A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past week or so there have been a number of incidents across Sydney where children have been struck by cars in school zones. One of the weekend newspapers carried a front page story and an editorial about reckless drivers who speed through school zones putting the lives of children at risk. The paper indicated that last Friday in just half an hour they had recorded 57 vehicles travelling above 40km/h in one school zone. It is important that we think about this as a school community and adhere to the 40km/h speed limit in school zones because the safety of our students is paramount.

It is also important that parking rules are observed around schools for the same reason. Parking around schools is often very congested and hectic in the morning and afternoon with parents trying to get as close as possible to the school gates to pick up and drop off their children. I ask that everyone takes the time and effort to drop off and pick up children in a safe and responsible manner. Taking a few extra minutes or walking a few additional metres for the sake of keeping all children safe is a small thing to do. No-one would want to live with the knowledge that their actions had, in any way, caused harm to a child. I thank the majority of parents and carers who consistently do the right thing because they understand the importance of keeping all our children safe, and at same time teach their children responsible behaviour.

Furthermore, the driveways into and out of our school also create some unique safety issues for pedestrians during those drop off and pick-up times. It is really important that anyone coming into the school by foot enters through the main pedestrian gates not the driveways to avoid any danger. The driveway gates are closed to vehicles between 2:30pm and 3:00pm each day for this reason. If there is a specific reason that you need access to the car park during these times, such as to pick up a sick or injured child please arrange this by phoning the office.

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Liverpool Zone Cross Country Carnival last week, from all reports you all tried your very best and made us particularly proud by coming second in carnival. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport on the day.

Finally, a quick reminder that the P&C will be meeting next Monday 2nd June at 7:30pm in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Have a fantastic week.
Ken Smith
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

WEEK 5

Wednesday, May 28th
“Canteen News”
“Sausage Sizzle”

WEEK 6

Monday, June 2nd
P&C Meeting-Library-7.30
Wednesday, June 4th
Hammondville PS Open Day

WEEK 7

Wednesday, June 11th
Stage 1 – Taronga Zoo Excursion
Thursday, June 12th
Regional Cross Country
Peer Support

Week 5

This week in the Peer Support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each others lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session.

Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.

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 84 bankers. Bankers of the week winners, Cody N & Waris Y. 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 key ring 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

SPORT

Winter PSSA

Senior Netball

Hammondville (14) v Liverpool 1 (0) Win
Hammondville (4) v Newbridge Heights 1 (2) Win
Hammondville Senior Netballers had a resounding 14-0 win against Liverpool 1 in their first encounter and in their second game they won a closely-contested game against Newbridge Heights 1, 4-2. This week’s captain was Ashley Gorman and senior player of the week was Lauren Setter.

**Junior Netball**

Hammondville (5) v Liverpool 1 (3) Win
Hammondville (6) v Newbridge Heights 1 (0) Win

Hammondville Junior Netballers played Liverpool 1 in their first game, in which they had a pleasing 5-3 win. In their second game, the juniors were convincing 6-0 winners against Newbridge Heights 1. This week’s captain was Alex Smith and junior player of the week was Jesse Cross.

**Mr Sillett**

**Rugby League - Rnd 2 vs Marsden Rd**

**Score:** Juniors won 34-12

**Tryscorers:** Jack McIlvenny x4, Noah Makki and Toby White

**Highlights:** Our defence was strong with the team not afraid to tackle the big opposition players. Oscar Dowler and Alyssa Spencer had some great hard runs up the middle, Jack McIlvenny was unstoppable with the ball and Joshua Sutch tackled hard.

**Score:** Seniors won 52-12

**Tryscorers:** Quinn Johnson x 4, Flynn Taylor x2, Kennan Martin, Anthony Panetta and Daniel Hasham

**Highlights:** Overall, a great team effort. Our forwards, in particular Keenan Martin and Jack Pascoe, had some great hard runs, we were strong in holding the opposition out on our line and showed a lot of speed down the sideline.

