

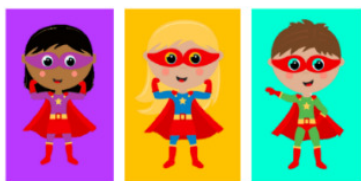
Our mission is to create a safe, respectful evidence-based learning environment where a diversity of student learners feel: Valued, actively engaged, challenged and supported to achieve success and maximum independence post-school.



HAMLYN VIEWS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 31st May 2021

KEY DATES

- **Term 2 Swimming**
Foundation & EY from Week 6
- **May 27th – June 3rd**
Reconciliation Week
- **Monday 14th June**
Queens Birthday - Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 16th June**
Student Leaders Badge
Presentation – 10:15AM (TBC)
- **Monday 21st June**
Learning Conversations – SSG's
- **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

Principal – Suzanne Armstrong

GRIP Student Leadership Conference



On Wednesday 26th of May, our student leaders Maddison Darmanin and Zulfiqar Zaman attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference with secondary school students from all across the state.

They learnt about how to be a good leader, how to make change happen effectively and how to encourage other people to be good leaders.

They've come back to school with some great ideas about how to have an impact at school and can't wait to share them with the rest of the Student Leadership Group and Green Team members. We'll done to both of them.

Thanks to Warren and Margaret for accompanying them both at the Conference.

Mother's Day



Massive thank you to parents and carers who were able to come in and spend some time with their children for Mother's Day on Monday the 10th of May, it was wonderful to see you back in classrooms and enjoying a special activity with your child.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Victoria's Lockdown Restrictions



Dear parents and carers,

Once again we are responding to a Circuit Breaker Lockdown in Victoria that will interrupt onsite learning.

We will provide Remote and Flexible Learning for students and I encourage you if you have any questions about your child's learning tasks to contact their child.

Requests for eligible students to be supervised on onsite, as per published guidelines, can be made directly to Assistant Principal Michele Marcu via her email: michele.marcu@education.vic.gov.au We will endeavour to keep you up to date if any new developments occur.

Communication Matters

We are currently reviewing our Electronic Communication Policy and Protocol to ensure what it includes is both reasonable

and adhered too. This includes investigating other avenues to provide regular information to families such as via the COMPASS Management System. A revised draft will be shared shortly.

Any variation in bus travel arrangements should go through the school office and not teacher SeeSaw accounts. If staff are away, these important messages can be missed. Thanks for your support with this.

Attendance Matters



Whilst students are undertaking Remote and Flexible Learning schools are required to continue to mark the roll and record student's attendance. The best way to do this is to respond to your child's teacher each day via SeeSaw.

Creative Arts Grant

We are delighted to have been successful in obtaining the services of Marcia Ferguson who will work as a Creative Arts educator at our school as part of a six-month residency. This program is being delivered by Regional Arts Victoria in partnership

with the Department of Education and Training and Creative Victoria through the support of the Victorian Government's Working for Victoria initiative. Marcia will be working mainly with students in the Middle and Later Years and we are looking forward to seeing the creative project that will be developed.

Child Safety



We will be introducing a **Record Sheet** at Pick-Up times for the names of student carers who collect them. New carers will still need to present their ID at the office prior to collecting a student. Many thanks to families who consistently notify the office of any changes of arrangement and direct new carers to the office prior to collecting their child.

Hoping you remain all safe and well,

Regards,

Suzanne Armtsrong - Principal

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 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 Biggest Afternoon Tea



Our Later Years students supported our Biggest Afternoon Tea Cancer fundraising activity on Monday 24th May. They proudly wore their new Monty's Cafe uniform. Thank-you to everyone who came along and supported the event, helping to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Data Wise



In the last fortnight, Suzanne Armstrong, Michele Marcu and Natasha McAuliffe have received their participation certificates for completing a 10 week 'Data Wise' program online from Harvard University, USA.

We have now begun to introduce the key elements of the Data Wise process to all staff as we endeavour to build our capacity as a school team to focus on whole school improvement in an even more effective and efficient way.

School Council Update

At the last School Council a Public Meeting was held to formally present our 2020 Annual Report. It is now on our website to access or a hard copy can be obtained via the school office.

At the General Meeting topics for discussion included;

- Review and update of Child Safe Risk Assessment and Action Plan
- PPP - Future change of School Facilities Officer, Allied Health equipment storage options, pool hire and gym hire requests.
- OH&S Covid-19 Safety Management Plan Updated.
- Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up arrangements and access to the gym by parents and carers. Reported that the students are more settled with less adults and noise in the gym space. A record sheet for student carers at Pick-Up time to be considered.
- Electronic Communication Policy and Protocol reviewed.
- Olympics themed fundraiser event – Friday 30th July.
- Review of School Council configuration, Code of Practice and Standing Orders.



New Faces at Hamlyn Views School

Rachel D'Cruz



Hi my name is Rachel D'Cruz and I have started teaching in Early Years at Hamlyn Views School this year.

I have spent the past two years studying a Master of Teaching (Primary) course at Deakin. You may have seen me around Hamlyn Views over the last year or so, I completed a teaching placement in Early Years and have been fortunate enough to work as casual Education Support in classrooms across the school whilst studying allowing me to develop my ability to support students working towards their goals.

Prior to starting at Hamlyn Views I worked for 7 years as an Occupational Therapist supporting children and families in a range of settings and am excited to use these experiences in my work within the classroom.

In my spare time I love being active especially running, travelling, cooking, and cheering on the mighty Cats.

I am feeling very lucky to be a part of the amazing Hamlyn Views community in 2021!

Marcia Ferguson



Marcia is an interdisciplinary artist and curator who creates performances and visual artworks in partnership with communities, artists and organisations. She initially trained as a teacher and has maintained her love of working with kids throughout her 40 year practice.

Her work includes: Artistic Associate at Back to Back Theatre 2000-12; Artistic Director of Big West Festival 2012-16; Cultural Producer for City of Kingston 2017-19; Creative Producer for City of Brimbank Land MARKS public art program 2020-21.

Marcia was awarded the Mars Gallery prize for her program of works in Moreland, and was shortlisted for the Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence at RMIT for her Master of Art in Public Space, RMIT 2018.

<https://www.marciaferguson.com.au/work>

Jessie Zerbst



Hello Families! My name is Jessie Zerbst and I am a new teacher here at Hamlyn Views School.

My background includes working in a variety of settings with young people, such as; teaching at other specialist schools, working in early intervention and working in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy walking my dog at the beach, spending time with my nieces, painting and making jewellery.

I am so excited to get to know you all, so please say hello if you see me around. 😊

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

