A Message From The Principal

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Autumn holiday and all the children are refreshed and ready for another busy term.

The teachers were officially back at school yesterday to participate in a professional learning day which included module one of the very successful ‘Focus on Reading’ program that will be implemented across the school in the coming months. They were also introduced to the new DEC Performance and Development Framework and the processes involved, which strive to ensure we have a highly skilled and effective teaching service in all schools in New South Wales.

This Thursday, 23rd April everyone is invited to our ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony, which will commence at the 9:30am. The service this year is particularly special as it commemorates the landing of Australian forces at Gallipoli a hundred years ago. To recognise the significance of this year’s ANZAC Day all classes have been learning about the feats of our defence forces and have produced some wonderful work. This work is displayed in the hall and I would like to thank all the students and teachers for their effort in creating a wonderful display. Thank you also to Mrs Ford and Mrs Stanley for coordinating the display and hanging the works in the hall.

Further to our own school ANZAC celebrations one of our children’s grandparents Mr Shields (Jayden - Year 4) will be attending the dawn service in ANZAC Cove at Gallipoli on 25th April and has taken some work from our students to be placed on the memorial at Gallipoli. Mr Shields has also generously donated some personal artefacts to the school and we thank him for this.

During the holidays, we received the exciting news that our 3-6 Dance Group’s audition for the Regional Dance Festival had been successful and they will perform at the festival in Week 7 of this term. Congratulations to the students in the Dance Group and Mrs Dorrington on their success.

Finally, thank you to the McDonald and Munn families for looking after the school’s animals during the holiday period. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Have a great Term 2.
Ken Smith

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK OF TERM 1

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SCHOOL DIARY

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SPORT

2015 Cross Country Carnivals
Zone - Tuesday 26th May
Region - Thursday 11th June

2015 SSW Regional Carnivals
Rugby League (Daniel Pearce) - Monday 27th April
Hockey (Ella Ashton & Maya Begbie) - Tuesday 28th April
Touch Football (Maya Begbie) - Monday 4th May
Softball (Dakota Davies) - Monday 18th May
Netball (Maya Begbie) - Wednesday 20th May

Liverpool Zone Representatives

Congratulations to Maya Begbie who was selected in the Liverpool zone netball team to compete at the SSW carnival on Wednesday 20th May. Well done Maya for making your third Liverpool zone team for 2015.

School Cross Country

The top three placegetters from the 3-6 cross country carnival will be presented with their certificates at the assembly in Week 2. Any students in Year 2 who placed in the top three of the 8/9 years race will attend this assembly.

PSSA

Summer and Winter PSSA

In winter PSSA, our school will be entering teams in netball, rugby league and soccer. Trials were held in the last week of Term 1 and will be held in the first two weeks of Term 2 (weather permitting) for Winter PSSA. Students are to listen to any announcements that are made at the silver seats as to when their trial is to be held.

GENERAL INFO

ANZAC Day

Our school ANZAC Day Service will be held in the hall on Thursday 23rd April, commencing at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend. Seating will be available in the COLA at the rear of the hall.

Mrs Janelle Ford
Defence School Transition Aide

Attention Defence Families!

Liverpool City Council’s “ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Program” runs until 17th May and can be viewed at www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au

Liverpool Library is hosting a meet the author “Talking Books” event and Harmony Day craft activities. Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is holding an exhibition titled “Guarding the Homefront”. In the Kids Gallery, the Measured Response contains reflections on life in a military family by some students from our school. These events are free of charge and are open during the holidays.

Our school ANZAC Day Service will be held in the hall on Thursday 23rd April, commencing at 9.30am. Families and friends are welcome to attend. All students have been learning about ANZAC Day and have participated in activities to increase their understanding of the significance of this special day.

Mrs Janelle Ford
Janelle.j.ford@det.nsw.edu.au

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

All students in Stages 2 and 3 will have received information regarding the upcoming speaking competition. Over the next 2 weeks students will be presenting impromptu speeches in class and in Week 3 they will present their prepared speech. The topics and times are listed below, if you have any questions please contact Mrs Warwick.

