A Message From The Principal

This week there are a number of workshops / information sessions on school programs and ways to assist with children’s learning. Parent feedback sheets from the Planning Literacy and Numeracy (PLAN) data that teachers use to track will also be sent home.

Speech Pathology Information Session

This evening the first of the information sessions will be with Sue Wilks from Educational Speech Pathology Services. Sue will speak about the program being run at school in Years K-2 and also about some common speech problems that children may encounter. This meeting will be at 6:15pm in the Library and will be followed by the P&C meeting at 7:30pm.

Literacy and Numeracy Workshops

On Wednesday at 9am, our Learning and Support Teachers Mrs Warwick & Mrs Hannan along with Mrs Millott and Mrs Bruno will be holding a Literacy workshop in the library for parents with children in Years 1-6. This is an excellent opportunity for any parent who would like to learn some ideas with how to help their kids with reading. It will also be a great workshop for any of our parent volunteers who can attend. On Wednesday evening, the Kindergarten teachers will be running a Literacy and numeracy workshop from 7pm in Miss Glynn’s classroom.

PLAN Parent Feedback Sheets

This week we will be sending home the parent feedback sheets from the PLAN data software that teachers use to monitor, record and track student progress against the Literacy and Numeracy continuums. These sheets are similar to the feedback sheets that are sent home after Kindergarten children complete the Best Start assessment and provide information about progress in Literacy and numeracy as well as some practical ideas about how you can help your child at home. We were hoping to send the feedback sheets home earlier this term but have experienced some issues with the software. The feedback sheets are not meant to replace our usual mid-year and end of year reporting but to provide some additional information on student progress. A second feedback sheet will be sent home at the end of Term 3.

It is an important year with regards to assessment and reporting as the Department of Education will be conducting a review of the current procedures and we will be seeking your views throughout the year to provide a school response to the discussion paper that will be released. We will also be seeking your views as to whether the PLAN feedback sheets are worthwhile and the changes that we have made to the timing of parent-teacher interviews as a result of the feedback received last year have been successful. Please keep an eye out for a note in the next couple of weeks with information about the parent-teacher interviews to be held in Week 9.

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing. A brief outline of the testing schedule is below:

Tuesday, 12th May – Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday, 13th May – Reading

Thursday, 14th May – Numeracy
School Photos

Last week, we received a call from the National Sales Manager of Advanced Life apologising for the delay in printing our photographs. Unfortunately, the photographs will not be here until the week beginning 18th May. We were very forthright in expressing our disappointment as we knew many of you were hoping to have them for Mother’s Day. The company has taken full responsibility for the delay.

P&C Meeting

Finally, a brief reminder that the P&C meeting for this month will be held this evening in the library from 7:30pm. As always, all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith

2015 Cross Country Carnivals

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

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SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 2 WEEKS 3&4

Monday, 4th May  
P&C Meeting – 7:30pm

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Speech Pathology Parents Meeting – 6:15pm

Wednesday, 6th May  
Kindy Parents – Literacy & Numeracy Night 7pm

Friday, 8th May  
Mother’s Day Stall

Friday, 8th May  
Winter PSSA Commences

Tuesday, 12th May –  
NAPLAN

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SPORT

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2015 SSW Regional Carnivals

Touch Football (Maya Begbie) - Monday 4th May
Rugby League (Daniel Pearce) - Wednesday 6th May
Softball (Dakota Davies) - Monday 18th May
Netball (Maya Begbie) - Wednesday 20th May

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 4th 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!

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

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

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 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.

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

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

Please return bags to the cage area behind the admin block by Thursday 14/5/15. Additional bags are available at the office.

Kindergarten

This week kindergarten will be making spider drinks using ice cream and soft drinks. If your child has an allergy that we do not already know about, please let your kindergarten teacher know. Thank you.

Kindergarten Teachers

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 88 Bankers.

Bankers of the Week are:

K – 2 Aiden L
3 – 6 Kobe 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

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Lost
A watch has been handed into the office. If you have recently lost a watch, please see the office ladies. Thank you.

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: _________________________________

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday?
Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Mini Hot Dogs with Sauce - $1.00

*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

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

www.hammondvil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au