A Message From The Principal

Grandparents Day

Tomorrow, we will be holding our Grandparents Day to thank, recognise and give our grandparents an opportunity to see what their grandchildren are doing at school. Grandparents play an ever increasing and a very important role in our children's life due to the demands of modern society. We often see grandparents at school pick-up and drop-off times and this help is invaluable support to their families. The day starts at 9:40am.

Children Arriving at School Early

A number of children have been arriving at school very early each morning. On some occasions, children have been in the playground as early as 7:30am. While the gates are open to allow staff and children attending before school care to enter the grounds the school is not officially open until 8:30am with playground supervision commencing at 8:35am. To ensure the safety of your children, please do not drop them off before 8:30am. If this is not possible, please speak to the ladies from the YMCA to arrange before school care.

National Education Reform Agreement - NERA (Gonski)

A couple of years ago, the State Government signed up to the National Education Reform Agreement and has committed to funding under that methodology for the term of the agreement. There have recently been announcements from the State Government of an additional $113 million in funding to schools and extra school counsellor positions across the state which is great news and will certainly make a difference. The funding component of the NERA is distributed to schools through the Resource Allocation Model (RAM). This year we have been able to use the funds that we received to employ a speech pathologist for one day a week to work with K-2 classes and teachers during Semester 1 and to increase the amount of support teacher time across the school for the whole year. These programs have had a positive impact and with some additional funds next year, we may be able to expand these programs and add some others to assist our students and teachers. While this is very positive, the important thing is that we continue to receive this funding and the increased amounts that have been promised over the coming years. While it is great the State Government has committed to this program the Federal Government is yet to commit to the final two years of the funding. If you have the opportunity, please let people know about the great things this additional funding is allowing schools to do and if you happen to run into a federal politician let them know how important it is for the funding to continue.

Whooping Cough

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children. Please see information from NSW Health included with this week's newsletter.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal
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.

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 puffer, 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

Film By The Sea

Throughout term three, some students from 5C were involved in a film making process to create a short film and this has been successful in being included in the Film by the Sea short film festival, a festival run by the Department to promote the teaching of visual literacy and film making. The festival will be taking place next Tuesday at Bankstown Sports Club and we congratulate our stars Imogen Smith, Sophie Campbell, Kirby McCartney, Isaac Briggs, Dane Chandler, Jack White and Ebinesh Elangovan. Also, congratulations to Imogen Smith who was selected to compere the Festival series. We are extremely proud of you.

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.

The students running the sweets and treats stall will be busy preparing cakes for the day but if there are any parents who love baking, they would appreciate any extra sweets on the day. These can be brought to the hall on the morning of the mini fete. Anything brought in will be much appreciated.

The Long Walk

Well done to Mrs Julie Hudson-O’Farrell, one of our fantastic support staff, who completed the 35km Long Walk from Palm Beach to Manly, to raise money for the Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. Mito is a debilitating and life-threatening genetic disease that can cause loss of sight and hearing, strokes, inability to walk and intellectual disabilities. There is currently no cure, and few effective treatments.
If you would like to donate to the cause, you can visit her page and make a tax deductible donation: https://bloodylongwalksydney.everydayhero.com/au/julie-21

Your donation will help the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation.

**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**

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

S Stanley

**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.

**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

**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.

**Woolies Earn & Learn**

Miss Ray and Mrs Murray have been shopping using the points we collected during the promotion. Early next year the school can look forward to receiving Lego Duplo Maths Train Sets; Sight Words Table Top Pocket Chart; Majestic Letters and White Boards plus other goodies.

Tracey O’Hanlon

**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.

Tracey O’Hanlon

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**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 brought down to the office. This ensures that your bank book and money are safe.

Thank you
Sue & Colleen

SPORT

PSSA

Due to PSSA being cancelled last week, there will be no reports.

PSSA 30/10/15

Week 4:

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

CANTEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit & Chocolate Stick - $1.00 each

*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.*

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**NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING**
(Please return to office)

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Their last day will be
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The school they will attend next year is
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Parent/Carer Signature
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**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).

Parent/Carer Signature
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