A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past week or so there has been a significant amount of media coverage regarding the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens. Following is some information from the Ministry of Education regarding the situation.

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disability
A separate note has been sent home today regarding the collection of nationally consistent data on students with disability. The collection of this data is to provide the Federal Government with an overall picture of the level of support that is being provided to students with disability in schools and allow for better planning. The data collection will have no direct impact on any children and they will not be involved in any testing process. Please read the note carefully and if you have any questions there are a number of website links in the note that you can obtain information from or you can phone the school and speak with Mr McInney or me.

Good luck to all of the students who will be representing our school at the Liverpool Zone Cross Country Carnival tomorrow. I’m sure they will all try their very best and do our school proud.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Hood and Mrs Johnson for the work they have done on revamping the newsletter into a more reader friendly format.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

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Peer Support

Week 4

Types of friends is the focus in Peer Support this week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through various activities children will identify that their friends can fall into the categories of ‘best friends’, ‘friends’ and ‘people we know’. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons. Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.

Hammondville Public School Weebly

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.hammondvillepublicschool.weebly.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

Updates to 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

School Banking

Last week we had 72 bankers. Bankers of the week winners, Meredith M & Joshua S. Don't forget you can send in your 10 tokens with your reward slip so you can claim your banking prize.

Prizes available this term, 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.
- Don’t forget, only 3 deposits to enter into the Dollarmites sunken treasure competition.
- 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.
- Please ensure that you collect your bank book weekly as there have been several coming in with no money each week.
- Application forms are available from the office or come and see us any Thursday morning if you have any questions.

Thank-you,
Sue & Colleen

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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SPORT

Winter PSSA

Senior Netball

Hammondville (16) v Sackville 1 (2) Win
Hammondville (7) v Wattle Grove 1 (2) Win
The Senior Girls netball team had two excellent wins. They played extremely well as a team in both games. Against Sackville Street 1 they dominated to win 16 - 2. Against Wattle Grove 1 they won by 7 - 2. The player of the day was Nicola Valandis with her sharp shooting. Chloe Vassiliou and Georgia Stig were great captains.

Junior Netball

Hammondville (3) v Sackville 1 (3) Draw
Hammondville (4) v Wattle Grove 1 (0) Win
The Junior netball team also played extremely well in both games. They started well with a 3-3 draw against Sackville Street 1 and improved further to defeat Wattle Grove 1, 4-0. Player of the day and this week’s captain was Annika Stig.

Mr Sillett

Senior Rugby League

A tough first half saw Hammondville go to Oranges in front 12-4. Flynn scored both tries. Flynn made it a hat trick early in the second half. Anthony P added to the score with a tough try. Joshua scored soon after followed by Quinn with two quick tries. Nicholas scored the final try. Hammondville 44 Nuwarra 10. A great effort boys.

Junior Rugby League

An azure cloudless sky greeted Hammondville to Childs Park. Hammondville tried hard and Toby W scored the first try. Hammondville you never stopped trying and Toby scored again from dummy half. This was followed by a try to Jayden. Aneliese and Alyssa played strongly and Oscar made some good runs and so did Jack. Toby completed his hat trick and late in the game made it four giving us a win. Well done team. The final score 26-22 after being down 22-12 early in the second half.

Junior A Boys Soccer

Last Friday, the junior boys soccer team played Chipping Norton at Hammondville Oval. Our junior team played well and defeated Chipping Norton 4-1. The team showed great cohesion for our first game. Awesome boys!
Goal Scorers – Beau W 2, Daniel R 1, Mason A 1

Junior B Boys Soccer

Last Friday, the junior boys soccer team played Chipping Norton at Hammondville Oval. Our junior team played well but were beaten 4-1. A great first game and a lot of promising potential. Great job boys!
Goal Scorers – Harry B 1

Senior Boys Soccer

Last Friday, the senior boys soccer team also played Chipping Norton at Hammondville Oval. In a good opening match to the season, our senior team were victorious 4-0. Some great saves by our keeper, Jaxon Russo kept us in the game early and some great goals allowed us to run away with a victory.
Great work all round boys!
Goal Scorers – Cooper Hall 2, Nathan M 1, Bailey P 1

Mr McInney

PSSA This Week

Boys Soccer – Bye
Girls Soccer – Bye
Netball – Woodward Park
Rugby League – Hillier Oval

Sport Dates

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Liverpool Zone Cross Country

Good luck to all the students who are competing in the Liverpool Zone Cross Country Carnival tomorrow at South Park, Chipping Norton. The carnival starts at 10am with students needing to
arrive at the park by 9:45am. We wish the athletes all the best for the day.

**Rugby League: Round 1 vs Nuwarra**

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A great start to the season with a win for both the junior and senior teams. Well done! A big thank you to Mr Osborne for taking the junior and senior teams for their debut match for the season. It was much appreciated.

Next week’s match: vs Marsden Road at Hillier Oval

**High Jump Competition**

The high jump component of the school athletics carnival will be held during this term. The following are the qualifying dates:

- 12/13 Years Boys and Girls: Thursday 22nd May
- 11 Years Boys and Girls: Monday 26th May
- Junior Boys and Girls: Tuesday 27th May

The students will be allowed to bring their sports uniform or joggers on their qualifying day.

**Mr Hughes**

**Running Man**

A big congratulations to Mr Hughes for completing the North Face 100 kilometre run in the Blue Mountains on Saturday. He finished in a time of 16 hours 28 minutes and was placed 329th out of 700 finishes. Well done Mr Hughes!!

**School Photographs**

Parents wishing to purchase an SRC or Student Leader photograph for 2014 are welcome to view a copy at the front office or on our website, under Parent information. Order envelopes are available at the office and are due back 30th June. Thank you.

**Mrs Vaughan**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Tempting Tuesday Treat:** Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday?
Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: _Chocolate Cup Cakes – 50 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!

**“UNIFORM SPECIALS” – available at canteen**

- Girls winter tunics, size 10 & 12, only $20 each
- “Old” Sport T/Shirts, size 4 only, $10 each
- “Old” Sport Shorts, size 6-14, $10 each

**CANTEEN 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**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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**

**GENERAL INFO**

**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*

**NOTES FROM DEC**

**Too sick for school?**

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser: [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

**Mental maths strategies**

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

**Does speaking another language at home confuse children?**

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at [www.bit.ly/1m0agnk](http://www.bit.ly/1m0agnk)

**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 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](mailto: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](http://www.ku.com.au)