To The School Community,

We have an exciting last 2.5 weeks leading into the end of the term. I am looking forward to seeing the year 5/6 students participate in the Night at the Museum event which is a culminating activity for their Australian History inspired unit of work this term.

As a school we are currently guided by the Australian Curriculum that highlights the areas, like Australian History, Science and Health that students need to learn about. At our school we use a tool called Mappen that supports teachers in ensuring we cover these topics/areas highlighted in the Australian Curriculum. You can go to http://getmappen.com/info/ to find out more about how it works. My observations and discussions with teachers and students have shown the benefits of using Mappen as it maximises the accountability for our school and guarantees that we cover the required areas. You will read references to the inquiry/integrated units the students have studied this semester in their reports.

We will not have an Assembly this week as Friday is a Curriculum Day – Prep C will present their learning at the next assembly, where we will also present attendance awards for the term and semester. All students should be congratulated on their positive approach to behaviour at our school. They will have an opportunity to redeem awards for their effort during the last fortnight of school. I look forward to acknowledging their positive behaviour at assembly.

2016 is a School Concert year for Hamlyn Banks PS. Mrs O’Halloran and the concert team are supporting the classes in preparing their items that link to our whole school focus of writing. I look forward to seeing the concert develop in the coming weeks leading into the event during September.

You may have noticed that we have some new additions to our school community – the chickens - I am looking for families who would like to contribute to the management and support of the chicken program at our school. We will be able to provide training to those who wish to contribute to engaging the students in caring for the chooks. I would like to thank Levi Bunworth and his family for their kind donation of the chickens and Steve, our handyman, for finalizing the construction of the chicken coup.

Enjoy the rest of the week. No assembly this week!

Daniel Vella
Prep C and Eric Carle Author Study

In Prep C, we have been using the books of Eric Carle as Mentor Texts to teach us about reading and writing. We love Eric Carle books because of their beautiful colourful illustrations and the animals that he likes to write about. Last week we investigated the book 'The Mixed-up Chameleon,' and used the story to inspire some writing. We thought about a characteristic that we love about ourselves and compared it to an animal. Here are some of our creative and clever writing pieces...


Grade 6/5 News

5/6 Museums in Motion Night

Only 1 week until the 5/6 Museums in Motion night. All families are invited to come & see the fantastic work the students have been doing & meet an Australian Pioneer.

When: 2:30pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 15th June

Where – 5/6 Rooms

Parents – Please ask your children if they need any help with finalising their costumes & exhibits.

Western Heights Public Speaking Competition

On Friday 6 students from Grade 5/6 went & competed in a public speaking competition at Western Heights College. We spent weeks preparing with Mrs Sirotich, the organiser of the competition. Our topic was ‘How I could change Australia’. We then had to choose a topic within that. Each student spoke for 4-5 minutes to a crowd of about 70 people. At the end of the competition the judges presented the winner a trophy. I was lucky enough to come 2nd out of 36 students, just missing out on first by 1 point!. We had an awesome day & all of our hard work paid off.
School Canteen

The school canteen will be available for lunch orders Wednesday & Fridays. Over counter sales will be available these days as well. Menus have gone home and are also available either on the School Web page or outside the canteen. Could all parents please write lunch orders on a brown paper bag.

School Disco

There will be a School Disco in the Multi-Purpose Room on Tuesday June 21.

Prep to 2 students: 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Years 3 to 6 students: 6:15 to 7:15pm

The cost of the disco will be $2 which will include a glow stick and an icy-pole. Please check next week’s newsletter for more information.

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How to discover and encourage your child’s natural talents

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... A SESSION FOR PARENTS

Date: Thursday, 4 August 2016
Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Location: Western Heights College, Vines Rd, Hamlyn Heights (RED Building 3)
Car Parking: off Centre St, Hamlyn Heights
Cost: $35 (including GST)
To register: https://www.trybooking.com/203187

STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep C: Matilda L
For always trying her best & being a kind & caring classmate.

Prep F: Cienna W
For being an interested learner and for being a great helper! Well done Cienna!

Prep U: Sienna M
For consistently presenting her class work to a high standard. Well done Sienna!

Grade 1D: Timmy H
For his amazing understanding and work with compound words.

Grade 1H: Matilda W
For always taking care and pride in her work.

Grade 1W: Kaydee B
For sharing her love of reading with 1W!

Grade 2D: Ava M
For dazzling word choice in her fictional story.

Grade 2H: Nathan L
For his great work during writer’s notebook. Good work!

Grade 2L: Jarryd A
For his fantastic work to understand 1/2 past 1/4 past and 1/4 to times.

Grade 43J: Jake S
For great work in making arrays in Maths. Well done!

Grade 43P: Anabelle G
For being a helpful friend to anyone in need.

Grade 43S: Charli M
For the enthusiastic way she approaches Mathematics every day. What a Mathematician you are Charli!

Grade 43T: Bailey R
For taking pride in his big book he created for 1H.

Grade 65D: Emily H
For working hard to prepare for her Night at the Museum presentation.

Grade 65H: Anahera S
For her extra work in understanding and mastering fractions.

Grade 65S: Lauren R
For working hard in class to prepare her Night at the Museum presentation.

Grade 65U: Kayith D
For his awesome skills and team work at Soccer Lightning Prem.

Sports Star: Patrick M
For his outstanding performance at the AFL Lightning Premiership, 2 goals! You superstar!

Art Star: Alana V
For an outstanding artwork that celebrates lots of patterns and colour. Great job Alana.
This past week in OSHC…

... I have found that children have formed strong friendships within the OSHC family, both in Before and After school care. They are encouraged to invite children who are playing on their own to join them and to allow children to participate in group activities and to have a choice about what they would like to do. This week they will have the opportunity to participate in team building activities.

The children, who attend, understand and follow the rules and routines that have been put in place; these were decided on after getting their input. Recently we have looked again at the use of electronic media in OSHC, we know that they have a place in the children’s lives and also know that they need to be strictly monitored. We are asking for parent input into our current use of computers, music and video during before and after school care. We would like it if parents could take the time to complete a quick survey that will be kept near the sign in/out book. Your feedback will be taken into account and incorporated into our service.

While the children enjoy and seek out active games, we also encourage them to join in other forms of leisure and learning activities. Table or card games give children the chance to use problem solving and strategy skills. Games such as Guess Who, Chess and Uno are played and enjoyed by staff and children alike.

Parents please note that due to the school’s pupil free day and the Queen’s Birthday long weekend. OSHC will not be operating on Friday the 10th and Monday the 13th of June. We will be open again for before school and after school care on Tuesday 14th of June.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your week.

Sharon and Melody

New Entertainment Books are now at the school office for $60 come and get yours now.