A Message From The Principal

There are times as principal when you feel privileged and very proud to do the job that you do. During the ANZAC Ceremony last Thursday was one of those occasions. There was more than once during a very respectful and touching ceremony that there was a lump in my throat and I know from speaking to others that they experienced the same feeling. It was most definitely a very special service to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC traditions with many highlights, including the catafalque party, the playing of the bugle for the last post and rouse, the choir singing ‘Lest We forget’, Mr Newton singing ‘And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda’ and Mr Riley playing the didgeridoo. Our student leaders did a magnificent job leading the assembly and reciting poetry and all the students in the audience demonstrated exemplary behaviour. Thank you to all the people mentioned above, as well as the members of the ADF who supported the service, spoke during the service and answered questions from the Stage 3 students afterwards. Thank you to the ladies – Mrs Lewis, Mrs Lees and Mrs Lee who knitted the poppies that the children and staff proudly wore during the service. Thank you also to Mrs O’Hanlon and Mrs Stanley for their effort in assisting with organisation of the day and last but not least thank you to Mrs Ford for organising such a memorable service.

Opportunity ‘OC’ Class Applications for 2016

Students in Year 4 received a note last week outlining the procedures to apply for ‘OC’ Class placement in 2016. The website for applications www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement is open from today.

P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday, 4th May at 7:30pm in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. As we didn’t have a quorum at the last meeting, the election of office bearers for 2015 will need to take place at this meeting.

Have a great week.
Ken Smith

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

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SPORT

2015 Cross Country Carnivals

Zone - Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} May
Region - Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} June

2015 SSW Regional Carnivals

Hockey (Ella Ashton & Maya Begbie) - TUES 28\textsuperscript{th} April
Touch Football (Maya Begbie) - Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} May
Rugby League (Daniel Pearce) - Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} May
Softball (Dakota Davies) - Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} May
Netball (Maya Begbie) - Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May

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

Winter PSSA

In winter PSSA, our school will be entering teams in netball, rugby league and soccer. This will be the last week of trials for the sports.

GENERAL INFO

Speech Pathology Parent Meeting

On Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} May we will be holding a parent meeting in the Library at 6:15pm. This meeting is an opportunity for parents to gain an understanding of the K-2 speech program that is running at the school and will give you useful ideas on how to help your child at home. We hope to see many parents there.

Rebekah Murray

Attention Defence Families!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents and friends who attended our ANZAC Service last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. Warrant Officer Class One Holzhauser and his staff from 5 Combat Services Support Battalion added greatly to our assembly and we are most grateful for their support. Mrs Stanley and I would like to thank all Hammondville staff who assisted us, Mrs O’Hanlon and Mr Ford for their valuable help and the Poppy Ladies” for our beautiful knitted poppies.

Check out the Holsworthy Family Group’s new website for information about current activities and social events for Defence families. www.holsworthyfamilygroup.org

VICS are offering an Anger Management Program. For more information on this and other programs, call 1800 011 046.

“An absence from Home Support” Morning Tea will be held at Sea Change Café, Dee Why, 10:30am Thursday 30/4/15. All Defence spouses are welcome.

RSVP to dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au

Don’t forget to register for the day out at Calmsley Hill City Farm!

Next time you attend a school assembly, check out our special “Project Place” mural in the hall. All students contributed their beautiful art work in honour of the Centenary of ANZAC.

Liverpool City Council’s “ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Program” runs until 17\textsuperscript{th} 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.

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.
### 2015 Years 3&4 Topics
- What is an Australian?
- The same but different
- Multiculturalism at school
- Bullying and racism
- Kids can make a difference
- Harmony Day
- Understanding others
- When does a migrant become an Australian?
- Sport breaks down the barriers
- Every family has a story

### 2015 Years 5&6 Topics
- Respect
- Team Australia
- Growing up together
- Words can hurt
- My identity
- The meaning of Australia Day
- Refugees
- Learning languages
- Multiculturalism online
- Living between cultures

### Time:
- **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

### Parent Literacy Workshop Years 1 – 6
As you may have seen in our School Newsletter last week, Hammondville Public School is running a Literacy Workshop in the school library, on Wednesday 6th May (week 3) between 9.00am-10:00pm. The workshop will be teaching ways to assist your child with reading at home as well as answering any questions you may have about the reading process. The resources and methods presented will be based on those being used in guided reading sessions in the classroom, thus enabling you to reinforce and maintain continuity with your child’s learning.

Parent volunteers are also asked to attend in order to complete a Volunteer Working with Children Check.

If you are able to attend our workshop, please RSVP the office 9825 3948.

Any questions may be directed to Mrs Warwick (Learning and Support Teacher) on the above number.

Mrs Warwick

### Mothers Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mothers Day stall again this year, **Friday 8th May**.

Due to wholesaler price increase, gifts will be **$6** per gift. Please place all monies inside an envelope with your child’s name + class on the front, how many gifts are to be purchased + amount included.

All orders due back on **Wednesday 6th May**.

All profits from the stall will go towards upgrading technology work in the school – i.e. iPads, Smartboards.

### Stewart House
Stewart House donation envelopes are with this week’s newsletter.

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 74 Bankers.

Bankers of the Week are:

- **K – 2** Tyler P
- **3 – 6** Samara M

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- for 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: ___________________________________

CANTENE NEWS

_Tempting Tuesday Treat:_ Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: _Rainbow Cup Cakes_ - 80 cents each - _Fairy Bread_ - 10 cents a piece & _Tri-coloured Jelly_ - 50 cents each.

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

Uniform 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
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