From Kerrie’s desk

Daniel

As Daniel has communicated in earlier newsletters, he will be working in a different role with the Education Department over the next couple of months. I wish him the best and look forward to working with you as Acting Principal. It's a great reflection on Daniel and all staff at Hamlyn Banks PS that he is having this experience, and what he learns will benefit our students immensely. We wish him all the best and look forward to his return next term.

Infrastructure

Works are progressing according to plan, with retaining walls for the staff car park being installed. Due to the works, we have more muddy areas around the school than normal. Please have a chat with your child about playing in the mud. We all know how much fun it is but we have very limited supplies of spare clothing so will usually have to call parents if their child is wet or muddy. Thanks for your patience and support with this.

Baby Lavars

For those of you that don't know, Ben Lavars and his wife are now proud parents of a healthy baby boy. So, if you see Mr Lavars looking a little sleepy and dazed, you will understand why! Congratulations from the Hamlyn Banks school community!

Catching up

I am always keen to meet with parents to support you and your child. However, it would really be appreciated if you could call the office to make an appointment if you need to meet with me. Saves you waiting unnecessarily too!

This is also important with class teachers too. Often the time just before school is a very busy one with class preparation etc. We understand if there is a pressing need but, where possible, if you need a meeting, please jot a note in the diary so a time can be arranged where we can give you our full attention.

NAPLAN

Reports will be sent home this week. Please remember that this is a snapshot of your child's work on that day. The school will use the results to identify strengths and weaknesses in numeracy and literacy and plan goals. If you would like help to understand the report or you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Attendance notes

Many of you will have received letters this week asking you to explain your child's absences. Please note that it is a requirement that we ask for this information and that the roll is marked twice per day- once in the morning and again after lunch.

Also note, that with our new software you will be asked to give a reason if you pick your child up early from school, this will be marked as an absence.

Writing

We try to look for opportunities to show students that writing is a really useful skill in life. One of the main uses is to send a message. Please consider popping a short message in your child's lunch box next week, just something simple like, “Hi Fred, hope you are having a great day! Love from mum/dad” X” I guarantee they will love it!

Concert

Students are practising madly and after seeing our year ones and band perform at the Geelong Music Festival, I’m sure it's going to be a wonderful night. Please remember that tickets can be purchased online. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the office.

Kerrie Duan
In 4/3S, we have been learning about the 6+1 Traits of writing and have looked closely at the Presentation Trait to help us publish poems we have written. Presentation involves thinking about how you will publish your writing to make it look visually appealing. We had to ensure our work was neat, tidy and easy to read and that we used illustrations or pictures to compliment the text. Look at the great way we presented our work!

Mathletics

Congratulations to this week’s Mathletics Award Winners

Kai B (PrepU) 8000 points
Tyson H (1H) 4562 points
Ryan F (2H) 4262 points
Lea B 4/3P) 13132 points
Dennis L (6/5U) 18200 points

Class winners this week -

Prep U (10240 points) 1H (11370 points) 2H (32495 points) 4/3P (32221 points) 6/5H (43836 points)
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. Special lunches will be delivered Monday.
Could all parents please write lunch orders on a brown paper bag.

Scholastic Book Club
Reminder that all book club orders for issue 6 are due Friday 26th August. Online ‘Loop’ orders will close Wednesday 31st August.

Lost
Missing an ear piece/hearing device used for a student in Prep C. It is clear in colour and looks like a small hearing aid. If you see this can you please bring it to the office.

Wanted
If anyone has any sandpit toys in good condition that they would like to donate please bring to the office.

Father’s Day Stall
We will be holding a Father’s Day stall on Thursday, September 1st. If you have any suitable, new items you would like to donate, please leave them at the office. Would love to see a few volunteers to help on the day.

We will need helpers on the Wednesday around 2.30 hopefully to finish by 3.15pm. Helpers needed on Thursday at the Multi Purpose Room at 9am.

