A Message From The Principal

Education Week

What a fantastic couple of days we had on Thursday and Friday last week. Our Open Day on Thursday was a huge success with many of our teachers suggesting it was the largest number of parents, carers and grandparents who had attended for quite some time. I would like to thank all the teaching staff and children for their part in the stage items, art exhibition, open classrooms and book fair. I would also like to thank our administrative and support staff for their assistance in ensuring the day ran smoothly.

The K-2 Athletics Carnival on Friday was also a resounding success with all the children enjoying the different activities they participated in. Thank you to Mr Betts for his organisation of the carnival and the other K-2 teachers for their assistance in ensuring a successful carnival. As I walked around the carnival, it was great to hear the positive comments about the enthusiasm and terrific support our house leaders from Years 5 and 6 were providing for the K-2 children. All the house captains and vice captains should be very proud of the fantastic job they did on the day.

Finally, thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who came and supported our students and school during both Open Day and the K-2 Athletics Carnival.

KU - Conjola Place Preschool

Sadly, I need to inform the school community that KU-Conjola Place Preschool will close at the end of this school year. Kindergarten Union has made their decision to close the KU Conjola Place centre and a number of other centres for economic reasons regarding the viability of the services. Parents of children attending the centre were informed of it closure last week. Unfortunately, the closure will have an impact on a number of families in our school and some of our staff that have children who attend KU. Having young children of my own I know how difficult it is to find places in child care. I wish all the KU - Conjola Place staff all the best in a very stressful time and hope that all the families affected can find appropriate child care places elsewhere.

P&C Meeting

The P&C will be meeting this evening at 7:30pm in the Library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

My apologies in advance, for being unable to attend the next three Friday morning assemblies as I have meetings and courses to attend on four of the next five Fridays. This Thursday and Friday Mrs Wilson the Deputy Principal from Wattle Grove PS will be relieving in the office for me as some of our Assistant Principals will also be attending courses over the two days. If you have anything you need to contact me about over those two days, please leave a message with the office and I will call you back as soon as I can in Week 5.

Have a great week.
Ken Smith
SPORT

2015 Athletics Carnivals

School - Thursday 13th August
School (Backup Date) - Monday 17th August at The Ridge, Barden Ridge
Zone - Wednesday 26th August
Region - Wednesday 9th September

3-6 School Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 13th August (Term 3 Week 5). If this date is washed out, we will hold our school carnival at The Ridge Athletics Track, Barden Ridge on Monday 17th August.

Due to the numbers of students at our school, we hold qualifying rounds for shot put and discus at school prior to the carnival. The top 8-10 students from the qualifying rounds 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 few 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.

It is suggested that students and parents bring something with them to sit on as the grass will be wet in the morning.

PSSA

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer teams played against Wattle Grove on Friday and played well against a tough opposition.

Senior Girls
Score: 1-4 loss
Goal scorer: Jordyn Rendell

Junior Girls A
Score: 5-0 win
Goal scorers: Maeve Johnson x3
Lily Austin
Annika Stajic

Junior Girls B
Score: 2-2 draw
Goal scorers: Madeline van Blerk x2

Week 2 Results

Rugby League - Juniors

Last Friday, the junior boys rugby league team played Nuwarra. An excellent performance in defence saw the boys score 4 tries defeating Nuwarra 24-12. It was a great return after many weeks off and hard worked whole team
performance. A great start to term 3 PSSA. Well done boys!

Tries: Jai, Logan, Jayden and Laurence.

Rugby League - Seniors

Last Friday, the senior boys and girls rugby league team also played Nuwarra. The senior team displayed great goal line defence against some much larger students and were able to defeat Nuwarra 30-24 for their second win of the season. Patrick led the way with great defence the whole game, while J oey controlled the game through brilliant attack. A hard worked whole team performance and a promising start to term 3! Well done seniors!

Tries: Patrick - 2, Joey – 2, Andrej, Xander.

Mr. Withers

Week 3

Rugby League - Juniors

Last Friday, the junior boys rugby league team played Marsden Road. An excellent performance in both attack and defence saw the boys score 7 tries defeating Marsden Road 36-6. It has been a great return after many weeks off as the team has won both games this term. Great attacking performances by Jai and Logan, and outstanding defence by Oscar and Laurence helped us towards victory. A great start to term 3 PSSA. Well done boys!

Tries: Jai - 3, Logan - 3 and Laurence.

Rugby League - Seniors

Last Friday, the senior boys and girls rugby league team also played Marsden Road. The senior team put on an awesome attacking display scoring 10 tries in a whole team effort victory, winning 54-0. It was great to see many of the students scoring their first try for the season including Shanice, Brooke, Toby and Jack. The students displayed excellent sportsmanship against a much weaker team and have started term 3 PSSA with 2 victories from 2 games. Well done to the senior rugby league team.

Tries: Tom - 2, Patrick, Joey, Andrej, Xander, Jack, Toby, Brooke and Shanice.

Mr. Withers

Boys Soccer

Junior A Boys

Last Friday, the Junior A boys soccer team played Sackville Streets PS at Ash Rd Reserve. The boys played really well with some outstanding passing and “off the ball” movement. This gave us a 6-0 win. The most pleasing aspect of the match was the wonderful acknowledgement our A team received from parents of the other team, commenting on our excellent sportsmanship, particularly Braydon L. Well done, boys! This week, we play Newbridge Heights at South Park.

Goal Scorers – Kiame 3, Kobe 1, Liam 1, Harry 2

Junior B Boys

Last Friday, the Junior B boys soccer team played Sackville Streets PS at Ash Rd Reserve. Our B team produced a pleasing performance and some excellent defending prevented Sackville Street PS from scoring. The final result was Hammondville 5, Sackville Streets 0. Well done, boys!

