Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all our mums had a lovely Mother’s Day yesterday and were appropriately spoilt.

While speaking of Mother’s Day, I would like to thank Vanessa Potts and the other volunteers for organising and running the Mother’s Day Stall last Thursday.

Last week our Senior Boy’s and Girl’s Rugby League teams participated in the Terry Lamb Sevens Competition. Both teams played very well during the competition representing our school with determination and pride. The Boy’s team made it to the final of the competition and were unlucky to lose three tries to two against a team of much bigger boys from Campsie PS. Well done to both teams and thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supported both teams during the day. Thank you also to Mr Hughes for coaching both teams.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). While NAPLAN is important and provides useful information on the progress of students to parents and the school, it is vital that parents support their children during the test period and not to place too much pressure on them by incessantly talking about or worrying about the tests. NAPLAN should be viewed as a learning experience and generally children who take the testing in their stride and are not anxious will perform best.

Finally, just a quick reminder that the school car parking area is for staff parking. Please do not use the school car park as a drop off or pick up zone between 8:00am and 3:30pm. This is particularly important at the moment as our parking has been reduced due to areas being fenced off around trees for safety reasons.

Have an enjoyable 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 3**

During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendships, specifically those of cooperating and listening.

During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

**Debating**

The Liverpool District Debating Competition officially began last week with Hammondville taking on Prestons. The topic was “That the city is the best place to live” and Hammondville was the negative side. Our team consisted of Nathan Mudie, Amy Malcolm, April Moore and Tasha Muller. All team members presented convincing arguments in a confident manner. The adjudicator commented on how confidently Nathan spoke and with Amy’s fantastic use of language, April’s rebuttals and Tasha’s note taking and assistance with the team.

Congratulations to all team members for securing our 1st win of the competition and a special mention to April for being awarded the Encouragement award. Mr Sillett and I are very proud of all our debaters for their enthusiasm and commitment to all training sessions. Thank you also to Mrs Zanapalis for adjudicating her first debate at Liverpool Public School. She also represented our school proudly. Looking forward to our next debate in Week 5.

*Mr Sillett & Mrs Bruno*

*Debating Coordinators*

**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**

We have started Term 2 off great. Week 1 we had 62 bankers. The bankers of the week were, Sheridan H & Tyler M. Week 2 we had 84 bankers. The bankers of the week were, Jules C & Fraser M. We have over 20 eligible students to order from the reward program.

Available prizes this term are; handball, scented pencils, penguin or shark toy keyring or a whale shark pencil case.
• Please be aware that we are ordering your prizes as you order, so it may be 1-2 weeks before you receive your item due to postage.
• Please also remember to fill your deposit slip in correctly. We have had a lot of people not entering in the correct amount or not filling in the stub in your book. This takes unnecessary time for us to fill your books out correctly.

Save in Term 2 for a chance to win the Dollarmites’ sunken treasure.

The Dollarmites want to encourage School Banking students to keep up their regular savings habits. That’s why they are giving students a chance to win a share of the sunken treasure they have found in the Lost City of Savings. Here’s how to win. Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major prize – a family underwater adventure holiday:**

• Five nights accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
• VIP passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n' Wild Gold Coast;
• A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
• A $3,000 travel card to get you there.

**Runner up prizes:**

• 130 Toys ‘R’Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

There will be a separate draw giving one school in each state/territory of Australia the chance to win $1,000 cash to spend as they wish.

Remember, no matter how small, regular deposits will help your savings grow.

**Thank-you,**

*Sue & Colleen*

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**Canteen News**

**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!

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**CANTENE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

There will be a sausage sizzle on **Wednesday 28th May 2014.** Orders will need to be in by **FRIDAY 23rd MAY 2014.** Payment envelope can be sent to the canteen in lunch order basket. No refunds given.

