Dear Parents and Carers,

The final two weeks of this term are going to be very busy with a number of events taking place. Please make sure you check the calendar dates above, the website and Skoolbag to ensure you are aware of all that is happening.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week our Stage 3 students will be participating in training to become group leaders in our Peer Support program. Peer Support is an integral part of our student welfare program and the lessons this year will focus on developing friendships, which is an important social skill for all of our children. I sincerely hope our Stage 3 students enjoy their leadership training and develop a range of new skills that they can implement when leading their groups next term. Thank you to Mrs Elgood for organising the training program.

Often as teachers we are asked by parents about ways they can assist their children with homework. In many instances the parents indicate they have difficulty helping because they were taught some things differently, particularly in mathematics. The Department of Education and Communities has developed an excellent website and smartphone app called ‘School A-Z’. The website and app have been developed specifically to assist parents and children with homework and to provide information about the way various concepts are taught at school. There are also interactive skill development games to assist children in understanding some concepts. If you feel you need some additional assistance with homework, I encourage you to visit the website at www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au or download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

Have an enjoyable week,

Ken Smith
Principal
Notes from the Office

Please ensure the Family Occupation & Education Index (FOEI) letters are returned to the office asap.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Care Modules

A huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and community members who attended our CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) course and emergency care modules, through Hammondville Public School last week. We held two information sessions and both meetings were well attended. Wayne Martin from Royal Life Saving-Australia has made comment on what a wonderful community we have here at Hammondville and how enthusiastic and skilled our participants were. Once certificates arrive at the school we will ensure these are distributed.

Once again thank you for your attendance and we hope you found the course very informative.

Mrs Waugh

Student Banking Reminder

Only 2 more weeks to go into the running to win one of two $50 credits into your school banking account. Last week we saw 67 bankers.

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.
Banker of the week winners last week were: Keira C and Braydon L.

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: Fro-Yo Cones - $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!

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.

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*

**Sports Dates**

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**Terry Lamb 7’s Playoff Match (South vs North)**

The playoff match for the senior boys and senior girls rugby league team will take place sometime in May. We will notify students and parents when we know the exact date. Training will continue this week.

**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 next Tuesday 8th April. 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!

Approximate race times will be:

- 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

**PSSA SPORT**

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

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

The choir will be singing at the ANZAC Day service on Thursday 10th April at 9.30.

Parents, grandparents and friends are very welcome to come for our ANZAC day service and to hear us sing.

*Rachelle Glynn*
*Choir Coordinator*

**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*

**SRC Training**

Thank you Mrs Peroni and Mr Sillett for a wonderful and successful SRC training day. The SRC representatives played numerous games, some with chairs on how to work as a team, how to show perseverance and how to think outside the box. We were treated with delicious pizza, garlic bread and soft drink for lunch.

*Flynn T & April M*

**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 HAS BEEN EXTENDED**

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 Friday 4th April 2014.

Extra raffle tickets are available at the office.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April at the Easter Hat Parade. 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.

If anyone has any unwanted baskets that you would like to donate for the Easter Raffle, could you please bring them up to the office by Friday 4th April.
School Website

The ICT committee has been busy updating the school website. Each class has an allocated page and most classes have photos of work or activities students have been doing. There is also updated information about the school. If you would like to see any other aspects or information on the website, please come and see me to discuss these and they will be considered.

Alana Allum

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 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