

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 | 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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School Council President – Jess Harriott

### KEY DATES

**25<sup>th</sup> April** ANZAC day

**26<sup>th</sup> June** Last Day of Term 2 2:30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> July** First Day of Term 3

**5<sup>th</sup> Aug:** School Photos

### Remote and Flexible Learning

All Victorian Governments schools have moved to remote and flexible learning for Term 2. This step was taken to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). **This means that all students who can learn from home must learn from home.** This is a very clear directive from the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

We will continue to offer limited on-site learning for those students who need to access this, including for students on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made.

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

It is important that we work together and support each other during this challenging time.

If you have any questions, concerns or require assistance about any matters, please contact your child's teacher, or phone or email the school.



**THE ARTS:** I hope you've all had a happy and safe Easter break. Last term, students did some wonderful work in both Visual and Performing Arts. In Visual Art we were studying some of "The Greats" including Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse. Students painted Picasso style portraits and created painted paper collage work in the style of Matisse. They were colourful and a lot of fun! In Performing Arts, we were working on traditional dance and song in preparation for our Harmony Day performances. Students learned Auslan to the song, "I am Australian" and choreography to the Philippino dance, "Pearly Shells". The grass skirts and colourful head pieces certainly were a hit with the students.

Towards the end of first term, we welcomed our new Performing Arts teacher, Annie Malesic. Annie has a background in teaching Performing Arts and some of you may know her from Emotion 21 Dance Company. Annie will be teaching Foundation, Early Years and some Middle Years classes this year.

This term, Annie and I will both be providing remote learning for students. I will be delivering all the Visual Art activities plus Middle and Later Years Performing Arts. Annie will be delivering the Foundation, Early Years and some Middle Years Performing Arts activities. It's certainly a new experience for everyone, but we will do our best to set work that's both educational and fun! Please contact us on Seesaw if you have any questions or need further support. We will do our best to assist you on this journey.

Happy Term Two Everyone!

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**ALLIED HEALTH:** During this very challenging time, we understand there are a lot of things that are different for the lives of our students.

The Allied Health team are busy working at Hamlyn Views this term and are dedicated to support your families during this time. We will provide services and supports to students and families by utilising technology and non-contact activities. We are happy to work with your private therapists, develop resources or talk through different needs.

We also understand that being provided with a lot of resources and activities can be overwhelming, so if you would like some extra help at this time, please do not hesitate to contact your teachers, or allied health staff directly.

Regards,  
Dave Rittinger (OT), Alice Stubbings (SP)  
and Sharnie Russell (AHA).



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome back to term two, a time like no other in our lifetimes. Schooling will be very different to anything we have experienced before. Learning remotely is a challenge all school communities are embarking on and we are committed to supporting our students and their parents/carers as best we can during term, within our resources, capacity, and adhering to Education Department and Training guidelines.

This term we have a rostered team of volunteer staff onsite to supervise students approved to attend. Most staff will be working off-site and will deliver programs and services remotely. This includes myself, following advice from a medical professional. I will be leading Hamlyn Views School operationally off-site, with Michele Marcu or Warren Dawson assuming Duty of Care when rostered on-site. I am grateful for them assuming this role. I understand there will be some challenges and that we won't always get it right. We will however do our very best for you all. Our staff are dedicated professionals and have worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to create engaging home learning for students.

Please ensure you read all information that is provided to you. As our environment changes, so may the directions we are required to follow. Warren has posted some video messages detailing supports to assist you with the home learning experience. I hope you find these useful.

### Staffing update

Anna Kennedy has been appointed to replace Sarah Williams our Physiotherapist who is now on family leave, awaiting the birth of her baby. We look forward to Anna working with us each Monday and Wednesday. We wish Sarah and her family all the very best.

### School Review

We have completed the final two days of our School Review, the last day remotely. They were very productive and have given us a clear direction for our whole school improvement plans for the next four years. We are waiting for the final Review Report and once received, we will share it with the community. Again, I want to thank all panel

members, parents/carers, staff and students who contributed to the School Review process.

### School Council

At the March meeting our Council membership for 2020 was confirmed. We welcome Ingrid Jennings as a new Parent Member but have one vacancy and are seeking a new Community member.

Our meeting included a Child Safe Standards presentation by Michele our Child Safety Champion. It outlined the 7 Standards and how they embedded at our school.

Regards,

*Suzanne Armstrong*

**Principal**

### CYBER SAFETY

With learning generally online this term the eSmart message of **Safe, Smart and Responsible** when using the internet is very important. The eSafety Commissioner has created an easy to read **Being Safe Online** booklet. Access @

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-02/Easy%20English-Being%20Safe%20Online.pdf>

*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*