Cost: $2.00 (sausage on a bread roll with sauce)

Details to include on payment envelope:

1) Name
2) Class
3) “Payment for Sausage Sizzle”
4) Number of “sausage on a bread roll with sauce” required
5) Amount of money enclosed
6) Your name and phone number if you are able to help on the day

*Sue Craig*
**Lost & Found**

Earrings given to Paris B to mind at netball tryouts – pick up from the office. There are also various pieces of girls jewellery that has been handed in to the office.

**Uniform Pool**

*New opening hours:*
*Wednesday afternoon 2:30pm – 3:00pm and NON – ASSEMBLY Friday mornings from 9:00am – 9:30am.*

Thank you to everyone who has donated recently – we have plenty of winter stock – come and grab a bargain!!

We also have pre-loved house shirts, senior dance uniforms as well as some bags and hats.

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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**Terry Lamb 7’s (South vs North)**

**Senior Girls**

It has been an absolute pleasure seeing the senior girls rugby league team train and play in the matches for the Terry Lamb 7’s. This has been our first girls rugby league team (and hopefully the first of many) and the girls have performed exceptionally well in their debut tournament. After taking out the south division of the competition, the senior girls had to face the north division. They had a close 12-16 loss in their first game against Beralta, before winning convincingly against St Peter Chanel 28-4. In the grand final against Beralta, our girls played extremely well and gave them another close match, but in the end were beaten by a better team on the day, going down 4-12. Well done to Irin Chardcharoen, Ashley Gorman, Taylah Hill, Angeline Hudson, Maya Ivanoska, Miriama Kepu, Brooke Ross, Lauren Setter, Nicola Valanidas, Chloe Vassiliou, Waris Yoitha and our team manager Georgia Blanchard. A special thank you to Daniel Hudson who looked after the team on the day, running drills with the girls and coaching them throughout the day. Your help and support was much appreciated. Thank you to all the other parents who were there on the day to cheer on our league girls!

**Senior Boys**

The senior boys had a great start to the Terry Lamb 7’s playoff matches, winning their first match against St Joseph’s 28-0 and their second match against St Peter Chanel 36-4. They then faced a strong team in Beralta and went down 24-28 however still got to the grand final as south division champions. The boys faced a big and strong Campsie team in the grand final; however we matched them with determination and effort. Going in to half-time we were down by one try and towards the end of the match we were definitely looking the stronger team as the opposition players got tired. Unfortunately the full-time siren blew as we had just started our attack and we were unable to score to equalise, losing the match 20-16. The boys should be extremely proud of their efforts as Campsie has won the Terry Lamb 7’s for the last five years and this was their closest match in a grand final. Well done to Hayden Acland, Joshua Breen, Joel Furner, Quinn Johnson, Keenan Martin, Tyran Smith-Mieszkuc,
Anthony Panetta, Jack Pascoe, Nicolas Stamoulis, Flynn Taylor, Joey Towerton and our team manager Tom Searle. Thank you to all the parents who were there on the day to cheer on the boys. A highlight for me was to see the boys line up before their grand final match, arms around each other, singing the national anthem. Well done boys for getting so far in the tournament!

**Winter PSSA**

The teams for Winter PSSA have been selected with the first match to be played this Friday. Permission notes have been handed out and need to be returned to the coach by Wednesday. If there is money enclosed then the envelope should be given to the office.

**Liverpool Zone Representatives**

Congratulations to Ryeli Brewer, Zac Cook and Quinn Johnson who were named in the Liverpool zone boys softball team to compete at the SSW Carnival on Monday 26th May. Well done boys!

*Mr Hughes*

**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*

**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](http://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*

**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*

**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*
Girls Winter Uniform

**Special** - Girls winter tunics - sizes 10 + 12 on special - only $20 available at the canteen.

P&C

Mother’s Day Stall

Thank you to all parents that gave their time before and on the day of the stall and the office staff for collecting and counting the money. It was much appreciated.

Hope all mum’s had a wonderful day. Approximately $500 was raised. Thank you.

P&C

You can now follow our school on Twitter @HammondvillePS

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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