A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would know from media reports over the past few weeks some members of the Australian Defence Force are now involved in military operations in the Middle East. Schools within the Holsworthy Community of Schools, including ours are uniquely placed in this situation with some of our families being affected by deployment. For any of our families that are directly involved, I wish them all the very best during this time. Further to this, you would also be aware that the National Terrorism Public Alert Level was raised from medium to high. In response, schools have been asked by the Department of Education and Communities to implement a number of practical steps to ensure a safe living and working environment for staff and students. At Hammondville, these steps will include:

- Closing of all gates between 9:30am and 2:30pm
- Ensuring all visitors to the school report to the office and sign in through the appropriate process
- Visitors wearing an authorised visitor ID while on the school grounds
- Politely asking anyone who is on the school grounds and not displaying a visitor ID to identify themselves and direct them to the office
- Familiarisation of emergency response procedures for students and staff through evacuation and lock down or lockout drills.

Congratulations

On a brighter note, as always, we have some students who are excelling in extra-curricular activities. I would like to congratulate both Georgia Stig and Lauren Setter from Year 6 on their outstanding achievements in the performing arts. Lauren has been selected to be part of the Southern Stars Dance Ensemble that will be performing at the Schools Spectacular. Georgia will also be performing at the Schools Spectacular as part of the NSW Public Schools Dance Ensemble, additionally Georgia will be performing with the Australian Ballet in their production of La Bayadere during November.

School Planning and Evaluation

Last week, a note was sent home asking for parents to update the email details the school has on file. The reason for this is that as part of the process for developing a new three-year school plan, we will be conducting some surveys that can be completed online and require email addresses to send the survey link directly to you. If you could please return the slip with the updated details by this Friday, 17th October it would be greatly appreciated as we would like to distribute the survey during Week 3.

Grandparents Day

Our more Senior family members and friends provide a valuable link between generations. Hammondville Public School is taking the opportunity to celebrate these dearly loved and valued family members by hosting a Grandparents and Grand Friends Day. This event provides an opportunity for our students to share part of their schooling life with their Grandparents or Grand Friends. Our “special guests” are invited to a special K-6 assembly, followed by an opportunity to share a story with their grandchild or grandchildren culminating in a morning tea.
Further details are printed in the invitation included in this newsletter.

Our students and staff very much look forward to this special event.

**P&C Meeting**

There will be a P&C Meeting in the library tonight starting at 7:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Have an enjoyable week.

*Ken Smith*
*Principal*

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**SPORT**

**State Softball Carnival**

Congratulations Quinn Johnson for representing the region at the NSW State Softball Carnival, at Lismore. The Sydney South-West team was undefeated throughout the tournament and played Sydney West in the grand final, winning the match and being named as state champions. Well done, Quinn! Also, congratulations on hitting a home run!

SSW 10 defeated Sydney North 5
SSW 14 defeated North West 1
SSW 15 defeated Hunter 0
SSW 2 defeated Sydney West 1
SSW 3 defeated Sydney East 2
SSW 6 defeated Hunter 2
SSW 20 defeated Riverina 3
SSW 3 defeated MacKillop 2

*Mr Hughes*

**PSSA This Week**

**Girls Softball** – Hillier Oval

**Cricket** – Phillips Park

**OzTag** – Woodward Park

**Summer PSSA**

**Oztag A: Round 6**

**Junior A Results**

2-0 win against Dalmeny B
Tryscorers: Isaac Briggs and Mason Allen
4-0 win against Chipping Norton B
Tryscorers: Isaac Briggs x2, Daniel Rasera and Jayden Shields

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Highlights: Great tagging by Laura Gomes, awesome runs by Daniel and Jack McIlvenny and a whole set of tagging by Mason Allen.

Senior A Results

6-2 win against Dalmeny B
Tryscorers: Flynn Taylor x3, Nicolas Stamoulis x2 and Anthony Panetta

2-1 win against Chipping Norton B
Tryscorers: Flynn Taylor x2

Highlights: A great game by Nicolas on the wing, an excellent short kicking game by Joshua Breen to set up a try and gain another set of six and great swivelling of the hips by Flynn.

Mr Hughes

Week 1 OzTag Report

Hammondville B v Dalmeny A (Juniors) 5-0 Loss

Hammondville B Juniors took a little while to play as well as they did in Term 1 earlier this year.

Hammondville B v Dalmeny A (Seniors) 1-1 Draw

Hammondville B Seniors played extremely well in this game, considering they’d had such a long break. To draw 1-1 with Dalmeny A was an excellent effort.

