

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 | 29th April 2022

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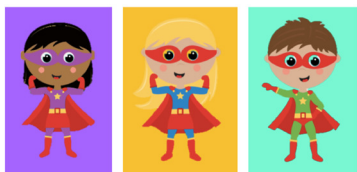
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Principal – Suzanne Armstrong

School Council President – Ingrid Jennings

2022 KEY DATES

- **Tuesday 26th April 2022**
First day of Term 2
- **Tuesday 3rd May 2022**
World Asthma Day
- **Sunday 8th May 2022**
Mother's Day
- **Tuesday 10th May 2022**
DIP Information Session 2:00pm
- **Thursday 12th May 2022**
Parent Cuppa with Jessie and Paul
9:15am @ Soft Cafe
- **Monday 16th May 2022**
Educational Support Personnel (ES) Day
- **Wednesday 18th May 2022**
National Speech Pathologist Day
- **Monday 23rd May 2022**
Open Classrooms 9:30 – 10:30am
Biggest Morning Tea 10:00 – 10:30am
- **Tuesday 24th May 2022**
Prospective Parent Info. Night 5:00pm
- **Friday 27th May 2022**
National Reconciliation Week
- **Friday 10th June 2022**
Common Professional Practice Day
- **Monday 13th June 2022**
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 14th June 2022**
Staff Curriculum Day
- **Wednesday 22nd June 2022**
Learning Conversation's Day (SSG's)



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



Principal News

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to term two. A short week following the Anzac Day Public Holiday on Monday has been a good way to start the term as students settle back into their routines.

Some Staff Changes

On the last day of term one, we farewelled Lee Halligan (Education Support) due to retirement and moving interstate to be closer to family members. This Friday our Speech Therapist Alice Stubbings will be commencing Parental Leave and we wish her all the very best as she awaits the arrival of her first child.

This term we have welcomed new teacher Sarah Dorney (Early Primary Blue) and Education Support Staff Angie Prime (Foundation Green), Leslie Fry (Early Years Orange) and Zola Lawry (Speech Therapist). We have also appointed Marty Duffy and Olivia Couch in a shared Acting Leading Teacher (Student Engagement) role. Jacqui Chalmers will now be the Secondary PLC Leader with the change to Olivia's role. As a result also, Sharon Miguel will teach Physical Education

(Tuesday and Wednesday), with her class taught on these days by Lia Van Arkadie. Lia will also teach Olivia's class on Wednesday and Thursday.

Our school continues to advertise for additional staff and we currently have a Parental Leave Teacher and Speech Pathology position advertised on DET's Recruitment Online. Please spread the word.

Common Professional Practice Day

For Term 2, 2022, the Department of Education and Training (DET) has provided schools with the option to hold each teacher's allocated Professional Practice Day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day. As a result, we have scheduled our Professional Practice Day for **Friday 10th June, 2022. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day.**

Curriculum Day Reminder

Our next Curriculum Day will be held on **Tuesday 14th June**. The focus of staff professional learning will be Wellbeing aligned with our Annual Implementation Plan priorities in this area. **This is a Student Free day.** Our Final Curriculum Day this year for Assessment and Reporting will be Wednesday 30th November.

Learning conversations (SSG's) Reminder

Our term two SSG meetings will be held in week 9 on **Wednesday 22nd June**.



Parents/carers and students are invited to attend school for their scheduled SSG appointment where student's Individual Education Plan goals will be discussed and reviewed, information shared, and successes celebrated. It will also be an opportunity to visit the learning environment and showcase student work.

Regular class programs do not operate on this day and student attendance is only during the SSG meeting time with families.

Student Attendance

Regular school attendance is important in supporting student learning progress and achievement. We appreciate parent/carer support in notifying us via SeeSaw, phone call or email to provide an explanation when their child is absent.

An SMS message will be sent at 11:00am on the day if the school has not been informed about a student's absence. Letters will also be sent home periodically where absences are unexplained. Please note, where families are taking an extended holiday then the school should be informed so an Absence Learning Plan created to support the provision of appropriate learning activities the student can do whilst they are away.

Student Medication

Student safety is paramount, and

we remind all parents/guardians that **no medication is to be brought to school in a student's bag.**

All medication must be given to our school nurse in its original package, with the student's name clearly marked and a pharmacy label.

A Medication Authority Form must be signed by the parent/guardian and treating doctor or nurse.

If you have any questions regarding medication administration at school, please contact our nurse; Leanne Treloar.

Family Engagement

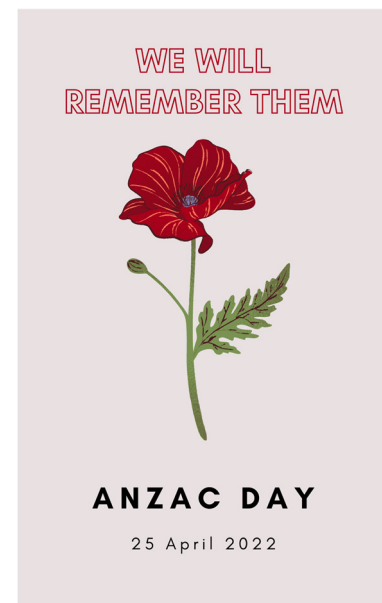
There will be several Family Engagement opportunities this term now that many Covid-19 restrictions have been removed for schools. We hope to see a lot of family and friends participating where possible. Please see diary dates and flyers contained in the newsletter for more details. Further updates will be sent via SeeSaw or future newsletters. If you are ever not sure of specific details in relation to any school event, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our friendly office staff.

