A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the most anticipated and important times of the year is when reports on student progress are sent home. Later this week, our students will be receiving their reports for Semester 1. At this stage, we are aiming on the reports being sent home with students on either Wednesday or Thursday depending on how well the printing process goes. An alert will be sent via Skoolbag and SMS on the day reports are sent home so that everyone knows students will have their reports with them on that afternoon.

Over the past five to six weeks, the teachers have spent a great deal of time preparing the reports to provide a snapshot of your child’s progress and will be only too willing to discuss any aspect of the report that you feel requires clarification. Please contact your child’s teacher early next term if you feel an interview is necessary.

Below are some tips from one of Australia’s leading parenting educators – Michael Grose about reading your child’s report.

Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths, even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

I hope that these tips are useful and that we can continue to strengthen the home-school partnership which is vital in increasing student achievement.

Finally, thank you to all the students and staff on their effort and achievement in what has been a very busy term in which a whole variety of learning experiences and co-curricular activities have taken place. Thank you also to the many parents and carers who have assisted with these experiences and made it possible for them to take place. I hope you all have a safe, restful and well-deserved winter break. Students return to school on Tuesday, 15th July.

Ken Smith
Principal
Peer Support

Week 9

In this week’s final session of the Peer Support module *Keeping Friends* the children will be participating in a board game, reinforcing all of the concepts and skills that have been learned over the past 7 weeks. They will be reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships and make new friends. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

School Banking

Last week we had 76 bankers. Bankers of the week winners, Luke C & Mason G. 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

3-6 School Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 17th July (Term 3 Week 1). Due to the numbers of students at our school, we hold qualifying for shot put and discus at school prior to the carnival. The top 8-10 students from the qualifying will compete in the final at the carnival.

The events on the day of the athletics carnival are: 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put (finals) and discus (finals). Long jump will be held at school in the first couple of weeks of Term 3. High jump has already been held at school.
Students will compete in the following age groups for all events except 100m: Juniors (8/9/10 Years), 11 Years and 12/13 Years. In the 100m races, students will run according to their specific age group (i.e. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 years racing separately). There will be heats in the 100m with the fastest runners making it through to the final. All other races will only have heats with zone representatives being chosen based on times from these heats.

Permission notes are due this Wednesday.

**Discus Qualifying Week - Week 9**

Qualifying for the discus finals for the athletics carnival will be held in Week 9. Stage 2 will have their qualifying day on Wednesday 25th June and Stage 3 will have their qualifying day on Monday 23rd June.

**SSW Cross Country**

Congratulations to our athletes that represented our school and zone at the Sydney South West cross country carnival. The runners faced the usual cow poo and also the top runners from the other zones throughout our region. With our region being made up of over one hundred schools, each age group is representative of at least a thousand students, with seventy-two runners in each race. Our students’ results were:

- Tasha Muller – 7th
- Nathan Mudie – 10th
- Elise Muller – 14th
- Daniel Rasera – 17th
- Anika Stajcic – 18th
- Beau Walker – 32nd
- Lily Austin – 37th
- Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan – 37th
- Annika Stig – 49th
- Alex Smith – 53rd
- Maya Ivanoska – 56th

A special congratulations to Tasha Muller, who was just pipped for a spot at the state carnival. You ran a great race and we are extremely proud of your performance on the day.

**Mr Hughes**

**Senior Boys Soccer**

Hammondville 9 V Nuwarra 1

In a hard fought match the Hammondville boys showed some brilliant defence and displayed a real passion on the field. We managed to break the oppositions back line on a few occasions and were able to score some great goals especially a screamer from outside the box by Bailey. Our midfield players should be congratulated for feeding our strikers with some great balls and never giving up. Well done boys!

Goal Scorers – Nathan 3, Matthew 1, Xander 2, Bailey 1, Jovan 2

**Junior A Boys Soccer**

Hammondville 1 V Nuwarra 0

Last Friday, our A team managed to overpower our Nuwarra opponents with a 1 nil win. A special mention to the midfield boys who did not stop running the entire game. Well done everyone a well-deserved win!

Goal scorer – Daniel R

**Junior B Boys Soccer**

Hammondville 2 Nuwarra 0

In a dominant match up our boys managed to put 2 goals away with several shots just passing the outside post. Thanks to a strong defence line not much came towards our goals. Well done boys on your outstanding performance!

Goal scorers Harry B and David A

**Mr Betts (for Mr McInney)**

**WEEK 7 NETBALL RESULTS**

**Juniors v Liverpool 7-3 Win**

The Hammondville Junior netball team is improving with every game. This week they had a convincing 7-3 win against Liverpool. It was extremely pleasing to see the enjoyment both teams received from the game. Player of the week was Alex Smith.

**Seniors v Liverpool West 17-5 Loss**

The Hammondville senior netball team had their toughest game of the year so far. They played against a skilled and well-drilled opposition. Despite this, they continued through the game giving their best effort. The captain this week was Lauren Setter and the player of the week was Keira Hine.
**WEEK 8 NETBALL RESULTS**

**Juniors v Wattle Grove**

The Hammondville juniors played their best game so far. Their teamwork was great and contributed to them scoring so many goals. They also showed good sportsmanship as winners. The captain this week was Olivia Pascoe and the player of the week was also Olivia Pascoe.

**Seniors v Wattle Grove**

The Hammondville seniors had a solid win this week over Wattle Grove. The game was won on the back of some solid defence, which helped in gaining the ball and allowing us to attack. This week’s captain was Zoe Walker and the player of the week was Chloe Vassiliou.

**Mr Sillett**

**PSSA This Week**

No PSSA this Friday.

**Sport Dates**

- Thursday 17th July: 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 26th August: Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival
- Tues 16th - Thurs 18th Sept: NSW Softball

**Quinn Johnson**

**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**

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**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: **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!

**“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

COS CONCERT

Tickets have been issued to students who have purchased them. Please check with your child.

LITERACY WORKSHOP

Thank you to all of the parents (and grandma) who took the time to come out to the Literacy Workshop. It was such a lovely gathering of parents who were able to participate in an infants and primary session centred around reading and comprehension. Parents felt at ease discussing their own children and asking for suggestions with reading.

The feedback at the end of the evening was very encouraging ranging from: “I now know that there are other fun ways to encourage my child to read” and “I am going to try and work on making reading less stressful by reading to my child more often.”

Thank you to Mrs Hannan, Mrs Millott, Ms Ray and Mrs Warwick for assisting and leading this worthwhile workshop. If any parents/carers are interested in a day time session later in the year, please send a note with your child to Mrs Bruno.

Samantha Bruno
Literacy Committee

DEBATING

Last Thursday, our debating team went up against Marsden Road. On the day, the given topic was that ‘Sports People are Good Role Models’.

After the allotted hour, our debaters presented their speeches. First was Tasha showcasing our definition and letting the audience know that we were against this statement. Then there was Amy addressing the problem of players consuming alcohol, drug use and violence on the field. Afterwards, April came in strong, her speech consisting of rebuttals and summaries to conclude our team’s case. The adjudicator finally made his decision and awarded the win to the visiting school, Marsden Road.

Well done to all of our debaters.

Amy M – 6C