



The Highlights

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EVENTS CALENDAR

JUL

- 25 Prep Exc GPAC
- 27 Girls footy Selected 6/5
- 28 School Spec Rehearsal
- 31 Curriculum Day/ 3 way Interviews Parents/ Students

AUG

- 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews 65H
- 15 School Council
- 15 Music Festival Grade 1
- 16 District Aths
- 21—25 Book Week
- 24 Western Height Experience 4/3
- 25 Book Character Parade
- 28 Prep - 2 Disco
- 29 Saltbush Grades 1 & 2

SEP

- 13 Zeeka
- 14-16 School Spec

Notes send this week

- Zeeka
- Grade 1 M/Fest
- GPAC Preps
- Saltbush 2/1

From Ms Scott's Desk

Welcome back to term 3. I hope that all of our families enjoyed a happy and safe holiday period. It is great to see all students, families and staff back for what is set to be another busy 10 weeks of term.

New Staff Member

I would like to welcome Miss Priya Shah as the new teacher in 2D for the remainder of 2017. Ms Devlin has decided to take personal leave for the remainder of this year, resulting in an advertised position and interviews over the holiday period (thank you to Miss Pilgrim and Mrs Duan for giving up holiday time to support this important process).

Priya spent the last week of term 2 in this classroom, so has already met the children and has an insight into the routines that are in place. We welcome you to Hamlyn Banks Priya and look forward to a very positive year ahead for both the students and parents of 2D and yourself.

Semester 1 Reports

Congratulations to all students on receiving their Semester One report. This report compliments the ongoing academic information that has been provided to parents and carers throughout Semester One via Compass. Upcoming weeks will see students revisit their learning goals to either review strategies to achieve these, or create new learning goals. I would like to congratulate all students for their positive gains in regard to attendance, engagement and learning.

3 Way Conferences

Extensive research tells us that students *owning* their data has an extremely positive impact on learning growth. This involves students setting learning goals and tracking their learning progress in an ongoing manner. At Hamlyn Banks, individual learning goals are a major component of our daily practice.

To further this notion of student driven practice, our upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews will have a slightly different format, where all students will engage in a 3 Way Conference. 3 Way Conferences are a discussion between the teacher, parent and student. In this format, students articulate their learning goals and progress to their parents/carers, and share samples of work that are most relevant to them.

As a parent, what can I expect from a 3 Way Conference?

- Come in with an open mindset ... this is my child sharing their learning
- Be ready to ask questions
- Respect your child as a learner and understand their learning expertise
- Understand that your child may share their current learning goals, pieces of work that resonate with them, their next learning goals, special achievements from Semester One, challenges from Semester One
- Hear possible recommendations as to what support your child may require in order to succeed in Semester Two.

Conferences will be 15 minutes in duration. Ten minutes of this time will be committed to students sharing their learning, and the last 5 minutes will offer the opportunity for the teacher and parent to discuss any other items. As the main feature of this forum is for students to articulate their learning we do ask that where possible, younger siblings have alternate care during the Conference. This will allow your child an uninterrupted opportunity to share their valuable learning experiences.

Though there are **no classes for students on Monday July 31**, your child is expected to accompany you to the Conference meeting. Conferences will commence at 11.00am, and the last conference time available will be 6.45pm (students in Mrs Hickleton's class will be undertaking their Conferences on Monday August 7 due to Mrs Hickleton's upcoming long service leave).

Bookings can be made through Compass and should you require support with this process, please contact our office staff. Your child will be creating a personalised invitation which encourages you to be a part of this very important forum. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sovereign Hill

Well done to our 5/6 students on an incredible camping experience in the last week of term 2. We all enjoyed this wonderful, collaborative opportunity. Special thanks to Mrs Gillespie for camp organisation, and to Mrs Davidson and all other Hamlyn Banks staff who attended and made this a very positive opportunity for our students.



Ensuring a positive school community

Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Hamlyn Banks Primary School is a positive, respectful and safe school environment. We are all responsible for sustaining a positive culture within our school community and for treating each other with dignity and respect at all times. It is our expectation that all communications between members of our school community are respectful and consistent with our Statement of Values.

If you do have a situation regarding your child that requires further discussion, I ask you that you please communicate through appropriate channels and contact an appropriate member of staff. Only by working together can we achieve our best results. Please visit our website for further information regarding our Child Safe Standards and Code of Conduct.

It's cool to be at school! We are proud to teach and learn at Hamlyn Banks.

Toni Scott

Acting Principal

OSHC



TIMES

This past week in OSHC...OSHC phone: 0452 247 747 Coordinator: Mel

Hi everyone!

Welcome to term 3, I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday. I've heard some fantastic stories already and I'm looking forward to hearing more as the week progresses.

As it is week 1 I haven't organised any set activities, allowing the children to ease themselves back into the environment and decide what they feel up to doing. The children themselves have requested lego and mask decorating this week so they're able to come and go at the tables as they please.

This term we'll be incorporating more science activities into the program, including making slime. We tried many times to make slime last term but sadly none of the recipes worked out for us. This time we'll be testing the effects of borax. Borax is a chemical multipurpose cleaner that, when mixed with the slime recipe, helps the mixture come together into a gooey substance. If anyone is concerned about their children having contact with the borax please let me know when you next drop into before school care.

Thanks

Bree, Dishari and Shikha

Hi everyone,

Welcome back! Can you believe it is term 3 already? This year is really flying. This week we are settling back into routine reviewing our guidelines to see if they could be altered and re-establishing our friendships.

This term is traditionally our coldest term, so it's important that your children come to school with the appropriate clothing. Lots of layers is my recommendation, that way the children are able to self regulate themselves. We have a compulsory jumper policy for outdoor activities. All children are aware that if they don't have a jumper they will not be allowed to go outside to play. Can I please ask that all items are clearly labeled, as much as we encourage the children to be independent and responsible for their own belongings, some jumpers can be left behind.

Don't forget that if you would like to book your children in to use the program all you have to do is register by going to the Camp Australia website, www.campastralia.com.au. We look forward to seeing a few new faces this term. If you have any other questions Bree is in during the morning and I can be found in the afternoon to answer these for you.

I looked forward to hearing all about your adventures over the past 2 weeks.

Thanks for your time,

Mel and Georgina



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