To the School Community,

I hope that the time between Newsletters has been safe and productive for you and your children.

In last week’s newsletter I mentioned about the works occurring on the school grounds. I will receive further notice about timelines etc. in the coming week but thought it important to prepare you for the disruptions that will occur during the works.

1. Car Parking, which is a challenge during pick up and drop off times, will be impacted on with the closure of the staff car park for a considerable amount of time. I will be developing a solution with the staff to ease the pressure but ask that families consider parking at the Western Heights Community Centre Car Park and walking up with their children, especially when the weather permits. It would be great to trial this now if you were able to! Indoor spaces will be more accessible during these times.

2. Reduced playground space will be inevitable with works to the oval and other areas of the school. I am negotiating with Western Heights College to access their oval and will work with the staff at the school to develop a plan to enable the students to continue to play safely and productively in the yard.

3. There will be a substantial amount of excavation occurring so there will be areas of the school that will become out of bounds at different times. We will communicate regularly about this and ask that parents assist at pick up and drop off times to keep their children safe by entering via the correct areas.

4. Due to the size of the project and the time I will be required to commit to ensure completion there may be times where I am less accessible than usual but I ensure you that I will continue to follow up calls or messages I receive from parents.

The end result of the works is exciting. The plans detailing the projects will be uploaded on the Website this Friday.

**IMPORTANT** information about cyber safety has been included in this newsletter. As principal of Hamlyn Banks PS I am pleased to say that the students at our school responsibly use their iPads at school and at home. The pace of development of Applications and social media is difficult to keep up with which is why I encourage you to monitor the way your children are using social media, particularly paying attention to who they accept as “friends” on their devices.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the work of the Support Staff that work at Hamlyn Banks PS. We have a number of Integration and Teacher Aides who work tirelessly to support students during classes and in the yard. Their support ranges from emotional wellbeing and self care to reading and mathematics intervention as well as oral language support and supervision for those who need extra support due to behavioural challenges. As a team they make a significant contribution to our school so I would like to acknowledge all of the work that they do!

During the next fortnight I will be taking some leave to assist my daughter who is having knee surgery. Mrs. Duan will be Acting Principal during this time.

I look forward to seeing you at Assembly where Ms Moorfoot’s class will present some information about Cyber Safety.

Daniel Vella
SCHOOL NEWS

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Here are 4/3T’s top cyber safety tips!

- Never ever share personal information such as your name, address, phone number or school.
- Ask your parents to spend time online with you—learn and explore together.
- An ‘online friend’ that you don’t know in real life is a STRANGER.
- Immediately tell an adult if you are uncomfortable with something you see online.
- Your profiles should be on private.
- Together with mum and dad, set house rules about your iPad and information you share. Just like our contact at school.

Mathletics

Mathletics is an amazing resource and we want to celebrate the efforts of our students. Each week students from each year level will be recognized for the time they spend practising their maths skills. Classes will also be recognized for a combined class effort. Students who total more than 1000 points each week will also be rewarded with 25 value points. So, log on, do some Maths and you may appear in a newsletter soon! Congratulations to this week’s Mathletics Award Winners.

Colby S (PF)  Sienna V (1D)  Bailey T (2L)  Tamara V (4/3P)  Isabella G (6/5G)
1720 points  2,120 points  3,608 points  3,100 points  1,960 points

Class winners this week -

Prep F (6,340points)  1D (4,120points)  2D (12,044points)  4/3P (6,038points)  6/5H (6,334points)

Classes get to display the trophy in their room for a week and students get to show off their individual trophy by displaying it on their table for the week. Unfortunately trophies are not to be taken home but parents are always welcome into classrooms.

New Entertainment Books are now at the school office for $60 come and get yours now.
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. Special Lunch order forms have gone home this week.

Cybersafety
It has come to our attention that many of our students have downloaded an app called Musical.ly.
Musical.ly is a social media music app where users can watch user generated lip sync video, and create video of themselves lip-syncing or dancing to music available on the app. It is a 13+ app.

It’s important to note that we have not found any Hamlyn Banks students with inappropriate video content and can see that students have been students enjoying this with their friends.

Our concern comes from the messaging and sharing aspect of the app. We are not asking that the app be deleted but request that you take the following actions ASAP:
1. Check the messaging to ensure it is appropriate. Do this regularly (along with any other Social Media apps).
2. Remind your child about thinking first before they might say anything that would hurt another’s feelings.
3. Ensure your child’s settings are on Private. That way they have to accept people who can view their profile, videos and location.
4. Check contacts. Delete anyone that your child does not know (a good guideline is “Would I invite them to sit at my dinner table?”)
5. Remind them again about sharing on the internet, it is there forever. Think before you post!
6. Remind them about the dangers of sharing your password. Never share your passwords.

Daniel has spoken with all students today and reminded them about these issues and our Internet Agreement. Please contact the school if you have any concerns. Remember the website www.cybersmart.gov.au had lots of useful information.

Kerrie Duan.

Book Club
All orders are due 28th July. Remember orders can be submitted online via. The Logo!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep C: Sianna B
For working hard to practise counting—she can now count to 20!

Prep F: Inara R
For drawing wonderful fairy tale pictures in Literacy. Well done Inara

Prep U: Zara D
For starting the term with a positive attitude and trying her best in every area of school life! Keep it up Zara!

Grade 1D: Alicia B
For the confidence she is showing matching analogue and digital time.

Grade 1H: Nevaeh G
For being a learner during Maths tasks.

Grade 1W: Arrton M
For great work reading and telling the time.

Grade 2D: Mayla L
For her fantastic focus on her work.

Grade 2H: Jakob T
For starting the term off with a positive attitude and trying his best in learning. Keep it up!

Grade 2L: Abbey A
For her consistent hard work in class to improve her reading skills. Well done Abbey.

Grade 43J: Lucas G
For excellent work on area

Grade 43M: Cam R
For her great area skills in Maths.

Grade 43P: Chloe D
For working respectfully and co-operatively with others on our Maths project.

Grade 43S: Alana G
For being a focused learner and always showing our school values.

Grade 43T: Baylin K
For accurately finding the area of his Pokemon.

Grade 65D: Brielle S
For publishing a Narrative that demonstrates the 6 +1 traits.

Grade 65G: Isabella G
For her growing confidence and doing a great job at the McKellar Centre.

Grade 65H: Austin C
For his onomatopoeia word in writing

Grade 65S: Montanna P
For her consistent effort with her poetry task.

Grade 65U: Isabella C
For her accurate conversion of 24 hour time.

Just Brass: Luka A & Usher L
For amazing work and playing well in their lesson.
This past week in OSHC...

Hi everyone,
We have pretty much all adopted a country to support during the Olympics and have started to make our flags for the opening ceremony we will be having for our Olympics with a twist.

We have had a few new families begin this week so I would like to welcome you all. I am looking forward to getting to know your children over the coming weeks. Don't forget all you have to do is register your child at www.campaustralia.com.au for them to attend.

We are getting quite a collection of unnamed jumpers. I usually keep them for a week in the arts centre before I put them into lost property. If the jumpers are named I return the clothing to the rightful owners. It is much easier to return clothing that is named, so please try your best to have all jumpers named.

Thanks for your time

Mel