A Message From The Principal

Public Speaking

Congratulations to Natalie Bolger, Jules Cross, Anika Stajic and Jesse Cross who represented our school at the District Public Speaking Finals last week. All four students achieved a result in the top three of their stage competition, which is a great achievement. A full report of the competition from Mrs Warwick is later in the newsletter. Thank you to the four students for their hard work in preparing for the competition and to Mrs Warwick, their parents and classroom teachers for assisting in their preparation and providing great advice.

Crossing Heathcote Road

The office has been contacted by a few parents expressing concern about the unsafe way in which some students are crossing Heathcote Road in the morning and afternoons. Heathcote Road is a very busy road and any child who is crossing it needs to make sure they do so sensibly at the pedestrian lights at the corner of Heathcote Road and Walder Road. Attached to the newsletter is some information from ‘Kidsafe’ about crossing roads. Thank you to those parents who contacted the school for their concern about our students.

Kindergarten Orientation Program

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program will be held over three Wednesdays - 21st October, 28th October, 4th November and 11th November from 9:15 - 11am. This is a great opportunity for our 2016 Kindergarten students to develop some familiarity with the school and get an idea of what they will do in a classroom next year. If you have not already enrolled your child, please do so as soon as possible so they can be involved in the orientation program. Also, if you know of any friends or relatives who have children who are coming to school next year, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

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GENERAL INFO

Health Update

A few students have been absent from school in the past two weeks with both Impetigo and Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting. We ask that, in order to stop the spread of these viruses, parents adhere to the exclusion policy of the DEC. Further information is attached to this newsletter.

Anaphylaxis

The Department of Education mandates that Health Plans and Anaphylaxis Plans are updated annually to account for any changes in the student’s condition that may occur. This term we will be going through our current forms and plans and sending them home to be updated by the end of term, ready for the following year. The forms will be sent home with your child. Please read and update them. If there are no changes please indicate this on the sheets and send them back to the school. For anaphylaxis students, a new ASCIA plan must be given to the school as well.

Asthma

We would also like to see asthma plans for any student who is required to or who does carry a Ventolin or asthma puff, regardless of how often they use it. We urge parents to visit their GP and download an Asthma plan located on the Asthma Australia website at http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

We will take either the plan designed for schools or the national standard plan, both of which can be found at the Asthma Australia website above.

Office Staff

Public Speaking News

Last week was a very exciting week for Hammondville Public School and our public speakers. Our four public speaking representatives competed at the South West Sydney 2015 Public Speaking Competition at Wattle Grove Public School.

All four of our competitors came away with places.

A very big congratulations to:

Natalie Bolger Early Stage 1 3rd place
Jules Cross Stage 1 1st place
Anika Stajcic Stage 2 2nd place
Jules Cross Stage 3 3rd place

It was an amazing result and well deserved.

Congratulations to you all and thank you for representing our school so impressively.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day will be held on Tuesday 27th October. All grandparents are invited to attend, commencing 9:40am. Please RSVP attention Mrs S Bruno.

Students are invited to submit a creative Grandparents activity. Please submit your entry to Mrs Bruno (KB) or to the front office by Friday 23rd October. A few creative entries will be selected and successful students will be asked to present their work at the K-6 Grandparents Day assembly on Tuesday 27th October at 9.40am.

Please select from the following options:

1. Write a short story about what your grandparent allows you do that your parent would never let you do!

2. Complete the following statement: I love my grandma/grandpa/grandparents because …

3. Complete the following: When I am a Grandparent I will …

Thank you
Samantha Bruno
Halloween Disco

‘Save the date’, Thursday 29th October, please see the newsletter insert. There will be a Sausage Sizzle Stall. If anyone is able to help during the evening, please ring or SMS Vanessa on 0402 104 164.

Thankyou P&C

Library Days for Term 4

Monday  5E, 2F, 6W, 5C
Tuesday  3/4J, 1V, 1C, 2B, 1/2R
Wednesday 4LK, KM, KB, KG
Thursday 3W, 2/3J, 4Z, 5/6M

Please make sure your child brings a bag so that they may borrow. Thank you.

