A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The hectic pace of Term 3 continues over the next couple of weeks with a variety of events occurring such as the Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off, the Early Stage 1 Farm Excursion, the Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains and the Regional Athletics Carnival. I hope all the staff and students participating in these events have a fantastic experience.

Unfortunately, the cold, wet weather we have experienced over the last few weeks has led to a lot of illnesses among staff and students. This was highlighted a couple of Fridays ago when twelve students went home sick during the day. I apologise for the number of times we have had to split classes during this period as we have been unable to find casual teachers to cover classes on every occasion. Hopefully the beginning of spring and some warmer weather like yesterday will see this change.

Southern Stars Concert

On Friday night, I had the pleasure of attending the Southern Stars Concert at Wollongong Entertainment Centre. It was an outstanding event with many talented performers showcasing their talent. I was extremely proud of the Hammondville students who performed as part of the mass choir and in a number of dance items. The students involved made a massive commitment and I would like to congratulate them for the four great performances they were involved in over two days and thank them for the time and effort they devoted to the rehearsals over a number of weeks. I would also like to congratulate the students for their outstanding behaviour. It was most pleasing to receive a text message from Mrs Murray on Saturday afternoon letting me know that one of the event organisers had just come up to her to personally thank our students for their wonderful behaviour and attitude during the rehearsals and concerts. Great thanks must also go to Mrs Fuller and Miss Glynn for the extraordinary amount of time and effort they put into getting the students ready for the performances, making sure transport was organised and information professionally provided to parents. Last but not least I would like to thank the wonderful parents who provided exceptional support to our involvement in Southern Stars by ensuring students were at school and the venue on time, assisting with transport and also by providing moral support to students and staff. To all the students, parents and staff involved congratulations on an absolutely superb effort.

Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival

Well done to the fifty-six students who participated in the track events at the Zone Athletics Carnival on a very wet day last Tuesday. The great news is that after the track events, Hammondville is currently the leading school at the carnival with the field events to be held this week. Mr Hughes will provide full carnival results at the completion of the field events. Good luck to the students who are competing this week.

Good Luck Mrs Waugh and Welcome Mrs Dorrington

Last Friday was Mrs Waugh’s final day at school before taking maternity leave. On behalf of everyone, I would like to wish Mrs Waugh and her husband all the very best for the birth their new child.

As Mrs Waugh heads off on leave we welcome Mrs Dorrington who will teach 3/4WJ and I hope she enjoys her time with us. Mrs Dorrington is an experienced teacher with many skills having taught at other public schools in South Western...
Sydney and most recently in the independent school sector at MLC Burwood. For the remainder of the year Mrs Jacobs (Mon, Tues, Fri) and Mrs Peroni (Wed, Thurs) will share the role of Assistant Principal and Stage 2 supervisor.

**Australian Youth Choir**

This morning a representative from the Australia Youth Choir came to school to audition any interested children. Part of this process is that students they select as being suitable for the choir are provided with a note to attend a further audition. Please be aware that there is a substantial cost associated with participation in this choir if you decide to take your child to the other audition. Thank you to Mrs Mudie for making us aware of this situation.

**P&C Meeting**

There will be a P&C meeting tonight in the Library at 7:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate Mr McInney on the great job he did leading and managing the school as relieving principal while I was on leave. Well done!

Enjoy your week,

*Ken Smith*  
Principal

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**Sports Dates**

- **Thursday 4th September**: Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival (Field Events)
- **Friday 5th September**: PSSA Semi-Finals
- **Wednesday 10th September**: SSW Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 12th September**: PSSA Grand Final
- **Tues 16th - Thurs 18th Sept**: NSW Softball

*Quinn Johnson*  
Zone Athletics Carnival

The zone athletics carnival for field events is on this Thursday 4th September at Ash Rd Oval, Prestons. The Liverpool zone will be subsidising a bus to transport the athletes to and from the carnival.

