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From Daniel's desk

To the School Community,

At Hamlyn Banks PS we work well as a team to provide a balanced and engaging school experience for our students. To achieve this a great deal of time is spent carefully analysing the funding and resources available to plan the staffing, programs, resources, developments to the school, maintenance, extra-curricular activities as well as purchasing all of the materials needed for the students in their classrooms, art room performing arts and PE.

To achieve all of the above we receive funding from the DET which is predominantly for salaries and a portion for the day to day running of the school, but like all public schools we also rely on subject contributions from parents to ensure that as a school we can meet the demands required to offer your students the best possible opportunity at our school. Our fee in 2015 of \$185 is a very reasonable fee and considerably lower than many schools across the state.

During my time at Hamlyn Banks the statistics show that there are a core group of 55% of families who respectfully pay their subject contributions. This also means that 45% of our families are not paying this required fee. This directly costs the school \$24309 which puts significant pressure on the budget and restricts our ability to achieve some of our goals and targets. To put this amount in perspective it would enable our school to upgrade the old playground on Chaucer St or employ a graduate teacher .5 of the school week, hire an educational consultant to improve the teaching of writing for 20 visits or pay for 75% of the oval upgrade that will occur at the end of the school year or purchase 40 of the latest iPads to be used in the classroom.

As the principal of your child's school I ask that if you have not payed your subject contributions that you consider your responsibility to our school community, those who respectfully pay the required fees and most importantly your child. I encourage all families, if required, to contact me directly to organise a payment plan but ask that any outstanding subject contributions are resolved as a matter of urgency.

Attendance

Congratulations to all students on their efforts to attend school this year. We are well on track to improving our results again with 50 students with 100% attendance at this stage of the year which is an amazing effort!

Enrolments for prep in 2016 are continuing to rise with 56 preps currently enrolled for next year. Information has been sent out to families already enrolled outlining the prep/whole school transition program being held on October 28th, November 25th and December 8th. Please enrol your child for next year ASAP and pass onto family and friends that we are nearing the 60 student mark so enrolments need to be finalised as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for your support, I look forward to seeing you at assembly!

Daniel Vella

NOTES SENT THIS WEEK:

- Prep Fairy Park Excursion

SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 6/5 News

Each Grade 6 student will receive a letter from HBPS on Wed 19th August confirming their Year 7 placements.

Grade 5 students will be spending the day at Western Heights on Monday 31st August as part of their ongoing transition into Year 7. Information will go home next week.

Outdoor Education students will be heading to Serendip for the 1st of their 2 visits this Term on Friday August 21st from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Please get your notes in!

Debating

Sophie, Madison and Brunswick will debate today, Wednesday 12th of August, at Hamlyn Banks, room 2. We are the affirmative team debating the topic 'Social media cause more harm than good.' Our opposing team are Grovedale Primary. School community members are welcome to attend. The debate starts promptly at 4pm.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

On Friday, 14th of August the 6/5's will be attending a production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' at GPAC. Parents have been notified that there is a possibility that students may return after 3.15.

Writing by 65D

Our learning is enriched by a fantastic range of experiences that make school even more enjoyable. Here are just a few activities we love.

Games

Nik - Most days we try to fit in an outside game, even if it's only for 15 minutes. It's good to go out to get fresh air, relax and use energy. We're a pretty fit group of students. Favourites include Bombardment, Dodge Ball, Star Wars and Playground Chasey.

Electives – Board Games

Rave – Mrs Davidson and Hetty bring lots of games. You can play any of them with your friends. Some of them are hard.

Owen – This year one of the 6/5's electives is board games. Some students bring their own games. It's fun learning new games and playing for and against friends. Battle Line is my favourite so far because it's a game of pure chance.

Pen Pals

Regards Harrison & Ben – Our grade is currently writing to the 6/5 grades at Inverleigh Primary School. We talk about things that go on in our life such as holidays and pets. Later in term 3 we are going to visit them.

Girls' Football

Brunswick, Maddy & Sophie – On July 23rd, 25 grade 6/5 girls went to Ervin Reserve for the Girls' Football Tournament. We played five games and won the last one by one point. It was an amazing experience and most girls should try it.

Inquiry

Bella & Megan – For Inquiry the past few weeks we have been exploring 'Does Money Make The World Go Round?' Activities have included making posters about what money can and can't buy. We have learnt that money can't buy everything in life that you need such as true friends who are always there for you.

Baseball Finals

Drew – We are Saints Red and are in the semi-finals this Saturday. We are on top of the ladder. We beat Guild, the best team. The score was 3 to 8. I hit a double, Cooper hit a triple and Lucas hit a home run.

Music Festival

Matt & Shakayla – At the Geelong Schools Music Festival the band performed ' Shake It Off' by Taylor Swift and 'Sweet About Me' by Gabriella Cilmi. Matt was an awesome drummer and Shakayla's skilful keyboard playing provided supportive chords. Other instruments were guitar, singers, marimbas, bongos and bass guitar. The grade ones, dressed in colourful costumes, danced and sang spectacularly.

Buddy Reading

Oaklee, Emma & Amelia - This term, for 15 minutes daily, Mondays to Thursdays, we have been helping our buddies improve their reading skills. We have also been writing stories to read to them. We really enjoy listening to them as they are excellent readers. We treasure reading with our buddies!

District Athletics

Tim, Riley & Daniel – Students from all over Geelong participated in District Athletics at John Landy Athletics Field last Monday. All Hamlyn Banks students did well, with twelve qualifying for the next round of competition. Even though it rained, no-one gave up!

School Canteen

The school canteen will be available for lunch orders Wednesday & Fridays. Over counter sales will be available these days as well. Menu's are available either on the School Web page or outside the canteen. The next special lunch order date is set for Monday August 24th.



Mathematicians at Hamlyn Banks



This year we have been working with Mel twice a week on our maths. We have learnt lots of things like our times tables and addition strategies



like the jump, split and compensation strategies. We would practise the times tables we were working on by using cards, we made our own times tables book to help us with the tables we didn't know. We like going to these sessions because we are learning new things and it helps us in the classroom. It is getting easier to do our maths in the classroom because we are more confident.



School Development

Hamlyn Banks Twilight Fair – Friday, December 4th

Help us make the 2015 Fair the best ever!

Start collecting pre-loved books and items for the Twilight Fair! This is a great opportunity to donate goods that are far too good to throw away but are taking up valuable storage.

Do you have contacts or businesses willing to sponsor the Fair? A great promotional package is available.

Register your interest by contacting Daniel Vella or Julie Baker (office).

A Plus Uniforms in Belmont

Is having a clearance sale of the Hamlyn Banks Uniform.

All garments in stock are now 50% off. Shop 5, 33 Thompson Street Belmont. 3216. Ph: 5243 7240

It's back!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Grade 0PF: Shafida A

For being a good listener and trying to speak more English. Well done!

Grade OPS: Maddysn K

For her focused listening during buddy reading.

Grade 0PU: Chloe W

For a great effort to improve her writing.

Grade 1B: Sonny S

For his positive attitude to his learning and practicing his reading goal. Well done Sonny.

Grade 1D: Jade N

For making connections during reading time.

Grade 1W: Jaryd A

For great work with Australian coins and for great focus!

Grade 2D: Ryan M

For consistently having a positive attitude to his learning.

Grade 2L: Lucy B

For her excellent work using directional language when using maps.

Grade 2M: Bella B

For challenging herself with her home reading.

Grade 2M: Jordan P

For comparing fiction & non-fiction books and talking about them.

Grade 43C: Gemma H

For starting her story 'in the action' & working hard to improve her writing.

Grade 43D: William H

For being an extraordinary role model towards others in class. Well done Will!

Grade 43J: Charlize M

For always being a happy & helpful class member.

