Dear Parents and Carers,

I am currently reading through all the children’s reports and it is great to see the progress the children have made during the year. Most pleasing is the effort the children are putting into achieving their best in all the Key Learning Areas. While reading the reports it becomes obvious just how many opportunities our children have to participate in different activities. During second semester these opportunities have included: public speaking, the Premier’s Spelling Bee, the Southern Stars concert, Tri Skills gymnastics, AFL clinics, dancing lessons, K-2 Celebrations Day, the Stage 3 Camp, Stage 2 Asia Day, Corroboree Sydney Festival - Gurung Parade and PSSA Sport. The reports will be sent home on Thursday, 11th December. An alert will go out on Skoolbag that day to remind you that children will have their report with them.

Stage 3 Mini-Fete
Stage 3 will be holding their mini-fete this Thursday. They have planned a great day for the rest of the students with lots of fun activities and stalls. They are hoping to raise some money for the Year 6 farewell and a gift to the school, so don’t forget to bring your money with you.

Presentation Day and Evening
The annual presentation assemblies will take place on Wednesday, 10th December. The K-2 presentation will be in the school hall at 10am and the 3-6 presentation will be in the Holsworthy High School hall commencing at 7:00pm. These assemblies are a great way of recognising the outstanding achievement many of our students have attained this year. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

School Evaluation and Planning
Since the reports from the parent and staff surveys arrived at school, the evaluation and planning committee has been analysing the important data that came from these surveys along with data from NAPLAN, Best Start, PLAN and some other teacher and student surveys to compile a situational analysis of the school. The situational analysis report will make recommendations about the three strategic directions the school should address in the new school plan and also suggest strategies related to those directions that are aimed at improving student outcomes and making our school a vibrant 21st century learning community. Staff will be involved in a two-hour meeting this Wednesday afternoon to discuss the report and begin putting the plan together under the new DEC planning guidelines.

P&C Meeting
The last P&C meeting for the year will be held this evening at 7:30pm in the library. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have attended the meetings this year and who have helped out with a number of P&C organised activities such as the discos, movie nights and sausage sizzles. In particular, as their children are moving on to high school, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Mudie and Mrs Hunt for the many years they have spent serving the school through their involvement in the P&C. The time and effort they have put into helping raise funds for our school over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you at some of the end of year events over the next two and a half weeks.

Ken Smith
Principal
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 Last Week

Junior Oztag A

The Junior A team had a great season and finished the end of the season in third place. They met Wattle Grove in the semi-finals and in a very close game lost 0-1. All players played extremely well and it’s been a fun season. Well done to Mason Allen, Lily Austin, Isaac Briggs, Dakota Davies, Laura Gomes, Ruby Hudson, Jack McIvenny, Daniel Rasera, Jayden Shields, Alex Smith, Aneliese Stamoulis, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan and Beau Walker for a great season.

Senior Oztag A

The Senior A team finished in third place and met Holsworthy in the semi-final. In what was a very tight match, we won 1-0 and advanced to the final, where we met Dalmeny, the team that we seem to meet in every oztag grand final. We scored the first try and led for the first fifteen minutes but a breakaway try by Dalmeny with five minutes to go levelled the scores. Our team defended extremely well with try saving tags made on our tryline for what seemed an eternity. We luckily held out and after an exceptional performance on the day, was named joint premiers of the Liverpool Zone. Congratulations to every single player of our team. Well done to Luke Bray, Joshua Breen, Irin Chardcharoen, Cooper Hall, Angelique Hudson, Maya Ivanoska, Quinn Johnson, Xander Kilazoglou, April Moore, Anthony Panetta, Bailey Parish, Lauren Setter, Nicolas Stamoulis and Flynn Taylor on a successful season.

2015 PSSA

Next year, our school will be looking at entering teams in AFL, cricket, girls softball and oztag for Summer PSSA. Trials will be held at the beginning of 2015.

GENERAL INFO

Week 8 Assembly Change of Date

Due to our combined scripture last Friday, our fortnightly K-2 and 3-6 assembly has moved from Friday 28th November, week 8 to Friday 5th December, week 9. These assemblies will be the final K-2 and 3-6 assemblies for this year.
Hammondville Annual Presentation Assemblies

The Hammondville Annual Presentation Assemblies will be held on Wednesday 10th December, week 10. The starting times for these assemblies are detailed below.

K-2 Presentation
Time: 10:00am (concluding at approximately 11:00am)
Venue: Hammondville Public School, Walder Rd, Hammondville

3-6 Presentation
Time: 7:00pm (concluding at approximately 9:00pm)
Venue: Holsworthy High School, Huon Cres, Holsworthy

We look forward seeing our Hammondville community at these upcoming events.

Mr McInney
Assistant Principal

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 Performance -amendment

Dear Parents,

The choir performance scheduled for Week 8 assembly has now been changed to Week 9 assembly. The choir will be performing on Friday 5th December at both the K-2 assembly (9.40am) and the 3-6 assembly (9.00am). The last choir practice for the year will be Thursday 4th December. We’ll be back again in 2015!

Thanks for your support this year.

Rachelle Glynn
Choir Co-ordinator

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

There will be a Parent Helpers Morning Tea tomorrow 2nd December from 10.30 – 11.15am in the staffroom.

2015 Dance Groups

We will be holding Dance auditions for the K-2 and 3-6 dance groups in week 10 of this term.