*Mr Hughes*

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**Winter PSSA**

*If you paid for PSSA last week, you do not have to pay this week. Thank you.*

**PSSA Semi-Finals**

PSSA semi-finals will be held on Friday 4th September. Good luck to the following teams:

- **Junior netball - Woodward Park**
- **Senior rugby league - Hammondville Oval**
- **Junior A and B girls soccer - Ireland Park**
- **Junior A and senior boys soccer - Hammondville Oval**

Teams that have missed out will still attend semi-final matches to cheer on their school and due to supervision matters. Good luck teams!

*Mr Hughes*
**GENERAL INFO**

**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

**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 are DUE NOW. Thank you.

P&C

**Fruit & Veg Month**

Fruit and veg month, and we are encouraging students to eat as many different coloured fruits and vegetables as they can every day.

Get started today with some of these:

Red: Tomatoes, capsicum, strawberries, apples, raspberries, rhubarb, cherries

Orange: Carrots, pumpkin, sweet potato, mango, pawpaw, rockmelon, oranges, mandarins, apricots

Yellow: Squash, corn, capsicum, lemon, pineapple, starfruit, golden kiwifruit, grapefruit, banana

Green: Broccoli, celery, asparagus, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, zucchini, grapes, melon

Purple: Eggplant, red cabbage, purple onion, grapes, blueberries, mulberries, figs, plums, beetroot

So enjoy the rainbow ride.

Mrs Jacobs

**Jump Off Day**

Jump rope money and sponsorship forms are due back today.

Stage 2 and 3 have jump off days tomorrow and Kindergarten, and stage 1 on Friday. Don’t forget to wear red and bring your money to eat something red. Thank you to all our wonderful Hammondville families for supporting Jump rope for heart.

Mrs Jacobs

**Hammondville’s Sticky Beak**

Just a reminder, that our first magazine is now on the school website under School years, Mrs Hannan’s extension group.

An interesting and fun read, including competitions, jokes, interviews and recipes. We would welcome any contributions to our magazine. Copies are available at the office. The next edition will be out soon!

Imogen Smith 4/5LM

**Movie Night**

Thank you to all the students who attended the movie night, it was a great success. A huge thank you to the staff who supervised the evening, and to the parents who also helped. This event could not take place without your support. Approximately $1,800 was raised. Thank you.

P&C

**Southern Stars**

Congratulations to all the Southern Stars performers for an amazing weekend of performances.

The choir and dance groups should be incredibly proud of themselves. Their performances were exceptional and both groups were singled out by organisers and congratulated on their outstanding behaviour on and off stage. We are so proud of all of you.

A special mention goes to Lauren Setter who was in the Hammondville dance group, and was selected to be part of the Southern Stars ensemble.

Thank you also to all the parents who have been part of our Southern Stars journey. Your energy and commitment was greatly appreciated.
A special thank you to Rebekah Murray, Kylie Cadden, Tracy Talenski, Antonella Bertram and Jane Moukhallalati for your help with props and to all the parents who did driving duties too. We hope you all had a good sleep in on Sunday morning and we look forward to doing it all again in 2015!

Miss Glynn & Mrs Fuller

Southern Stars Experience

My Southern Stars experience was AMAZING! It was fun to get up early, go on the bus, be with my friends and dance! The best thing was the dancing. The worst thing was having to line up for a long time in the FREEZING cold.

Chloe Moukhallalati 6C

Southern Stars was an AWESOME experience, even though one day was eighteen hours long and there were lots of long bus trips. It was sooo fun and I loved the rush. Southern Stars is pretty much the same as School Spectacular but it is not in Sydney. At Southern Stars we do a begali and a few dances for the finale. This year our dance was about Christmas, I was an elf. Some of the other schools had bells, stars, snowflakes, candy canes, ornaments, dolls and children, we also had toy soldiers. After each show I was extremely tired and slept all the way home! That was a little bit about my Southern Stars experience. #we believe2014

Brianna Mouk

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform pool is open

**Wednesday 2.30 - 3.00pm & Non Assembly
Friday 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

CANTEEN NEWS

**Tempting Tuesday Treat:** Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: **Yoghurt & Fresh Strawberries** – $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

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