Grade 43S: Sarah M & Faaasu M

For settling into their new school so wonderfully!

Grade 65D: Sophie W

For her sophisticated writing skills demonstrated in debate preparation.

Grade 65G: Georgia H

For explaining mathematical thinking when solving tasks. Keep up the wonderful work.

Grade 65U: Lucas T

For being a good friend in the yard to his Grade 1 buddy.

Sports Star: Charlotte D

For her support and enthusiasm in all Physical Education lessons. Well done Charlotte.

Maths Star: Owen M

For using his mathematical knowledge to create and cost home designs as part of his architect's brief.

Before School Care: Madison G

For being a great paper making helper. Well done!

After School Care: Tiahna S

For the beautiful effort she put into her Aboriginal Art. Well done Tiahna.

FIRST AID LAUNDRY ROSTER

August 14th

Bianca Soar

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Coordinator: Mel Head Office Ph : 1300 105 343

Hello Everyone!

Last week we conducted a science experiment explaining the process of rain that ran for several days. The children showed lots of interest in this and were very happy to discuss their theories. I think they particularly liked when we pretended to be water molecules floating around the room! Very amusing!



Today we started blending our scrap paper to make the pulp for our recycled paper. Tomorrow we will be pouring the pulp into the mould and drying it out. It is already looking fantastic!

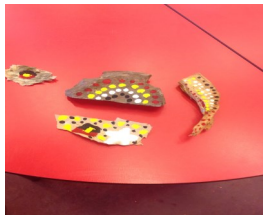
We are still interested in receiving unwanted recyclable materials that we can turn into fun games or craft such as our windmills, so if you have any, feel free to drop them into the performing arts centre.

Lastly, the Star of the Week award goes to Madison G for being a great paper making helper. Well done!

Have a wonderful week, **Jess (BSC Coordinator)**

Hi everyone,

Last week I spoke about how we were celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Children's Day, we had an amazing time going around the school grounds on our nature walk. We collected a variety of materials to paint, we had rocks, sticks and bark. When we returned to the OSHC room we used cotton buds to paint our designs onto our unusual canvases. We had a great discussion about why Aboriginal art looks like this and the colours that we used. The children have a great amount of knowledge about this topic and are really excited to share it.



On Thursday last week we made what has been said to be "the best jelly slice I have ever eaten". If you would like to grab a copy of the recipe please call in and grab one, I can pretty much guarantee a positive response.

This week we are once again very busy, would we have it any other way, we will be reaching halfway mark of the term and to celebrate this we will be going to the library to watch a movie on Wednesday. On Monday we revisited an old favourite, lucky dip games. We have a container that has a list of games, a real good mix of indoor/outdoor, and noisy games that we pick out and have to play once it is picked out. If we are playing inside and we get a outdoor game we have a discussion about what we can do to make sure it can be played safely, sometimes this is by making a small adjustment to the way it is played. This is a great way for the children to show initiative, empathy by making sure it is fair for everyone and confidently express their opinion and know that they will not be ignored or criticised. The team work is also amazing! I really love these games as there is so much learnt from it.

This week our art project involves us unleashing our inner Picasso. We would love it if you could send along any old magazines that you have lying around at home. We have some here already but I would love to replenish our supplies. These can be dropped at the office or the arts centre in the morning or afternoon. I thank you in advance for your help with this.

Our star of the week this week is Tiahna S for the beautiful effort she put into her Aboriginal Art. Well done Tiahna.

Thanks for your time, **Mel, Karen, Julie and Phil.**

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St Peters Cricket Club

Registration Day

The 2015/16 cricket season is fast approaching and the St Peters cricket club invites all junior members and their families as well as welcoming new participants to come along to the junior registration days.

Age groups include;

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Under 11
Under 13
Under 15
And under 17

Fri August 21st 5-7pm
Sun August 23rd 10:30-12:30
Sun August 30th 10:30-12:30

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