



# The Highlights

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## From Ms Scott's Desk

Well done to all students, staff and families on a terrific first full week of term 3. It is lovely to hear feedback from teachers as to how positive and engaged their students are each day. Our Hamlyn Banks students are simply amazing!

### Student Leaders

Our student leaders continue to demonstrate our school values every day as safe, respectful learners, and will now feature each week in our newsletter. These leaders represent all students at Hamlyn Banks and we appreciate all that they do to support our school.

### Parent Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

The survey is designed to assist our school in gaining a better understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year's survey will be conducted online and approximately 30 percent of our parents and carers will be randomly selected to participate in the survey. Notes and survey links will be sent home to selected families next week.

### Extra Curricular

Extra curricular activities are an important part of any school. These activities support the learning that takes place in the classroom and allows students to make links to real life through hands on experience. Extra curricular activities also provide students with the opportunity to have a balance between academic school life and other social, emotional and physical gains.

At Hamlyn Banks we offer a wide range of extra curricular activities which include:

### State School's Spectacular

#### Music Festivals

#### School Disco

#### Book Week

#### Swimming Program

#### School Picnic

#### Netball

#### Debating

#### Kelly Sports

#### Just Brass

#### Piano/Guitar Instrumental Program

#### Music Melodies

#### School Art Show

#### Grace McKellar Community Service

### Attendance

Congratulations to all students who were at school every day last term and received a certificate to acknowledge this achievement. Well done to 3/4S who had the greatest number of students achieve 100% attendance for last term, and who were on time and ready to learn each day.

Thank you to parents who report their child's absences through diary entries, phone call or by speaking with your child's teacher.

### 3 Way Conferences

We are looking forward to next Monday's 3 Way Conferences, as extensive research tells us that students *owning* their data has an extremely positive impact on learning growth.

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 and challenges from Semester One

### Notes going home

#### This week

- Prep - 2 Disco
- Disco products

## SCHOOL NEWS

- 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.

There are **no classes for student on Monday July 31**, however 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Building Resilience and Social and Emotional Intelligence

Bullying is a term we hear in school settings way too frequently, and there may be occasions where your child comes home and reports that they have been 'bullied'. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if a bullying report is made. Stopping bullying involves everyone. Here are some recommendations that can help -

- Listen calmly to get the full story. Often emotions inhibit a resolution to the situation, and there can be another side to the story that isn't always heard
- Reassure your child that they are not to blame and the situation is able to be resolved through a collaborative approach
- Ask your child what they want to be done about the situation and how you can help
- Seek support from the school and talk through the situation with an appropriate member of staff
- Check in regularly with your child
- Understand that as a parent, we are our child's most influential role model
- Only by working together can we achieve positive and successful outcomes.

For further support, visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

### Child Safe Standards

We work together to ensure the success of all students: socially, emotionally and academically. At Hamlyn Banks our priority is to promote an environment which is safe, respectful, and allows students to optimise learning opportunities. Hamlyn Banks Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of its young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

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.**

#### Student Leader's Report

Mrs O'Halloran has been very busy this term preparing for a special music conference. Hamlyn Banks is a champion musical futures school and because we are so good at this, Mrs O'Halloran has been invited to participate in the conference with a small group of other teachers at the Colorado State University in the USA. She will be returning to school on Monday the 7th of August. Well done Mrs O'Halloran, and good luck. We are very proud of you!

#### 2017 Student Leaders

### MATHLETICS

Congratulations to Mathletic's Award Winners for Week 1 of Term 3. These points are from Monday 17th July to Sunday 23rd July.



**Oliver J (PrepB)**  
2313 points



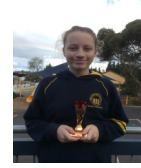
**Inara R (1W)**  
2190 points



**Jackie S (2D)**  
2396 points



**Joshua H (4/3J)**  
4029 points



**Cheyenne D (6/5H)**  
7870 points

Class winners this week -

**PrepF (6322) 1W (4209 points) 2D (8966 points) 4/3J (25781 points) 6/5H (29230 points)**

The top classes with students reaching over 1000 points this week were.....

6/5H - 11 students over 1000

4/3J - 11 students over 1000

#### TOP 10 HOLIDAY STUDENTS -

Trinity McEwan	18074	Chloe Weiler	5233
Nicholas Watson	4997	Oliver Jones	4447
Cheyenne Davey-Howard	4174	Leanne Ang	3890
Valentina Kustera	3733	David Kustera	3590
Alyssa Cross	3467	Rein Gee	3030

## School Canteen

Canteen is on Wednesday & Friday and during the term there will be some Special lunch orders. Stay tuned for these.



New canteen menu's are available. There will be a 10 cent charge if orders have no lunch bags.

