

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



HAMLYN VIEWS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 31st October 2019

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School Council President: Jess Harriott

KEY DATES

31st October Student Free Day	10th December Step-Up Day
13th November School Council 5pm	11th December School Council 5pm
15th November SPOT Excursion Foundation, EY and MY	12th December Bike-A-Thon
26-27th November Life Education and Bravehearts incursions	18th December Family Christmas Celebration Evening 4:30-6:30pm
27th November School Concert 5pm	20th December Last day of school 1pm finish
2nd December SSG Meetings 1:30pm	

NEWS AND UPDATES

We officially have two chickens at Hamlyn Views School! Thank you to the Simpkin family for donating two beautiful hens for us to look after. The ladies have settled in well to school life. They are still very shy and wary of people but we hope they will quickly warm up to us as they get used to people visiting them. Each class has been allocated a week where they are responsible for topping up their food and water, collecting the eggs and cleaning out the coop. Students have been collecting names for the two chickens, so keep an eye out on our Facebook page for a vote from everyone in the community very soon. So far we have 'Salt and Pepper', 'Ana and Elsa', 'Lime and Lemon' and 'Honey and Soy'...!

Natasha McAuliffe

Resource Smart Co-Ordinator



Reminders

Slider Meal Deal order forms are due by Tuesday 5th November. Forms can be found on Seesaw otherwise at the office.

State School's Relief Fundraiser

Many thanks for your donations supporting State School's Relief on our Footy Colours Day. We raised a total of \$103 for this worthy cause.

Secondary School Vaccinations in 2020

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A.C.W.Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child.

You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

Hamlyn Views School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people and has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse.



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

This term is jam packed with special activities and programs including our first ever School Concert and Bike-A-Thon, along with the Family Christmas night that was such a hit last year.



RRRR Lead School Launch

Our school has been given the privilege of being a Lead School for the Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) initiative from next year, the only specialist school in the Barwon Region. Yesterday Elise, Warren and Lacey presented to a forum of local RRRR school colleagues. They shared what RRRR looks like at Hamlyn Views and the type of support and assistance we could provide to other schools, both mainstream and specialist. This is a great credit to our staff and how highly their expertise is valued.



Grant Success

Sharon Miguel has successfully applied for a \$2,000 grant from Geelong Connected Communities that will support Later Years students to participate in learning more about reducing waste at school and in the community. She spoke on 93.9 Bay FM last night about this exciting news.

Newsletter Format

We have initiated monthly newsletters from this term and intend to use the SeeSaw App, Facebook and newsfeed on our website to provide more regular updates about school events. This will continue to evolve as our processes are updated and responsibilities are shared amongst staff. We hope this new streamlined version is more accessible for all.

Workforce Planning For 2020

We have made a number of staff appointments for 2020, with more to come. All will begin their roles next year, with the exception of Mel McDonald.

- **Warren Dawson** - Leading Teacher (Student Engagement / School Compliance)
- **Mel McDonald** – Inclusion Coordinator (Part-time)- **Term 4**
- **Ashley Kalkandis** – Inclusion Coordinator (Part-time)
- **Ranelle McNamara** – Teacher
- **Mollie Anic** – Teacher
- **Sally-Anne Cowdell** – Performing Arts Teacher (Part-time)

Holidays During the School Term

Schooling is compulsory for all school-age students therefore a reminder that permission must be gained from the Principal prior to any holidays taken by students during a school term. Please contact your child's teacher in the first instance to facilitate this process.

Student Dress Code

We are currently updating our Student Dress Code to comply with the Department of Education guidelines. This will be shared with families next week for feedback and comment.



PASS Annual Awards Night

Tomorrow night three of our outstanding staff - Natasha McAuliffe (Learning Specialist), Elsie Mascarin (Secondary Teacher) and Warren Dawson (Primary Teacher) will attend a Gala Dinner Event at Marvel Stadium for the prestigious PASS Awards 2019. We wish them all a fabulous evening.

Yours in educational partnership.

Suzanne Armstrong

Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

- At the September meeting Diana Duffy was voted in as our new school Treasurer.
- Leanne Treloar, our school nurse, provided an overview of OZ Smile Dental Clinics. Council members endorsed our school accessing this service in 2020.
- Recent graffiti at school was discussed and the benefits of external CCTV.