Goal Scorers – Harrison 2, Ryan 1, Hamza 1, Mitchell 1

Senior Boys

Last Friday, the Senior boys soccer team also played Sackville Streets PS at Ash Rd Reserve. The boys played really well and had a comfortable 3-0 win. Our defense was fairly solid but will need to be on our game this week. We will also need to be more clinical in front of goal in the future. Some opportunities were missed last Friday which we would normally put away. A much more intense test will be this Friday against Newbridge Heights.

Goal Scorers – Cooper 1, Bradley 1, Beau 1

Mr McInney

PSSA 7/8/15

Girls Soccer – Hammondville
Boys Soccer – South Park
Rugby League – Hammondville
Netball – Woodward Park
GENERAL INFO

Is Your Child Starting School In 2016?

Hammondville Public School is now taking enrolments. If you or anyone you know has children ready to start school, please let them know that we are ready and waiting for their enrolment. Feel free to come up to the office and see one of our friendly office staff.

Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Night

If your child is ready to start school next year, please come to our Kindergarten parent information night on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7pm in the school library.

Please register your attendance at the office by calling: 9825 3948

NAIDOC Day

Next Wednesday, 12th August, we will be holding our NAIDOC day celebrations. We have a fun filled day planned with performances and cultural talks from KOOMURRI incursions. We can’t wait!

Rebekah Murray

School Banking

Students

Please ensure that your bank book is placed in your class banking folder before being bought down to the office. This ensures that your bank book and money are safe.

Thank you
Sue & Colleen

Child Protection - Term 3

During Term 3 the children will be involved in Child Protection lessons for Personal Development and Health. Below are the topics covered in each stage. Please notify the office if you do not wish for your child to be involved by Friday 17th July.

Early Stage One: Relationships, Trust/Protection, Body Parts, Yes and No feelings, NO, GO, TELL.

Stage One: Rights & Responsibilities, Comfortable & Uncomfortable Feelings, Wanted & Unwanted Touch, Saying No, Networks.

Stage Two: Abuse of Power, Bribes & Threats, Body Parts, Protection, Safety Strategies - NO, GO, TELL.

Stage Three: Different types of relationships, Coercion, Harassment, NO, GO, TELL, Networks.

Hammondville’s Jumping

Jump Rope for Heart is happening all across the school we are learning new skills and tricks. Hope we are all practicing at home in the backyard.

Gardening Group

Friday Interest group have given themselves an official name, Plant Patrol. We are after succulents and grandfather’s beard if anyone has any.

We are preparing the vegie gardens for spring. All classes are being encouraged to put their food scraps in a bucket for plant patrol to collect and place in the vegie gardens.

We are also currently looking for fencing to fully enclose the chook area.

Plant Patrols

BOOKFAIR

A Huge THANK YOU to the School Community for your support of the Bookfair last week. The school has benefited from this support by gaining resources for the Library to support the students learning. A special thank you to Mrs Ford, Mrs Hannan and everyone who helped throughout this time. Thanks again.

Mrs Stanley

Premier’s Reading Challenge

It is the last 2 weeks of Premier’s Reading Challenge. All books MUST be entered online by August 21st, no late entries will be accepted. If you have not entered them, please ensure you do so ASAP. To enter them you only need the students username and password that they use in the classroom. Keep going if you have not yet finished as you still have 2 weeks!

Any problems please contact me, thank you.

Mrs Stanley
Attention Defence Families

The August edition of the DCO Newsletter is now available and can be viewed on our school website and Skoolbag app.

Of interest:
- Defence partners Morning Tea 18th August
- Free Resume Coaching 14th September
- PTSD Management for Families 19th August

There is also contact information for Holsworthy Family Group and various Wellbeing courses.

A KidSMART program has recently been conducted at Wattle Grove Public School. This 5 week program, facilitated by Defence Social Workers, aims to enhance the children’s resilience and assist in developing skills to manage the absence of a parent. If you would be interested in Hammondville Public School hosting a KidSMART program in 2016, please register your interest via email to janelle.j.ford@det.nsw.edu.au

Janelle Ford
DSTA

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

Woolies Earn & Learn

Our first tally is 960 points, so keep the sticker sheets coming in. PLEASE ONLY 60 STICKERS PER SHEET. If you put more than 60 on there, I have to try and get them off and put them on another sheet. If they don’t come off they won’t be counted in our final points tally. Thank you for your co-operation. The more stickers, the more resources for the classrooms.

Tracey O’Hanlon

World’s Greatest Shave

Hello. My name is Morgan O’Hanlon, an ex-student of Hammondville and now Year 9 at Holsworthy High. The SRC at Holsworthy High School asked for volunteers to participate in the World’s Greatest Shave to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. I said YES. I am going bald on 27th August. All I need now are sponsors to help me reach my target. You can sponsor me on-line by heading to The World’s Greatest Shave site and click on sponsor, enter my name and my profile page will be there. There is also a collection box in the office or you can find my mum at the canteen and around the school.

I thank you all in advance for helping raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Morgan O’Hanlon

SMS System

Hammondville Public School will no longer be utilising the SMS System for notifications to parents. Please ensure you have the Skoolbag app on your mobile device to keep informed of all activities as they arise.

CANTEEN NEWS

Open Day in the Canteen

The biggest thank you to Suzie Stefanoski, Susan Hatton, Stacey Sullivan and Judy Minett. Your help was greatly appreciated. Having hot food and sandwiches ready for 10.40am is a big ask, but we did it.

Once again many thanks.

Tracey O’Hanlon

Canteen Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 19th August. Orders will need to be in by Monday 17 August. 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 of “sausage on a bread roll with sauce” required
5) Amount of money enclosed
6) Your name and phone number if you are able to help on the day

Sue Craig
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.

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!!

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