



The Highlights

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From Ms Scott's Desk

3 Way Conferences

What an amazing celebration of student learning on Monday! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and carers who were able to come along and be a part of our 3 Way Conferences. Our teachers were so proud of their students, and the smiles on the faces of the children as they left their conference was priceless. Well done to all students and staff for their meticulous organisation leading up to this day.

If you were unable to make it on Monday, please see your child's teacher to make an alternate time.

Mandarin Chinese Program

We have had a successful first semester with half of our grades participating in our new Chinese Language Program. This semester will see the other half of the school participate in this program (Preps, Yr 1 and Yrs 5/6). Classroom teachers will continue the learning from this program back in their classrooms each week.



Road Safety

The roads around Hamlyn Banks are extremely busy before school and at dismissal time. Again, can I please encourage everyone to make sure that their child is transitioning safely to and from school. Small children should use the designated crossings or be escorted by an adult when crossing the roads.

Student Attendance

We will be sending out updated attendance notes to families again this week. As our goal is to have zero unexplained absences for this semester, we greatly appreciate parents jotting down the reason for your child being absent and sending this information back to school. Thank you to the parents who continue to show vigilance by contacting the school when your child is absent.

Prep Enrolments

We have received a number of Prep enrolments for 2018. Please, if you have a child who already attends Hamlyn Banks and are looking to enrol a Prep sibling for next year, could you please see our admin staff for an enrolment form as soon as possible to avoid possible disappointment.

Football

Congratulations to the 24 students who attended the Geelong Nth Division Girl's Football last Thursday. The girls participated with great enthusiasm and demonstrated positive sportsmanship, achieving 5th place overall. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and support the girls at this event.



Wind in the Willows

Our Prep students had a lovely outing last Thursday and attended the Wind in the Willows performance at GPAC. Our teachers reported that our Prep students proudly represented our school and were well behaved and respectful throughout the performance. Well done Preps!

Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From now until September 19th 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school and drop them into our collection box in the foyer of the school.



The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

Add us on Facebook EVENTS CALENDAR

AUG

- 4 Book club due
- 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews 65H
- 14 Special Lunch Order
- 15 School Council
- 15 Music Festival Grade 1
- 16 District Aths
- 16 100 days of Prep
- 21—25 Book Week
- 24 Western Height Experience 4/3
- 25 Book Character Parade
- 28 Prep - 2 Disco
- 29 Saltbush Grades 1 & 2
- 29 Father's Day Stall

SEP

- 1 Fathers Day Breakfast Open Morning
- 13 Zeeka
- 14-16 School Spec
- 22 Last day of term

Notes going home

This week

- District Aths
- Breakfast Orders

SCHOOL NEWS

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 have been randomly selected to participate in the survey. Notes and survey links have been sent home to selected families this week. Please note that arrangements can be made for you to complete the survey at school if you don't have internet access at home.

The survey opens next Monday August 7. If you receive a letter in the mail to participate in the survey, could you please log on and complete this by Sunday August 27.

It's cool to be at school!

We are proud to teach and learn at Hamlyn Banks.

Toni Scott

STUDENT LEADERS REPORT

We had a lovely sleep on Monday morning because it was a Curriculum Day for our 3 Way Conferences. There was a lot of preparation and hard work to make this day happen but we pulled it off and did an amazing job. We were feeling a bit nervous before the Conferences because many of us had never done one of these before, but afterwards we felt like it was a great accomplishment. We think all parents enjoyed listening to us talk about our learning, and as leaders we are very proud all Hamlyn Banks students for trying something new.

MATHLETICS

Congratulations to Mathletics Award Winners for Week 2 of Term 3.

These points are from Monday 24th July to Sunday 30th July.



Luka S (PrepC)
1915 points



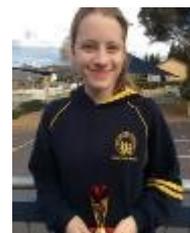
Sheridan M (1H)
2532 points



Jackie S (2D)
3457 points



Cameron H (4/3S)
4165 points



Cheyenne D
10970 points

Class winners this week -

Prep F (5338 points) 1H (4207 points) 2D (14693 points) 4/3J (51838 points) 6/5H (28203 points)

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

4/3J - 18 students over 1000

4/3S - 12 students over 1000

A message from the Community Engagement

Fathers' Day Stall Tuesday August 29

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of wonderful gifts from school on this day. A price range will be published in future newsletters. Please check your diary to see if you can help out with selling in the morning and let the office know. Thanks to Naomi Eales (mum of Lucy in 43T) for once again organising this wonderful fundraising event.

(The stall is on Tuesday this year as many students will be out on excursions later in the week.)



Egg and Bacon breakfast and Open Morning Friday September 1

We'd love to see lots of families join us, especially dads and granddads, as we get ready for Fathers' Day on the weekend. Breakfast will start at 8am and an order form will be sent home with the eldest child today. Classrooms will be open from 9am to 10am. All are welcome to come and see the normal classroom program in action.

Prep to 2 Disco

Please remember that order forms and money for glow products must be in by August 12. Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.



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 Strategies

As part of our spelling curriculum, students will learn strategies to help them develop their spelling skills. Some of these strategies will include:

LOOK SAY NAME COVER WRITE CHECK

– This strategy encourages students to 'try to picture' the word (or parts of a word if it's long) and write it from their mind.

WRITE ERASE WRITE ERASE WRITE – With this strategy students will repeatedly write and erase (using whiteboards) high frequency words, including personal high frequency words, in order to develop the skill of having the word 'come off the hand' without thinking about it.

