A Message From The Principal

Happy Mother’s Day for yesterday to all our mums, I hope you all had a nice day. Thank you to the P&C for organising the Mother’s Day Stall and to all the ladies who assisted with the stall on Friday.

It always seems about Week 4 of each term that it starts to become really busy in schools. There is a great deal happening this week and in the coming weeks so an updated calendar for this term is attached to the newsletter.

Opportunity Class ‘OC’ Applications for 2016

Applications from current Year 4 students for placement in an ‘OC’ Class in 2016 are due through the online progressing site www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement by this Friday, 15th May. No late applications are accepted.

P&C Office Bearers for 2015

At the P&C Meeting that was held last Monday the following office bearers were elected for 2015:

President: Renee Searle
Vice Presidents: Samantha Boston and Albert Malouf
Secretary: Vanessa Potts
Treasurer: Stephen Gauld
Fundraising: Sue Gardiner

Thank you to those elected for supporting the school and its community in such a valuable way.

Welfare Policy Review

We are about to undertake a review of the school’s welfare policy and are seeking the views of parents and carers. Miss Ray has provided more information about the review later in the newsletter. This information contains a hyperlink to an online survey. A hard copy of the same survey is provided with the newsletter. Please complete either form of the survey by Monday, 18th May.

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Parent Workshops

Thank you to the teaching staff who organised and presented the Literacy and Numeracy workshops for parents of children in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday morning and Kindergarten on Wednesday evening. Thank you also to Sue Wilks for her presentation on the Speech Pathology program on Monday evening.

Finally, good luck to our Year 3 and 5 students who will be participating in NAPLAN on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday will be a catch-up day for children who are absent on any of the other test days.

Have a great week.
Ken Smith

Student Welfare Parent Survey

Hammondville Public School is currently going through the process of reviewing its student welfare and behaviour management system.

Your feedback is highly valued to ensure the thoughts and ideas of the students, staff and parents is taken on board and embedded throughout future procedures.

Please click on the link below or fill out the paper copy of the survey and return to school by Monday 18th May. This survey is anonymous; your name does not need to be published on this document.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/75PQG3D

Many thanks,
Lyndsey Ray and the student welfare committee

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on 1st June in the library from 7:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. There will be a presentation by The School Photographer.

SPORT

2015 Cross Country Carnivals

Zone - Tuesday 26th May
Region - Thursday 11th June

2015 SSW Regional Carnivals

Softball (Dakota Davies) - Monday 18th May
Touch Football (Maya Begbie) – Tuesday 19th May
Netball (Maya Begbie) - Wednesday 20th May

School Sport

The AFL will be running an AFL clinic for interested school sport students, starting this Friday. Notes will handed out tomorrow.

PSSA

There was a misprint in the PSSA letter sent out last week. The PSSA Zone Levy is $4 per season. Therefore, if your child is in both summer and winter PSSA, a total of $8 is to be paid to the office.

Junior Girls PSSA Soccer

The girls A team played wonderfully for their first match. We had great passing and calling for the ball throughout the game. Hammondville won against Prestons 4-0. The goal scorers were Maeve and Lily. Thanks to Ashlee our goal keeper and team captain.

The girls B team played wonderfully beating Prestons 8-0. Well done for a fantastic first game result. This was achieved with no training, imagine what we can achieve with some practise. The strikers did an excellent job of getting those goals in. Our goal scorers were Violet, Madeline, Indiana and Ruby. Team captain was our goal keeper Lanah and Deja stepped into goals for the second half.
Senior Girls PSSA Soccer

The girls played a strong first game. Dakota and Sophie did a great job in the back and centre kicking the ball down the line. Guinevere was great at passing the ball and Lilly was attacking fantastically as the left mid fielder. Thank you to Jordyn our team captain who played as a goal keeper and to Dakota for stepping in to give Jordyn a run.

Mrs Zanapalis

Junior A Boys Soccer

Last Friday, the junior boys soccer team played their first match of the year against Prestons. Considering our limited preparation, the boys had some good combinations. Unfortunately, Prestons were too good on the day defeating Hammondville 3-2. The boys played well and we have some good things to build on.
Goal Scorer – Harry 2

Junior B Boys Soccer

Last Friday, the junior boys soccer team played Prestons. This was the first time PSSA for many of our Junior B players. The boys scored a win, beating Prestons 9-0. A great first game and a lot of promising potential, we just need to remember we will come up against some stronger opposition so it’s important not to get ahead of ourselves.
Goal Scorers – Hamza 4; Angus 3; Fraser; Joshua

Senior Boys Soccer

Last Friday, the senior boys soccer team also played Prestons. In a good opening match to the season, our senior team were victorious 4-1. As we become more familiar with each other and start to develop our structures, this could be a promising season.
Goal Scorers – Bailey 3; Beau

Mr McInney

GENERAL INFO

Aboriginal Parent Meeting

Aboriginal parent / carers are invited to attend a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 12th May at 3:00pm in the Library.

