A Message From The Principal

Another week begins and as can be seen below, there is no shortage of events happening at Hammondville Public School. I have no doubt that our students are greatly appreciative of all the wonderful things happening at Hammondville Public School.

Personally, I’d like to thank the staff and community of Hammondville Public School for their wonderful support while I have been Relieving Principal. It has been a brilliant experience for me and has given me an even greater appreciation of the wonderful school and school community we have here at Hammondville. Mr Smith returns tomorrow from leave and I am sure he is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things.

Southern Stars

This week promises to be an exciting and rewarding time for the members of our Southern Stars dance group and choir. Our performers will be participating in rehearsals and performances throughout the week and into the weekend. I know the students are looking forward to these events with great anticipation and I’m sure they will live up to the expectations they have of themselves.

I would like to thank the parents and helpers who have donated their time and resources to assist staff in preparing for this event. Your assistance in the lead up to this production is greatly appreciated by students and staff.

I would also like to acknowledge the additional time and effort put into this production by Mrs Fuller and Ms Glynn. I know that their efforts have been greatly acknowledged and appreciated by students and parents.

Social Media and the Law

A reminder to our community that Holsworthy High School will be hosting the Social Media and the Law information evening. Parents of the Holsworthy Community of Schools (CoS) are invited to Holsworthy High School to attend a parent information evening to discuss social media and the law. Police Youth Liaison Officer - Constable Brad Parker will be hosting the evening. The information evening will be held tonight, August 25th, commencing at 6:00pm and concluding at approximately 7:00pm in the Holsworthy High School hall.

Zone Athletics

Good luck to all our Hammondville Public School participants at this week’s Liverpool Zone athletics carnival. Thank you to Mr Hughes for the organisation and additional training he has afforded our students.

Sayonara

Last Friday, our school bid farewell to our Japanese visitors. In a wonderful blend of cultures, students staff and parents witnessed a snapshot of cultures coming together. It started with our Acknowledgement of Country given by Shavonne B in the 3-6 assembly and Euan B in the K-2 assembly and was followed by Mr Riley playing the didgeridoo. Our Japanese visitors then performed a Japanese song, followed by a Japanese “pop” culture dance and culminated with a karate display.

Our assembly concluded with the Australian National Anthem which was played by Mr Newton and accompanied by Mr Riley on the didgeridoo.

Thank you to Mr Riley for sparing some time to perform at our assembly. Our departing guests had a fantastic experience.
School banking
A reminder there will be no school banking this Thursday, 28th August. This banking day will be made up next Monday, 1st September (Week 8). Week 8 banking will occur on Thursday, 4th September as usual.

P & C Movie night
Thank you to our hard working P & C members who coordinated last Friday night’s Movie Night. I’d also like to thank the staff who stayed after hours to supervise the evening. The evening was a wonderful success raising funds for our school.

Playground Stencils
Hammondville Public School have acquired funding through the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) and the NSW Ministry of Health’s joint program, Live Life @ School. Part of this funding has been dedicated to providing activity play areas through playground markings. Thank you to Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Elgood for attending the workshop and helping to secure the funding and Mr Royce for painting the new playground stencils.

Have a wonderful week.
Jay McInney
Relieving Principal

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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Sports Dates

- Tuesday 26th August: Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival
- Friday 29th August: PSSA Semi-Finals
- Wednesday 10th September: SSW Athletics Carnival
- Tues 16th - Thurs 18th Sept: NSW Softball

Quinn Johnson

Zone Athletics Carnival

The zone athletics carnival is on tomorrow. A big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to transport students to the carnival. The carnival commences at 8:30am with students needing to be at Campbelltown Sports Stadium by 8:00am.

Mr Hughes

PSSA

There was no PSSA last week.

Winter PSSA

PSSA Semi-Finals

PSSA semi-finals will be held on Friday 29th August. Teams will be notified throughout the week as to whether they have made them or not. Teams that have missed out will still attend semi-final matches to cheer on their school and due to supervision matters. Good luck teams!
**GENERAL INFO**

**REMINDE R-Interrelate sessions**

Just a reminder that this **Wednesday night the 27th August** we will be holding the Interrelate information sessions in the **school library**. Speciality books are available for purchase on the night if you are interested. There are three titles available at a price of $10 each or alternatively you can purchase all three books for $25.

