

Our mission is to create a safe, respectful, evidence-based learning environment where a diversity of student learners feel valued, happy and are actively engaged, challenged and supported to achieve success.



Hamlyn Views School

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HAMLYN VIEWS
SCHOOL



Important Dates

28th June End of Term 2. 2:30pm Finish

20th Sept Last day of Term 3

15th July First day of term 3

Important School Updates

School will finish at 2:30pm this Friday. If your child catches the bus, they will still be able to do so tomorrow, but the drop off times in the afternoon will be roughly a half hour earlier.

Enjoy school holidays, and we look forward to seeing you back for term three on the 15th July.

Thursday 27th June

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Learning - Safety - Respect

Principals Address

One more day and it will be the end of the second term. Most of us are ready for the holiday break after a busy first semester. I plan to take the first 7 days of term three as Long Service Leave to travel with my husband Victor to far north Queensland and experience some warmth and sunshine. During my leave Michele Marcu will be Acting Principal, supported by school leaders Natasha McAuliffe, Warren Dawson and Elise Mascarin.

Student Reports and Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings

I hope everyone enjoyed reading their child's school June Report. It was fantastic to reflect on the educational progress each child is making. Thank-you to families who attended SSG meetings held during the past week. I know our staff value this opportunity to discuss and plan your child's progress and growth, and future learning together.

School Review Feedback

Thank-you to parents/carers who provided us with a variety of feedback to questions posed about our school, including areas for improvement, approaches to communication, future directions and highlights/achievements so far. This information is vital as we complete our School Self-Evaluation document. If you have a chance, please view our "Highlights/Achievements" tree on the Library wall where "leaves" from our whole school community indicate a large number of special events and activities that have taken place during the last 18 months. If you have taken a Survey Sheet to complete, please return it by the first week of term three. Surveys were also sent out via SeeSaw, these can be emailed to the school email address hamlyn.views.school@edumail.vic.edu.au or returned to the office. Hard copies are also available at the school office.



Staffing Matters

Tomorrow we farewell Music Therapy students Anny and Bingyao who have been working alongside Dr. Melissa Murphy each Wednesday and Friday. We thank them for their work at our school during the first half of the year and wish them both well with their further studies.

I want to welcome Sarah Williams who has been officially appointed as our two day per week Physiotherapist. She will be with us each Monday and Thursday. Sarah comes to us with a range of experience including a specialist school setting, private and NDIS service providers. She has spent her first few days getting to know students across the school.

Grant Success and Donation

We have been successful in gaining several grants of approximately \$2,000 each. This includes a 'Bank First Teaching Initiatives' grant to purchase resources and equipment for our Later Years Laundry Program, as well as funding from the 'Greater City of Geelong Healthy & Connected Communities' grant program for Switching equipment to enable access to computers for some students. In addition, we have had \$1000 donated by the Masonic Lodge to purchase indoor equipment. We are delighted to obtain these additional funds to provided valuable resources and equipment for our students.

School Council News

At the recent School council meeting a number of policies were presented for consultation and a range of topics discussed. Policies included;

- Electronic Communications Policy and Protocol
- Home Learning Policy

Topics included;

- Regular agenda items - Child Safe Standards and Occupational Health and Safety, including the recent OH&S Audit Report and our school's compliance, and DET funding support for staff safety in Specialist Schools and the range of purchases this will provide.
- An update on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Schools and the new PPP operational manual that will be published.
- A new Hamlyn Views School Council Manual that has been developed to support the work of Council members.
- Feedback was collected from School Council members for the School Review including contributing a "leaf" depicting their highlight of the school during the past 18 months.
- The school Café program which may introduce special lunches for students in semester two.
- An update on school bus runs and where we are at in regards to discussions with the operator to make them more efficient and effective.

Community Support

Again during the past week we have been disappointed to experience significant graffiti at our school. We would appreciate if you live close by and see intruders on the school grounds, or people causing damage particularly after hours, that you notify the local police.

Finally, thank-you to everyone who has supported our school during the first half of 2019 in some capacity. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday break and I look forward to a positive and productive term three.

Yours in educational partnership,

Sue Armstrong
Principal

Admin News

Buses:

We continue to work with our bus operator on improvements to the scheduling of our current bus routes. Stop locations that should be relocated and pick up and drop off times that need to be adjusted have been identified. We are waiting on confirmation from Gold Bus as to implementation of these changes. As soon as this is received we will notify all families directly. We still expect this to occur early in Term 3.

School Photos:

We have been notified by MSP Photography that the school photos will be available in the first few weeks of Term 3. We will send out another update once we have more information. Thanks for your patience.

Safe Schools

At Hamlyn Views School we are committed to creating a learning environment where all members of the school community are welcomed, accepted, treated equitably and with respect regardless of their backgrounds or personal attributes such as race, language, religious beliefs, gender identity, disability or sexual orientation so that they can participate, achieve and thrive.

National and international research shows that positive school environments lead to better academic results, increased confidence and better attendance at school. Students who don't feel safe or included at school cannot learn effectively and reach their full potential. A safe and inclusive environment is also the key to tackling bullying, harassment and preventing self-harm

We acknowledge the benefit to all students who attend a safe and inclusive school and thereby celebrate the diversity of backgrounds and experiences in our school community and we will not tolerate behaviours, language or practices that label, stereotype or demean others.



Tree

Over the last few weeks, we have put a tree in the Admin building. On the leaves are some of the wonderful memories from our first 18 months, from staff, students and parents. Whilst some parents had the opportunity to add to the tree during the feedback forum on SSG night, others haven't. There will be leaves in the office for any member of the community to write on. We would like to thank-you for helping to build a safe and inclusive education environment for all our students.



Foundation Green News

Foundation Green have had an amazing term of learning. We have all been using our individual schedules to work through learning tasks and this has helped us to be Lenny Learners in the classroom. Twice a week we also join our friends in Foundation Blue and head to the play room to take part in 'Play to Learn' sessions. These last couple of weeks we have been enjoying two stations – trains and doctors. We watch video modelling on how to engage in each of the stations, choose which one we want to start with and the off we go! We switch stations and at the end help to pack away too.



Early Years Green

Early Years Green students have had a fantastic and very productive term 2. We have been helping each other during learning tasks and learning to share and take turns.



This term we really enjoyed bike riding with Marty. We learnt how to be safe when riding a bike by wearing a helmet and sitting safely on the bike. While riding the bikes we played follow the leader, obstacles and stop and go.



From all of us in Early Years Green, we hope you have a safe and fun school holidays.

Arts News

We are wrapping up our semester with lots of newspaper and glue! It's been a colourful and creative year so far in the Arts. Most of our students have finished their paper mache gluing and when we return from the break, we will be painting our pieces. In Performing Arts we have been doing lots of role play, song and dance, as well as improvisation with our Later Years group. Last week, our improvisation went next level when our pilot announced mid-flight that we had to make an emergency landing. Our trip to Bali was filled with drama, to say the least 😊

Over the holidays, I will be coming in to prime our antique piano ready for the next 3D installation project in Art. Our theme for the September exhibition is WILD and I am currently throwing around some ideas for what our piano will look like. If you have any ideas, please send me a message on SeeSaw. Whatever we decide to go with, I'm positive the students will have a lot of fun painting and decorating it.

Last week, the Art teachers from Barwon Valley, Nelson Park and Armstrong Creek came to Hamlyn Views for our Art exhibition planning meeting. They were very impressed with the quality and standard of our students' work displayed in the cabinets and around the school. We are looking forward to displaying as much of our students' pieces in September at Eastern Hub Gallery.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday and see you next term!

Mim Papinniemi



Stars of the Week

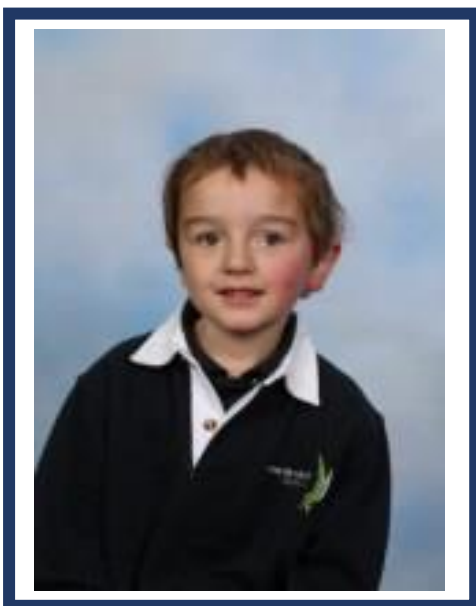


Muhamed Mustafa

For taking turns and helping others in the classroom.

Thaw Ku

For gaining confidence to explore the classroom



Nate Brereton

For doing a great job using his words at school

Allied Health News

At Hamlyn Views School, sometimes students have difficulty regulating their behaviour and emotions. When this occurs, we have a number of tools that we offer them, and see how they react to them. Generally, if they have a need to move or appear agitated, ways to provide resistance through their body can help them settle. This is called proprioception. We then monitor whether it seems to help, or whether they do not help and may become more heightened. Below are some of the things we use at school that provide resistance to trial with them:

- Gym ball activities such as bouncing in sitting, or pushing it up and down a wall.
- Body sock.
- Trampoline.
- Scooter board activities.
- Climbing equipment in the playground.
- Pushing, hanging from arms, or pulling activities to give resistance such as a loaded trolley, monkey bars, or pushing hands together.
- Chew toys or foods that give resistance to chew, as the mouth gives a lot of feedback for this, and can help calm.

These will not work for all students, and some may not be able to use these tools safely, but are a guide to what can be offered to help their regulation. If you want ideas to try, contact the therapy team and we would be happy to discuss.

David Rittinger
Occupational Therapist

