Newsletter No. 7

School Diary
Thursday 20th March – Harmony Day – Mufti Day – (Dress in Orange)
Wednesday 26th March – K-2 Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 27th March – Cross Country Carnival – 3-6
Thursday 3rd April – Nursery Rhyme/ Fairytales – Dressup day – Kindergarten
Sunday 6th April – P&C Family Photo Fundraiser – Please see details in Body of Newsletter
Monday 7th April – Stage 3 Antarctica Incursion
Wednesday 9th April – Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 10th April – ANZAC Ceremony

‘One reason why adults should look as if they are having fun is to give kids a reason to want to grow up.’

Patch Adams

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday our Stage 1 children had a fantastic experience with the Community Workers Incursion. I would like to thank the parents and other volunteers who gave up their time to come and speak to our children and to show them some of the equipment that they use in their jobs. I would also like to thank Mrs Moore for organising the day. I know the children appreciated the day because during the brief visit I made to the hall I could see how intently they were listening to each of the community workers.

In the very first newsletter of the year there were some procedures published about how to approach the school regarding a range of issues. In most circumstances the best person to approach is your child’s classroom teacher. If the classroom teacher is unaware of or unable to deal with the issue they will refer you to the person who can assist. If you feel the issue is serious enough you may need to contact the Assistant Principal responsible for your child’s stage or the Principal. Please be aware that if you need to speak to one of the Assistant Principals, they are also classroom teachers and may not be able to speak to you immediately if you come to the office. The same also goes for me as there are many meetings that I am involved in at school and out of school. If you leave a message we will get back to you as soon as possible. Also, if you are unhappy with the resolution regarding a particular issue you are able to lodge a complaint. In these circumstances the complaint will be dealt with under the Department of Education and Communities Complaint Handling Guidelines which are available for viewing at http://www.hammondvill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/department-policies
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students are assessed in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. This year NAPLAN tests will be held on 13-15 May. More information will be available closer to the test dates or you can visit the website: http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2014 Information for parents brochure web.pdf

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

Student Banking Reminder

Remember school banking is now on a Thursday. During Term 1 every student completes a minimum of three school banking deposits in Term 1 will be in the running to win one of two $50 credits into their school banking account.

The winners of the canteen vouchers last week were Kaitlyn L & Matthew C. The winners of this week’s canteen vouchers are Ella A & Zachary S.

We were back up there again this week with 91 bankers. Don’t forget it only takes 3 school banking weeks to enter into the draw.

Just a reminder to fill out all details on your deposit slip and on your stub. This includes the following:
- Student Number
- Amount deposited in the stub of your book
- No lead pencils

As foreign coins are not accepted by the bank, please do not include these in with your banking money as they will not be deposited. Thank you.

Sue & Colleen

Canteen News

A new price list has recently gone home. If you did not receive a copy, they are available at the canteen. There are a number of small price increases so please check before ordering. Also included is Canteen Information Sheet/Helper Form.

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Fro Yo Cone $1 each – “LUNCH TIME ONLY”

Canteen Suggestion: If you have a lunch time activity, such as choir, dance or sport practice, it would be better NOT to have a lunch order on that day, especially on Friday when the canteen is extremely busy!

Sue Craig & Tracey O’Hanlon

Uniform Pool

The uniform pool is open Mondays 9.00 – 9.30am and Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00pm. We are located in the school hall, in the room next to the stage. Please note there are a few changes to the 2014 Uniform Price List. For the latest List & Order form – please visit our website.

- Currently we have a lot of the pink and black t-shirts and jackets for the primary dance group at just $2 each, and also a lot of boys plain shorts & track pants on special at $1 each.
- We have lots of track pants & boys long pants in stock – ON SPECIAL $1 each, get ready for the cooler months!!

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
**Excursion Bag**

The canteen is selling a lightweight backpack in bottle green colour with the school logo printed on it for $10. This is a great alternative to using a plastic bag, easier to carry and looks smarter. A sample is up on the enclosed notice board (near the staffroom).

Please place child’s name, class and money in envelope and place in the letterbox at the office. Bags have arrived. Limited bags available. Thank you.  

_P&C_

**Sports Dates**

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<td>Terry Lamb 7's Rugby league teams</td>
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**Oztag A: Round 3**

**Junior A Results**

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<td>Isaac Briggs, Lily Austin, Mason Allen, Daniel Rasera, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan and Beau Walker</td>
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<td>Chipping Norton A</td>
<td>6-1 Win</td>
<td>Beau Walker, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan, Alex Smith and Lily Austin</td>
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Highlights: A great kick by Jack McIlvenny to set up a try, a length of the field try by Lily Austin, an excellent try by Ale Smith and brilliant tagging by Mason Allen for a whole set.

