in a note home with the request that the student will not be able to ride their scooter to school for a designated period of time.

Footballs have also become an issue during drop off and pick up time. I will remind students to be safe and only use footballs on the oval to maximise the safety on the asphalted areas. I ask that all students assist with this remembering to keep our community members safe.

Enrolments are continuing to come in for our 2017 preps, we currently have 27 enrolments. I am keen for all siblings to be enrolled asap and please remember to get the word out to family and friends about coming in for a tour and enrolling before the end of this term if possible. We are aiming to maintain our 3 groups of Prep students and for those who live outside of Hamlyn Heights it is a first in best dressed scenario.

School Council will be held this evening at 6:30 pm in the staff room, We have a full agenda this evening that will be summarised in the next newsletter. Please remember that you are welcome to attend School Council to observe the meetings and get a feel for what happens at a School Council level. All community members are encouraged to communicate to our School Council members if they need to understand or suggest something that needs discussion during a meeting. A photo of our current councillors will be displayed in the office foyer later this week.

Enjoy the rest of the week, I hope to see you at assembly.
Writing by 43M

This year 34M have been developing ideas for writing in their Writer’s Notebook. Here are two fantastic entries that could inspire amazing stories.

Shopping Spelling.

It was a Thursday. That’s when my mum goes and gets food from the supermarket for the whole family. But it was the school holidays, that means my mum has to choose one of us to go with her. I don’t like going shopping for food, neither does Matt my brother. I was there waiting for my mum to choose someone. Then my mum came in and said “I know you both don’t want to come but one of you are just going to have to put up with it! So I will spell the name of the person who has to come.” “M” she said. So far that could mean Mat or Mia because we both start with “m”. I thought to myself that the next letter would let me know who is going shopping. Then my mum said “i”. I stood up and said “I know it’s me” and got my shoes on ready to go shopping.

By Mia S . 34M

Wanda the Worm.

5 years ago I was about 4 years old. I was the craziest kid ever. I was going fishing with my mum and dad at Phillip Island Fishing Shop. My dad said to use a worm for bait but I didn’t want to. Mainly because it is cruel and I had named all the worms. We had at least 30 worms in the bucket. The names I remember were Will, Lay, Tom, Wanda and Izzy. It was about 2 o’clock and we decided to order some lunch. Inside the centre it smelt like fish and more fish. The counter was so high I couldn’t see over it. Even worse I couldn’t see the Menu. There were tables outside which we sat at and my mum made me try salmon. It was actually yummy.

By Libby H . 34M

Arriving on Time

Do you make a real effort to get your child to school on time? If so, you should congratulate yourself! You are doing your child a real favour. Getting to school on time means:
- Your child has the opportunity to have a play before school starts
- They get to catch up with other students and their teachers
- Students can get organised and set themselves up for the day in a calm way
- They don’t miss out on reading and writing which is usually first-thing in the morning
- Your child’s best learning time is at the start of the school day, so even though it can be hard to get to school on time it is worth it! Not to mention that the time away from school adds up…

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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.
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 order forms have gone home today! Due back next Wednesday!! Could all parents please write lunch orders on a brown paper bag.

EDUCATION WEEK

Students have been working super hard planning and creating either a story using technology or a ‘gadget’ for the future.

This Friday, the following classrooms will be open for parents to pop in and take a look at these AWESOME stories/gadgets.

Presentations will take place: 2:20-2:50pm

I WONDER WHAT YOUR CHILD AND THEIR BUDDY HAVE CREATED?

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We hope to see many parents,

Education Week Committee

BLUEARTH MORNING ! This coming Friday there will be a Bluearth morning ran by our school leaders.

Everyone is welcome. We would love to see you come and join in some fun games with your children from 9-10am on Friday the 20th of May as part of Education Week.

Great supporters of our school

Vallis IGA

Food & grocery

91 Likes

STAR OF THE WEEK

**Prep C: Emily D**
For always trying her best & showing the school values.

**Prep F: Thomas P**
For making good choices in the classroom and the playground. Well done Thomas!

**Prep U: Sophie W**
For making a fantastic effort to listen in class.

**Grade 1D: Olivia M**
For making her writing exciting.

**Grade 1H: Gracey B**
For a fantastic effort with her narrative writing.

**Grade 1W: Madden S**
For writing an entertaining narrative!

**Grade 2D: Adam V**
For writing a bold beginning using lots of features!

**Grade 2H: Lili S**
For always being a respectful member of 2H. Well done Lili!

**Grade 2L: Ryan J**
For his hard work in writing to complete his imaginative piece. Well done Ryan!

**Grade 43J: Riley C**
For being a hula hoop champion during lunch time activities. Go Riley!

**Grade 43M: Lacey H**
For her fantastic entries in her writers notebook.

**Grade 43P: Tamara V**
For being brave enough to share a learning goal about a weakness in fluency in our community circle.

**Grade 43S: Jenna B**
For always being a focused learner.

**Grade 43T: Jordan R**
For successfully creating number patterns.

**Grade 65D: Angelle W**
For always being a focused learner and a great role models to others.

**Grade 65G: Jackson K**
For trying hard to understand work on algebra. Well done!

**Grade 65H: Georgia C**
For adding humour to our class and bringing smiles to so many faces.

**Grade 65U: Amelia W**
For excellent word choices in her persuasive writing.

**Sports Star: Chloe R**
For being an AFL superstar in PE this week. What an amazing goal!!
This past week in OSHC…

...we said hello to some mixed weather and the onset of rainy days, the children and I experimented with ‘rain painting’ or turning chalk shavings into water paints. The fun was in the process and the end results were pretty, soft coloured art work.

We are beginning to train for our very own OSHC Olympics. On Friday the children competed in a dress up relay and sprints around the room. We will continue to practice to get our times down and to have fun.

Our Buddy Leaders are learning new ways of helping other children work together in a group, and leading by example. Thank you to Aarlyiah for helping a younger child become involved in our activity. You are awesome. Also a big shout out to Molly and Leah for supporting our younger leaders in their role. We have some great role models in OSHC who provide a great legacy for others who will follow in their footsteps in years to come.

Our aim for this term is to encourage the children to help each other and to show respect for our great environment. As we begin to work together with the children and involve them in taking responsibility, we will all learn to appreciate and look after the space around us.

...Sharon