Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week our school photo days ran very smoothly and I would like to thank all families for ensuring their children were well dressed on their allocated day. Thank you also to Mrs Vaughan for her organisation which ensured both days were a success.

'Tell Them from Me' Student Survey (Pilot)
Our school has been asked to participate in a pilot of the 'Tell them from me' student survey. The survey asks questions about factors which are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. The aim of the survey is to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights at the school and system levels. The focus of this pilot project is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. Hammondville and around 50 other primary schools have been invited to participate in the survey conducted by the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE).

This afternoon all children in Years 4 to 6 will bring home a note explaining the survey. They will also bring home a sheet of frequently asked questions. If you do not want your child to participate, please complete the slip attached to the explanation note and return it to your child's class teacher by this Friday, 7th March.

Dogs on School Grounds and at School Events
Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds except when permission is given by the Principal. For the safety of our students I ask that no dogs are brought onto our grounds. While not being covered by any legislation I would also suggest that dogs should not be brought to school events such as sport carnivals. Thank you for your anticipated assistance with this matter.

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Newsletter No. 5

School Diary

Wednesday 5th March - Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 6th March - Kindergarten Community Walk
Friday 7th March - P&C Disco
Monday 10th March - P&C Annual General Meeting - 7.30pm School Library
Wednesday 12th March - Aboriginal PLP meetings
Thursday 27th March - Cross Country Carnival

‘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
Skoolbag

From this week we will begin using the filters available in Skoolbag when sending out information. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter there are filters for each year level, sport, PSSA and our dance groups. A new filter for Defence Families has also been added.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Finally, a quick reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association will be held next Monday, 10th March commencing at 7:30pm in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

Student Banking Reminder

Remember school banking is now on a Thursday.

During term 1, every student who completes a minimum of three school banking deposits will be in the running to win one of two $50 credits into their school banking account. This year we are issuing 2 canteen vouchers each week. The winners of the canteen vouchers this week are Rachael B & Hayden A. We had an outstanding amount of bankers last week with 93 people. Let’s see if we can have even more on Thursday.

Just a reminder to fill out all details on your deposit slip and on your stub. 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.

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: Pikelets with 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!

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.

- Currently we have a lot of small sizes - 4, 5, 6 of girls summer uniforms - just $5 each
- And a lot of the pink and black t-shirts and jackets for the primary dance group at just $2 each,

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
**Sports Dates**

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**Oztag A: Round 1**

**Junior A Results**

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Highlights: Good teamwork by everyone and excellent tagging. Lily A, Dakota D, Laura G, Ruby H and Jayden S all had great debut games. Next week the team will work on our wider passing from dummy half.

**Senior A Results**

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Highlights: Angelique and April scoring valuable tries to give us two points in each game, brilliant tagging by Flynn T and Anthony P, and a try saving tag by Lauren S. Angelique H played a great debut game.

**Game Times**

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

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Good luck to all the zone competitors who are competing this Wednesday at Bradbury Swimming Pool. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to carpool other students. Your offer is much appreciated but you will not be needed. Students will be given school singlets to wear on the day if they want. These will need to be returned back to school sometime after the zone carnival.

**Liverpool Zone Representatives**

Congratulations to Xander K who was named in the Liverpool zone soccer team to compete at the SSW Carnival on Monday 24th March at Camden. Well done, Xander!

*Mr Hughes*

**PSSA SPORT**

**CRICKET** - Hammondville  
**SOFTBALL/TEE BALL** - Hammondville  
**OZTAG** - Woodward Park

*REMINDER* Just a reminder that a One Off $3 Loan Zone Levy must be paid for Summer PSSA. Thank You.
**Oztag B: Round 1**

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Highlights: The highlights of the afternoon were the good sportsmanship and teamwork shown by the whole team. Oscar Dowler played extremely well in both games, as this week’s captain and scored an excellent first try.

**Senior B Results**

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Highlights: The seniors dominated the first game and a number of players showed their ability to run with speed. In the second game, they became more organised as the game progressed and ended with a respectable draw.

**PSSA Cricket**

**Junior Cricket**

Last Friday, the junior cricket team played Holsworthy at Hammondville Oval. It was the first PSSA game for a few of our players and they certainly gave it their all. Our junior team played well but were unfortunately beaten by Holsworthy 162 to 118. The team played bowled and fielded well but Holsworthy were just too good on the day. Well done, boys!

**Senior Cricket**

Last Friday, the senior cricket team also played Holsworthy at Hammondville Oval. In a tough game, our senior team were defeated by Holsworthy 95 to 53. Although our batting was solid, their tight bowling really dried up our runs. We just have to tip our hats and acknowledge we were beaten by a good side. The way in which our students conducted themselves both on and off the field was excellent. Well done, boys!

*Mr McInney*

**SCRIPTURE CLASSES**

Dear parents,

Scripture classes are now finalised. No more changes to be made, thank you.

*Mrs C Vaughan*

**SRC 2014**

In the past few weeks, SRC elections have taken place in the classroom across Years 2-6. Students have been elected by their peers to represent them within our school.

Our 2014 SRC is:


Congratulations to these students. They will be presented with their SRC badges at our Week 6 assembly on Friday 7th March. Our SRC training days and first meeting will take place in the coming weeks.

*Mr Sillett & Mrs Peroni*
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

Uniform Price List

Please note there are a few changes to the 2014 Uniform Price List. For the latest List & Order form – please visit our website.

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 “DRESS UP DAY”

If there was an emergency on Friday, Stage 1 would have taken care of it! There were fire fighters, police officers, doctors, army personnel, nurses, vets, construction workers, chefs, artists, teachers, scientists, presenters and even an astronaut to name a few! Pilots and cabin crew were even on hand to take us all away to Hawaii.

Thank you to all our parents and friends for dressing up your children in such creative costumes. The children were engaged in many worthwhile discussions and activities centred on our community workers unit.

Thank you to all the parents and community who have graciously volunteered their time for our upcoming incursion. We are still in need for a few more volunteers, so if you can spare a few hours on Thursday 13th March either in the morning or middle session, please contact the front office or fill out the form in the newsletter. At this stage we would love a hairdresser, another nurse, army personnel and chef, but we are more than happy with any other profession. One of the Stage 1 teachers will be calling all interested volunteers this week with details about the day.

Thank you.

Stage 1 Teachers

You can now follow our school on Twitter @HammondvillePS