**Session 1:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm **“Where Did I Come From” (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)**
**Session 2:** 7:15 - 8:15 pm **“Preparing for Puberty” (Years 5 & 6)**

If you have any questions please feel free to visit the interrelate website [http://www.interrelate.org.au/](http://www.interrelate.org.au/) or alternatively come and speak to Mrs Waugh or the school office staff. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Mrs Waugh*

**Kindergarten Orientation 2015**

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If you have a child or know someone who has a child starting Kindergarten in 2015, please see our office ladies for an enrolment form.

We will also be holding a Kindy parent information night on Monday 15th September at 7pm in the school library. Please register your attendance at the office or by calling 9825 3948.

Thank you.

*Rebekah Murray*

**Jump Off Day**

Jump off day skippers are set and ready. We are on the countdown to week 8 skip offs. Please remember to bring back all sponsorship forms, the Monday 1st September. If you need a new form they are available from the office today, also please bring back forms that you haven’t used as they are needed for the Heart Foundation.

Jump off days are: Week 8 Tuesday 2nd September, Stage 2 and 3 and Friday 5th September, Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2. Jump to it.

*Mrs Jacobs*

**Stage 2 Gardening Group**

What a group of motivated students I have this term. They are so busy that Friday afternoon flies by without us even knowing. One of our goals we are working towards this term is educating the school about paper recycling; this week will see the gardeners start producing posters to promote paper recycling.

Thank you my green thumbs for all your hard work.

*Mrs Jacobs*

**Australian Youth Choir Auditions**

On Monday 1st September, an Australian Youth Choir representative will be visiting Hammondville Public School to audition interested students. Students from Years 2-6 can try out. Successful students will receive enrolment information on the day. Good luck to all our singers!

*Miss Glynn*

**Southern Stars Singers and Dancers**

This week, 40 students from K-6 will be heading down to Wollongong to rehearse and perform in the choir and dance groups for the ‘Southern Stars’ arena spectacular. We are so proud of all the students involved in this event. We would also like to thank parents who have been busy driving students to rehearsals and helping out at the working bee. We’re looking forward to some amazing performances.

*Mrs Fuller & Miss Glynn*

**Stage 2 Science**

This term stage two are studying Space as their science topic. Mrs Jacobs has found a wonderful star gazing experience at Oyster Bay which we thought some parents may be interested in taking their children to. Please see the attached advertisement and if you get the opportunity to go, enjoy your wonderful evening of star gazing. Thank you.

*Stage Two Teachers*
Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the finals of our school Spelling Bee. It was pleasing to see the time and effort the students had devoted to studying the words from the premier’s word list. The words were extremely challenging, particularly as the levels increased. Every competitor should be very proud of their achievement.

Well done Sonakshi G, Georgia H, Angelique H, Maya I, Quinn J, Lachlan M, Tasha M and Dylan U from Stage 3.


A special congratulations to our 4 winners Amy M and Nathan M, Alyssa B and Ashlee K. These students will represent Hammondville Public School in the Regional Finals to be held at Georges Hall Public School on the 18th of September.

Thank you to all our wonderful spellers on a job well done.

Mrs Warwick

Father's Day Stall

The P&C is running a Father’s Day stall on Wednesday 3rd September. Gifts are $5.00. Please write your child’s name, number of gifts and money on the front of an envelope and place in letterbox outside the office. All monies DUE MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER. Thank you.

P&C

Mind Marathon

On a very wet, windy and cold Monday last week, two boys’ groups, one from Year 5 and the other Year 6, attended the Mind Marathon competition at East Hills Boy’s High. The weather and the confines of the hall didn’t dampen their spirits and they enthusiastically completed Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, General Knowledge and Trivia questionnaires. The competition was tough with twenty six schools taking part, and even though our boys didn’t win a place, their overall attitude and behaviour was exemplary. All boys had a lot of fun and enjoyed the day. Congratulations boys for a great effort!

Mrs Hannan

Debating News

Last Thursday, Hammondville played host to Liverpool Public School in the next round of the debating competition. The topic was that “We should all play a musical instrument” and we were the negative team. Our team comprised of Khensa, Amy, April and team advisor Tasha who presented very convincing arguments and strong rebuttals. Although we narrowly lost to Liverpool Public School, the adjudicator praised our team for their strong presentation and organisation. Our last debate is next week against Dalmeny Public School.

Michael Sillett & Samantha Bruno
Debating Coordinators

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now finished. No more entries will be accepted. In Term 4, there will be further information regarding certificates. Thank you.

Mrs Stanley

Canteen News

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday?
Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Cheese Toasties – $1.00 each

“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

Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle that was held last Wednesday was very successful. A big thank you to those parents who helped and to the Year 6 boys who delivered to the classrooms. We couldn’t do it without your help.

Sue Craig & Tracey O’Hanlon
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*

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