**Senior A Results**

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<td>4-1 Win</td>
<td>Luke Bray x2, Flynn Taylor and Joshua Breen</td>
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<td>Chipping Norton A</td>
<td>7-1 Win</td>
<td>Lauren Setter, Cooper Hall, Luke Bray, Bailey Parish, Joshua Breen and Quinn Johnson</td>
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Highlights: A length of the field try by Joshua Breen, excellent involvement by Maya Ivanoska and great runs by both Flynn Taylor and Luke Bray.

**Game Times**

1st Junior Game - 12:50pm  
2nd Junior Game - 1:40pm  
1st Senior Game - 1:10pm  
2nd Senior Game - 2:00pm

**SSW Basketball Championship**

Well done to Angelique Hudson who competed for our Liverpool zone basketball team at the regional carnival, last Monday. Angelique was a pivotal member of the team with Liverpool undefeated going into the grand final, facing East Hills. Unfortunately the girls lost the match but gained a lot of experience from the day. Congratulations Angelique on your performance throughout the day.

**Liverpool Zone Representatives**

Congratulations to Ella Ashton who was named in the Liverpool zone soccer team to compete at the SSW Carnival on Monday 7th April. Well done, Ella!

Also, well done to Jarrod Clark and Nicolas Stamoulis who were named in the Liverpool zone Aussie rules team to compete on Wednesday 26th March. Well done boys!
Liverpool Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed at the Liverpool Zone Swimming Carnival a fortnight ago. Hammondville finished in third place and all of your swims contributed to our placing out of the fifteen schools. Congratulations goes to Newbridge Heights who won the carnival and Wattle Grove who took out second place. All the best to Georgia Aguila, Mia Benvie, Ryeli Brewer, Dakota Davies, Anna Gauld, Cooper Hall, Jai Horton, Quinn Johnson, Blake Sherry and Tiana Watts at the SSW Regional Carnival on Tuesday.

Yr 3-6 (and Yr 2 students who are 8) School Cross Country

The school cross country for Years 3-6 (and those students in Year 2 who are 8 or turning 8 this year) is to be held at Hammondville Oval on Thursday 27th March. The cross country is run in age groups, these being: 8/9 Years, 10 Years, 11 Years and 12/13 Years. The cross country will be starting on Field 4 of the soccer fields with the first race expected to start at 10:00am. The 8/9 and 10 Years races will be approximately 1500m and will be ran around the major baseball field and the lower soccer fields. The 11 and 12/13 Years races will be approximately 2000m in length and will be ran around the major baseball field, the lower soccer fields and up to the netball courts. Good luck athletes! If there are any parents who can help with marshalling for the 3-6 cross country, it would be greatly appreciated. Can you see Mr Hughes if you are able to help out for a couple of hours.

Mr Hughes

PSSA SPORT

CRICKET - Hammondville
SOFTBALL/TEE BALL - Hillier Oval
OZTAG - Woodward Park

*REMININDER* Just a reminder that a One Off $3 Zone Levy must be paid for Summer PSSA. Thank You.

Oztag B: Round 3

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<td>Liverpool West</td>
<td>7-1 Win</td>
<td>Bailey Minnett x2, Ella Ashton x2 and Angus Weigand</td>
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Highlights: The team played extremely well as a team again this week. They are improving with every game. The standout player and also most improved was Angus Weigand.

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<td>Liverpool West</td>
<td>1-4 Lost</td>
<td>Nathan Chandler</td>
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Highlights: The seniors improved on their cohesiveness this week and they pushed the A’s right until the final siren. The player of the week was Stan Argyropoulos, with a good kick and chase and never giving up.

Game Times

1st Junior Game - 12:50pm  
1st Senior Game - 1:10pm  
2nd Junior Game - 1:40pm  
2nd Senior Game - 2:00pm

Mr Sillett

PSSA CRICKET

Junior Cricket

Last Friday, the junior cricket team played Wattle Grove at South Park. 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 Wattle Grove 107 to 95. Well done, boys!
Senior Cricket

Last Friday, the senior cricket team also played Wattle Grove at South Park. Unfortunately, Wattle Grove had some big scoring overs that just put the game out of our reach. Wattle grove won the match 116 to 78. 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.

Mr McInney

Harmony Day

On Thursday 20th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. This day aims to recognise how all Australians from diverse backgrounds belong to and enrich our country. Classes will be participating in a variety of lessons and activities relating to Harmony Day. We ask that all students dress in ORANGE mufti on the day and bring a gold coin donation. Our canteen will also be selling orange jelly cups on the day for 50 cents.

Thank you for your support.

S.R.C.

K-2 Cross Country Carnival - Wednesday 26th March

This year the K-2 Cross Country Carnival will be held at school, the day before the Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival. This will assist those parents and friends who have children involved in both, to see all children compete.

All Year 2 children who are turning 8 this year will be attending the Year 3-6 Carnival at Hammondville Oval on Thursday 27th March as they are eligible to compete for a place in the regional carnival.