- K-2 students will be auditioning on Tuesday 9th Dec from 12.05pm in the hall
- 3-6 students will be auditioning on Thursday 11th Dec from 11.30am in the hall

A list went around the classrooms today for students to add their names to. If they did not put their name down, they may still audition on the day. Any students who will be absent on these days can still be considered for the groups. Please see Mrs Fuller to let her know.

Please note that the K-2 and 3-6 dance groups are open groups. Any boys or girls wishing to audition for the groups are welcome to do so.

Thank you,
Mrs Fuller

2B Mulching

Last week the students in 2B actively demonstrated excellent care for our school environment by working in the amphitheatre garden, where they mulched a large portion of the area. They came with their buckets and gloves; ready to work hard and get their hands dirty. Students worked tirelessly as part of a team to get the job done. While one group was filling buckets, the other was transporting buckets over to the garden and the final group was raking the mulch. Well done to all involved for an outstanding effort!
The Garung Parade

On Thursday 20th November Mrs Enright and Mrs Longford took our Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal culture group of 11 children to the Garung Parade in the city. It was part of the Sydney Corroboree.

We walked from Hyde Park to the Royal Botanic Gardens carrying our waratah flowers. Lots of school students from other schools were there. It was really packed. We really enjoyed the parade because all the other schools were going crazy because they thought they were going to be on TV! We sat down under a tree at the gardens to watch a concert with indigenous singers and dancers. It was so hot that they brought us out extra bottles of water.

It was a great day and we hope we can take more children next year.

By Joey T, Patrick B and Zoe W

This is the first time that Hammondville School has attended the Garung Parade, which opens the Sydney Corroboree. ‘Garung’ means child in the Eora language. We made waratah flowers out of red and green card to acknowledge local Eora culture. It was a fantastic celebration and I was very proud to be with such a well-behaved group of children.

Mrs Enright

Mini Fete

This Thursday is the annual Hammondville Mini Fete which will start at the scheduled time of 11:30am. Students are reminded to wear mufti on the day and to bring money to spend at the numerous stalls. If there are any parents who are able to bring in any cakes or slices on the day, these can be taken to the hall in the morning. Any containers should be clearly labelled with your child’s name and class.

The Stage 3 students have done a terrific job in organising their stalls and look forward to a fun day. A big thank you to any parents or families and friends who have contributed to the various stalls.

Stage 3 Teachers

Mini Fete - Soft Drink Cans

Holsworthy Scouts is holding a fundraiser by collecting ring pulls from soft drink cans to help raise money to purchase wheelchairs. There will be a container next to where the cans will be sold on mini fete day if you can place your ring pulls in this. Thank you.

Haylee Hellwig

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

The Hammondville Apron

Don’t you hate missing out on a great deal! Well don’t worry, the Hammondville Apron is still available in the front office and at the stall near “guess the teddy bear’s birthday”.

So get your copy today, remember, it would be a great Christmas gift for a special friend or family member. The gold coin donation will be going to help endangered Australian native animals.

Jesse Cross

Hammondville’s Sticky Beak 2

Hammondville’s Sticky Beak edition number 2, is now out in the school office and in your classroom for you to enjoy! The Hammondville’s Sticky Beak is purely made for your enjoyment! So, when you get a chance, START READING!

Imogen Smith

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
Attention: Defence Families

The November edition of the DCO Newsletter is available now on our school website (under the DSTA link) or on DCO’s website.

The end of the 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

Skool Bag iPhone Settings

To ensure your iPhone is receiving up-to-date messages and alerts via our skool bag app, please ensure your “Alerts” or “Banners” options are selected.

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
CANTEEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Fro-Yo Cones- $1 each *LUNCH TIME ONLY*

“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

SCHOOL BANKING

Last week saw our last banking day for 2014.

Any students who would still like to order rewards can send in their request via the office and I will still order your prizes. Please provide the following information:

Name ....................
Student number ..........
Class ....................
Item required ..........

The swimming Bag and Projector Cup are out of stock and will go on back order for delivery in Term 1 2015.

There are 3 items still available for immediate delivery including: Sea Streamers, Shark Keying, & Scented Pencils.

In addition to this, we have the following items from 2013 still available for order: Spen Moneybox, Pru Moneybox, Blue Wallet, Knuckles Jacks Game and Headphones.

To help avoid disappointment CBA have also added two additional items for order including: Dollarmites Slap Band & Dollarmites Beachball.

Please note that this will be the only week, as postage of your item cannot be guaranteed by the end of term. Please note that tokens WILL carry across into 2015.

We would like to say thank you to all our wonderful bankers, it has been great to have so many great savers over the year. So many happy faces as you come to visit us on a Thursday morning and even more huge smiles at assembly when receiving your Banking awards. What a great achievement some of you made with banking over 30 times. Awesome effort!

Another thank you goes out to our teachers who ensure that the Banking is received by us first thing in the morning.

Moving forward into 2015, banking day will remain the same.

We will return on Thursday 5th February 2015. Next year we will see Banker of the week return. This will be announced in the newsletter each Monday. Banker of the week receives a canteen voucher for $1.00. We will also see Class of the week. Achievement awards will continue to be handed out during assembly every 2nd week. Your reward order form will be attached for anyone who has lost a token or your slips.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Sue & Colleen
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.

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**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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Their last day will be __________________________.

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 _______________________

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