Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The children have settled very quickly into school for Term 2 which is most pleasing. It was also pleasing to see the way the children moved around the school and how well they responded to their group leaders during the introductory lesson of the Peer Support Program last Friday. The Peer Support Program takes a great deal of organisation to run as smoothly as it does at Hammondville. Thank you to Mrs Elgood for her organisation of the program, Mrs Mihopoulos for placing all of the children into their groups, Mrs Potts for organising all the training tubs and all the parents who helped with the Stage 3 tabloid sports day last Thursday, which was the culminating activity of the leadership training.

It was great to see a number of classes using the iPads last week. During my time as an educator tablet technology is probably the most highly engaging teaching tool that I have seen. I am very much looking forward to seeing the positive effect that the iPads will have on the learning of our students. I know the classes that used them were very excited and are looking forward to using them in their classroom on a regular basis.

This Wednesday, our Senior Boy’s and Girl’s Rugby League teams will be competing in the finals of the Terry Lamb Rugby League Sevens competition. I would like to wish both teams all the best in their final. Thank you to both Mr Hughes for coaching the teams and to the parents and carers who will be transporting the students to and from the venue.

Don’t forget there is a P&C Meeting in the library this evening at 7:30pm and the Mother’s Day Stall will be on Thursday, 8th May with gifts being sold for $5.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal
Year 5 Opportunity Class Slips

A reminder for Year 4 parents: Intention to apply for Year 5 Opportunity Class slips are due back to your teacher this week. Please make sure your child has handed it in to their teachers. Online applications are now open and a small number of paper applications are available from Mrs Jacobs. All applications close on Friday 16th May (without exception).

Mrs Jacobs

Peer Support

Week 2
We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Thank You

A big thank you to the White family for generously feeding and caring for the Hammondville farm animals. Without your support we would have had a tricky time looking after all our wonderful animals.

Mrs Jacobs & the Hammondville Animals

Healthy Hammondville

Stay tuned for regular updates on healthy living tips. There will be pamphlets coming home this term to inform families.

Mrs Jacobs

The Chooks

Looking at rehousing our chooks to down to the bird aviary area. This will give them more room and allow us to extend our kitchen garden. Please if anyone has any resources or ideas, talk to Mrs Jacobs.

Mrs Jacobs

School Banking

Lots of exciting things happening this term:
There are new competitions coming, so look out for new announcements.
We will see new rewards up for ordering with next week’s deposit. For all of those who bank each week.
Don’t forget to send your 10 tokens in with your order slip.
Please remember to fill your books out properly.

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: Mini Hot Dogs with Sauce - $1 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 & Found

Earrings given to Paris B to mind at netball tryouts - pick up from 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

Stewart House

Stewart House clothing appeal bags to be returned to ‘cage’ area behind office block - due by 16/5/14. Thank you.

Sports Dates

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Sports Stars

A big congratulations to Mrs Elgood and Mrs Johnson who took part in the She Runs 10km at Centennial Park on Saturday night. This was Mrs Elgood's first 10km and she ran the whole way, a great accomplishment for a debut run. We are very proud of you both!

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 this week on Wednesday at Belmore. Good luck footy players!
Winter PSSA Trials

This year for Winter PSSA the school is entering teams in netball, rugby league and soccer (boys and girls teams). Teams will be selected by the end of this week (if weather permits) with the first game to be played on the Friday of Week 3.

School and Zone Cross Country

It was pleasing to see so many of our zone squad training last week in the morning. Training will continue on Wednesday and Friday of this week. Permission notes for the zone carnival are to be returned to Mr Hughes this week. The top three placegetters from our school carnival will receive their certificates at next week’s assembly. The house shield will also be handed out on this day.

Mr Hughes

New Hammondville Website

Hammondville Public School is proud to announce the new Hammondville Public School Weebly. This is a website designed to strengthen home school partnerships.

It has information for parents, students and teachers alike in one convenient spot. This site provides students with links to many websites that may be used in their classrooms and provides parents with information about what students in government schools are learning and how you can support them at home. It also provides support for parents on other issues that may arise throughout your child’s schooling and life such as ‘how to help your child make friends”, “building resilience” and building positive relationships”. Check it out this week on the following link: www.hammondvillepublicschoolweebly.com

The site offers a feedback service so let us know what you think and if you find any other interesting sites that might be beneficial for the Hammondville Public School learning community.

Rebekah Murray

Mother’s Day Stall

This year the Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 8th May.

*Gifts are $5, please place money in an envelope with your child’s Name, Class & Number of Gifts written on the front of the envelope. All money is due on Tuesday 6th May.*

Thank you, P&C.

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
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 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