A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now more than half-way through what has been a very busy term. Thank you to the students, the staff and the many parents who have participated enthusiastically in and helped with the various activities that have taken place so far this term.

As most of you would know, the Watts family had a fire destroy a room on their property last week, which would have been quite a distressing experience. On behalf of our school, I would like to wish the family all the best and also thank Mr and Mrs Watts for the concern they showed for our school and the students through the prompt action they took on Thursday morning to arrange for services to be cut from the burnt-out building and for temporary fencing to be erected.

There are occasionally circumstances such as children being sick or injured when the office staff needs to contact parents or carers. So the office staff can contact you without delay, please ensure the office has your most recent contact details. Additionally, if there is a change in family circumstances and there are court orders or other legal documents relating to family law issues, please let the ladies in the office know and provide the most recent documentation. Later in the newsletter there is some important information regarding the Department of Education and Communities’ position in relation to family law issues. Please take the time to read it if your family is affected.

Finally, congratulations to our debating team who last week won their debate, making it two wins from two debates to start the competition off very well. Mrs Bruno, Mr Sillett and the team are very proud and excited about their efforts so far.

I hope you all have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

WEEK 6
Monday, June 2nd  P&C Meeting-Library-7.30
Wednesday, June 4th  Pre-Schoolers Open Day
Thursday, June 5th  Pie Drive Orders Due

WEEK 7
Wednesday, June 11th  Stage 1 – Taronga Zoo Excursion
Thursday, June 12th  Regional Cross Country
Friday, June 13th  Movie Night

WEEK 9
Friday, June 27th  K-2 Athletics
Peer Support

Week 6

During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game. This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

School Banking

Last week we had 87 bankers. Bankers of the week winners, Cooper H & Jake L. 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

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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SPORT

Winter PSSA

Senior Netball

Hammondville (2) v Holsworthy 1 (8) Loss

Hammondville Senior Netballers came up against some quality opposition in Holsworthy (1) this week. They proved to be our toughest opposition yet and although our girls fought hard the whole game, Holsworthy ran out winners 8-2. With extra effort in training, we look forward to meeting them again later in the season. This week’s captain was Nicola Valanidas and player of the week was Lily Salzmann.

Junior Netball

Hammondville (5) v Holsworthy 1 (1) Win

Hammondville Junior Netballers played a fast-paced game against Holsworthy 1 this week. Our team played extremely well with excellent passing combinations and our more accurate shooting proved to be the real difference between the two teams. The team won 5-1. This week’s captain was Paris Bertram and player of the week was Sophie Learson.

Mr Sillett

Rugby League - Rnd 3 vs Dalmeny B

Score: Juniors won 26-0
Tryscorers: Toby White x2, Hamza Rahmani, Reece Whiting and Noah Makki
Goalkickers: James Aziz, Jayden Shields and Hamza Rahmani

Highlights: A brilliant try by Toby from the kick off, an excellent 50m run by Alyssa Spencer and strong tackling by Alyssa.

Score: Seniors won 42-6
Tryscorers: Flynn Taylor x3, Quinn Johnson x2, Anthony Panetta and Jack Pascoe
Goalkickers: Quinn Johnson, Flynn Taylor, Anthony Panetta, Keenan Martin, Jack Pascoe and Joey Towerton.
**Highlights**: A great kick off from Anthony, strong tackling by Daniel Hasham and an excellent game from first receiver by Joey.

*Mr Hughes*

**Senior Girls Soccer**

Hammondville 0 V Casula 0

In a hard fought match the Hammondville girls showed some brilliant defence and displayed a real passion on the field. We managed to break the oppositions back line on a few occasions but just came up short with the finishing touches. Our midfield players should be congratulated for feeding our strikers with some great balls and never giving up. Looking forward to working on our goal shooting at training!

**Junior A Girls Soccer**

Hammondville 4 V Casula 1

Last Friday, our A team were on fire and displayed a lot of courage around the ground. A special mention to the midfield girls who did not stop running the entire game. Well done everyone a well-deserved win!

**Junior B Girls Soccer**

Hammondville 3 Casula 0

In a dominant match up our girls managed to put 3 goals away with several shots just passing the outside post. Thanks to a strong defence line our goal keepers enjoyed a relaxing day in the sun while our strikers were non-stop. Well done girls on your outstanding performance!

**PSSA Boys Soccer**

**Junior A Boys Soccer**

Last Friday, the junior boys soccer team played Casula at Hammondville Oval. Our junior team played well and achieved our first win of the season, winning 2-0. Everybody had fun and played really well.

Great job, boys!

Goal Scorers – David A, Rhys D

**Senior Boys Soccer**

Last Friday, the senior boys soccer team also played Casula at Hammondville Oval, defeating our opposition 3-0. In a game that was a bit scrappy at the start, our boys started to spread out and pass the ball around. Once we started to do that, the goals came. This week we have a big game against Newbridge Heights. This will be a good test for us.

Well done, boys!

