To the School Community,

The importance of effective communication is important in an organisation and at HBPS we continue to strive to be effective communicators. The layers of communication at our school can be complex – 420 students and their families, 35 staff, the Department of Education, local secondary schools and often the broader community.

I would like to remind you of some of the layers of communication that assist you in gathering information. Diary entries are the most effective form of communication between you and your child’s teacher and should be used as a first option if you need to find something out or set up a time to meet a teacher. Teachers at HBPS are required to check diaries each day.

- Notes about special events – we endeavour to publish and distribute notes about special events in a timely manner to give families a chance to organise themselves, particularly payment before required due dates.
- Facebook Page – Mrs Baker works effectively in posting a great deal of information on this page including notices, newsletters and images of exciting things happening at our school.
- The School Website is regularly updated and also holds a great deal of information, including the newsletter. Allison O’Reilly is diligent in populating and maintaining the website so be sure to get on and have a look. Don’t forget to subscribe to the newsletter through the website.
- A calendar is sent home early each term to highlight the majority of events that are held for the upcoming term.
- Both Mrs Duan and I see many parents, students and teachers throughout a day to support them in gathering info, solving a dilemma or congratulating them on a job well done. It is important that you know we are always there to support and listen when required. Sometimes we may be in the middle of something but will follow up in a timely manner.

**Bike Education**

This week our Grade 4s are participating in the Bike Education program. Thanks to the teachers for organising and running this program for the students. In our school community we have a large number of students who own bikes and I would hope that through Bike Ed we can encourage them to ride to school more often which is why I would like to highlight the importance and emphasis placed on the Bike Ed program. The teachers implementing the program are very appreciative of the valuable support provided by parents. The aim of the program is to maximise the safety of our student cyclists now and in the future.

**2015 School Charges**

Each year families are required to pay for school requisites and other items to support our school in meeting the needs of the students. Paying these fees are extremely important as they contribute to the opportunity of staffing and resourcing extra programs that run at our school. Some of these are, Expressive Arts, Social Arts, Band, Reading and Maths Intervention, Bike Ed, Student Leadership Programs, physical resources used in the classrooms, up to date internet access, Technicians to support the IPAD program along with many other areas of the school.

In 2015 we will need to restructure these payments due to changes in the school funding model and therefore there will need to be an increase in the fees that families will pay at our school. The School Council will carefully consider the amounts and communicate this to all families in the coming fortnight. This will enable all families to prepare for the 2015 school year with an aim to pay before the end of term 1 to support the programs and resources the students need to take their learning to the next level.

**2015 Staff**

Congratulations on Jess Upton & Tania Sharp for being successful in the selection process. Jess will be teaching Grade 1 and Tania a Prep class.

Finally thanks to the Prep teaching team for organizing the Zoo Excursion – talking to students about it yesterday I get the sense they were very excited about their experience.

Enjoy the rest of the week and see you at assembly.

Daniel

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**NOTES SENT TODAY**

* Italian incursion form
Twilight Netball
The Hamlyn Banks teams, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Jolly greatly appreciate the parents and Jayme (Camden’s sister) who take on the responsibility for coaching (Jayme’s doing a great job!) or managing our teams. It's sometimes difficult to give everyone the position they would love to play most but making it fair for everyone over a few games is what happens. As Mrs Jolly and Mrs Davidson can’t be on all of the courts our teams play on, it’s important that these wonderful people are willing to assist with teams.

Times – November 13th
4.15 Dirty Devils
5.00 Stars (netta), Ralphies (netta) Sherbets Da A Team, 101’s (netta) Diamonds
Bobcats (netta) have a bye but players are welcome to fill in at 5 pm as Ralphies and Stars may need players
Remember your $3 game fee and sports bottle of water.

To assist with organisation, players may pay their game fee at school and be marked off.

Spider facts from 2W’s research

- Spiders have eight legs and can run fast.  By Benny & George
- Spiders help us to kill insects. By Jordan & Alasdair
- Spiders can go under water as long as there is food around. By Keira & Libby
- Spiders can have really powerful venom. Some spiders can make strong webs. By Arman & Kaleb
- Spiders have up to 8 eyes, they have 2 body parts not 3 body parts like insects. By Tahlie & Ruby
- Spiders have been living for 400 million years. Spiders wrap their food in silk and save it for later. By Macie & Kathryn
- Spiders are more useful than we think, we would catch diseases without them. By Kya & Kai
- Spiders dig their fangs into their prey to poison them. By Izzy & Jasmin
- Some spider bites are poisonous to humans. By Gen & Charlie
- Spiders have little hairs on their legs that help them sense prey. By Cody & Jason
- Tarantulas shed their skin to grow they are the biggest spiders in the world! By Rhann

Blue Light Disco
Next Tuesday, November 18th is the Blue Light Disco. Notes were sent out last week. These are to be returned by Monday. Students need to wear comfortable shoes and clothing suitable for dancing. Taking a bottle of water is recommended.