Star of the Week

Prep C: Flip S
For an awesome effort on his creative Pokemon books.

Prep F: Zac B
For being a more confident reader. Well done Zac!

Prep U: Korbyn L
For a fantastic effort to expand his ideas in writing.

Grade 1D: Riviere M
For the awesome effort she puts into her reading during Independent Reading.

Grade 1H: Elena B
For writing a clever poem about her dog.

Grade 1W: Lahni H
For showing enthusiasm in writing. Great poems Lahni!

Grade 2D: Zarah R
For working hard to make positive choices.

Grade 2H: Lakisha B
For her fantastic poems during writers workshop. I loved your Firework poem!

Grade 2L: Will W
For showing consistent effort in all of his work. Well done Will!

Grade 43J: Jake S
For being brave and recording an excellent tutorial on his iPad. Teaching someone the 6x tables.

Grade 43M: Jordan P
For his concentration and persistence in Maths when learning about time.

Grade 43P: Lea B
For being a fantastic member of 43P.

Grade 43S: Eden H
For reading during a reading conference with expression, accuracy and good pace.

Grade 43T: Tyler S
For writing a descriptive entry with Ms. O’Shea.

Grade 65D: Kayleb K
For trying his best to use a Growth Mindset.

Grade 65H: Aleks Y
For working hard to catch up on missed work – very focused, particularly with Reading.

Grade 65S: James M & Sheridan D
For his/her enthusiastic participation in The Western Heights Readers cup.

Grade 65U: Kayith D
For his excellent poetry reading at Assembly.

Sports Star: William W
For being an awesome helper and team leader during our Athletics practice.
This past week in OSHC...

Hi Everyone,

Well our Olympics came to a fantastic end last night with an amazing closing ceremony complete with dancing to music from all the countries involved. It has been quite a highlight on the calendar. I have been very proud of all the children and the way they have participated, encourage and congratulated each other. They have really embraced the whole multicultural aspect of the Olympics too, and as promised because the USA won the medal tally we will be having either apple pie or apple crumble for afters on Wednesday.

Each year during term 3 Camp Australia has a fundraiser. This year we are supporting The Smith Family’s Learning for Life program. The money raised will provide children in 94 of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia with educational essentials, learning support and enable children to take part in school, camps or excursions. The Camp Australia Foundation will dollar match all donations, so that even the smallest amount can make a big difference to a child in need. ASC has decided to have a special "minute to win it" week the children will engage in a variety of games during week 8. I encourage all children to bring along their onesie for a fun and easy fancy dress afternoon. We will be asking for a gold coin donation during this special week. We will have so many fun games to play I really can’t wait! We will sort out the activities that we will be playing and send home the rules and how to play so you can practise at home before hand.

We have had a couple of new families join us over this term, I would like to welcome you all and remind you that if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me and I will try my very best to answer or at least point you in the right direction. Don’t forget you can contact head office any time with your questions too. They can be reached by calling the 1300 number at the top of this page.

Thanks for your time,
Mel

Geelong Baycats Baseball

Come and try Teeball or Baseball!!

Come and try Teeball
3 September 2016 at the Geelong Baseball Complex, Warrnambool 5.30 to 6.30 pm
For age group 3 to 5 years.

Come and try Baseball
6 September 2016 at the Geelong Baseball Complex, Warrnambool 10.30 to 11.30 am
For age group 9 to 14 years.

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Manifold Heights Cricket Club is holding a registration/pie night on Thursday 15th of September from 5.00pm @ Hurst Reserve (Douglas Street, Herne Hill). MHCC is looking for boys and girls of all skill levels and ages, who would like to have a go at cricket. Age groups from Milo in2cricket (5-8), under 11’s, under 13’s, under 15’s, under 17’s and woman cricket all on offer. For more information please contact manifold-heightsjcc@gmail.com or Nathan on 0403 841 493.