Works beginning August 8

Next Monday, work will begin to improve our school grounds, especially the storm water system. The staff car park will be closed from Monday. The Devon St pedestrian entrance will eventually be moved for the works and this area will be affected from Monday. As Daniel has mentioned in previous newsletters, this will be a challenge at pick up and drop off times. Please consider parking further away from the school and walking with your children. If you normally meet your child at the sandpit area, remember that the Devon St exit will be changing. Please consider using this week to practise a new meeting area with your child.

The Western Heights Community Centre Car Park is available to our parents and if the weather is nice, it’s only about a ten minute walk.

Staff are finalising plans to support students at recess times with reduced playground areas at times during the building works. As mentioned previously, Western Heights SC have kindly offered us access to their oval at times when they’re not using it.

The process will be challenging at times but hopefully will be completed by the end of October. Can’t wait to see our refurbished grounds and oval!

Whooping Cough

We have had ONE reported case of Whooping Cough from an adult in our school community. No student cases have been reported but thought it might be a timely reminder. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Unimmunized contacts aged less than 7 years old in the same room as the case must be excluded from primary school for 14 days from the last exposure to infection, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of effective antibiotic treatment.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults who are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents.

Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Please report any cases of diagnosed Whooping Cough to the office ASAP so that we can notify others, especially those who are pregnant or have newborn babies.

Dogs in the school yard.

We understand that many of our families have pets that are a loving part of their family and know the behaviour and temperament of these pets very well. However, please be aware that some children (and adults) might be frightened of dogs. Also, please be aware that dogs and small children can be unpredictable, whether the dog is big or small. Our responsibility as a school is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all school community members.

When bringing your dog, please take them to an area that is quiet and away from groups of students. Only bring your dog if it has been socialised and if you have any doubts about their temperament please refrain.

We have a family at our school that breed Rottweilers. One of these dogs, Ellie or Parker, may be visiting before school on Thursday. Both dogs have been socialised and Parker, the younger dog, is doing weekly training to become a “Canine Good Citizen” and show dog. Parker or Ellie will be near the garden in Chaucer St so that parents and students can choose to come up and say hello. The owner will discuss with you about the best way to approach an unknown dog.
SCHOOL NEWS

PLTs
One of my roles at Hamlyn Banks is to attend PLTs (Professional Learning Team meetings). Teachers meet in their year levels to discuss what students should be learning, how they are progressing and actions we take if they need additional help to get there or extending if they already know it. In these meetings we also participate in professional reading to make sure we know what the experts are saying or the latest research.
I am very proud of our teachers and the way they work together to ensure that students at Hamlyn Banks reach their potential.
Kerrie

WRITING BY PREP F

Last Friday, all Preps celebrated their 100th day at school!
Prep F enjoyed dressing-up for the day and participated in a range of challenging and fun learning activities.

Maths - A tower made out of 100 cups!
Cienna had 100 eyes on her t-shirt!
Zach shared with us, a family heirloom, which is more than 100 years old!

More Maths! - Counting by tens to 100!
Painting Rainbow Dots

Mathletics
Congratulations to this week’s Mathletics Award Winners

Blair Kosic       Aidan Kosic       Harrison Grech       Belle Tabb       Daniel Paponjak
Prep F           1W                2L                43J                65S
2270 Points      2430 Points      16014 Points      4580 Points      7366 Points

Class Winners this week -
Prep F (4650 points) 1W (7079 points) 2L (38526 points) 4/3J (22140 points) 6/5S (25342 points)

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.
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.

Wellbeing
The current Seasons for Growth program is finishing up in the next few weeks and a new Grade 5 Seasons program will start towards the end of August. Families will be notified if their child is considered to be a suitable candidate for the program.

There are also some great programs run in the community for families:

Bringing Up Great Kids
A parenting group using mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children, to promote respectful interactions and encourage the development of children's positive self identity. This group will look at developing positive parent/child relationships.

Commencing: Thursday 4th August
Time: 10am-12noon
Location: Bethany Community Support
16 Ballarat Road, Hamlyn Heights
Contact: Bethany Community Support
Ph: 5278 8122  Cost: FREE

STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep C: Harry H
For being an amazing writer—having a go' to write tricky words.

Prep F: Ryda B
For terrific alphabet work with Ms. Fisher. Well done Ryda!

Prep U: Max B
For being an accurate Mathematician! Keep it up Max!

Grade 1D: Mia H
For the amazing effort she puts in each week practising her spelling words

Grade 1H: William J
For always being safe, respectful and a learner.

Grade 1W: Mikayla S
For having a great attitude towards learning.

Grade 2D: Jayla T
For clear thinking in Mathematics.

Grade 2H: Maddie R
For her fantastic writing during Writers workshop! Keep it up!

Grade 2L: Sonny S
For continuing to show his bright personality and bringing some fun into class

Grade 43M: Rahnn C
For amazing measurement skills in Maths.

Grade 43P: Tom Handley
For your excellent Maths work in our Division unit.

Grade 43S: Jason P
For writing a poem that included wonderful word choice.

Grade 43T: Aaron O
For reading fluently.

Grade 65D: Orion C
For working hard to use effective reading strategies during Independent reading.

Grade 65G: Nik P
For a fantastic effort in Poetry writing. Awesome job Nik.

Grade 65H: Ben F
For always completing activities and doing your personal best!

Grade 65U: Brandon M
For his accurate financial plans.

Visual Arts: Sophie V
For asking important questions to help her understand. Well done Sophie.

New Entertainment Books are now at the school office for $60 come and get yours now.
This past week in OSHC...

Hi everyone,

We have been eagerly awaiting our Olympics with a twist and it is finally happening next week. We are finalising events and how we will measure our successes. We like to celebrate individual achievements during our Olympics rather than achievements within the group, we do this so all children can feel like they have achieved a goal. With the different ages of the children in attendance it would be very hard for the younger children to improve their time or win if they were competing against a child in 5/6, so we find by trying to improve their own score all children can celebrate their successes even if it is only a small one.

Camp Australia has introduced a new nutritional policy which has seen a few changes to our menu. We no longer get jelly delivered, we are changing the type of Doritos we get and we no longer get the pancake mix sent. We have had some really exciting new replacements. We know get chickpeas, great for hommus, canned tomatoes great for pizza bases and rice noodles. Along with these new ingredients we have also been given a new recipe book which includes new and wonderful recipes to use our new ingredients. So far this week we have tried making pancakes from scratch and they were delicious. On Thursday we are cooking scones, yum! Next week we are looking at more fun things. The children are looking forward to making pizzas from scratch on Friday. We will be aiming to cook something new each week.

Thanks for your time,

Mel.