A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of an incredibly busy Term 3 is almost upon us. I would like thank the students, staff and many parents who have made our school’s participation in a whole variety of academic, performing arts and sporting events possible and very successful. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Stage 3 Canberra and Snowy Mountains Excursion

Congratulations to all of the students who attended the Canberra Camp. The teachers and a number of workers from the various venues commented on the wonderful behaviour and manners demonstrated during the 3 days. Well done!

Thank you to Mrs Elgood, Mrs Millott, Miss Ray, Mr Betts, Mr Hughes and Mr McInney for taking the children away for the three days. Thank you also to Mr McInney for organising such a great experience for the children.

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to the children who attended the Regional Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. From all reports you tried very hard in your events and represented our school and Liverpool Zone with enthusiasm and pride. Full carnival results are later in the newsletter.

There have been a couple of reports of an elderly Asian man with a camera who has been taking photos of the school in the mornings when the children are arriving. If you see this man please contact the office immediately and provide a description so the police can be contacted. Thank you for your anticipated assistance with this matter.

Finally, when Friday afternoon arrives, I hope all the students and staff have a happy, safe and restful spring break, you all really deserve it. Students and staff return to school on Tuesday, 7th October.

Ken Smith
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 3 WEEK 10
Monday, 15th September Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Night 7pm
Friday, 19th September Last Day Term 3

TERM 4 WEEK 1
Tuesday, 7th October First Day Term 4 – Students and Staff Return

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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Sport

Sports Dates
Tues 16th - Thurs 18th Sept: NSW Softball
Quinn Johnson

SSW Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who represented the school and zone at the regional athletics carnival. Our region consists of over 100 schools so to make it to this level is a great achievement.

The following are the results from the day:
- Junior Relay Team (Ella Ashton, Laura Gomes, Kaitlyn Stanford, Annika Stig) - 11th
- Annika Stig - 12th (800m in 3:18)
- Annika Stig - 24th (200m in 35.28)
- Lily Austin - 17th (100m in 17.40)
- Ella Ashton - eq 6th (high jump)

Well done athletes!

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

Public Speaking Finals

This week class finalists in Stages 1, 2 and 3 will be competing in our school Public Speaking Finals. All finalists and our winner from each Stage will be presented with certificates at our Friday assembly.

Best of luck to all our wonderful class representatives.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Year 6 Fundraising

Thursday 18th September (Week 10) is Footy Mufti Day. For a gold coin donation, students can come dressed in their favourite team colours in time for the finals in AFL and the NRL. Any sport team colours can be worn on the day and all money collected goes towards the Year 6 farewell. Thank you for your support.

Year 6

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you again for all your support in Jump Rope for Heart. We have raised well over $3,000 and the prizes will be distributed Term 4.

Chook Pen Update

The pen has been ordered early this term and, when I say pen, I mean luxury accommodation that even I would sleep in. Unfortunately, it’s on back order and we expect to have it up and running in the holidays.

Thanks
Mrs Jacobs

Stage 2 Families

Come along and view our amazing space inspired dioramas in Stage 2 classrooms on Friday 19th at 1pm.

Mrs Jacobs

Stage 3 Excursion

One of the big Stage 3 events has come and gone. Last week, Stage 3 students attended their bi-annual excursion to Canberra and what a wonderful success. Included in this newsletter are recounts written by some of the students who attended so I will leave the “story telling” to them.

I would like to thank the students for their exceptional behaviour. Many of the venues, our accommodation hosts and our bus drivers commented on the excellent behaviour and manners displayed by our students. This only added to the wonderful experience our excursion had to offer our students. I’d also like to thank parents for their assistance in supplying our school with all the necessary information as well as the punctuality both on the departure day as well as collecting the students last Wednesday evening. I’d finally like to thank the staff who gave up time away from their home and families. Staff attending these events receive no added
incentives and do so purely to provide our students with these additional educational opportunities.

I hope our parents enjoy reading the wonderful recounts written by some of our students. It is clear that we all had a great time.

Mr McInney

Stage 3 Excursion Federal Government Excursion Rebate

Students from Hammondville Public School have undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour, we participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance for all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizens education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government has contributed funding of $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program. This amount was factored into the original costing to families.

Hammondville Public School would like to thank the Australian Government for their support in this program.

Mr McInney
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Mini Hot Dogs- $1 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

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

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
Notes from the DEC

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies – mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games

Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Year 2 to Year 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS