Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a real reminder of what a busy place schools are with a large number of activities beyond our normal curriculum taking place. During the week we had children involved in a variety of activities that included practising and auditioning for dance performances, participating in skills clinics with major league baseball players, the continuation of the Auskick program and teams competing in the Terry Lamb Rugby League Sevens Tournament. I would like to thank all of the staff and parents who have made it possible for our children to participate in these activities by coaching, supervising and transporting the children to the venues.

As mentioned above we had some teams competing in the Terry Lamb Rugby League Sevens Tournament with the good news being that both the Senior Girl’s and Senior Boy’s teams were successful in winning their divisions. Both teams will now go on to represent our school at a regional competition. Congratulations to all of the students on this terrific effort.

During Week 10 and 11 our school will be holding parent/teacher interviews. Information regarding times for the interviews for each class has been sent home and I urge you take this opportunity to speak to your child’s class teacher about their academic and social progress during the first part of this year.

‘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
As much as we would like our school to be perfect and for children to show outstanding progress in every area of their schooling and not be involved in any conflict with other students we would be naive to think that this is always the case. Attached to this newsletter is a brief article by the parenting educator Michael Grose titled ‘What to do when things go wrong at school’. The article is quite practical and worth the read.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

REMINDER:
CPR course is on THIS WEEK!

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have signed up and paid for the course. We hope you learn wonderful lifesaving skills and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday 25th March 2014 - 9:30am-approx 11:30am in the school hall.
Wednesday 26th March 2014 -6:30pm-approx 8:30pm in the school library.

Mrs Waugh.

Student Banking Reminder

*Please note that school banking will still go ahead on Thursday afternoon.*
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.

We were back up there again this week with 81 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

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

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!

Lost Property

The lost property stand will be cleaned out at the end of this term. Please check for anything “lost” before 10th April. Anything left will be donated to our Second Hand Uniform Pool or Charity.

Sue Craig & Tracey O’Hanlon

Lost & Found

1 pair of child’s prescription glasses found at AFL class after school. Please see the office.
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 light weight 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**

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Oztag A: Round 4

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Highlights: The girls dominated the first game with excellent runs by Ruby Hudson and Alex Smith and great tagging by Aneliese Stamoulis throughout the whole match. Beau Walker had great attacking runs and Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan was dangerous in open space.

**Senior A Results**

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Highlights: Our defence was strong with the opposition not being able to cross our line in both matches, Georgia Stig crossed for her first try and Cooper Hall looked dangerous on the wing.
Terry Lamb 7's Rugby League Carnival

Junior Boys
Opponent | Result | Tryscorers
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Bankstown | 0-20 Loss | Toby White
St Christopher's | 4-16 Loss | Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan x2, Toby White, Reece Whiting, Mason Allen, James Aldridge, Beau Walker and Jayden Shields
Yagoona | 32-12 Win |

Senior Boys
Opponent | Result | Tryscorers
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Bankstown | 12-12 Draw | Anthony Panetta x2 and Nicolas Stamoulis
St Therese | 24-16 Win | Joshua Breen x2, Flynn Taylor, Hayden Acland, Quinn Johnson and Luke Bray
Bankstown | 8-12 Loss | Flynn Taylor and Joel Furner
St Therese | 24-12 Win | Joshua Breen x2, Luke Bray, Flynn Taylor, Hayden Acland and Jack Pascoe
Semi-Final vs Panania | 12-4 Win | Luke Bray, Flynn Taylor and Joshua Breen
Grand Final vs Bankstown | 20-12 Win | Flynn Taylor x4 and Luke Bray

Senior Girls
Opponent | Result | Tryscorers
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Yagoona | 12-8 Win | Angelique Hudson x2 and Miriama Kepu
Yagoona | 20-0 Win | Angelique Hudson x3, Irin Chardcharoen and Chloe Vasiliou
Yagoona | 16-12 Win | Angelique Hudson x4

We entered three teams in the Terry Lamb 7's rugby league carnival last week. The junior team faced tough opposition but played well in their last match to win the game. Well done, junior boys. Well done James Aldridge, Mason Allen, Isaac Briggs, Declan Cooke, Noah Makki, Jack McIlvenny, Jayden Shields, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan, Beau Walker, Toby White and Reece Whiting.

We also entered a senior boys team and for the first time a senior girls team. The senior boys had a great carnival and finished second in their pool to make the semi-finals. After beating Panania in the semis we faced Bankstown in the grand final and we were definitely the underdogs after having not beaten them in two previous pool matches. But the boys came out determined and we were clearly the stronger team and took out the carnival. Finally our hoodoo of being beaten in many oztag and rugby league grand finals is over! Congratulations to Hayden Acland, Luke Bray, Joshua Breen, Joel Furner, Quinn Johnson, Keenan Martin, Tyran Smith-Mieszkuc, Anthony Panetta, Jack Pascoe, Nicolas Stamoulis, Flynn Taylor and Joey Towerton.

The majority of the girl’s team had never played rugby league before so it was great to see them out on the footy field giving something new a go and everyone out there was impressed by the standard of play by the girls. The girls played Yagoona three times in a State of Origin type series and the girls showed how good they are by being undefeated in all three matches, which meant they took out the carnival and won their first league grand final in their debut appearance. Congratulations to Georgia Blanchard, Irin Chardcharoen, Ashley Gorman, Taylah Hill, Angelique Hudson, Maya Ivanoska, Miriama Kepu, Brooke Ross, Lauren Setter, Nicola Valanidas, Chloe Vasiliou and Waris Yottha.

Both senior teams will now play the winner of the North division of the Bulldogs comp and the winner of that match will go on to State. We wish both teams all the best in this match.

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 this 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.