S Stanley

Book Swap

If you have any pre-loved children’s books at home could you please donate them to the library for our Book Swap Stall. Children will have the opportunity to purchase a book for a gold coin donation. The stall will be open on our special Grandparents Day on 27th October. All funds raised will be donated to an Indigenous educational charity. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Samantha Bruno

NRMA Road Safety Day

On Wednesday 21st of October (Week 3) it will be Road Safety Day. A team of Educational Officers from NRMA will be at our school for the day to promote the importance of road safety.

Students from K-6 will be involved in a Science Show at different times throughout the day. One of the activities involved in the show is the correct fitting of a bike helmet. **Students are to bring their bike helmet to school on this day** and wear it to the hall to participate in the activities.

Parents are invited along to the first show which will commence at approximately 9:05am in the hall.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Lyndsey Ray

Kindergarten Orientation

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 28th October, Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 11th November, we will be holding our Kindergarten Orientation from 9.15am to 11.00am. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible at the office.

Thank you for your support.

Hammondville Public School SRC

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart prizes have all been distributed. A big thank you again for all your sponsorship. We raised $2,500. A big congratulations to Elizabeth Beens for raising $500, well done.

Mrs Jacobs

Stage 2&3 Gardening Group

A big thank you to the P&C for their amazing contribution to our little group. We really appreciate it and stay tuned to see our projects unfold.

Mrs Jacobs
Attention: Defence Families

October edition of DCO Newsletter is now available on the website and Skoolbag app.

Of interest:
- DCO Christmas Carols will be held on Friday 11th December from 6-8pm at Holsworthy Barracks Chapel.
- Triple P – Positive Parenting Program Seminar will be held Tuesday 27th October 10am – 12pm Cabramatta RSVP M: 0407 708 624.

Defence Mums & Dads – You are invited to afternoon tea and a chat in the Staffroom on Wednesday 21st October at 2:00pm.

Tracey O’Hanlon

Gilbert’s Grand Adventure

This is the last week of Gilbert’s Grand Adventure and what an adventure it has been. He is spending a few days in Kona on the Big Island Hawaii before heading back home to us here at Hammondville. It will be a few days before we see him back at school. I think he will need a rest.

Mini Fete

Stage 3 students are looking forward to this year’s mini fete, which is to be held on Thursday 19th November. We hope the school community is looking forward to another fun and successful mini fete. All funds raised will go towards Year 6 fundraising.

Special Donation Request

My name is Jesse Cross and I’m in Year 5 at Hammondville.

Did you know that in Australia there are many families who are homeless? Mums, dads and children. In fact more than 18,000 children are homeless every night! I can’t believe that!

I can’t build houses and I can’t give money for rent or to pay bills but I can try and help homeless children feel happy and special. My goal is to collect enough donations so that I can make 100 care packs for homeless children by Christmas. When the packs are ready I will donate them to Mission Australia who will give them to homeless children.

I’m hoping that Hammondville families will help by donating some things for the packs. I’m collecting things like books, packets of textas or pencils and small things a homeless child might like.

I hope that you can help. I have left a box in the office for donations.

Jesse Cross

School Banking

Students - please ensure that your bank book is placed in your class banking folder before being bought down to the office. This ensures that your bank book and money are safe.

Thank you
Sue & Colleen

SPORT

PSSA

AFL

Juniors

Hammondville v Liverpool West A.
2nd place 20-23

A great game had by all the team. We all worked well in attack with some fantastic marks. We now need to work on our marking of players in defence.

Player of the match: Teagan – a great goal worth 9 points!!

Seniors

Hammondville v Liverpool West A
2nd place 14-48

A much better game this week. We thought about our game and worked a lot better as a team. There were some spectacular marks
throughout the game with Denzil and Nathan scoring goals in the first third.

For training we will need to work on our defence and our butter fingers!
Player of the match: Denzil - a great round 8. Don’t forget training Wednesday. Everyone will need to bring their mouthguards.

Mrs Hansell

Oztag Results: Round 8

Junior Results

Game 1: 5-0 win against Dalmeny C
Tryscorers: Ryan Gomes x2, Jayden Shields, Kiarne Malouf and Cooper Moorhouse

Game 2: 2-3 loss to Liverpool West
Tryscorer: Lily Austin

Highlights: Great tagging by Anika Stajcic, Maeve Johnson, Cooper and Kiarne, hard and fast runs by Ryan and Lily and an excellent kick by Jayden.

Senior Results

Game 1: 3-1 win against Dalmeny C
Tryscorers: Bailey Parish and Maya Begbie

Game 2: 5-3 win against Liverpool West
Tryscorers: Beau Walker, Bailey Parish, Cooper Hall, Mason Allen and Isaac Briggs

Highlights: Great tagging by Alex Smith and Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan, a try from the kick off by Mason to give us the lead in a very tight game, awesome kick by Beau to set up a try for Isaac and great running all game by Bailey.

Round 8 Junior Cricket:

Last Friday, the junior cricket team played Liverpool West at Hammondville Oval. After enjoying the bye last week, this was our first game back since Term 1 and the boys enjoyed a fantastic victory defeating Liverpool West 163 - 96. This was a handy victory that will push us inside the top 4 and hopefully allow us to push for a finals berth later this term. The boys put in great performances when both batting and bowling and played extremely well for our first game in hot conditions. The boys are excited for the rest of the season and will be training hard for Casula next week.

Well done, boys!

Round 8 Senior Cricket:

Last Friday, the senior cricket team also played Liverpool West at Hammondville Oval. It was another fantastic performance by the boys as they chalked up another victory winning 127 to 62.

Under the hot conditions, the boys bowled fantastic and really made it difficult for Liverpool West to score runs as many of the boys took wickets during their overs. Hammondville sealed victory through great teamwork and talk whilst batting where they took advantage of poor fielding on many occasions. Another strong performance that keeps us on top of the ladder.

Well done, boys!

Mr Withers

PSSA Softball and T-Ball

Junior girls T-ball

A great win today against Marsden Rd. Hammondville won 26 -16. Kaitlyn was the team captain. Jada did a great catch on the full in the last half with a minute to go until the end of the game. Jasmine threw the ball to the bases extremely well. Cadance did an excellent job as the catcher on such a hot day.

Senior Softball score was 13-9 Marsden Rd winning. Hammondville found fielding quite challenging after a slow start but picked up pace in the second innings. Team captain this week was Amber. The girls need to work on calling for the ball and taking advantage of the opportunities to steal bases.

Mrs Zanapalis

PSSA 23/10/15

Week 3:

Oztag Woodward Park
Cricket Amalfi Park
AFL Ash Road
Softball Jardine Park
CANTEEN NEWS

*Tempting Tuesday Treat:* Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: **Fro-Yo Cones - $1.00 each *LUNCH TIME ONLY***

*Please note that when placing a lunch order from the canteen; please make sure you write your name & class on the bag.*

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Pool - Term 4 2015

**Attended 2:30pm - 3:00pm Wednesday afternoons only.**

At all other times, please take purchases to the school office.

**Prices:**
Non - logo uniform tops and jumpers $1 each
Logo tops, jumpers, sports uniforms, shorts, track pants $2 each
Parkas, Backpacks, Dresses, “new” stock of old designs $5 each
Hats, library bags, stockings, sports socks etc. $2 each

Please keep the room tidy!

*Tracey, Sylvia & Michelle*
Is your child leaving Hammondville Public School?

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is important that we know the number of students who will be enrolled at our school in 2016. Please inform the office ASAP if your child is not returning to Hammondville Public School next year or will be returning after Thursday, 28th January, 2016.

NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING
(Please return to office)
My child/ren will not be returning to Hammondville Public School for the 2016 school year.

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Their last day will be ______________________.

The school they will attend next year is ______________________.

NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER 28th January, 2016
(Please return to office)

My child/ren will be returning to Hammondville Public School next year but will return after Thursday, 28th January due to ______________________ (reason). They will return on ______________________ (date).

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Parent/Carer Signature

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Pedestrian Safety

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive car, children need practice and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Alongside the benefits of learning road safety, it is great chance to spend time with your family and good exercise.

Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, pedestrian and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand abstract ideas—such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

Many children below the age of 10 years do not have the capability or judgment to handle many pedestrian situations. Children need to be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult carer to keep them safe.

Parents and caregivers have a key role in educating their children about road safety. Children learn about road safety largely by experience. Parents and adult carers have opportunities in day-to-day routines to discuss road safety with children on the way to the newspaper, local shop, or going to school. Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues.