From Daniel’s desk

To The School Community,

Students at Hamlyn Banks consistently make their parents and staff members at our school proud of their achievements and behaviours. As principal of your school I have every confidence that our students are positive people who do strive to uphold our values and do their best at school. Of course there are times when they need support either in their learning or to solve social and emotional issues. I mention this as I would like to highlight some of the structures we have in place to support students at our school.

Levelled Literacy Intervention: Is a comprehensive reading intervention program delivered by Mrs Davidson and some of our Education Support Staff with 30 students receiving individual or small group support daily.

Extension Groups: Are also delivered by Mrs Davidson who works with a range of students extending their mathematics skills.

Maths Support: Students across year 3-6 are supported by 3 education support staff who deliver sessions that explain upcoming concepts to be taught in class for students selected by their teacher. These groups are flexible and change depending on the mathematics area and student's developmental needs.

Social Skills Groups: Ms O’Shea and Ms Saric both run social skills groups for students who need support in getting along with others or making friends.

Language Support Group: With the assistance of a speech pathologist Mrs Mckinnis works with 24 students weekly from prep and year one focussing on developing their oral language skills and speech needs.

Counselling Services: Are available at our school through Sonia Panek who delivers sessions on a needs basis after recommendation from family doctors. We can assist families with completing the required paperwork for this service.

School Council met last week in what was a productive meeting. Some of the Discussion points and actions from the last meeting include:

Safety Works to Devon and Chaucer Street - Over December 2016/Jan 2017 bollards will be installed by the City of Greater Geelong separating parking bays and the footpath to maximise the safety of our community members.

Drug Education Programs for parents will be sourced to give the parents an opportunity to understand the risks that exist and the support mechanisms available for young people exposed to or participating in drug use.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

Storm Water Works and flood mitigation – Plans and Costings are going through final approval with the tender process beginning this week.

Oval works – We are planning for works to the oval to begin in September – this will mean careful planning of play times etc more info to come.

Enrolments for Prep 2017 are now at 31 which is half way to our target of 60.

At next School Council we will be evaluating our Camping Program.

Please remember to let us know if you would like to attend a meeting as an observer or join a subcommittee.

Finally I would like to congratulate Jessie M, Shakira S, Jack M and Dennis L for representing our school at the Zone Cross Country event yesterday at Eastern Park. In high quality races they all acquitted themselves well. I look forward to seeing them improve at next year’s event.

Enjoy the rest of the week – See you at Assembly.

Daniel Vella

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**Writing by 2H**

Last week was education week. The theme was technology. 2H worked with their buddies to invent something useful for the future.

Kiara and Emily invented a smell and taste TV! If you press the taste button you can grab the food out of the TV yuuuuuum! If you touch the smell button, you can smell what is on the TV.

Renee and Sophia invented the eye lens. First we had the iPhone, then the iPad, next the iWatch and now we have the iLens. The iLens is a phone in your eye!

Jakob and Blair invented a hover board scooter. They both love scooters…imagine how cool they would be if they could hover!

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**5/6 News**

Geelong History Excursion is on this Friday, parent volunteers are more than welcome. Please let your child’s classroom teacher if you are interested.

You can come on the bus for the full day or meet us for whatever time suits you.

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**Student Welfare**

Sometimes there’s just too much going on in our heads! This week our staff members were fortunate to participate in a professional learning session with Julie Yeo from Drummond Street to discuss mindfulness and the benefits of taking time to look after our emotional wellbeing. The ‘Smiling Mind’ app is an easy way to introduce mindfulness to children and adults alike, and can be used together. Clinical studies show that Mindfulness Meditation helps combat stress, improve focus and increase resilience. The Smiling Mind website has more information [www.smilingmind.com.au](http://www.smilingmind.com.au), or you can download the app on a smart device for free. You might find your child is using the app already!

Drummond Street also has a service to support families and children. We are looking to provide a seminar about anxiety at Hamlyn Banks Primary School. The ‘Parenting Children Who Worry Too Much’ session aims to give insight about anxiety and what it means for children and families. If you are interested in attending the session please put your name down on the Expression of Interest form at the office before Wednesday 1st June. You can also find more information about Drummond Street’s services on their website: [www.ds.org.au](http://www.ds.org.au).
**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.