Regards,

Suzanne Armstrong

Suzanne Armstrong
Principal

ANZAC DAY



***"They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in
the morning
We will remember them."***

This year, with Anzac Day prior to the start of term, all classes undertook a range of activities this week to learn more about the special meaning of the day. Here are our school captains Maddison Hunter and Jaunty Soe with the school's wreath – ***Lest We Forget***



Music Therapist



Hi families.

My name is Bingyao, and I am the music therapist at Hamlyn Views School. I have primarily worked with children with various disabilities, often visiting them at home and developing home-based music strategies.

At Hamlyn Views School I visit classrooms and have group sessions with the students. The music therapy program provides an outlet for a child's emotional expression, enhances self-confidence, improves social skills and communication through active music-making, receptive listening, and movement. I also have a band with our senior secondary students, where we jam to favorite music and sing our hearts out.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about music therapy or would like some ideas on how to use music therapeutically at home.

Bingyao Liu

Music Therapist



Changes to COVID Restrictions



- Face masks are no longer required but can be worn if chosen to do so.
- Staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 must follow 7-day isolation period requirements.
- Household contacts are not required to quarantine. If they return to school, they must notify the school, RAT test each school day and wear a mask indoors (if over 8 years old and without an exemption).
- Vaccination evidence for visitors not performing work, is no longer required.
- RAT screening will continue for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. For our school, it is recommended to test 5 days a week.
- Vaccinations and boosters remain the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.
- Maintaining good hand hygiene, social distance and STAY HOME if you or your child are unwell.
- At Hamlyn Views School we will continue to temperature check students each morning for at least the first four weeks of term two.

Disability Inclusion Profiles Information Session

On **Tuesday 10th May at 2:00pm** we will be running a Parent/Carer information session about **Disability Inclusion Profiles**.

The [Disability Inclusion Profile](#) is a new tool and process to help schools and families identify the strengths, needs and educational adjustments schools can make for the individual student. The profile and surrounding process will progressively replace the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) application processes.

If you would like to come along to this session at the school to learn more about Disability Inclusion Profiles, please contact the office by Monday 9th May to confirm.

East Raffle Winners



Our 2022 Easter Raffle was drawn on Thursday 7th of April at 2pm by our Assistant Principal, Warren Dawson. The raffle raised \$568 which will go towards fundraising for Hamlyn Views School.

Congratulations to the lucky winners:
Hamper #1: Jono Tulio & Family
Hamper #2: Thomas Wauchope & Family

Education Week 2022



This year, Education Week runs from 22–28 May. The theme, '150 Years of Public Education' commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria.

Education Week is an opportunity for our school to highlight our education journey.

This year, Hamlyn Views School is **5** years old. Since we opened, we have grown to over 100 students, and built quality learning provision for the students in our care. We are proud of what we have achieved in a short time and look forward with optimism to the future.

Hamlyn Views School will be celebrating Education Week by hosting Open Classrooms, and a Prospective Parent Information Night.

Use the hashtag #EdWeekVic to get involved on social media.

For more information and to access the calendar of free activities, visit Education Week 2022.

Coffee & Convo



April School Council Update

At the Extra-ordinary School Council meeting held on Wednesday the following matters were tabled.

- 2021 Hamlyn Views School Annual Report endorsed
- New Community Member Julie Morphett endorsed
- Common Professional Practice Day on Friday 10th June endorsed.

Please note, a Public Meeting to share the 2021 School Annual Report will now be held at a date to be confirmed once the Report has been quality assured and endorsed by DET.

Child Safety

As a Child Safe school, we conduct yearly audits of our practices including induction of staff and volunteers, procedures around the school and staff training on how to identify child safety issues.

With our student cohort being particularly vulnerable, we pride

ourselves on a having a high standard of expectation around Child Safe Standards and have a zero tolerance to any form of child abuse.

If you have any feedback regarding child safety issues, please contact Suzanne or Warren for follow up.



RAT Survey

Important feedback on the rapid antigen testing (RAT) program is being sought from our school community through a short survey that has been developed by the Department of Health.

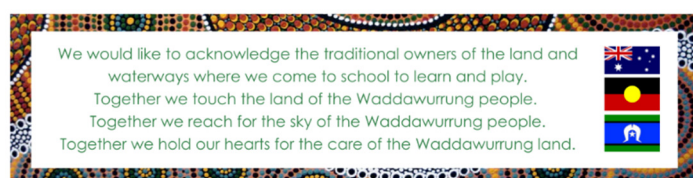
RATs are helping students and staff to safely attend school by ensuring positive cases are identified as quickly as possible. All RATs ordered by the Victorian government for schools are effective in detecting coronavirus (COVID-19) variants, including Omicron.

To help evaluate the roll-out of the program to schools in Term 2 and ensure that staff and students have the required support, a short survey is being sent to parents at a sample of Victorian schools.

Our school has been selected to complete the survey from Monday 2 May 2022. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. Our school will not have access to your individual data or responses. The link to the survey is here:

- <https://bit.ly/3731Lcs>

You are asked to complete the survey by 9.00am Monday 9 May 2022.



SCHOOL TOUR
INCLUDED!

HAMLYN VIEWS
SCHOOL



RSVP BY
FRIDAY 20TH
MAY 2022

PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE FAMILIES

5PM TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2022

PROVIDING SPECIALIST EDUCATION FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A
MODERATE TO PROFOUND INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITY.



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Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

- ⊗ **Threats**
- ⊗ **Violence**
- ⊗ **Rudeness**
- ⊗ **Harassment**
- ⊗ **Discriminatory and derogatory comments**
- ⊗ **Aggression**
- ⊗ **Intimidation**
- ⊗ **Threatening gestures**

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.