

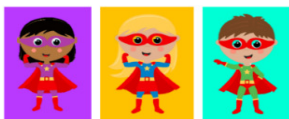
Our mission is to create a safe, respectful evidence-based learning environment where a diversity of student learners feel: Valued, actively engaged, challenged and supported to achieve success and maximum independence post-school.



HAMLYN VIEWS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 3rd May 2021

KEY DATES

- **Term 2 Swimming**
Foundation & EY from Week 6
- **Monday 10th May**
Mother's Day visits - From 9:00
- **Wednesday 12th May**
Public Reporting Meeting 5pm
School Council 5:15pm
International Nurses Day
- **May 23rd - 29th**
Education Week – See Events
- **Monday 14th June**
Queens Birthday - *Public Holiday*
- **Monday 21st June**
Student Free Day
Student Led Conferences (SSGs)
- **Friday 22nd – 24th June**
Life Education Van
- **Friday 25th June**
Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30PM *finish*
- **Monday 12th July**
First Day of Term 3
- **Friday 17th September**
Last day of Term 3 - 2:30PM *finish*
- **Monday 4th October**
First Day of Term 4
- **Wednesday 20th October**
Geelong Cup Public Holiday
- **Friday 17th December**
Last Day of Term 4



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School Council President – Jess Harriott

ANZAC Day Service



This year, with ANZAC Day falling on a Sunday, we marked the day in a range of ways across the school. This included holding a small ceremony and laying a wreath near our school flag poles, and students learning about ANZAC Day in classrooms and undertaking various activities. As a mother of a son who is an Australian Army Captain and intern doctor, who has served in Iraq with a medical unit as a Pharmacist, ANZAC Day holds special meaning for my family along with the many others who have experienced the impact of wars and overseas conflicts.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We are now into the swing of term two and have been fortunate with a period of generally warm weather.

Student Medication At School

Student safety is paramount and we remind all parents/guardians that **no medication is to be brought to school in student's bags.** All medication must be given to our nurse in its original package, with the child's name and a pharmacy label. A Medication Authority Form must be signed by parent/guardian and treating doctor or school nurse.

Assemblies

Fortnightly assemblies resumed last week, conducted in each of the learning areas – Early, Middle and Later years. We are trialling this new approach due to increased enrolments this year and inline with our Covid-19 Safe Plan. By week 6, we expect any issues around these new arrangements to be addressed and Parents/Carers will then be able to join us onsite for their child's assembly. More details to come.

Teacher/Family Communication

Electronic means is our preferred method of communication between staff and parents/carers here at Hamlyn Views. However, this could be viewed as 24/7 availability. To support staff work-life balance and workplace agreements, we ask that you respect that contact made outside the hours 8am – 6pm (school days) may not be responded to until the next working day. We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

Chaplain Cuppa & Chat

Thank-you to the small group of parents who were able to attend a get together with our new Chaplain Paul Tyson last Thursday to learn about Cchool Chaplaincy and how it may look at Hamlyn Views. There will be more opportunities to meet Paul across the year.

Student Led Conferences – 21st June

From this term our Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be conducted in a new format as approved by School Council. SSG's will be held across the day with Parents/Carers and students invited to attend school for their appointment where they will discuss student learning goals, allied health needs, share information, celebrate successes, as well as view the learning environment and showcase student work.

Between the hours of 9:00am - 4:15pm Education Support staff will be available to either attend the meeting or complete activities with your child to allow you time to speak to the team. We will be requesting your feedback at the start of next term and thank-you for your patience while we trial this new process.

If you wish you may invite external Allied Health professionals to attend the SSG, they can be invited in person or via a Webex link. Please speak to your classroom teacher if you would like to arrange this. Where appropriate, teachers may invite members of the school Allied Health staff to attend these meetings.

Public Reporting Meeting

We will be holding a Public Reporting Meeting on Wednesday 12th May at 5:00pm where the 2020 School Annual Report will be presented. Members of the school community are welcome to attend. Please inform the office if you would like to attend onsite. Alternatively you can ask for a Webex link to attend virtually.

Following the meeting the 2020 Annual Report will be available to view on the school website. Despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Report highlights many achievements made by our school during last year.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a very special event that acknowledges the care and support provided by mothers and grandmothers in our community.

We will celebrate Mother's Day on Mon.10th May in your child's class, after drop-off. Everyone welcome.



Education Week 2021 – Theme “Building Connections”

Education Week is in its 77th Year. It aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector. Events at our school will include:

Monday 24th May

1:30pm Biggest Afternoon Tea (Cancer Fundraiser)

2:00pm Family Classroom Visits

6:00pm Prospective Parents Information Night

Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off

For terms 2 & 3 (colder months) and as part of our Covid-19 Safe Plan, our pick-up and drop off process is as follows:

- * Foundation/F/Grade 1 – Students enter/exit at side gate
 - * All other students enter/exit at gym
- Social distancing is required and we appreciate your efforts to do so in the designated areas.

Disability Inclusion Initiative

This term the consultation phase of the Disability Inclusion Initiative commences. I will be representing our school on two key state-wide advisory teams: *Inclusion Outreach Innovation and Design*, and the *Inclusion Outreach General Consultation*. Michele Marcu will have a key role with the initiative as a member of the PASS executive team and will join with me in some of the advisory meetings as well.



Data Wise

Michele Marcu, Natasha McAuliffe and myself recently completed a 10 weekly online Harvard University Data Wise Course we commenced in January. We are grateful for the support we received to undertake such a high quality course at this prestigious university, including with a Department of Education and Training subsidy. We will begin introducing the Data Wise process to staff from next week to support the effectiveness of our whole school improvement work.

Staffing Changes

Gemma Phillis, Education Support (ES) left at the end of term one to pursue other career opportunities. Sharnie Russell will also be leaving next Friday to take up new employment. We wish both of these foundation staff members all the best for the future and thank them for their contribution at Hamlyn Views School.

This term Rose, previously in the office, has commenced as support in the classroom. Nicole Plowman will be our administration assistant three days per week whilst the position is advertised. We will seek a replacement Allied Health Assistant with Sharnie's departure.

Sarah Williams has resumed one day per week as a Physiotherapist. Next term she will be with us two days per week. Anna Kennedy, (Physiotherapist) continues in her role on a Thursday.

We welcome newly appointed fixed-term ES staff Dezi Spathas and Veronica Pulis. We also welcome teacher Jessie Zerst who will commence with us in a fortnight. She will mainly co-teach in the Later Years area of the school.

Regards,
Suzanne Armtsrong - Principal

ALLIED HEALTH



Allied Health have had a busy start back to Term 2! There has been some changes to the therapy team this term. We are lucky to have Sarah (Physiotherapist) come back from Parental leave earlier than expected. Sarah will be working Monday's – Welcome back Sarah!

Sadly some other changes to the therapy team include Sharnie (Allied Health Assistant) who will be finishing up on Friday 7th May as she takes on a new venture. We wish her the very best.



We look forward to a great term ahead with lots of exciting things to come.

The Allied Health Team



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

There has been a number of changes to Respectful Relationships (RRR) in the past few months. One of the biggest changes to Respectful Relationships is that age-appropriate teaching of consent is now mandatory in schools from Foundation to Year 12.

I will continue to work closely with the Barwon Respectful Relationships team as RRR is embedded into our school culture as part of the "Hamlyn Views Way". Staff are continuing to work through what the Hamlyn Views Way is, and what it looks like, for all members of our community.

Elise Mascarin – RRR Lead School Coordinator

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.