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**5 cent Fundraiser - start collecting those annoying coins!**

The Community Engagement Committee have planned a school fundraiser for later this term. During weeks 9 and 10 (June 6 to 17) we will be asking students to bring 5c pieces for a class collection. All classes will come up with a word that they will use the coins to make on Friday, June 17. The 3 classes who collect the most coins will win a reward (TBD).

Money raised will go towards our grounds plan that is on display outside the office.
So, start looking in the car console, between the cushion covers and in the bottom of handbags. We thank you in anticipation.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Don’t forget the Scholastic/Book Club order forms should be submitted into the school office by no later than 3.15pm Friday 27th May.

YOU CAN PAY ON-LINE VIA THE "LOOP". This can be accessed by logging onto: [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au) and clicking on the PARENTS PAYMENT tab.

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**Great supporters of our school**

**Vallis IGA**

Food & grocery

91 Likes

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**STAR OF THE WEEK**

- **Prep C: Chace V**
  For working hard to think of the sounds when he is writing.

- **Prep F: Mia R**
  For settling into her new school and being an interested learner. Well done Mia!

- **Prep U: Jett N**
  For becoming more confident to “have a go” in Reading and Writing and showing me how clever he really is! Keep it up Jett!

- **Grade 1D: Jamie Y**
  For great understanding of seeing, making and sharing halves and quarters

- **Grade 1H: Madison T**
  For working hard to improve her reading. Well done Madison.

- **Grade 1W: Amelia R**
  For having great ideas in writing.

- **Grade 2D: Zarah R**
  For achieving her reading goal.

- **Grade 2H: Ethan P**
  For always showing all the values of Hamlyn Banks PS. Keep it up Ethan!

- **Grade 2L: Abbey A**
  For working hard in reading to achieve her goal. Well done Abbey!

- **Grade 43J: Alyssa C**
  For being a focused learner in all areas and being a helpful class member. Well done.

- **Grade 43M: Shelby G**
  For fantastic work during reading time.

- **Grade 43P: Kai C and Ella D**
  For being brave enough to read in front of the grade and receive feedback about their reading.

- **Grade 43S: Kane W**
  For always showing persistence with his work and coming to school with a happy disposition!

- **Grade 43T: Bonnie-Jayde C**
  For being a calm and responsible class member.

- **Grade 65D: Jessie M**
  For your fantastic effort this term! You have shown an amazing commitment to your learning and you always do your best. Well done!

- **Grade 65G: Jahmarra L**
  For working hard to explain her mathematical thinking. Keep talking!

- **Grade 65H: Brooklyn C**
  For your commitment to achieving your ‘personal best’ with all your work

- **Grade 65S: Damon S**
  For independently showing kindness and compassion to his classmates.

- **Grade 65U: Charlotte D**
  For her leadership running BluEarth activities

**Sports Star: Jessie M, Dennis L, Jack M, Shakira S**

For their outstanding effort at Divisional Cross Country. Well Done!!!!
This past week in OSHC…

The children have been active and busy, enjoying playing and learning, building new skills and practising existing ones. I can see that the children enjoy doing the things that they are confident in, so much so that the other children, who are not, will follow them. In the time spent together, they teach each other new skills.

The children enjoy music and movement and I often see them choreographing moves to a song, or just enjoying a group game of ‘musical bumps’. Other active play include Farmer Sam, ball games such as ‘down ball’ or just having fun playing ‘Marco Polo’. Our quieter activities are Uno, colouring or drawing, lego and writing activities. The children often follow their interests, building friendships with each other and exploring new things.

We are continuing to look at the Olympics in preparation for the games in Rio and also our own Olympics fun in August. The fact that these games are about ‘friendships in sport which makes it very appropriate for us, it also gives us the opportunity to focus and learn a little about Rio and Brazil.

In recognition of our leaders in OSHC we have awarded Madison, Talia and Aarliyah their certificates for being awesome leaders and putting their values into practice. Congratulations and well done!

This fortnight Chloe will be a Buddy leader, she feels that being a good leader means that you should be a good friend. Well done Chloe!

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.