From Daniel’s desk

To the School Community,

During the past fortnight I have been absent caring for my daughter who has had a knee reconstruction, so far that has gone well! I would like to thank all of the staff, particularly Mrs Duan and Mrs Conder for supporting me during the last fortnight and keeping the school running smoothly.

Since my return on Monday my visits to the classrooms have highlighted the developments that the students are making with their writing. I observed lessons about poetry where students were able to turn entries from their Writer’s Notebook into various forms of poetry. Hayden W from 4/3P was particularly proud of his poetry and the students in 2H were engaged in exploring different poems with their teacher Ms Hannah. I encourage you to talk with your children about the poems that they have been writing and discovering.

Building Works – You may have noticed that refurbishments to the car park have started. Works near the Chaucer street playground will also take place starting tomorrow. The gate near the playground will not be able to be used with access on Chaucer street being through the main gate opposite the office and the double gates adjacent to the oval. I appreciate your patience and look forward to the works being completed during October.

I would like to thank the families who completed the Parent Opinion Survey - it seems to have gone more smoothly than the Census- and I look forward to receiving the results later in the year. We have also received our Student Attitude to School data which again highlights the positive attitude the students have towards school. The main area for improvement being their responses to how “stimulating” the learning is with further exploration of their responses taking place during the remainder of the year. You will be able to view a summary of the data on the website later this week.

The response to our concert ticket sales has been excellent, thanks to all families who have purchased tickets so far. I am extremely excited about seeing the concert and would like to congratulate all classes for their commitment in preparing their performances.

I look forward to seeing you at assembly this week.

Daniel Vella
SCHOOL NEWS

WRITING BY 1D

There’s so much learning happening in 1D. We are practising our dances for the Music Festival.

We are loving counting the number of eggs the chickens lay and we enjoy learning about our Inquiry Topic; Raw to Ready. Please join us at assembly this Friday to hear about many other things we do in 1D.

Grade 6/5 News

All Grade 6 students today received a letter confirming their 2017 Secondary School places. If there are any issues or questions please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Grade 5 students are off to Western Heights on Friday for a ‘Secondary School Experience’. Students will need to wear runners (for PE) & brings snacks & a water bottle. A lunch of BBQ sausages is provided but kids are welcome to bring their own lunch if they choose.

Mathletics

Congratulations to this week’s Mathletics Award Winners

Kai Bursac (PrepU) 8290 points
Maddison Pearce (1H) 4046 points
Harrison Grech (2L) 8381 points
Lea Bursac (4/3P) 26042 points
Daniel Paponjak (6/5S) 8658 points

Class winners this week -
Prep U (10897 points) 1H (9690 points) 2L (22818 points) 4/3P (45037 points) 6/5H (28812 points)
Points are for last week beginning Monday 1st August through to Sunday 7th August.
**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.

**Performing Arts News**

1. **Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival**
   16th August at 1pm-2.30pm at **COSTA HALL**, 1 Gheringhap St Geelong.
   Tickets available through GPAC - tickets selling fast; don't wait until the last minute. Also available at the door at Costa Hall.

2. **Concert Tickets**
   If there is anyone who needs assistance to purchase their concert tickets help will be available this Friday 12th August after school in the library. Please remember to bring your debit or credit card.

3. **Schools Spectacular 4th Regional Rehearsal**
   The last regional rehearsal for schools spec will take place next Friday 19th of August. Students need to bring with them a zip up jacket or hoodie - this is very important!

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

- **Prep C: Baxter K**
  For being a mature helper in the classroom.

- **Prep F: Axl S**
  For always producing his best work with lovely confidence. Well done Axl!

- **Prep U: Jaiden C**
  For a supper effort in writing! Keep it up Jaiden!

- **Grade 1D: Riley F**
  For always showing the school values of being a respectful & safe learner.

- **Grade 1H: Alivia S**
  For sharing and always getting along well with her peers.

- **Grade 1W: Nakita S**
  For using great strategies in reading for new words.

- **Grade 2D: Ari B**
  For always coming to school with a smile

- **Grade 2H: Dakota P**
  For her fantastic independent reading this term. Keep it up Dakota!

- **Grade 43M: Jasmin S**
  For her great writing using the "voice" trait.

- **Grade 43J: Milijana V**
  For enthusiastically seeking help to improve her poetry writing.

- **Grade 43J: Jaylah B**
  For always encouraging others to be safe and respectful.

- **Grade 43P: Jamie O**
  For being a positive member of the class and always willing to help out.

- **Grade 43S: James R**
  For showing outstanding commitment by choosing to return home early from a family holiday so that he can represent Hamlyn Banks at the Divisional Athletics.

- **Grade 43T: George P**
  For accurately drawing number lines for his fractions.

- **Grade 65H: Cheyenne D**
  For your fantastic efforts to achieve your personal goals in Maths!

- **Grade 65S: Ella Q**
  For making us smile with her "Imagine" poem.

- **Grade 65U: Ella J**
  For being voted by her class as the student who always shows our School Values.

**Sports Star: Bailey R**
For trying his best and always giving new things a go.

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

Hi everyone,

It’s here! Our Olympics with a twist! We have been building towards this next fortnight all term. On Monday we had an opening ceremony. We had a discussion about the country we had adopted and why we chose that country. We played our transition game, Musical Bumps, using all the National Anthems from the competing countries. We will update our medal tally daily and keep a close eye on the ever changing leaders.

Most families are aware that there is a big pile of unnamed clothing in the Arts Centre. Each week I send this over to lost property, so if your child mentions that they left it in the Arts Centre and it is not there it might be worth checking lost property. I am only able to return clothing that is clearly named.

Don’t forget that your child must be registered to attend. This is a very quick and easy process which can be done in two different ways. The easiest and probably the quickest way is to log onto www.campaustralia.com.au or call head office on the number at the top of this page. This process must be completed before your child attends as it vitally important that I have all the important information required to provide your child with a safe environment. The information includes contact numbers, medical information and any special needs that your child may have. Please be aware that I will also require a copy of any Asthma and Anaphylaxis management plans before your child attends.

Thanks for your time,

Mel

Bell Park Cricket Club

2016-17 Junior Program

Bell Park is looking for players at under 11, 13 and 15 levels. Registration is $70 and includes a playing shirt and hat.

JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT

Monday, 5th September, 5pm at Hamlyn Park, Calvert Street at the Clubrooms

Contact: President Rod Brown 0409 211 308

or email: rbrown@gordon.tafe.edu.au