10:00 am 8/9 Years Boys
10:20 am 8/9 Years Girls (after this race Year 2 students will be walking back to school)
10:40 am 10 Years Boys
11:00 am 10 Years Girls
11:20 am 11 Years Boys
11:40 am 11 Years Girls
12:00 pm 12/13 Years Boys
12:20 pm 12/13 Years Girls
12:50 pm Walk back to school

Liverpool Zone Representatives

Congratulations to Ella Ashton, Anna Gauld, Angelique Hudson, April Moore and Lauren Setter who were named in the Liverpool zone hockey team to compete at the SSW Carnival on Tuesday 6th May. Well done, girls!

Also, well done to Jack Pascoe who was named in the Liverpool zone rugby league (U/11’s) team to compete on Tuesday 8th April. Well done Jack!

SSW Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the SSW Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. There are over 100 schools in our region so it is an achievement just to make it to this level, let alone produce great results, which all of our swimmers did. Full results can be found at: http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/syd_sth_west/trial_chp_rslts/year_2014/primswimres14.htm

Georgia Aguila
9 Years 50m Freestyle 4th 41.56 (missed out on State by 0.03)
Jnr Individual Medley 5th 3:45.20
Jnr 50m Breaststroke 16th 1:00.35
Jnr 50m Backstroke 17th 54.75

Ryeli Brewer
12/13 Years 50m Backstroke 4th 44.08 (missed out on State by 0.05)
12/13 Years 50m Butterfly 5th 41.27
12 Years 50m Freestyle 9th 36.19

Jai Horton
9 Years 50m Freestyle 13th 52.93

Anna Gauld
12/13 Years 50m Butterfly 18th 53.27

Junior Girls Relay
Georgia Aguila, Mia Benville, Dakota Davies and Tiana Watts 6th 3:09.02

Senior Boys Relay
Ryeli Brewer, Cooper Hall, Quinn Johnson and Blake Sherry 13th 2:51.62

All students performed so well on the day and special mention must go to Georgia Aguila and Ryeli Brewer who both placed 4th and missed out on State by 0.03 and 0.05 seconds respectively. You should be proud of a great performance that put you so close to the next level.

Mr Hughes

PSSA SPORT

CRICKET - Amalfi Park
SOFTBALL/TEE BALL - Daruk Park
OZTAG - Woodward Park

*REMINDER* Just a reminder that a One Off $3 Zone Levy must be paid for Summer PSSA. Thank You.
**Oztag B: Round 4**

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<td>1-0 Win</td>
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Highlights: Junior B’s had a narrow victory and a narrow loss this week. A number of good runs were made by individual players and they will be great to watch when even more teamwork is involved. The player of the round was Bailey Minnett.

**Senior B Results**

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<td>2-0 Win</td>
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Highlights: This week the senior B team had two good-spirited performances. The team communicated well with each other and were unlucky not to achieve two victories. This week’s player of the round was Isaac Walker.

*Mr Sillett*

**PSSA CRICKET**

There will be a report for last week’s PSSA cricket in next week’s newsletter. Thank you.

*Mr McInney*

**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 5 positions available, so this will be on a first in basis.

Instruction will take place at the Whittlam 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 28th March 2014.

*Mrs Jacobs*

**Gardening**

Thank you to my wonderful gardeners for all the fantastic jobs we completed on Friday. The garden area is improving every day.

*Mrs Jacobs*
Chickens

We are looking at moving our chickens down to a larger area where the aviary currently is. We are just getting quotes, sorting out fencing and gates. If you know of anyone who could help, we would really appreciate it. Thank you.

Mrs Jacobs

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

Lessons Afloat

On Monday the 17th of March stage two went on an excursion into Sydney Harbour. We went on a ferry ride and we went underneath the Harbour Bridge and saw the Opera house. We also saw all kinds of ships, like the Ocean Princess, Captain Cook Cruises and a replica of the Endeavour.

Then we went to Shark Island and built shelters. We were only allowed to use branches of the trees and sticks and leaves off the ground. We all had a fun time building the shelters. When we were leaving Shark Island I saw a baby shark.

After we went to Shark Island we came back on the ferry and had another ride. We also got to go outside onto the bow of the boat. After we did that we got to stop off at Clifton Gardens and have lunch and play at the park. After we had a play we had a sandcastle competition.

After that we went back on the ferry and into Sydney Harbour. We got off the ferry and walked to the bus stop. It took us about one hour to get back to school.

Finally we got off the bus and we went home. I had a really fun day.

By Alyssa.B

On the excursion we learnt about the safety rules of the boat, the old ships, the islands in the harbour and what they use to do on them like hold convicts. My favourite part was looking at the gigantic cargo ships and making the shelter on Shark Island. Aston Pritchard

Stage 2 Excursion

Stage 2 had an amazing excursion “lessons afloat”. It was a blast and we heard many times “this is the best day of my life”. Keep checking the website for photos of our high seas adventure.
**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**

**House Sports Shirts**

Our house sports shirts have finally arrived. Limited numbers available. These are available for purchase from the canteen for $15 each. The sizes are 8, 10 & 12. Thank you.

**P&C**

**Donations of Easter Eggs**

We are requesting all students to please donate an Easter Egg for our Easter Raffle if you haven’t done so already. Please bring all Easter Eggs to the school office by Tuesday 1st April 2014.

Extra raffle tickets are available at the office.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 2nd April. Winners will be notified by text message, advertised in the school newsletter and on the Skoolbag app.

There will also be a prize for the person who sells the most tickets.

Funds from the sale of raffle tickets will go towards the purchase of 4 new iPads for use at school.

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**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE KU DIFFERENCE?**

**DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-5? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A 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