Mrs Rebekah Murray

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Finals

On Wednesday this week our school will hold the finals for the year’s Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Over the past three weeks classes have been listening to speeches and teachers have had the difficult task of selecting the best speakers from their class. It was a difficult task as from all accounts the quality of the speeches and the way they were delivered was of a very high standard. Congratulations to all our Stage 2 and 3 students on a job well done. Public speaking does not come easily to many of us and your efforts are appreciated.

Class teachers will notify finalists early this week.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Coordinator

Literacy Workshop Years 1 – 6

The staff and students of Hammondville Public School would like to extend a big thank you to our wonderful parents who attended the Literacy Workshop last Wednesday. Your interest in your child’s learning is very much appreciated. We are grateful to all those who have volunteered their time to assist students and teachers and look forward to seeing you in our classrooms.

Thank you to Mrs Bruno, Mrs Hannan and Mrs Millott for sharing your knowledge and expertise with our participants.

Mrs Warwick
Learning and Support Teacher
Senior Debating - Round 1

Last Thursday the Senior Debating team had their first debate against Marsden Rd Public School. Our students, Irin, Bradley, Khensa and Dylan had to debate on All students should have a curfew. They did a wonderful job of presenting the affirmative side of this debate and providing some convincing and valid reasons why students should have a curfew. We were very proud of how they performed at their first debate for 2015. The result was very close but unfortunately, the win went to the other school for this round. We wish all our debaters better luck for the next debate in week 6.

ANZAC Day

Mr John Shields, a grandfather from our school community, attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Lone Pine, Gallipoli. He kindly offered to take some items from our school to place at the Cenotaph. These items were a paper wreath and letters of thanks to our Service personnel, made by our Year 4 students, as well as some photographs of our students and Gilbert. Copies of these items are on display in the Library. Mr Shields wrote a note, which reads in part:

“...to the students, teachers and families at Hammondville Public School, especially Year 4. Thank you for the honour of taking your thoughtful letters to your Gallipoli Heroes. On 21 April 2015 I did a Dawn Service presentation at the Cenotaph at Lone Pine. I also remembered all who served our country, both those who paid the supreme sacrifice and those suffering the effects of all wars. I was moved by the whole 13 days and met a number of Turkish soldiers. I shook hands with the Catafalque Party, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and HRH The Prince of Wales.”

Mr Shields kindly donated some memorabilia from his trip. The books will be used to educate our students, the photos will be on display in the library, and Gilbert will wear the Gallipoli pin with pride.

Thank you Mr Shields, for including Hammondville Public School in this unique experience, and for your generous gifts.

Attention: Defence Families

Free Education and Careers Seminar

DCO Sydney and Liverpool offices are facilitating a Free Education and Careers Seminar for Defence spouses/partners. This seminar comprises CV/resume building, jobs, careers and education courses and volunteering opportunities.

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to all parents who helped before and on the day, and the Handley family who donated gifts, much appreciated.

A BIG thank you also to the office staff who always support P&C events, giving their time allowing these events to run smoothly.

$920 was raised from stall – a record to date. At the June P&C meeting on 1st June, we will discuss where the money will be allocated to the school.

Thank you,
Hammondville P&C

Easter Raffle 2015

1st prize winner - Raechel

A great big thank you to all the wonderful families who donated Easter Eggs and bought raffle tickets; and to all the children who sold raffle tickets to family, friends and neighbours.

I would also like to say thank you to Ms Stammers for her hours of stamping raffle tickets and to Mrs Howell and Mrs Williamson for their help on wrapping up the raffles.

We had over 45 prizes and raised over $1600. All money raised is to be spent on extra ipads for the classrooms.

Winner of the person who raised the most will be announced at this week’s assembly.
Stewart House

Please return bags to the cage area behind the admin block by this 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

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 27th May. Orders will need to be in by Monday 25th May.

Payment envelope can be sent to the canteen in lunch order basket. No refunds given.

Cost: $2.00 (sausage on a bread roll with sauce)

Details to include on payment envelope:
1. Name
2. Class
3. “Payment for Sausage Sizzle”
4. Number required
5. Amount of money enclosed
6. Your name and phone number if you are able to help on the day.

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday?

Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Cheese Toasties - $1.00

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

Sue Craig & Tracey O’Hanlon

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Pool

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

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bottoms for $5 each. Monday 9.00am – 9.30am and Wednesday 2.30pm – 3.00pm.

Thank you.
Uniform Committee

DEC Notes

Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.


Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


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