A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The students have settled nicely back into school routines for Term 4 and are producing some great work in their classrooms. Some important information is below.

Student Leader Elections for 2015

The first phase of the process to elect student leaders for next year has now commenced. Year 5 students who would like to nominate to be a school leader are able to collect an application form from my office. Completed applications need to be returned by this Friday, 24th October.

Skoolbag App

It appears there could possibly be some issues with the Skoolbag app on iPhones since Apple updated their operating system from iOS 7 to iOS 8. The company that supplies our app is currently working on a new version of Skoolbag which should be ready for download in the next few weeks. If you are still using iOS 7 on your iPhone or have an android phone you should not be affected. Unfortunately, this situation is out of our control and I apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused. Wherever possible, if there is an urgent alert, we will send it out using both Skoolbag and the sms service. As always, newsletters will be sent home with students each Monday and are also available for viewing on the school website.

2014 Schools Spectacular Ticketing

Tickets for the 2014 Schools Spectacular – This is Australia are now on sale. The Schools Spectacular is an outstanding production featuring over 3,500 singers, dancers and musicians representing over 400 public schools from across the state.

The 2014 Schools Spectacular will be held at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly the Sydney Entertainment Centre) on:

Friday 28 November 2014 - 12:00pm – Schools’ preview
Friday 28 November 2014 - 7:30pm – Official opening night
Saturday 29 November 2014 - 1:00pm - Matinee
Saturday 29 November 2014 - 7:30pm – Evening performance

For ticket information and to make bookings, please visit www.schoolsspectacular.com.au or email details@schoolsspectacular.com.au.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal
SPORT

School Sport Week 3

The students have enjoyed rotating through different activities that increase fitness and confidence.

One group is based on skipping skills where students move through a range of different levelled skills from beginners to advance. There are 4 other rotations that the students move through. Next week we will look at what else school sport students get up to.

Stage 2&3
School Sport Teachers

PSSA This Week

Girls Softball - Jardine Park
Cricket - Hammondville
OzTag- Woodward Park

Summer PSSA

Oztag: Round 7

Junior A Results

7-0 win against Liverpool West
Tryscorers: Aneliese Stamouli x2, Isaac Briggs, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan and Jayden Shields
3-2 win against Sackville St
Tryscorers: Laura Gomes and Jack McIlvenny
Highlights: Great runs by Flynn, Laura, Isaac Briggs and Beau Walker, awesome tagging by Lily Austin and two try-saving tags by Mason Allen.

Senior A Results

6-2 win against Liverpool West
Tryscorers: Quinn Johnson, Irin Chardcharoen, Angelique Hudson and Cooper Hall
4-4 draw against Sackville St
Tryscorers: April Moore x2
Highlights: Great to see Luke Bray back to playing sport after a long stint on the sideline injured, the long break hasn’t slowed you down, great tagging by Xander Kilazoglou and Cooper Hall, good runs and kicks by Quinn Johnson, a try-saving tag by Anthony Panetta and the biggest highlight of all, our two tries by our champion April Moore to retrieve a draw against Sackville St. Thanks April!

Mr Hughes

OzTag Report

Hammondville B v Chipping Norton B Juniors 5-1 win (Bailey, James, Declan, Ella)

Hammondville Junior B’s played a great game against Chipping Norton B. They are learning to share responsibility across the team. This week’s captain Joshua Sutch.

Hammondville B v Chipping Norton B Seniors 2-0 win (Stan, Nathan)
The Senior B team played against Chipping Norton B and although it took a little while to get their combinations going, when they did, they played well. This week’s captain was Maya Begbie.

Hammondville B v Chipping Norton A – Juniors 5-2 win (Reece, Joshua, James, Alyssa)

Hammondville B played their second game against Chipping Norton A and they played even better than the first game. Player of the week was Maeve Johnson.

Hammondville B v Chipping Norton B – Seniors 5-1 win (Leo, Daniel, Nathan, Hayden x 2)

Hammondville B Seniors played extremely well in their second game. This was by far their best performance of the season. Hayden Acland was player of the round.

Mr Sillett

PSSA CRICKET

Junior Cricket

Last Friday, the junior cricket team played Sackville Street at Phillips Park. Our junior team played really well. Our bowlers did a great job and all our batsman contributed to our team total. In a close game, Hammondville won 129 to 119.

Well done, boys!

Senior Cricket

Last Friday, the senior cricket team also played Sackville Street at Phillips Park. In a contrasting game to last week, our senior team defeated Sackville Street 166 to 64. Although our opposition was still gasping many concepts of cricket, our team showed patience and understanding and tried to give their players an opportunity to be competitive, despite the one-sided score.

This week, the cricket teams play Holsworthy at Hammondville Oval

Mr McInney

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 McInney

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

Grandparents Day

“Blessed are those who snuggle and hug, spoil and pamper, boast and brag, for they shall be called Grandparents!”

Hammondville PS is very excited to be celebrating Grandparents/friends Day on Friday 31st October. Grandparents/friends are invited to attend our K-6 assembly in the hall, followed by shared reading with your grandchild. We will then conclude with a special morning tea outside the hall. We have a selection of good quality books left over from the “Great Book Swap” for you to choose from for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

There is also an online competition on Facebook-go to the COTA New South Wales page where 2 ipads are up for grabs! To enter all kids have to do is share their favourite memory of spending time with their Nan and Pop at their place. Grandparents can enter too, by sharing a happy memory of time spent at home with their grandkids. There is also a Norton Street Fiesta on Sunday 26 October. Stalls will celebrate Grandparents Day with stickers, balloons and a fantastic photo booth!
We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating with our beautiful grandparents/friends!

_Samantha Bruno_

**Parent Helpers Morning Tea**

There will be a Parent Helpers Morning Tea on 2nd December from 10.30 – 11.15am.

**Halloween School Disco**

Pull on your dancing shoes and come along for a great night of movin’ and groovin’ whether you are in Kindy or Year 6.

**When:** Friday 31st October, 2014  
**Time:** 5:00 – 6:00pm for student in Years K-2  
6:30 – 8:00pm for students in Years 3-6  
**Cost:** $5.00 per student includes a drink

There will be a great tasting sausage sizzle on offer while the discos are running. The BBQ will be set up outside the hall. Grab the kids a sausage on a roll for dinner before or after their disco. Cold drinks are also for sale.

A disco flyer will be coming home later in the week.

Hope to see lots of smiling faces there.

_P&C_

**Gardening Group**

On Friday, we were busy recycling, rubbish collection, looking after the chickens, guinea pigs and rabbit. It’s a busy afternoon and each student gives 100%. Thank you all my green thumbs.

_Mrs Jacobs_

**Extra, Extra,** the amazing chicken coup has arrived in Stage 1 playgroup, Bird Island. Come down and have a look. The chickens are very excited with their new home.

A big thank you to Mr Royce for assembling and Mrs Pritchard for helping secure a grant for the coup through her workplace.

_Mrs Jacobs_

**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: **Mini Hot Dogs with Sauce – $1 each**

A reminder that you CANNOT order Sunny Boys or Juices. They can only be bought at the canteen at lunchtime.

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to the Gardening Group for returning lunch baskets to the classrooms on Friday afternoons.

**“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

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Selective high schools
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Managing your child’s weight
It’s all about family when it comes to influencing children’s waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home.


Creative reading
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3