

*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 | 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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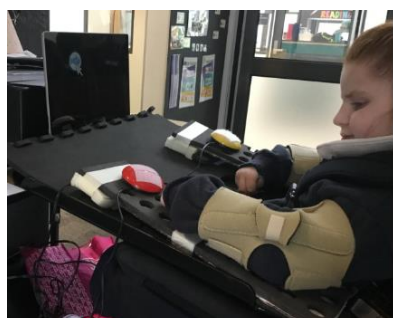
School Council President – Jess Harriott

### KEY DATES

- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** Clean Up Australia Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** LY Travel Training – Cloverdale Community
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** LY Nursing Home Visit
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Labour Day Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar:** LY Travel Training – Cloverdale Community
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Bravehearts Incursion
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** School Council Meeting 5:00pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:** LY Travel Training – Cloverdale Community
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:** LY Nursing Home Visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Harmony Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** LY Travel Training – Cloverdale Community
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Easter Egg Hunt
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Last Day Term One - 2:30pm Finish
- 14<sup>th</sup> Apr:** First Day Term Two
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** School Photos

### Switching – Allied Health

In early 2019, Hamlyn Views received a Healthy and Connected Communities Grant through the City of Greater Geelong. With this support, the school purchased a number of switches, voice recording switches, interfaces (to connect to computers and tablets) and cause and effect toys. Our students have been practicing with these to increase their ability to access technology and ways to increase their independence, which has included accessing computer and communication programs. By getting the concept of cause and effect, our students will hopefully understand that when they do something meaningful such as press the switch, they will cause something to happen such as turn on a fan, or ask for a drink. Some of our students have used the voice operated Step By Step switches to make the requests in community facilities such as the post office. We hope that this can be generalised further into the future to be a useful tool in the community, and build on the community's exposure to use of such tools so more people are familiar with them. If you want to know more, speak to our Allied Health staff who can give you more information.



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

### School Review

Monday was the first day of our School Review. Planning went ahead for Validation Day on the 10th of March, when the review panel will visit classrooms and conduct focus group discussions with some of our students about their learning and successes. Other topics covered were our VRQA requirements and Safe Standards Check.

We received complimentary remarks from our reviewer, Win Warren, about the evidence presented on the first day.

### Child safety

As part of our first School Review day, we presented the work that we have completed on the Child Safe Standards in the first two years of operation. Hamlyn Views School has a strong focus on providing a Child Safe environment and this was evident in the work that we demonstrated. In the next newsletter, Michele will provide a more detailed overview of the work to be completed for the remainder of the year.

### Thank you

Thank you to all the families that attended Student Support Group meetings, or held them over the phone. Working on ILP goals together helps us to focus our work on the things that are most relevant to our students and are priority areas for families.

Our family 'Meet and greet' afternoon went very well and we would like to thank those of you that could come and participate. It was great to see families enjoying some time in classrooms with their children, and how much it was enjoyed by all. We understand that not everyone could attend, but we will continue to host different opportunities for parents to participate in throughout the year.

### Information for parents and carers

A reminder of the importance of regular attendance at school. Please let the office know if your child will be absent for any reason, so that it can be marked accordingly on their attendance role.

### Staffing update

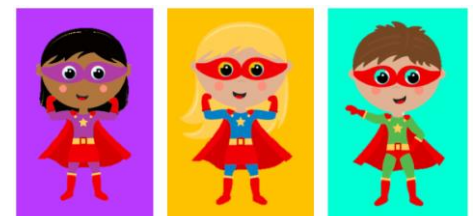
Sheridan and Gemma are filling short-term contracts, while there are a number of advertised vacancies including a one day per week Performing Arts position and two education support positions. Thank you to Sheridan for completing the first six weeks of term in Performing Arts.

Our Foundation students will commence full-time schooling soon. They have been enjoying full days, without Wednesday, but will be here for the whole week from March. Well done to our Foundation students for settling in so well.

Our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support team is working hard on some exciting material to share with families, including Facebook sharing, Hamlyn Views TV and information about our programs. Keep your eye on upcoming newsletters.

### Warren Dawson

Leading Teacher & Acting Assistant Principal



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

**PROTECT**  
Protecting children & young people  
from abuse is our responsibility

