From Kerrie’s desk

Daniel is back at Hamlyn Banks next Tuesday and we are looking forward to his return. Thanks to the school community for your support while I have been in the acting role.

Congratulations to Ella Johnson - Ella attended the Regional Athletics carnival last week and won gold in long jump and hurdle. We wish her all the best for the State Athletics event.

Student Behaviour - as you will be aware a positive school environment is essential if students are to learn at their best. The department has some ways to measure how a school is going so that the school can know if what they are doing is working or if they need to develop new strategies. No matter what the data is we always strive to improve the next year.

Earlier this year, students and parents undertook surveys to measure opinions on various things around the school, including student behaviour. As mentioned last week, the 2016 ‘Attitudes to School’ survey completed by years 5 and 6 students showed that;

In the areas of “Connectedness to Peers, Classroom Behaviour, Student safety and student morale” we were in the top 25% and very similar or slightly better than State results.

Last week, the 2016 parent survey results were also published. It is pleasing to note that the parent data supports what the students are saying:

In the areas of “behaviour management, student safety and classroom behaviour” our school scored higher than the State average. The parent results also confirmed what students are saying about connectedness to the school.

I wish to congratulate our Student Wellbeing team on the work they have done to contribute to this over the past couple of years. Our student matrix, certificate system and reward system have given us a great basis for students’ understanding about our school values of Being Safe, Respectful and a Learner. Congratulations also goes to the students. They show understanding of our values and strive to achieve certificates and wrist bands as well as other rewards. The Choice Wheels we have been creating will give students even more tools to develop their skills to solve problems positively.

As parents/carers, you also have a role in this and, on behalf of the students and staff; I thank you for your contribution and also for your support when things go wrong.

2017 planning - We have begun the process to organise 2017 classes and our first transition session is on October 26. If you are thinking that your child might not be attending Hamlyn Banks in 2017, please let us know ASAP so that we can factor this in to our planning.

P-2 Athletics - What a fantastic day! The weather was perfect and our Prep to 2 students did a terrific job at fun activities like the egg and spoon race, hurdles and Frisbees. Well done to our School and House Captains who ran the activities with patience and good humour.

Community Drug forum – It would be great to see lots of our year 5 and 6 parents at this free forum on October 27. I’m sure you will find this information about drugs, alcohol and energy drinks very informative. It will help you to have discussions with your children about keeping themselves healthy and safe. There is a flyer coming home today and the information is also was also shared on Compass last week.

Kerrie Duan
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Twilight Netball**
Netball times – October 20th
4.15 pm - Crunchies, Sparkles, Breakers, Undefeatable Lightning, Storm (netta) Rainbow Lightning (netta)

5.00 pm - H.B. Kangaroos, Thunders (netta)

**Writing by 1W**
Grade 1W have been loving learning about informational text.
We have been looking at lots of different ideas for when we write our own pieces.
Here are some of our ideas so far:
Dogs, Christmas, cinemas, gold, farms, Bunnings, houses, Queensland, friends, school, classrooms, vets and doctors.
We look forward to publishing a piece towards the end of the term.

**MATHLETICS**
Congratulations to Mathletic’s Award Winners for Week 2 of Term 4.

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Class winners this week -
Prep F (3560 points) 1H (6000 points) 2H (16531 points) 4/3J (29484 points) 6/5H (14578 points)
The top classes with students reaching over 1000 points this week are........
4/3J - 14 students over 1000
6/5H - 9 students over 1000
4/3T - 8 students over 1000
4/3P - 5 students over 1000

Let’s see if we can get more students in each class reaching the goal of 1000 points for the week!!

**Grade 6/5 News**
Don't forget permission slips need to be returned for students to attend the NGSC Multicultural festival tomorrow.

Grade 5 for Bike Ed students is coming up towards the end of the term. Please ensure all students have a bike in safe working order.

**Library News**
Scholastic Book Club orders are due tomorrow October 21st.
This year Hamlyn Banks Primary will be holding a book fair just in time for Christmas. The fair will be held in the Library after school for a week from December 5th.

**Grade 6 clothes**
We still have a selection of Grade 6 t-shirts if anybody needs one for Term 4.
1x Size 16
2x Size 14
1x Size 10

Also have one last hoodie left if there is any Devon students who have misplaced one.
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.

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION
WHERE: VINES RD COMMUNITY HUB

WHEN: 27th OCT 2016 630-830pm (light supper provided)
Target audience-Parents/Carers of students in year 5 to year 8

Alcohol energy drinks and other drugs are part of the world we live in. Both their lives ‘living directly’ and ‘online’ see them exposed to images, themes and language that often includes alcohol energy drinks and other drugs whether legal or illegal.

This session is a chance for parents and carers to come together and look at how drugs are portrayed in our community as well as exploring themes and strategies that can help them discuss alcohol energy drinks and drugs as a family.

The session runs for 2 hours is interactive and aims to answer all your questions- if we can’t we will do our best to pass you on to someone who can.

TOPICS INCLUDE
Looking out for your mates, facts and myths, the importance of strong role modeling, conversation starters for home, the impact of drugs on Young People and their developing brains

WHAT PARENTS/CARERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUR SESSIONS IN THE PAST HAVE SAID…….
‘Very friendly & refreshing’…’Open and nonjudgmental’ … ‘Thank you on such an informative evening’…’Very well presented and related back to ‘normal’ situations’…’Having a plan/ what is normal starting the conversation/realising you can contact a professional’….’How to open the conversations that I knew I wanted to talk about but didn’t know how to start’….’What is your plan!!’

To book please use trybooking online link below: (highlight link then click on open hyperlink. Go to BUY TICKETS, type in Creating Conversations then follow the prompts). This is a FREE event.
https://www.trybooking.com/235560?_ga=1.263997898.798966280.1475806985

Any queries contact Leigh at BATForce via email ryac@batforce.org.au.

Prep C: Aaliyah-May S
For being an awesome Mathematician learning the ‘count of strategy’.

Prep F: Xavier F
For always trying hard to write words and sentences. Well done Xavier!

Prep U: Deklan S
For reading confidently with Miss Upton. Keep it up Deklan!

Grade 1D: Tameka D
For the amazing effort she put in to her writing pieces.

Grade 1H: Beth T
For demonstrating persistence and trying her best at Athletics.

Grade 1W: Dex W
For having a great attitude toward learning.

Grade 2D: Raani D
For being independent & persistent.

Grade 2H: Renee B
For her perfect independent reading every day!

Grade 2L: Gemma M
For her fantastic effort at Athletics and always doing her best.

Grade 43J: Aylssa C
For working like a Mathematician finding and recording angles. Well done!

Grade 43M: Jasmine S
For her amazing work during reading.

Grade 43P: Bella B
For working hard on the organisation trait during writing time and making sure she includes all her ideas.

Grade 43S: Skye D
For always showing our school values and being a mature class member.

Grade 43T: Alex M & Ryah C
For explaining how they use prior knowledge when reading.

Grade 65D: Arlie H
For always doing her best & working independently during learning tasks.

Grade 65D: Patrick M
For working hard to do his best.

Grade 65G: Megan R
For her persistence and helpful attitude towards others.

Grade 65G: Gracie F
For trying her best researching her inquiry unit on endangered animals. Keep up the positive approach.

Grade 65H: Georgia C
For your dedication to homework, consistently doing Mathletics.

Grade 65S: Jake N
For demonstrating kindness and compassion on the bus trip to Melbourne.

Grade 65U: Jett K & Lachy M
For their participation in the Reader’s cup.
This past week in OSHC…

Before School Care

Our goal for this term is to learn how to prepare our minds for the day ahead, without the activities being boring or too strenuous. This past week the kids have achieved this through their own team building games, often led by one or more children. These games revolve around their mutual interests, such as pokeman or star wars. On Thursday the boys made light sabers out of cardboard and duelled each other. They create their own toys and their own games.

Breanna

Hi everyone,

This week we are having a pretty cruisey week as it is only 4 days, but don't worry it will still be a fun week. This week we are cooking Pip's choice, damper! The recipe will be available for you if you would like to make it at home. Trust me there is nothing better than damper straight out of the oven!

Our art activity this week is paper plate flowers. I love these "free range" activities because they can go in so many different directions. It is a real chance for the children to show their creativity.

As Wednesday is a public holiday there is no OSHC on Wednesday, you will not need to cancel your booking and there will be no charge for this day. We have a curriculum day coming up on Monday 31st October, this process is the same as there is no program running there is no charge and no need to cancel your bookings. I have let head office know and they have closed the rolls for these days.

Well done to everybody that has remembered to bring along their hats. I have also had some children bring along a change of clothes for when we have our water fights, we are super organised! Some children just need to remember to bring their hats along without having to return to their classrooms.

This term we are creating some amazing art work to be sent overseas for some children in South Africa. The Camp Australia Foundation has provided us with some great activities to help out some children in need and to raise awareness to the children that attend the program. This is done through some general discussions.

Thanks for your time,

Mel.