**Mr Hughes**

**PSSA This Week**

**Boys Soccer** - Hammondville

**Girls Soccer** - Hammondville

**Netball** - Woodward Park

**Rugby League** - Hammondville

**Sport Dates**

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Monday 26th May: SSW Softball
Ryeli Brewer, Zac Cook and Quinn Johnson

Wednesday 28th May: SSW Rugby Union
Joshua Breen and Flynn Taylor

Thursday 12th June: SSW Cross Country
Daniel Rasera, Elise Muller, Annika Stig, Lily Austin, Anika Stajcic, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan, Alex Smith, Maya Ivanoska, Nathan Mudie and Tasha Muller

Thursday 17th July: 3-6 Athletics Carnival

**High Jump Competition**

The high jump component of the school athletics carnival will be held during this term. The following are the qualifying dates:
11 Years Boys and Girls - Mon 26th May
Junior Boys and Girls - Tues 27th May

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

**Liverpool Zone Representatives**

Congratulations to Flynn Taylor and Joshua Breen who were named in the Liverpool rugby union team to compete at the SSW Carnival on Wednesday 28th May. Well done future Wallaby (or All Black) stars!

**Liverpool Zone Cross Country**

The Liverpool Zone Cross Country was held last week and our students performed exceptionally well over the long distances. There were over 100 students in every race and our results were terrific. Every student put in 100% and we are extremely proud of all of the students’ results.

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Bailey Parish - 18th  
Isaac Briggs - 34th  
Thomas Searle - 35th  
James Aldridge - 36th  
Dale Peterson - 38th

Demi Schmierer - 10th  
Laura Gomes - 12th  
Lilly Moore - 15th  
Jordyn Rendell - 34th  
Paris Bertram - 40th

11 Years Boys  
Anthony Panetta - 14th  
Jaxon Russo - 15th  
Joel Furner - 18th  
Cooper Hall - 37th  
Quinn Johnson - 49th  
Bradley Julis - 50th  
Daniel Pearce - 52nd

11 Years Girls  
Maya Ivanoska - 7th  
Lily Salzmann - 11th  
Waris Yothe - 33rd  
Emma Brooks - 36th  
Jennifer Fleming - 37th  
Jessica Graham - 58th

12/13 Years Boys  
Nathan Mudie - 3rd  
Isaac Walker - 11th  
Leo Giarta - 15th  
Jake Ranjit - 18th  
Daniel Hasham - 24th  
Flynn Taylor - 31st  
Ryeli Brewer - 33rd

12/13 Years Girls  
Tasha Muller - 2nd  
April Moore - 25th  
Monica Keo - 30th  
Taylor Hill - 31st  
Shahni Quinn - 43rd  
Chloey Vassiliou - 44th  
Amy Malcolm - 73rd

Overall our school came 2nd out of the fifteen schools in our zone. A big congratulations to Daniel Rasera, Elise Muller, Nathan Mudie and Tasha Muller who placed in the top three of their race. The top eight from each age group will continue on to the regional carnival to be held at Hurlstone Agricultural High School on Thursday 12th June. Well done to Daniel Rasera, Beau Walker, Elise Muller, Annika Stig, Lily Austin, Anika Stajcic, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan, Alex Smith, Maya Ivanoska, Nathan Mudie and Tasha Muller. We wish you all the best on the day. Keep up the training!

A special mention goes to the biggest improvers from last year’s carnival. They were:  
Shahni Quinn (72nd to 43rd)  
Daniel Rasera (27th to 2nd)  
Isaac Walker (36th to 11th)  
Jaxon Russo (30th to 15th)  
Elise Muller (15th to 2nd)  
Mason Allen (26th to 13th)  
Cooper Hall (50th to 37th)  
Jessica Graham (70th to 58th)  
Maya Ivanoska (18th to 7th)  
Jennifer Fleming (48th to 37th)  
Amy Malcolm (83rd to 73rd)

Also well done to our best debutants (not including the 8/9 years races):  
Ella Ashton (9th)  
Laura Gomes (12th)  
Lilly Moore (15th)  
Leo Giarta (15th)

Jake Ranjit (18th)  
Finally, congratulations to Tasha Muller who was our most prolific athlete. She ran in her fifth straight zone cross country this year.

Mr Hughes

K-2 Athletics

The K-2 Athletics will be held at school on Friday 27th June (Week 9). It will begin after lunch at 11.45am and conclude by 1.45pm when the children will have recess. During the 2 hours the children will rotate through a variety of activity stations such as relays, long jump, hurdles, discus, sprints, etc. The emphasis will be on participation. Parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Moore

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

CANTENE NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit & Chocolate Stick – $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!

“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

Hours: Monday- Thursday - 9.00-11.00am
CANTEEN SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Sausage Sizzle is this Wednesday 28th May 2014. If you have not already ordered, please send it in tomorrow. 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
Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm & Assembly Fridays 8.45 - 9.15am
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

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

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 to 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

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