

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 | 30th July 2020

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KEY DATES

5th Aug: School Photos

10th Aug: Catch Up School Photos

18th Sep: Last day of term 3

5th Oct: First day of term 4

2nd & 3rd Nov: Student Free Days

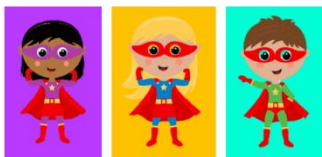
18th Dec: Last day of term 4

IF YOU ARE UNWELL, PLEASE STAY HOME



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – Wednesday 5th August

MSP Photography will be onsite next Wednesday to take our school photos. Class group and student portraits will be taken and physical distancing will be maintained between adults on the day. Please ensure that your photo orders are either completed online or returned to the school asap. If you have not received your photo envelope with ordering details please contact the school office. Remember to wear school uniform and bring your best smile!



COVID-19 UPDATE

As parents/carers may be aware, a number of local schools have been closed for cleaning and contact tracing in recent weeks due to either suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in students or school community members. We understand this raises questions for some families where HVS students have siblings that attend other school settings. Our understanding is that unless siblings or their family have been notified by DHHS as a close contact and directed to self-isolate or self-quarantine then they are able to attend school. Parents may choose to be cautious in this situation and keep them home.

If parents are unsure what they should do they can contact the school (teacher or principal class) for advice. Again we would remind families that if your child has even the mildest symptoms please keep them home and we encourage you to have them tested. Our first priority as a school will continue to be the health and safety of our students, staff and community.

Today it was announced by the Victorian Government that from midnight Sunday people in regional areas will be required to wear face coverings. We are waiting for DET advice about what this means for our school community and will provide this to you when its been received.



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Hi and welcome to this month's newsletter. The last school holidays seem to be a distant memory as the term quickly rolls on and we continue to deal with many aspects related to Covid-19 (our new normal). Again thank you to parents/carers who are ensuring the wellbeing of others by keeping children at home if they are unwell. We will continue to contact you if students become unwell at school and need to be collected. Our staff are also taking every precaution, so we can expect increased staff absences and replacements, as they stay home even with minor cold symptoms.

A reminder also to remember the importance of physical distancing during drop off/pick-up on the school site, crossing and in the parking areas. By working together we can say we are doing everything possible to keep all community members healthy and well.

It's important also to always contact the school if your child or family member is having a Covid-19 test. If it is a positive outcome, alert us immediately so we can implement follow-up action as directed.



State Schools Relief Fundraiser

Our whole school fundraiser held on the last day of term two was well supported and helped us to raise \$125 for *State School's Relief*. We know as an organisation they have been inundated with requests for uniform items due to the current pandemic and it was great to be able assist them through our special casual clothes day fundraiser.

Western District Employment Agency (WDEA) Grant

We were fortunate to be recently chosen for \$5000 of grant funding by WDEA that will enable us to buy new music therapy and other Allied Health therapy equipment. These will be a welcome addition to our resources and equipment and we have lots of great ideas of what to purchase to support our therapy programs.



Virtual Assemblies

Whilst we continue to have restricted access to the school site we will produce weekly Virtual Assemblies. We know from feedback that students and their families really enjoy the opportunity to view weekly achievements of our students and we enjoy sharing these with you.

Regards,

Suzanne Armstrong
Principal

ALLERGY and ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction by the body's immune system to a normally harmless substance. Substances that can trigger an allergic reaction are called allergens. Allergic reactions can occur to medication, insect stings and bites, allergens in the environment (eg. pollens, grasses, moulds, dogs and cats), or proteins (most often) in the foods we eat. Individuals can have mild/moderate or severe allergies.

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction and should always be treated as a medical emergency. Anaphylaxis occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects or medicines), to which a person is allergic. Not all people with allergies are at risk of anaphylaxis.

It is important we always have the latest, most up to date information about your child's Allergies or Anaphylaxis management plans. Please provide this to our school nurse Leanne Treloar so we can keep everyone informed.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Child safety is a high priority at Hamlyn Views School and we have zero tolerance for child abuse. In order to ensure the safety of our students we engage in learning activities that support our students to identify who they can speak to if they need help or a have a 'no' or 'yucky' feeling. This includes delivery of the Respectful Relationships program where students work through parts of the health and personal and social capabilities of the Victorian Curriculum. We encourage our families to support their student to develop awareness of the protective behaviours that will help keep them safe from harm and abuse. Each year at Hamlyn Views School we offer whole school incursions such as 'Bravehearts' and the 'Life Education Van' to support students to understand: how they can keep themselves safe, what to do if they feel unsafe and who to ask for help when something does not feel right.

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