All Year 2 children who are turning 7 this year will compete on Wednesday 26th March in the K-2 Carnival at school.

All children are asked to wear sport uniform on the day of their Cross Country Carnival that week.

K-2 Cross Country Carnival will run from 9.30am – 11am approximately.

Mrs Moore

School Swimming Scheme

Positions are now available to all students in Year 2-6 who are competent swimmers and would like to improve on their swimming stroke. There are only a few positions available, so this will be on a first in basis.

Instruction will take place at the Whitlam Leisure Centre Liverpool. The scheme will continue daily for two weeks from Monday 31-3-14 to Friday 11-4-14 (weeks 10 and 11).

Transport by bus and Pool entry will cost $9.30 per day – the total cost for the 10 day scheme is $93.00.

Please enclose full payment by Friday 21st March 2014.

Free Mulch

There is a surplus of mulch to the school needs. If you would like some free mulch, you can pick it up from the pile closest to the school office.

Mr Royce

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Just a note to remind students that PRC is starting again in March. More information will come in the next few weeks. Thank you. S Stanley
Workers in the Community

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who made our “Workers in the Community” incursion an absolute success.

Stage 1 students learnt a wealth of information about a variety of roles within our community. Thank you to our beautiful mum’s and dad’s for giving up their time - it was truly appreciated. Photos will be uploaded soon to our school website.

THANK YOU to the following parents and organisations:

Raewyn (Bunnings Crossroads)
Mr & Mrs Sullivan (Construction)
Stephanie (RSPCA)
Mr McMahon (Police Officer)
Kim Sindell + Renee Maloney (Police)
Mr Makhoul (Construction)
Mrs Salzmann (Personal Trainer)
Mr Allen (Volunteer - Homelessness)
Mrs Julius (Volunteer)
Mr Gomes (Australia Post Parcel Delivery)
Mr McKeown (Fire Fighter)
Mr Bartlett (Radiologist)
Mrs Mathew (Nurse)
Mr Murray (Dog Trainer)

Report from the March 2014 Meeting of the Hammondville P&C Committee including the AGM

The P&C Committee met last Monday, the 10th March for the second meeting of 2014. The meeting included the Annual General Meeting.

We were fortunate enough that Peter Langdon (outgoing President) and Kathryn Hope (outgoing treasurer) were present and able to officially hand over their duties to the new committee members taking on the role. Now that their children have graduated from primary school, we wish their families best of luck in the future and thank them for all their efforts over the years.

From the AGM, the new committee roles are as follows;

President: Renee Searle
Vice President: Kylie Kelly
Secretary: Vanessa Potts
Treasurer: Steven Gauld
Fundraising Co-ordinator: Kaylene Hall

Items discussed in the meeting included dates for the movie nights and second disco (to be confirmed after consultation with teachers), review of the Canteen Policy to ensure that it remains a viable, not-for-profit business, Mother’s Day stall, information technology at Hammondville (including introduction of the new iPads) and future fundraising targets which included a review of teacher’s ‘wish lists’.

The next event from the P&C will be the Mother’s Day Stall to be held on Wednesday 7 May 2014. Anybody who would like to come down to the school hall to help out on the day is more than welcome.

Our last event, the school disco held on 7th March was a great success thanks to the teachers and parents who helped out on the night. We hope that your children had a great time especially the Kindy Kids and other new students to our school.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th April, 7:30pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend and it would be great to see you there.

Renee Searle, on behalf of the Hammondville P&C Committee.
Dear Parents,

The DEC has fixed the technical problem with the Best Start software and we are happy to announce that Best Start reports will come home today. Please note that this report is a reflection of what your child showed they knew upon entry to school, and your child may have changed since then. If you have any queries please feel free to bring it up at parent teacher interviews in Week 10. Thank you.

Kindergarten Teachers

Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme / Fairytale Dress Up Day

On Thursday 3rd April, Kindergarten will be having a dress up day to celebrate our learning unit on Nursery Rhymes and Fairytales. We ask that children come dressed as their favourite character. Students will be involved in various activities related to Nursery Rhymes and Fairytales. You are invited to attend our parade which will be from 9:15 - 9:45 under the K-2 Cola. A gold coin donation on the day would be appreciated to help cover the cost of these activities. Thank you.

Kindergarten Teachers

You can now follow our school on Twitter @HammondvillePS

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

Family Photos

The P&C is running a Family Photo fundraiser on Sunday 6th April. For only $20 (which ALL goes to the school), your family can have a photo session with professional photographers from Advanced Life, and you get a 10x13” colour portrait, keyring and wallet sized photo, all in time for Mothers Day. This is a great opportunity to get a beautiful family portrait at minimal cost, all while helping your school. A brochure will come out later this week with more details. Bookings are essential – phone Sam on 0410-716-420.

Samantha Mudie