Goal Scorers – Cooper Hall 1, Xander K 2

*Mr McInney*

**PSSA This Week**

**Boys Soccer** – Hammondville

**Girls Soccer** – Hammondville

**Netball** – Woodward Park

**Rugby League** – Hammondville

**Sport Dates**

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**Wednesday 4th June**: Canterbury Knockout

Junior Boys, Senior Boys and Senior Girls

**Thursday 12th June**: SSW Cross Country

Daniel Rasera, Beau Walker, Elise Muller, Annika Stig, Lily Austin, Anika Stajic, Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan, Alex Smith, Maya Ivanoska, Nathan Mudie and Tasha Muller

**Thursday 17th July**: 3-6 Athletics Carnival

**Tues 16th - Thurs 18th Sept**: NSW Softball

Quinn Johnson
High Jump Competition

The high jump component of the school athletics carnival is down to the finals stage. The following are the dates for the finals:
- Junior Boys and Girls - Mon 2nd June
- 11 Years Boys and Girls - Tues 3rd June
- 12 Years Boys and Girls - Tues 10th June

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

Sydney South West Representative

Congratulations to Quinn Johnson who was selected in the Sydney South West boys softball team to compete at the NSW State Carnival at Lismore in Term 3. This is a great achievement and one of which we are extremely proud. Congratulations Quinn!

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

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

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform pool is open
- Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00pm & Non Assembly
- Fridays 9.00-9.30am

We are located in the school hall, in the room next to the stage.

All winter uniform items are $1.00, $2.00 and $5.00 only!!!

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

Debating

Last Thursday we played host to Round 2 of Debating which saw Hammondville compete against Casula. The topic was “We spend too much money on fashion.” Nathan began the debate with a convincing definition, outlined the arguments and introduced the team line. He spoke about how we technically do not need to spend so much on fashion when we are in uniform 5 out of the 7 days and also spoke about the cost of brand names. Amy continued our debate with strong rebuttals and spoke about the pressure of students keeping up with fashion styles and how this could lead to bullying. She also spoke about how people could choose to spend money on fashion instead of paying important bills. Finally, April concluded our debate with her strong persuasive manner with rebutting the negative team’s team line and arguments. The
adjudicator took quite a while to reach his decision, which was quite nerve wracking! He eventually rose and announced that it was a very close call and thankfully Hammondville were the eventual winners. Congratulations to all team members and to Khensa for assisting as the team advisor. Thank you to the rest of the team for undertaking important roles such as chairperson and timekeeping, as well as being supportive team members.

Michael Sillett & Samantha Bruno
Debating Coordinators

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Last week two representatives from Stage 2 and 3 classes at Hammondville Public School competed in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition held here at school. The students were required to present a prepared and an impromptu speech in front of their stage and teachers. To their credit the selected students all did an amazing job and had obviously prepared very well.

As an audience we came away with a better understanding of multicultural issues in our society and a great admiration for the bravery and skills of the contestants.


Our Stage 3 finalists included: Irin C, Bradley J, Onder U, Adam S, Bree C, April M, Tasha M, Suzie O and Cooper H.

In the end only two representatives from each stage could be selected to go onto the local finals held at George's Hall Public School this Thursday. It was indeed a very difficult decision given the high standard and skills of each of the competitors.

Special congratulations must go to our Stage 2 winners, Jesse C and Imogen S along with our Stage 3 winners, April M and Bree C, they did outstanding speeches and we wish them every success on Thursday.

Thank you to all Stage 2 and 3 students, staff and parents for all the hard work leading up to and on the day of this competition.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Coordinator

Thank You

A huge thank you to Mrs Farr who kindly donated a new hutch for our chooks.

Gardening Update

Wow, I have some amazing green thumbs with some great ideas. Our gardens are going to look amazing. Thanks to the parents for supporting their little gardeners ideas.

Mrs Jacobs

Pie Drive

Pie Drive orders are due this Thursday 5th June. Cold weather has hit, so stock up your freezer. All monies raised goes towards the purchase of more IPads for our children. Thank you.

P&C

Movie Night

SAVE THE DATE, MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY 13TH JUNE. More information will be sent home later this week.

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

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](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 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](http://www.bit.ly/1m0agnk)

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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](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)
The Department recognises that some families are subject to family breakdown. In meeting its obligations to students and parents, the Department relies on the following principles –

• the education of a child is primarily the responsibility of the child’s parents;

• decisions should be made on the basis of ensuring the continued effective and efficient operation of the school;

• generally, it will be assumed that both parents have been involved in any decisions made concerning major long term issues impacting on the school;

• school decisions are based on what is considered to be in the best interests of the child;

• where parents cannot agree between themselves on what is in the child’s best interests, it is the role of the court, not the school, to determine those interests;

• the school is not the appropriate place for family disputes to be resolved nor is it appropriate for school staff to resolve such issues;

• decisions should be made in an unbiased manner and as far as reasonably practicable, without favour to either parent;

• the obligations imposed by other legislation, such as the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 also need to be considered when dealing with family law related issues;

• the continued effective and efficient operation of the school and parents’ obligations under the Education Act 1990 to ensure their children of compulsory school age attend school or received home schooling take precedence over any interests parents may assert they have under the Family Law Act 1975.

Parents have a responsibility to advise the school immediately if any changes in family circumstances occur which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and the parents and/or students. If court orders are obtained by one or both parents, a copy of the orders should be provided to the school as soon as possible.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary (such as a court order), it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving their children’s education at the school.

The Department has developed a detailed policy to assist schools to manage family law related issues. The main features of the policy are summarised below –

• in the absence of any court order to the contrary, generally either parent can enrol a child in a government school;

• except in specifically defined circumstances, a child must be enrolled using the name that appears on his or her birth certificate;

• in the absence of court orders to the contrary, each parent is entitled to know at which school his or her child is enrolled;

• generally, each parent will be given the opportunity to participate in school related activities, including teacher/parent interviews and can have access to school documentation relating to his or her child;

• unless specifically authorised by a residential parent, children will not be permitted to leave school during the course of a school day.