A Message From The Principal

School Survey

The school survey that was mentioned in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago will be sent by email today to all current email addresses that we have for parents or carers. The survey is being conducted by a third party and all responses are completely anonymous. The survey will be open until next Friday, 7th November and it would be greatly appreciated if all parents or carers could provide us with their opinions about the school. The information that we gain from the survey is highly valued and will assist in the development of the new three-year plan for the school. During the survey period, you may receive a few email reminders to complete the survey. For those families that do not receive an email with the survey link the survey can be accessed from the following address: https://www.research.net/s/hammondvilleparent2014

Public Speaking

Congratulations to April Moore, Jules Cross and Jesse Cross on their participation in the Ingleburn District Public Speaking Competition. Jules was the winner of the Stage 1 competition; Jesse was the winner of the Stage 2 competition and April’s speech was highly commended by the judge. Well done to all three students and thank you to Mrs Warwick for the time and effort that she has put into organising our school competition and preparing the children for the district competition.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

We are still taking enrolments for 2015. If you have not yet enrolled a child who is due to commence kindergarten next year please do so as soon as possible as we need to have the best possible idea of our anticipated student numbers so that planning for next year can begin.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation program will run for the next three Wednesdays - 29th October, 5th November and 12th November. All three sessions will commence at 9:15am and finish at 11:00am.

Finally, my apologies for not being able to attend Grandparents Day and the Halloween Disco on Friday as I will be on leave for the day to travel to Adelaide for a family wedding. I hope everyone has a great time at both events.

Enjoy your week.

Ken Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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Water Polo Representative

Congratulations to Blake Sherry who was selected in the Sydney South-West regional water polo team that will be competing at a Sydney Metropolitan Gala Day on Monday 17th November. This is the first time from memory that a boy at our school has made a water polo team. We are extremely proud of you Blake. Hammondville is looking forward to hearing all about the upcoming carnival. Good luck on the day!

PSSA This Week

Girls Softball – Hammondville

Cricket – Hammondville

OzTag - Woodward Park

Summer PSSA

Oztag: Round 8

Junior A Results

7-0 win against Prestons B
Tryscorers: Beau Walker, Aneliese Stamoulis, Jack McIlvenny, Laura Gomes and Jayden Shields

1-2 loss to Wattle Grove
Tryscorers: Beau Walker

Highlights: Great runs by Isaac Briggs and Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan, excellent tagging by Dakota Davies and Beau Walker and an excellent kick by Mason Allen to set up a try.

Senior A Results

6-2 win against Prestons B
Tryscorers: Luke Bray x2, Joshua Breen, Anthony Panetta and Maya Ivanoska
2-2 draw against Wattle Grove
Tryscorers: Quinn Johnson and Cooper Hall

Highlights: Brilliant tagging, which included a whole set where the opposition was tagged by Maya Ivanoska, topped off with a debut try by her, great tagging by April Moore, another brilliant cross field kicking game by our team which
included a great kick by Quinn Johnson for a try to Joshua Breen, and a fantastic kick by Anthony Panetta with a great take and pass by Nicolas Stamoulis to set up a try for Cooper Hall.

Mr Hughes

OzTag B Report – Week 3

Hammondville B v Prestons A (Juniors) 4-1 win (Alyssa, Bailey, Reece)

Hammondville B juniors continued their winning form against Prestons A with several very good runs and pleasing support play. This week’s captain was Alyssa Bullock.

Hammondville B v Prestons A (Seniors) 3-7 loss (Tyran, Nathan, Leo)

Hammondville B Seniors had a fairly evenly matched game against Prestons A which is not reflected in the final score. This week’s captain was Stan Argyropoulos.

Hammondville B v Marsden Road (Juniors) 4-0 (Bailey, Reece, Alyssa)

Hammondville B juniors also played well in their second game against Marsden Road. The team spread out well while defending their line. Player of the week was Oscar Dowler.

Hammondville B v Marsden Road (Seniors) 3-1 (Maya, Tyran)

Hammondville B Seniors improved the intensity in the second game against Marsden Road. There were a number of great individual runs as well as some good team play. This week’s player of the round was Maya Begbie.

Mr Sillett

PSSA CRICKET

Junior Cricket

Last Friday, the junior cricket team played Holsworthy at Hammondville Oval. Our junior team played with great enthusiasm. Their efforts in the fields as well as batting and bowling were outstanding. Unfortunately, the result didn’t go our way losing to Holsworthy 112 to 68. Congratulations to our junior team for the wonderful comments made about them by the Holsworthy coach. I was told our junior boys showed exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship.

Well done, boys!

Senior Cricket

Last Friday, the senior cricket team also played Holsworthy at Hammondville Oval. Unfortunately, Holsworthy had some big scoring overs that just put the game out of our reach. Holsworthy won the match 97 to 59. Needless to say, our boys played very well and are working together well as a team.

Keep working hard boys and we’ll get the result we are trying so hard to achieve.

This week our cricketers are playing Nuwarra 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

Kindergarten Orientation starts this week!

On Wednesday 29th October, Kindy Orientation will be held from 9.15-11-00am in the Kindergarten rooms. We will also be holding a parent workshop to give you helpful ideas on how to get your child ready for school.

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!

An information grandparent note was sent home last Friday. Please return RSVP slip for catering purposes by tomorrow. Hammondville is looking forward to welcoming you.

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 is with this week’s newsletter.

Hope to see lots of smiling faces there.

P&C

South West Sydney Ingleburn District Public Speaking Competition.

Last Monday April M in 6M, Jesse C in 4/5LM and Jules C in 1M competed at the District Public Speaking Competition against 14 other schools. Our students presented their prepared speeches and an impromptu speech.

The Stage 2 competition was held first and Jesse looked cool and calm as he presented his first speech perfectly. His impromptu topic “If I was in Charge” had Jesse talking about banning vegetables and he did another great job.

Stage 3 was up next and April presented her prepared speech flawlessly. The impromptu topic, “It’s Not All About Me” saw April describe her soccer matches and the team effort required for success. April did such a good job that a teacher from another school congratulated her effort.

Stage 1 was last on the agenda and Jules was very excited. He had his audience laughing in all the right places and his impromptu speech about “The Best Part of My Weekend” had us all visualising him eating pancakes in bed.

These three students were outstanding representatives for our school and both Jesse and Jules received 1st place for their efforts.

Jesse and Jules have now qualified for the South West Sydney Finals to be held in November. We wish them every success.

Congratulations to you all and thank you to your wonderful parents for all their support leading up to and on the day.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

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.

*‘Hammondville’s Apron’*

Hammondville’s Apron is a cookbook with lots of yummy favourite recipes from teachers and students at Hammondville Public School. The cookbook will sell for a gold coin and all money raised will go towards helping endangered Australian animals.

Remember, Christmas is not far away, so this cookbook would make a great gift and help a good cause at the same time.

The Hammondville Apron is coming soon, so pick up your copy from Jesse at the stall near the Library or the Admin Office. Thank you.

*Jesse Cross*

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Tempting Tuesday Treat:** Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Pikelets & Jam - 40 cents each

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

*“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*

**Notes From The DEC**

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**What is a homonym?**
Let’s face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.


**Sun safety**
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.


**Digital citizenship**
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills - how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.