CLASS WORD WALLS – Each classroom will develop a word wall, where words that have been investigated by the class will be placed, so that students can access the words readily when they want to write them.

HAVE A GO – students will be encouraged to write the word 2 different ways and then check which way is correct, with the support of a teacher or resource such as spell checker or a dictionary.

MAKING NEW WORDS – Students will use what they already know to help them write new words, often as investigations with the class, e.g. big: dig, fig, pig, rig, wig.

As parents and carers, you have the opportunity to also help your children develop and use spelling strategies. Some great ways to do this at home include:

- notice and talk about interesting words when reading together.
- find/brainstorm words that have the same spelling pattern, e.g. *can* (ban, fan, man, ran).
- find words in words, e.g. *they* (the, hey he)
- Add a letter to make a new word, e.g. *and* (hand), *like* (likes), *her* (hear).
- Delete a letter to make a new word, e.g. *where* (here), *once* (one).
- Change a letter to make a new word, e.g. *her* to *hen*, *and* to *aid*.
- Build new words from base words, e.g. *read*, reading, reader, reads, reread, rereading, rereads.

As we build the spelling skills of our students and children it is important to remember that we want them to be risk takers when attempting new words as writers. As they develop their spelling strategies, they will also gradually learn to accurately spell new words. Most importantly – have fun with words as you explore and practise together!

Laurelle Conder Curriculum Leader



STAR OF THE WEEK



Grade Prep B: Lilly W

For always using lovely manners. Well done Lilly!

Grade Prep C: Hayden B

For being a kind & caring friend to others.

Grade 1H: Axl S

For displaying the school values of being safe and respectful and a learner.

Grade 1W: Caitlyn H

For displaying the school values of being safe and respectful and a learner.

Grade 2D: Lucy V

For engaging in various class activities and being helpful to others.

Grade 2H: Kaydee B

For her fantastic learning during writing. Go Kaydee.

Grade 2P: Ella R

For a fantastic student led conference.

Grade 43J: Lucas G

For overcoming his shyness to give a wonderful oral presentation to the class. You CAN do it Lucas!

Grade 43M: Will W

For his amazing work during writing. Super job mate. You should be proud.

Grade 43S: Bonnie Jayde C

For the wonderful way she helps her fellow classmates learn their multiplication facts.

Grade 43T: Makiah T

For speaking so confidently.

Grade 43U: Blade S

For his excellent 3 way conference.

Grade 65D: Markie M

For working hard to develop a love of writing.

Grade 65G: Jack M

For a descriptive and amazing start to his narrative writing. Can't wait to hear the finished piece. Awesome job.

Grade 65L: Kaleb C

For your improved effort in class and making sure you do everything to the best of your ability.

Grade 65L: Jett K

For your fun nature in class and always bringing a smile to peoples faces by the usual 'Jettism' of the day.

Sport Star: Alana V

For being an amazing role-model and always persisting.

Year 3/4 Inquiry and Speaking & Listening Report

have been published on Compass today. The report will give you a grading for your child's endangered animal presentation as well as areas they did well in and goals for future presentations. Make sure you go into the 'Feedback' section to see a personal comment about your child's work.

Reporting at Hamlyn Banks

Thanks to those parents who responded to the survey around the changes to reporting this year. We appreciate your patience as we work hard to get this right. It has become clear that many parents aren't able to access the 'Feedback' section to get more information about their child's progress. I have realised that the instructions I was giving for a desktop PC look very different to what you see on the app on your phone. A step by step guide to accessing reports on Compass for both platforms (computer or phone) is available at the office or we can help you individually if that's better. A quick way to know if you are accessing the complete reports is the question: Have you seen the personal writing comment for your child from last term? If not, please ask for help.

OSHC



TIMES

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This past week in OSHC...

Hi everyone,

This week we've been experimenting with slime recipes. It's been a while coming but we finally found one that works! We used the following recipe and it worked perfectly!

PVA 1/2 cup

Water 1/4 cup

Food Coloring

Borax 1/2 Teaspoon-dissolved in warm water.

We mixed it up by adding 1 cup of shaving foam for a different texture. It's fantastic! Though it's a little messy, just a heads up.

Next week you will be hearing from the new co-ordinator as I finish this week. Its been great to work with the children and I will miss them all dearly.



Bree and Shikha

Hi everyone,

Firstly I would like to apologise for the lack of food at the service at the moment, Camp Australia is currently in the middle of changing the supplier and there has been a few teething problems. I have been in constant contact with head office about this and how it is not good enough and they have assured me that we will have a grocery order by 6pm tonight. Trust me when I say if it hasn't arrived, head office will be called. Once again I am sorry.

We will be making our very own snow globes in a few weeks and we are looking for donations of glass jars with their lids. If you have any laying around that you would like to donate drop them into the office and I can pick them up from there.

Term 3 is the term that the Camp Australia Foundation like us to work on raising some money for the Smith Family. We will fill you in on our fundraising ideas once we have settled on one. Camp Australia matches every dollar raised so even a small amount can make a huge difference. More info to come on this later on in the term.

Just a quick reminder that if you would like your child to attend After School Care please log into www.campaustralia.com.au to register your child. As soon as your child has been registered they are able to attend a session. We need your child to be registered first so that I have emergency contact numbers and all medical information required to provide the appropriate care for your child.

Thanks for your time,

Mel and Georgina



2018 Kinder & Pre Kinder
ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

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