A Message From The Principal

As a very busy Term 3 draws to a close this week, I would like to thank and congratulate the students and staff for their commitment and effort in the many events that have taken place during this term. Events that have taken place have included the CoS Concert, Education Week, Southern Stars, the Stage 3 Camp, public speaking, the Premier's Spelling Bee, some excursions, Mind Marathon, the athletics carnival and Winter PSSA Sport. Thank you also to the many parents who assisted with transporting children to events and provided great support to students and staff.

Bell Times for Term 4

The trial of morning PSSA Sport during Term 4 has provided the opportunity to amend some of our bell times. Our current bell times provide the correct number of minutes per week for instruction time but did not comply with the award for teachers that requires all teachers to be able to have one uninterrupted 30 minute break during the day. The new bell times will mean longer but less playground duties for teachers which could also provide additional opportunities for extra-curricular activities to occur throughout the school. To fit the correct number of instruction minutes into the day the bell times will be:

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Movie Night

The Movie Night on Friday was a great success with approximately $1400 being raised. Thank you to the P&C and parent helpers for organising the event, serving food and helping to clean up. Thank you also to the teachers who stayed back to supervise the children and clean up.

Jump Rope for Heart

The students had an enjoyable day last Wednesday during the Jump Rope for Heart - Jump Off. Congratulations to the students on the effort they have put into practising their skipping - there were some great moves demonstrated in the Stage ‘Jump Offs’. Thank you to Mrs Jacobs for her very enthusiastic promotion and organisation of Jump Rope for Heart in our school.

Dogs on School Grounds

Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act 1998 prohibits dogs on school grounds except when permission is given by the Principal for a specific reason. Many of us love our dogs and they are well trained but in a school environment where there are children everywhere some dogs can become anxious and we would hate for anything to happen to a child or dog. For the safety of our students, please do not bring dogs onto school grounds. Thank you for your anticipated assistance with this matter.

Finally, I hope all students and staff enjoy a well-deserved Spring break. School resumes on Tuesday, 6th October.

Ken Smith
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.

Movie Night

Movie night was great as always a big turnout. Thank you to all students who attended. A big thank you to staff who helped supervise these events. These events cannot take place without your support.

Thanks to all family volunteers and families who donated cupcakes. Approximately $1400 was raised.

Thank you, P&C

Regional Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 8th September Joshua Sutch, Fraser McKeown, Alyssa Bullock and Imogen Smith competed at the Regional Spelling Bee held at Georges Hall Public School. All four students made it through many rounds. The announcer went through seven lists and resorted to the Macquarie Dictionary for words. Congratulations to our wonderful spellers!

Mrs Warwick
Spelling Bee Co-Ordinator

Stage 3 Public Speaking

Tomorrow we will be holding the finals of the Stage 3 Public Speaking. We wish all the class representatives the very best as they present their 4 minute speeches and a 2 minute impromptu.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Sydney South West Public Speaking

On Tuesday week 8, Early Stage 1 and Stage 2 students competed in our school finals of the Sydney south West Public Speaking Competition.

Our finalists included:

Early Stage 1

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This was the first public speaking opportunity for our Early Stage One students and they did a marvellous job. Our Stage 2 students were very well prepared and it came down to decimal points when deciding our winner.
Congratulations to our Early Stage 1 winner Natalie Bolger and runner up Marli Gomes.

Congratulations to our Stage 2 winner Anika Stajcic and runner up Luke Galway.

Natalie and Anika will represent our school at Wattle Grove Public School early next term.

Well done to all our finalists.

Mrs Warwick
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Night

If your child is ready to start school next year, please come to our Kindergarten parent information tonight at 7pm in the school library.

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

School Banking

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

Thank you
Sue & Colleen

KidSMART program

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 the 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

Tracey O’Hanlon for Janelle Ford DSTA

Gilberts Grand American Adventure

This week Gilbert is off to New York New York, (what a wonderful city.) Plenty of sights to see here, Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Central Park, Broadway. While we are on holidays Gilbert will be on tour visiting Boston, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Washington DC, Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans, Pensacola and Orlando.

Remember you can see photos and what Gilbert has to say on his blog at OUR WORLD CLASSROOM, there is a map in the library tracking his trip.

Woolies Earn & Learn

Our tally has now jumped to 26,460 and I am still counting. Please return all sticker sheets by this Friday 18th September (last day of the term). If any are returned next term they will not be included as everything has to be finalised during the holidays.

Thanks to everyone for participating.

Tracey O’Hanlon

Social Media Parent Information Evening

Due to an overwhelming response from our school community, Hammondville Public School will be hosting an information sharing evening about the importance of positive choices when using social media. This presentation will be hosted by Senior Constable Rachel Kennedy of the Liverpool Local Area Command. Listed below is all the relevant information for the evening. If there are any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

We look forward to seeing any of our Hammondville families at the evening.

Date: Wednesday 7 October (Week 1 term 4)
Time: 6:30pm start (Presentation will run for approximately 90 minutes)
Location: School Library

Mr McInnney
SPORT

SSW Athletics Carnival

Well done to all of our regional athletes who competed last week at the SSW Athletics Carnival. Congratulations on some excellent performances.

4th – Annika Stig in High Jump (1.17m)
5th – Patrick Barlow in 100m (15.94)
6th - Beau Walker in High Jump (1.12m)
9th – Annika Stig in 800m (3:09.35)
9th- Joey Towerton in Long Jump (3.93m)
10th – Lily Austin in 100m (17.30)
12th - Junior Girls relay: Lily Austin, Violet Carroll, Kaitlyn Stanford and Annika Stig (1:06.95)
13th – Laura Gomes in Long Jump (3.29m)
14th - Annika Stig in 200m (33.47)
16th – Junior boys relay: Mason Allen, Ryan Gomes, Kiarna Malouf and Marcus Rotondo (1:04.81)

Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA will commence in Week 1 of Term 4 and this will be the first week of the trial of morning PSSA. PSSA will commence at 10am with students returning to school by 12 noon. The trial will run for the rest of the PSSA season.

Footy Fun Day

This Friday, as part of our annual year 6 fundraising, a “Footy Fun Day” will be held. For a gold coin donation, students can dress in their favourite footy team’s colours or any other sporting team they support.

We look forward to seeing our student wearing their team’s colours with pride.

Mr McInney

CANTEEN NEWS

Now available: Small juice 110mls and icy cups.

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.

*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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Lost property

The lost property stand is overflowing once again. Lost property will be cleaned out on the last day of the term Friday 18th September. Please check stand for any lost items before this day as everything will go to either the schools second hand uniform pool or charity.

Uniform Pool Terms 3 & 4 2015

Attended 2:30pm - 3:00pm Wednesday afternoons only.

At all other times, please take purchases to the school office.

Prices:

- Non – logo uniform tops and jumpers $1 each
- Logo tops, jumpers, sports uniforms, shorts, track pants $2 each
- Parkas, Backpacks, Dresses, “new” stock of old designs $5 each
- Hats, library bags, stockings, sports socks etc. $2 each

Please keep the room tidy!

Thank you, Tracey, Sylvia & Michelle

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