Dear Parents and Carers,

I know many of you took the opportunity to speak with your child’s teacher last week. I hope this was valuable and helped to explain the report and clarify your child’s progress. Thank you to the teachers for staying back at school to conduct the interviews.

While on the subject of reports, some parents expressed concern that there was only one mark for English when in the past, it had been split into three strands – Reading, Writing and Talking & Listening. This time last year, we passed on advice from the Department of Education that because of the structure of the new English Syllabus only an overall mark was to be provided for English. This information was reiterated by the Department this year. The advice also indicated that Mathematics was to be reported using the strands in the new Mathematics syllabus.

Congratulations to Lily Austin (1st Place), Imogen Smith (Highly Commended), Jesse Cross and Madeline Hogan on their outstanding performances in representing our school at the South Western Sydney Public Speaking Final. We are all very proud of your achievement and effort. Well done.

Last Thursday evening, approximately thirty-five parents attended a seminar on anxiety. From all reports the seminar was very informative and most worthwhile attending. Thank you to Miss Glynn for organising the seminar and staying back on Thursday evening.

As the end of another very busy term draws to an end, I would like to congratulate all our students on the effort they have put into their learning and many other activities they have been involved in during the term. I would also like to thank the many parents who have helped around the school and at various events during Term 2. Last but not least, thank you to our teachers, administrative and support staff for their considerable effort in making sure our students have so many valuable learning and extra-curricular experiences.

I hope all students and staff have a safe, restful and well-deserved winter break. We will see all students back at school on Tuesday 14th July.

Have a great last week of Term 2.

Ken Smith
SPORT

2015 Athletics Carnivals

School - Monday 20th July
Zone - Wednesday 26th August
Region - Wednesday 9th September

3-6 School Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival will be held on Monday 20th July (Term 3 Week 2). Due to the numbers of students at our school, we hold qualifying for shot put and discus at school prior to the carnival. The top 8-10 students from the qualifying will compete in the final at the carnival.

The events on the day of the athletics carnival are: 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put (finals) and discus (finals). Long jump will be held at school in the first couple of weeks of Term 3. High jump has already been held at school.

Students will compete in the following age groups for all events except 100m: Juniors (8/9/10 Years), 11 Years and 12/13 Years. In the 100m races, students will run according to their specific age group (i.e. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 years racing separately). There will be heats in the 100m with the fastest runners making it through to the final. All other races will only have heats with zone representatives being chosen based on times from these heats.

Permission notes are due this week.

PSSA

PSSA is finished for the term.

GENERAL INFO

Public Speaking

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition South Western Sydney Local Final held at Georges Hall Public School.

Our school was one of 13 competing for one place per stage in the next level of the competition. All four of our representatives presented exceptional speeches. The impromptu topic “Surprise” was expertly discussed by Madeline Hogan and Lily Austin. Jesse Cross and Imogen Smith drew upon topical matter to discuss “Breaking the Rules”.

Lily Austin was awarded 1st place for her outstanding effort and Imogen Smith received a Highly Commended Award for her excellent speeches.

Congratulations must go to all our representatives. You were wonderful ambassadors for Hammondville Public School.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

NAIDOC Week

Anyone who would like to enter the NAIDOC week competition, please have your entries to the office by Wednesday 24th June.

Year K-2 – Colouring Competition
Year 3-6 – Short Story Indigenous Children’s Book

Thank you
Mrs Murray

Reminder - Stage 2 - Ancient Egypt Day

This Wednesday, 24th June, come dressed up ready to go way back in time. Gold coin donation.

Mrs Jacobs

Small Steps Anxiety Seminar

Thank you to all the parents who attended the presentation on anxiety last week. Rachel from the Mental Health Association of NSW spoke about different types of anxiety and how to recognise anxiety. The overwhelming message was that if you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing, you should seek professional help. It is not something that should be put up with. In most cases professional intervention will reduce anxiety substantially. If you would like more support in this area, please make contact with your child’s teacher or the school counsellor who can direct you to a psychologist. Alternatively, see your GP who can organise a referral to a psychologist.

Rachel Glynn

Senior Debating

Last Thursday our team debated against Casula Public school. The students had a tough argument for the affirmative that Computers should replace
teachers. They managed to present some interesting points of view like; teachers cost a lot more money than computers to develop and maintain but unfortunately Casula won on the day with stronger rebuttals. Hammondville students should be very proud of their hard work so far and the improvement in their debating skills. We look forward to one more round next term and a final celebration with all schools involved in this year’s debating competition.

Mrs Zanapalis

Donations

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated material, wool etc. to our craft group. We are now looking for donations of any scrapbooking material which would be kindly appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs Stanley & Mrs Ford

Attention Defence Families

The DCO Bulletin is available to view on our school website and skoolbag app which contains information about upcoming programs and workshops available to ADF families. Several of these address the issues of anxiety, sleep management, PTSD for carers and Women’s Wellness.

SME RTF have Merlin Entertainment Passes available to Defence families for a small fee and cover some major Sydney attractions. Details are in the bulletin.

Major changes at home can have a big impact on children’s ability to cope at school. Please advise your child’s teacher and myself if your family is experiencing parental absence or an upcoming posting as we can offer additional support.

I can be contacted through the school office Monday to Thursday, or via email: Janelle.j.ford@det.nsw.edu.au

Janelle Ford
Defence School Transition Aide

**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 each**

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

*Reminder - The canteen ladies are unable to heat up any food brought in from home, thank you.

*Price increase, Go Cookies are now 80 cents each.

**Lost Property**

The stand outside the canteen is **full** once again! Please check for any lost items before the end of term, 26th June. At this time, **everything will go** either to our school “Second Hand pool” or to charity.

**Found**

A wallet has been handed into the office. If you have lost your wallet, please see the ladies in the office.

Thank you.

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

We have plenty of coat hangers at the moment, thanks to all who have donated!!

**Special from now until the end of term -** All tracksuit pants, skivvies and non logo jumpers just **$1 each!!**

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