To The School Community

Welcome back to the final term of the 2014 school year. I sincerely hope that all families had a safe and enjoyable break with their children. I would like to welcome Mrs Jarick and Mrs Speirs back from their respective leave. I’m sure that Mrs Speirs enjoyed her break and its great to see Mrs Jarick back into her work after persistently overcoming some

Moving through the classrooms this week I have been proud of the way the students have settle back into the routine of their classroom work. It is a credit to them and their teachers who have developed sound routines throughout the year. In the prep classes I have witnessed the students making connections to the stories they have read and creating a bridge in their classroom that reflects the connections they have made to their classroom reading.

Term 4 is generally a very busy term for those involved in schools, developing class lists, writing reports, planning the staffing and budgets, reorganising rooms…..the list goes on. Importantly as part of the lead up are the transition sessions for our students coming into school for the first time and moving between year levels. I am proud of the process at our school that engages students across the whole school in 3 transition afternoons, October 29th, November 26th and 9th December to assist in creating class groupings and an opportunity for the students to experience their new year levels. It is important to know that the teacher your child is with during these sessions may not necessarily be their teacher in 2015. Notification of your child’s teacher will be given with their school report.

Buildings and Grounds

As part of our commitment to improve our school grounds a Master Plan will be developed during term 4 and presented to the school community through our website and as a display in the foyer later in the year which will detail work to be done to the grounds which as a school community you have clearly indicated as a preference for the use of our fundraising money and any savings that can be made through our budget. I am excited that Jeavons Landscape Architecture are on board with this project. They are an experienced company who have successfully completed many projects with schools and the process they have presented to complete a Master Plan is exemplary. Keep an eye out for your chance to contribute to this work.

A reminder that we will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday 19th of October and are looking for as much help as we can get. Looking forward to seeing the students and their families contribute to this day. More details to come.

School Review

The first of our School Review visits will occur this coming Monday, I am looking forward to receiving feedback about our work and tap into the expertise of the reviewers to help us build on our strengths and develop the areas that need to improve. Details of the content of the discussion and outcomes will be shared at a School Council Level and to the broader community through a new Strategic Plan that will be launched in 2015.

Important News

When people talk about our school they always describe the people as supportive and positive people. Over the past weeks we have experienced a great deal of sadness with the passing of Sam Marino our much loved and respected cleaner and also Alan Peel (Grand Pa Alan) whose volunteer work for many years at Hamlyn Banks must be recognised and appreciated particularly at this sad time for his family.

Unfortunately there have been 5 other situations in recent weeks where there have been deaths in families or friendship groups connected to our staff members. As always we will continue to be supportive of all of those experiencing such sorrow. Due to the funeral of Mr O’Brien’s Father this Friday there will be NO ASSEMBLY

Opening and Closing Times

All gates (Except Chaucer St) are locked at 9:15am and re-open at 2:30 from Monday to Thursday and at 2:20 on Friday in preparation for assembly. Access between those hours must be through the Chaucer Street gate.

Daniel Vella
Twilight Netball

The school netball competition at the Hurst Reserve courts will now start next Thursday as other schools are finalising teams this week. Instead, on Thursday of this week, we will have a skills session / game for all players at Hamlyn Banks, starting at 3.30 and finishing at 4.30.

Writing by 43M

“3/4s night at camp
At camp Wilken the 3/4s did lots of exciting activities like trampolining, bush art, volleyball and the flying fox.

Most of the kids made some more friends and so did I. We also went on a night walk from 7:30 -8:30. We even saw a lot of kangaroos jumping with baby joeys in their pouch.

My group (group F) had a blast and the most scary part was the low ropes course. You had to balance across logs and ropes and use your friends to help you.

The food was amazing and the best part was chicken schnitzels with gravy and vegetables, I had seconds.

Before we came back to school we went to the beach. All the grades had a sand castle building competition which 3/4M won.

Mekhi K
3/4M”

Grade 6/5 News

Debating

The Wednesday team’s final debate against Pt Lonsdale was of a very high quality, with Pt Lonsdale winning.

It was an impressive improvement from our first secret topic debate, which we won, to this one. Both of our teams benefitted greatly from the debating experience, growing in skill and confidence as speakers and in their ability to establish and support logical arguments. The Wednesday team of Skyla, Brianna, Emily and Talia won three from four debates, narrowly missing out on finals. Our Thursday team of Nikki, Yu-Shin, Bronte and Alicia won two of their four debates. Well done!

School Development

There will be a school development meeting next Friday, October 17th, at 3.20pm in room 2 to plan for social events and fundraising for term 4. Interested parents are most welcome, as are their children while the meeting is on.
School Canteen

The school canteen will be available for lunch orders Wednesday & Fridays. Over counter sales will be available these days as well. Menus are available either on the School Web page or at the office. There is a special lunch order on Monday October 20th. Orders will go home today and need to be returned Tuesday October 14th.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY 2014 PREP – GRADE 2

SCHEDULE
8.50am: Bell Rings. Take Role. Organise Snack and Lunches in 2 Plastic Bags in a 2 buckets with class name on it labelled SNACK and LUNCH, this will need to be transported to Goldsworthy.
9.00am: Buses will arrive. Grade 2’s on first bus. Grade 1’s on second bus. Prep’s on last bus.
9.15am: Buses will depart no later than 9.15am.
Upon arrival at Goldsworthy go to where your class name is displayed in the grand stand.
Place snacks/lunches in your class area.
9.30am: Gather class, must have a drink bottle with them and be at your first event ready to begin.

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SNACK BREAK

LUNCH/ PACK UP AREA AND PACK UP BAGS

CLOSING ADDRESS AND CLASS ORGANISATION FOR BUSES
Before School Care
Welcome back everyone!
So glad to see all the smiling, welcoming faces in BSC. Holiday club was nice but I sure am glad to be back at Hamlyn Banks.

Before we left for the break, we had been working toward a target of $200 for the Smith Family fundraiser. Our current total is $213. Camp Australia will also be matching our donation dollar for dollar. Congratulations on all your hard work! This means that Debbie, Mr Vella and myself will have to complete a challenge set by the children. I think I should be worried.

As we have had a little break, I would like to remind parents of the importance of correctly and completely filling out the sign in/out sheet including exact time of pick up or drop off, printing and signing your whole name. This is a legal document that shows when Camp Australia staff are responsible for care of your child.

Have a great week!
Jess and Debbie

After School Care
Welcome back!

I hope you have all returned refreshed and ready for these final 11 weeks of the year. I know you have all been very busy during the holidays, I have loved hearing all about your adventures from the last fortnight.

As some of you are aware, Katie is currently completing her final block of teaching rounds during the first 3 weeks of term. We are very lucky to have Karen back with us during this time. Karen is a familiar face that you would of all seen around the school. Please don’t hesitate to say hel-lo.

Term 4 is a sunsmart term. Camp Australia has a sunsmart policy of no hat, no play. Which basically means that if your child does not attend the program with a hat they will be unable to join into the outdoor activities. We will provide fun indoor activities for any children that are unable to go outside. We can also store spare hats if you would like to leave one for your child, as long as it is clearly named. We do not lend spare hats as we do not want any cross contamination occurring. I thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

I am thoroughly looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the remainder of the year. Don’t forget if you have any questions don’t hesitate to call in and see Jess in the morning or me in the afternoon.

Thanks for your time,
Mel, Karen and Irena