Hammondville B v Dalmeny C (Juniors) 3-2 Win

Hammondville B Juniors got their rhythm back in their second game, running out 3-2 winners against Dalmeny C. This week’s captain was James Aldridge and player of the round was Bailey Minnet.

Hammondville B v Dalmeny C (Seniors) 4-4 Draw

Hammondville B Seniors played Dalmeny C in a closer encounter. Their second game was not quite as good as their first. This game against Dalmeny C ended in a high scoring 4-4 draw. This week’s captain has Hayden Acland and player of the round was Jaxon Russo.

Mr Sillett

PSSA CRICKET

Junior Cricket
Last Friday, the junior cricket team played Casula at South Park. Our junior team played really well with contributions from all our players and we won the match 121 to 108. What was pleasing was the excellent attitude all our players took into the game, expressing outstanding sportsmanship. Well done, boys!

Senior Cricket

Last Friday, the senior cricket team also played Casula at South Park. In an extremely close match, our senior team defeated Casula 65 to 64. Our bowling and fielding was excellent. Joey delayed his departure for a wedding to bowl the last over which resulted in Hammondville winning the match. We hope he got to the wedding on time! Our senior team demonstrated strong team support and sportsmanship and were a credit to our school.

This week, the cricket teams play Sackville Street PS at Phillips Park.

Mr Mclnney

GENERAL INFO

Asthma Information

Summer is fast approaching and with it comes bush fire season. As many members of the community may recall, in recent years our school has been prone to the smoke created by these bush fires. This has had an adverse effect on some of our students who have asthma. Could all parents who have children diagnosed by a doctor with asthma, please ensure their asthma plan is up-to-date and a copy forwarded to the school.

Thank you for assisting the school in this important matter.

Mr Mclnney

Kindergarten Orientation 2015

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If you have a child or know someone who has a child starting Kindergarten in 2015, please see our office ladies for an enrolment form.

Rebekah Murray

Congratulations to Georgia Stig

Georgia has been successful from an audition process to play a children’s role in the upcoming Sydney production of La Bayadere to be held at the Sydney Opera House in November with the Australian Ballet Company.
Two casts of children were chosen, four girls and two boys for each cast. Approximately 60 children auditioned from the Australian Ballet School Interstate Training program where Georgia currently trains in Melbourne.

We wish Georgia all the best in her role in La Bayadere.

Lost Property

The lost property is overflowing. Please check for anything that your child may be missing. Most of the items have no names, so we cannot send them back to the classrooms. It would be a great help to the canteen staff and to your children, to have their full name on hats, jackets, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Your help and co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Tracey O’Hanlon & Sue Craig

Mulch

There is mulch next to the office. Please feel free to take some after checking with the office.

CANTEEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit & Chocolate Stick – $1 each

“UNIFORM SPECIALS” - available at canteen

“Old” Sport T/Shirts, size 4 only, $10 each
“Old” Sport Shorts, size 6-14, $10 each
Hours: Monday- Thursday - 9.00-11.00am

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform pool is open
Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00pm & Non Assembly Fridays 9.00-9.30am
We are located in the school hall, in the room next to the stage.
All winter uniform items are $1.00, $2.00 and $5.00 only!!

All donations of pre loved school clothes, bags, hats and shoes are welcome. (Please leave at the school office).

Please note that payment must be made when 2nd hand uniforms are purchased. No credit will be given.

Thank you.

Uniform Committee

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE KU DIFFERENCE?

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-5?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM?

KU Conjola Place Preschool is a small preschool located inside the grounds of Hammondville Public School run by Australia’s largest not for profit early childhood services provider: KU Children’s Services.

We offer an educational program for children aged 3-5 years during school terms. Our early childhood teacher runs the preschool program and all staff are experienced, qualified early childhood educators. Our program caters for the strengths and interests of the children with the aim preparing children for school with a love of learning and skills for life.

We operate 4 days per week Tuesday to Friday during school terms from 8.30am to 4.00pm.
If you would like more information please contact the centre Director Michelle Berger by phone: 98251195 email: ku.conjolaplace@ku.com.au or pop in any time and say hello. You can also get more information on the KU website: www.ku.com.au
Notes From The DEC

Tricks for encouraging kids to read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPlmB9

How much water does your child really need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo

Leaving your child at home alone
At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child's safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9

Team sports - more than health benefits
As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don't go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO