

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 | 26th March, 2021

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School Council President – Jess Harriott

KEY DATES

- **Friday 26th March**
School Earth Hour 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- **Information Sessions 29th March**
Later Years-9:15 Early Years-2:15
- **1st April** Middle Years – 9:15
- **Thursday 1st April - Easter Fun**
Last Day of Term 1 - 2:30 Finish
- **Monday 19th April**
First Day of Term 2
- **Monday 26th April** 
School Photos
- **Thursday 29th April – 9:15am**
Cuppa & Chat with Chaplain
- **May 23rd - 29th - Education Week**
- **Monday 14th June**
Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- **Friday 22nd – 24th June**
Life Education Van
- **Friday 25th June**
Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30 Finish
- **Monday 12th July**
First Day of Term 3
- **Friday 17th September**
Last day of Term 3 - 2:30 Finish
- **Monday 4th October**
First Day of Term 4
- **Wednesday 20th October**
Geelong Cup Public Holiday
- **Friday 17th December**
Last Day of Term 4



Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinic

On Thursday the 4th of March, Middle Years and Later Years students had the opportunity to participate in a Melbourne Victory soccer clinic. Our coach for the session, Aiden, set up fun games and activities where students practised skills of dribbling, kicking, and working together in a team. The students loved the experience, and were lucky enough to receive some Melbourne Victory merchandise at the end of the session.



Principal Message

We are approaching the end of a busy first term. Everyone is looking forward to the holiday break that includes Easter.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

Families will receive their child's IEP by the end of the term via Seesaw. Staff have finalised these following Student Support Group meetings held in February. They provide a concise plan of the specific goals staff will be focusing on and I look forward to seeing the progress students make.

Attendance

I want to thank families who promptly alert us when students are away and provide the reason. This supports us to meet our obligations with DET and ensure students are attending school regularly. Any unexplained absences will be followed up with parents/carers.

A reminder that our school gate closes at 9:10am and late arrivals must enter through the office. As our school has grown in size we are finding it more challenging to have staff able to respond quickly for students who arrive at later times so we ask that on some occasions patience may be required.

Term One Information Sessions

Next week each area of the school – Early, Middle and Later Years will have an Information Session that will hopefully give you more details and insight about curriculum programs and initiatives happening this year. Please contact your class teacher for more details about these sessions as needed.



Annual Improvement Plan 2021

Our school improvement goals for the year include a DET Priority with 3 areas as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. They are;

1. **Learning, catch-up and extension** (Tutor Learning Initiative)
2. **Happy, active and healthy kids** (Positive mental health and wellbeing)
3. **Connected schools** (Community engagement).

Our other focus areas are;

4. **Building practice excellence** (Using data to inform strategies that improve behaviour)
5. **Empowering students and building school pride** (Embedding the 3 tiers of the SWPBS Framework)
6. **Setting expectations and promoting inclusion** (Building staff capacity to incorporate universal design principles)

Staffing Matters

Congratulations to the following Education Support (ES) Staff on their recent ongoing appointments - Sheridan Ball and Larissa Young. Fiona Foitzik has also been appointed fixed-term for the rest of the year. We have advertised for two additional Education Support Staff and a Graduate Teacher. These positions should be finalised early term two. We will have a number of changes to our Education Support roles in term 2 due to changes of time-fraction, contracts ending, resignation, university studies, mixed schedule responsibilities and new requirements for managing Medical Intervention ES. Michele Marcu will provide an update next week.

Disability Inclusion Initiative-Education for All

The State Government is initiating a new approach to ensure every student of every ability thrives at school and life. The \$1.6 billion investment over 4 years aims to make inclusive education part of everyday practice in all schools and classrooms, and improve the achievement, participation and wellbeing outcomes for students with a disability. Key elements include;

- A new Disability Inclusion Profile (5 year rollout to replace the Program for Students with a Disability with a strengths based approach).
- A new 3 tiered funding model (5 year rollout to provide additional investment to schools)
- Investment in building skills and knowledge in inclusive education (all schools statewide from mid-2021)
- Investment in implementation and disability support roles in regions (significantly increased regionally based support roles).

This should be a positive advance for how schools welcome and include students with a disability and we are fortunate that the Barwon area is one of 3 regions in the state commencing the rollout in the middle of 2021. Specialist schools expect to have a key role in supporting the rollout.

Swimming update

Come and Watch Day

We will be holding a 'Come and Watch' day for families to come and watch students participating in their swimming program in term two. For Middle Years and Later Years students, they will be held in Week 5 of term 2.

Early years and Foundation students, they will be held in week 10 of term 2.

Reminders will be sent with specific dates where you can come and watch. If you would like to volunteer in the meantime, please let me know. If you haven't completed an OHS induction, please contact Steph in the office to arrange an time.

Thanks – Marty

Cuppa & Chat with Chaplain

Paul Tyson our new Chaplain is keen to meet with community members so a Parent/Carer Forum will be held on Thursday 29th April @ 9:15am. At this Forum he will explain in more detail the role of a Chaplain in a school. A flyer with an invite will be sent home after the holidays. Permission notes for Chaplaincy services for your child have been sent out. Please return as soon as possible if you wish your child to be part of this program.

Finally, wishing you all a very happy and safe school holiday break. Thank-you for your support to your child and our staff during the term and we will see you back refreshed and ready for an exciting and productive term two.

Regards,

Suzanne Armtstrong - Principal

Information Session

Next term

Parents and Carers, We are holding onsite information session's on the last week of term one. This will be an opportunity to share our plans for the upcoming term and year, answer any questions that you may have and generally just have a chance to catch up – now that continued Covid-free times allow us to do so. We will hold these sessions in sub-school groups to avoid large gatherings, with a member of the school leadership team and the Learning Community leader from your child's year level.

Times:

- Later Years 9:15 am Monday 29th March
- Early Years 2:15 pm Monday 29th March
- Middle Years 9:15 am Thursday 1st of April

If you intend on joining us for your child's Information Session, please RSVP to your child's teacher or call the office.

School Council Update

At the March meetings our 2021 School Council membership was confirmed and office bearers elected. Congratulations to new members Elise Mascarin and Sharlene Gillick. Special thanks to Michele Marcu for her contribution over the last three years. Welcome to the following people who will form this year's Council.

- Jess Harriott – Parent Rep. | President
- Ingrid Jennings – Parent Rep. | Vice-President
- Diana Duffy - Parent Rep. | Treasurer
- Suzanne Armstrong – Principal | Executive Officer
- Elise Mascarin – DET Rep.
- Neil Lynch – Co-opted Community Member
- Sharlene Gillick – Co-opted Community Member

Agenda items included:

- 2021 Annual Implementation Plan endorsed
- Risk Management for the School Crossing
- No changes to Covid-19 Plans
- New Shared Information Protocols being introduced to support wellbeing and safety of students. Full day training attended by Michele. Suzanne to also attend training.
- Storage of therapy equipment an issue of concern. Options to be explored.
- Lack of shade in pick-up area at school. Two grant applications in 2020 unsuccessful.
- Noise level of music to be adjusted near pick-up area.
- Request to COGG for speed signage in parking area next to Hamlyn Reserve oval.
- New DET Disability Inclusion Initiative

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

In SWPBS news this term, our teaching team have been working on behavioural data to identify areas of need and develop interventions to support our students to be successful. We're all very pleased that students have had an amazing start to 2021 and are working hard to demonstrate our values of Keeping Safe, Showing Respect and Being a Learner. Keep your eye out for Seesaw posts of your child filling their incentive chart with Monty Money and choosing reward options like lunch with a friend, extra PE with Marty or something from the Monty Shop.

