Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Tuesday we held our Remembrance Day Ceremony. I would like to thank Mrs Ford for organising the service and Mrs Stanley for assisting. I would also like to congratulate the student leaders on the wonderful job they did in presenting the assembly and the rest of the students for their outstanding behaviour before during and after the service. As I said to the students at assembly last week, I have taught at a number of schools and the respectful nature in which the students at Hammondville participate in these services is the best I have seen.

New ‘No Standing’ Sign
We have been advised of a new ‘No Standing’ sign in Walder Road on the school side of the road opposite Norman Avenue. Please be aware of this when dropping off or picking up your children as you don’t want to end up with a fine.

School Survey
Last week, we received two reports about the parent and staff surveys that were recently conducted. The reports provided were comprehensive and mostly positive. There were many suggestions of areas we could improve and how we could better meet the needs of our students, community and staff. Some of the areas identified in the parent survey report, such as increasing the amount of technological resources available to students are items we can address both through school funds and fundraising in the next few years while others such as improving the general appearance of classrooms is something that is reliant on funds being provided through the DEC Asset Management Unit, which we have very little control over. There are some areas in the report that we can address quickly such as ensuring the newsletter is added to website and Skoolbag every Monday. We will also post any notes sent home in the parent information section of the website and create a new ‘Notes Home’ section on Skoolbag so you can print the notes that do not make their way home. There are many other areas of the survey reports that require some thought and need to be addressed during the development of the new three-year school plan. Thank you to all parents who completed the survey.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to the ladies from the canteen and other parents who assisted with a very successful sausage sizzle last week. About 340 sausage sandwiches were sold.

Working Bee
As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be holding a working bee this Saturday, 22nd November from 8am to 12pm. If you could spare some time on Saturday, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help out and have a shovel and a wheelbarrow you could bring, that would also be a great help.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal
NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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SPORT

Sports Websites

The school website’s sports pages have been updated. Check it out sometime. Also, the Liverpool Zone P.S.S.A. has a new website at www.liverpoolzonepssa.schools.nsw.edu.au

PSSA This Week

PSSA semi-finals start this week. Teams will be notified this week if they have made it or not.

Summer PSSA

PSSA was cancelled last week due to the weather. If your child handed in bus money for PSSA last week, it will be kept for this week. If they do not make the semi-finals it will be refunded.

GENERAL INFO

Library

This is the last week for borrowing as we need the books returned for stocktake.

If you have any books at home, please return ASAP. Notes will go home for overdue books. If you have any queries, please send the notes back with your child to see me. Thank you.

Mrs Stanley

SRC Movember Mufti

The SRC will be holding a Movember Mufti day in Week 8, on Wednesday 26th November. Students are encouraged to be creative, wear a fake moustache and appropriate mufti clothing. Students will be asked to give a gold coin donation. The money raised will be donated to Beyond Blue, which is an organisation working to reduce the impact of anxiety, depression and other mental health conditions in the community.

Beyond Blue achieve this by raising awareness and understanding, empowering people to seek help, and supporting recovery, management and resilience.

The Great Book Swap

Congratulations Hammondville! Our book swap raised nearly $500 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Rebekah Murray
**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. Would 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*

**Choir Assembly Performances**

Dear Parents,

The choir will be performing at our Week 8, K-2 and 3-6 assemblies on Friday 28th November. The 3-6 assembly begins at 9.00am and the K-2 at approximately 9.40am. We hope to see you there.

*Rachelle Glynn  
Choir Co-ordinator*

**Attention: Defence Families**

The November edition of the DOC Newsletter is available now on our school website (under the DSTA link) or on DCO’s website. Of interest is the FREE Christmas Buffet lunch on Sunday 23rd November at North Ryde RSL. Also coming up soon is the DCO Christmas Carols to be held at SME Moorebank on Saturday 6th December. This is a FREE event with lots of rides and activities for the kids, but due to SAFEBASE CHARLIE, RSVP to DCO is essential, by 28 November, to dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au

The end of year posting cycle is fast approaching, so if your children will be leaving us, please email me at janelle.j.ford@det.nsw.edu.au Very soon we will be starting our transition activities to help make the move a smooth one.

DCO Liverpool has moved into their new offices on the base - contact me if you need directions.

*Janelle Ford  
Defence School Transition Aide*

**Parent Helpers Morning Tea**

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

**Mulch**

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

**White Elephant Store**

If anyone has any toys, books or stuffed toys to donate, please bring to the cage between 11.05 – 11.25. Thank you.

*Andrew, Tyrone, James, Adam, Jackson & Dale*

**Teddy Bear's Birthday**

Come and guess the Teddy Bear's Birthday each lunch time. The cost is 50 cents a guess or 2 guesses for $1.00. The winner will be announced at the mini fete. Don’t forget to bring your money.

**Teddy Bear's Birthday Group**

**Help Required**

Calling all farm hands. We are looking for family/families to assist with the feed and water of the chickens in the school holidays. In return, fresh eggs daily.

If anyone is interested, please register at the front office. Thank you.

*Mrs Jacobs*

**Stage 2 Asia Day**

Today we rotated around all the stage 2 classrooms and completed different activities like origami, fan and dragon craft, Japanese writing and learning to speak Japanese. At the end of the day we had a split into teams and completed a trivia game. It was a great day and all the students looked amazing.
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

Scripture

Dear Parents,

The final weekly scripture lesson for 2014 will
take place Tuesday 18th November. We would
like to take this opportunity to thank all the
teachers who gave freely of their time to support
our children. We wish them all the best for the
upcoming season and look forward to working
with them again in the New Year.

Please be advised that a combined Christmas
scripture will be held on Friday 28th November. If
you do not wish your child to attend, please
complete the following form and return it by
Friday 21st November.

Thank you.

Is your child leaving Hammondville Public
School?
In order to plan our classes for next year, it is
vital we know the number of students who will be
enrolled at our school in 2015. Please inform the
office ASAP if your child is not returning to
Hammondville Public School next year or will be
returning after Wednesday 28th January, 2015.

NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING
(Please return to office)
My child/ren will not be returning to
Hammondville Public School next year.

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The school they will attend next year is
__________________________________.

Parent/Carer Signature
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NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER
28th January 2015
(Please return to office)
My child/ren will be returning to Hammondville
Public School next year but will return after
Wednesday 28th January due to
__________________________________ (reason).

They will return on ______________________
(date)

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