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Times:
Years 3&4 Prepared Speech – 3 minutes
Years 3&4 Impromptu Speech – 1 minute
Years 5&6 Prepared Speech – 4 minutes
Years 5&6 Impromptu Speech – 2 minutes
Years 1 – 6 Parent Literacy Workshop

On Wednesday 6th May at 9 am Hammondville PS will be holding a Parent Literacy Workshop in the school library. The workshop will provide useful resources and give you an insight into how we teach reading. The workshop is targeted at parents of students in Years 1-6. (Kindergarten teachers are running a separate workshop in the evening). The workshop will be run by teachers at Hammondville Public School. A question/answer time will be included. All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to attend. It would be particularly beneficial to parents of children who receive Learning and Support and parent volunteers.

If you are able to attend please call the school to RSVP on 9825-3948

*All current parent volunteers are required to attend this workshop for at least 15 minutes to complete a Volunteer Working with Children Check.

Mrs Warwick

Choir

The choir will be singing at the ANZAC assembly held this Thursday, 23rd April at 9.30am in the hall. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Rachelle Glynn
Choir Co-ordinator

Stewart House

Clothing Collection bags were distributed last term.

Please return bags to the cage area behind the admin block by Thursday 14/5/15.

Additional bags are available at the office.

Pre-loved Lego

KG and 5C are making movies! We will be using the iPads to record images and then using ‘Lego Movie’ software to present, share and document these images as stories.

We’re looking for any old Lego you have at home that you’re happy to donate. In particular, we need the Lego people and small props such as food and accessories as well as the basic building bricks. These can be donated to the office or to KG or 5C. We look forward to sharing our masterpieces on the class webpages throughout the year. Thanks for your support.

Craig Hughes and Rachelle Glynn

School Banking

School Banking Day is THURSDAY.

We had a wonderful 48 Bankers.

Bankers of the Week are:

K – 2 Daniel M
3 – 6 Cooper H

Please feel free to come and see us any Thursday morning if you require any other information or if you have any other school banking issues.

This year’s theme is the Outer Space.

2015 rewards are:

Term 1 ET DVD – Planet Handball

Term 2 Invisible Ink Pen – Intergalactic Rocket

Old rewards still available:

Blue wallet, Dollarmites beach ball, Dollarmites slap band ruler, headphones, knuckles game, Pat money box, Pru money box, scented pencils, sea streamers, shark keyring, Spen money box.

We ran out of tokens for Years 3-6. We will add them this week.

Regards,
Sue & Colleen

Donations

We are looking for donations of wool, lace, ribbon, fabric scraps and scrapbooking materials. All donations gratefully received at the office. Thank you.

Mrs Stanley & Mrs Ford
Parent Volunteers
Hammondville PS would love to have parent/grandparent volunteers assist with specific programs—example assisting with reading groups, changing home readers or assisting with art and craft activities. If you have an hour a week to spare and would love to help with any class from K-6 please indicate on the slip below. We shall be holding a volunteer workshop in the near future.

Name: ___________________________________
Contact number: __________________________
My child’s name: __________________________
Class: ___________________________________

Unicorm Pool News

The uniform pool will be open this year on:
Monday mornings 9:00am – 9:30am and
Wednesday afternoons 2:30pm – 3:00pm.

All items $5 and under.
We have heaps of summer and winter stock at the moment. We are in need of wire hangers please.
Get ready for winter uniform in Term 2. We have heaps of tracksuit pants, jackets, jumpers, parkas and girls tunics all $5 or less. Also a limited stock of brand NEW old style sport uniforms, tops and bottoms for $5 each. Monday 9.00am – 9.30am and Wednesday 2.30pm – 3.00pm.

Thank you.
Uniform Committee

Canteen News

Canteen Helpers Roster
Roster for Term 2 was sent home last Term. If you didn't receive your copy please contact Sue at the canteen or phone. Thank you.

Sue Craig & Tracey O’Hanlon

Uniform Shop

School Uniform Price Increases
Due to manufacturer price increases, a small number of items will also have an increase.

These uniform items have NOT had an increase in at least 8 years.
Our prices are still lower than retail competitors and all profits go back into enhancing our children’s education.

Please see the New Price List for changes which is available in the newsletter and on the website.

Thank you.
Hammondville P&C