Disco! Disco! Disco!
Who – Grade prep to 4
When – Next Tuesday, November 18th from 2.15 to 3.15
Where- Arts Centre
Dress – casual clothes suitable for the disco and comfortable shoes for dancing
Cost - $2 includes an icy-pole given to students as they leave the disco.
Drew Brown and friends will be our DJ’s. If you have favourite music bring along the CD.

School Development
There will be a brief School Development meeting this Friday, November 14th at 3.20 in room 2.
**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.

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**MATHEMATICIANS AT HAMLyn BANKS**

Hullabazoo is a book that was used to hook students into their upcoming excursion, but also the maths that might be experienced as part of that. There are lots of great picture story books that have loads of maths in them. We often use picture story books to help students develop their understandings in maths. Some of our favourites include *A Fish Out of Water, One is a Snail – Ten is a Crab, The Doorbell Rang and One Hundred Hungry Ants* just to name a few. As part of the Classroom Library work, the number of books available in our classrooms has grown. A popular sorting title for our classroom libraries has been ‘Maths books’. This has been a nice way for our students to make even more connections with their maths learning, through the classroom libraries. Can you think of any of your favourite picture story books that had maths within them? Do you share the maths from the books that are being read in your home? Have you found a great ‘maths’ story? If so….I’d love to know!

Laurelle Conder
Maths Coach

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**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

**Wins a $20 voucher from KASERKRAFT**

Sheridan Dillon 43S

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**Free self Defence and Sausage Sizzle**

This Saturday at Sparrow Park
15th Nov 10.30-12pm

All ages and fitness levels welcome bring your friends and family!

For more info: visit www.facebook.com/cimavictoria

Comfortable and Appropriate clothing and shoes must be worn. Warm up and stretching begins at 10.30am sharp. 2 sausages per person

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**MATHS STAR: Kya L & Katherine P**

For their work in making their own line of probability with events in their life, and for their ability to discuss those events using language of probability such as certain, likely, 50/50, unlikely and impossible.

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**Before School Care: Josh B**

Josh was considerate of another BSC student and used his initiative. Well done!

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**After School Care: Ryan M**

For being such a great ninja during our water fight. No one saw you coming!
Hi Everybody!

Wow, what a big day on Friday! First Debbie and myself got cream pied and slimed in the morning then Elsa made an appearance at assembly to serenade us all! I particularly enjoyed the crowd getting into the spirit. I would like to thank Daniel and Debbie for being such good sports and providing the wonderful incentive for the children to do their best fundraising for The Smith Family foundation. We raised $213 all together! Great effort.

As Debbie is working on building her qualifications she has been taking control of some of the activities lately. Yesterday we had a wonderful experiment mixing ingredients and seeing how they react. Let's just say it got messy! The children thoroughly enjoyed it. We will also be doing an experiment with white roses, looking at the movement of water in plants.

As part of the Camp Australia Foundation and it's partnership with Oxfam Australia, we have been working on our friendship bracelets that we will send to South Africa. We have also been learning some things about the country, and attempted making our own version of their famous beaded neck collars!

This week's Star of the Week award goes to Josh B. Josh was considerate of another BSC student and used his initiative. Well done!

Have a great week,
Jess and Debbie

Hi everyone,

This week we are once again looking forward to some water play later in the week, please ensure your children have a change of clothes in their school bag. We had lots of fun on Friday getting really wet. I was very pleased to see how well everyone played together and ensured that all children stayed safe the whole time. I loved seeing how the younger children worked together to make sure the 6/5 children got really wet.

This week we are busy creating some wonderful artwork out of our fingerprints. Sophie has done a great job creating a lion, an emu and a lovely flower. The children sure have enjoyed this activity this week.

Our science activity this week is to make milk shapes. I am not going to go into detail on how we are making these because it is a little gross.

This week we are cooking an old favourite, apple fritters. I can't wait for this as the children are really able to get in and help with this recipe. The children can pretty much prepare this without any help, lots of supervision but no help!

I would like to also thank Daniel for following through on his challenge last Friday at assembly. It was certainly the talk of after school care on Friday afternoon. While we all got to have a sing-a-long, the Smith family was able to receive a great donation that was matched dollar for dollar by Camp Australia.

Our star of the week this week is Ryan M for being such a great ninja during our water fight. No one saw you coming!

Thanks for your time
Mel and Katie