Teaching and Learning at Hamlyn Banks

### Spelling

Teachers at Hamlyn Banks work hard to ensure that their teaching practice is matched to current educational thinking that targets the needs of the students. One way that we do that is to redevelop and refine curriculum programs that are in place at Hamlyn Banks. The latest area of the curriculum to be explored in depth is spelling. To assist us with our work, we employed the use of a consultant, Diane Snowball, to help us understand the stages of developing effective spelling skills. As a result, you will notice some changes. At school students will be involved in investigating spelling, from beginning with understanding how letters work together to make sounds, through to exploring the origins and meanings of words. There will be a focus on students being able to automatically and accurately spell high frequency words. High frequency words are words that we frequently read and write, such as the, come, and. Students will also focus on personal high frequency words; the words that they regularly write, such as the family names, frequent activities, etc. At home, students might practise some of these words. At home students might also look for words that match the investigations that they are doing at school. For example, a class might be investigating the addition of /ed/ as a suffix to words. At home, students might collect words from newspapers, family brainstormers, books that they can bring to school to add to the investigation work that they are doing in class. Class teachers will share the spelling focus with parents so that you will know what your child is learning about. Next week I will share some of the strategies that we will be using for teaching spelling at HBPS.

Laurelle Conder Curriculum Leader



### Continuous Reporting

In Term 2, all classes completed an Inquiry Unit about Sustainability.

**Grade 2 reports** for Inquiry Learning about Sustainability have been published on Compass. I really enjoyed reading about what the students have learned. It was great to hear that some have even created a song about their learning, can't wait to go and see if they will sing it to me! You need to click on the title "Year 2 Inquiry Report Term 2- Sustainability". Then go to the "Feedback" Tab to find your child's personal comment.

**Year 3 to 6 reports** will be published later in the week. Be on the lookout for confirmation on Compass or Facebook.

**Prep and Year 1 reports** were published at the end of last term.

## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Grade Prep B: Iman D**

For her growing confidence when writing. Keep it up Iman!

**Grade Prep C: Henry M**

For always trying his best.

**Grade Prep F: Callum G**

For always doing his best!

**Grade 1D: Myree S**

For focused learning. Well done Myree.

**Grade 1H: Thomas P**

For being a Mathematician when learning about time.

**Grade 1W: Jaiden C**

For focused learning when writing poems.

**Grade 2D: Charlie-May C**

For using manners all the time & being a good role model.

**Grade 2H: Rayne M**

For her great use of word choice in her entry about the beach

**Grade 2P: Amelia R**

For showing the school value of respect.

**Grade 43J: Mikayla F**

For a fabulous oral presentation to the class about endangered river dolphins.

**Grade 43M: Mili V**

For her division work in Maths.

**Grade 43S: Ryan F**

For working so hard on learning his times tables facts.

**Grade 43T: Hannah V**

For doing such a great job with division.

**Grade 43U: Tiana D**

For working hard to improve her division understandings.

**Grade 65D: Tess M**

For doing such a great job with decimals.

**Grade 65H: Chloe R**

For your excellent start to writing this term, particularly your Fiction Text.

**Grade 65S: Adam A**

For excellent participation in class divisions.

**Grade 65S: Kya L**

For setting a personal goal and working hard to achieve it.

### A message from the Community Engagement

**Community!** We have some fun events coming up later in August, would be great to see lots of families involved.

**Junior School Disco- Monday August 28, 5:00pm to**

**6:00pm** : Two notes have been sent home today. One is the permission form and a request for \$2 entry fee. The permission form must be returned to school by Thursday August 24 and is needed for emergency procedures. The other is an order form for glow products. This is a fundraiser for the school and **purchase of glow products is optional.**

**Fathers' Day Breakfast and Open Morning- Friday**

**September 1, 8:00am to 10:00am:** Order forms for an egg and bacon roll breakfast will be sent home next Wednesday. Following breakfast, we'll have an open morning where parents (especially fathers!) can have a look at the school in operation. Please save the date!

**Fathers' Day Stall-** date to be confirmed.

# OSHC



# TIMES

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## This past week in OSHC...

Hi everyone,

It's with much sadness that I have to say that I'll be stepping down from my position as the Before School Care Co-ordinator! I'll be moving to a child care centre. I'm currently working with our head office to find someone to fill the position. I'll be here until the end of next week. This week we're talking about a shooting star they had seen. We've been making miniature planets, stars, moons and aliens to create a replica of our solar system to go up in the room. Keep an eye out for planets in the room next time you're in the OSHC room. Just a reminder there will be no before school care next Monday July 31st so please don't come along because I'll be at home in bed :)

Have a safe week!

**Bree and Shikha**

Hi everyone,

We have settled back into the routine of the service now and it is time to work on some things. We will be focusing on washing our dishes and stacking the dishwasher. We have always had the children wash their own dishes as it is a great life skill for all children to have. We have noticed recently that some children think dipping their bowls into the hot water is enough. The children place their plates in the dishwasher so they can be sterilised overnight as the water they wash the dishes in is not hot enough to do this. Stacking the dishwasher can be difficult especially when we have a busy night, but the children are more than capable to give it a try. If you could help out and allow your children to help you with the dishes in the morning or after dinner it would be great. I thank you for your support with this.

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.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) for them to attend.

This week we will be diving into all our fun activities that the children chose to do for this term. I have done my best to do everything that was suggested. If I have missed an activity your child has chosen I will endeavour to do this by the end of the term. We are hoping our cooking experience can start this week, fingers crossed our food delivery arrives. If it doesn't we will make up any missed cooking experiences.

Thanks for your time,

**Mel and Georgina**



**2018 Kinder & Pre Kinder  
ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

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