A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 4 is already upon us and the children are now settling into their classes for the year. There is a great deal happening in and around the school and lots of information will be sent home regarding a variety of events over the next week.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

The ‘Meet the Teacher’ Evenings will be held in Week 6, which commences on 29th February. Further details regarding the time and day of each stage meeting will be the subject of a separate note this week.

The ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings are an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out about class programs as well as class routines. The format of the meetings is that each stage will initially meet in the designated area and have a general discussion of about 20 – 30 minutes regarding activities that will occur across the Stage. This will be followed by a visit to your child’s classroom where the teacher will outline routines and learning that will occur specifically in that room. Please remember that these meetings are to meet your child’s teacher and find out about routines and the learning program, they are not parent/teacher interviews. If you have specific issues that you would like to raise about your child, please make an appointment to see the teacher at another time. We look forward to seeing you at the ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings.

Student Leader Workshop

One of the priority areas in our school plan is to develop exceptional leaders throughout our school which includes our student leaders. Our Year 6 student leaders are today participating in a leadership development workshop with students from other schools at Lucas Heights Community School. I am sure the workshop will be of great benefit to the students and our school in developing their leadership skills.

School Swimming Scheme

The School Swimming & Water Safety Program is now open to all students in Years 2 to 6. This is a really important program in which the actual lessons are funded by the government. The cost attached to the program is for buses to and entry into the Whitlam Centre. We have been asked why we don’t go to Holsworthy Pool for these lessons and the answer is that the venue for the lessons is designated in a state-wide operation by the School Sport Unit.

The lessons are 45 minutes in duration and commence on Monday 29th February and run until Friday, 11th March. Total cost of the program is $107 which is due to be paid by Monday 22nd February. If your child is not able to swim 50 metres confidently, I really urge you to consider sending them to these lessons as being able to swim confidently is so important in a country like Australia that has so many homes with backyard pools and is surrounded by great beaches.

P&C Meeting

Don’t forget the first P&C meeting for the year which includes the Annual General Meeting this evening in the library at 7:30 pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Finally, in this early part of the year, there always seems to be a lot of Principal meetings which take me away from the school for at least part of a day. There are several meetings over the next few weeks which will take me out of the school. If you have any issues that arise when I am not here, please speak to one of the Assistant Principals.
who will try to assist. If they are unable to, please leave a message at the office and I will contact you as soon as I can when I return to school the following day.

Have a great week.
Ken Smith  
Principal

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**GENERAL INFO**

**Class of the Week 4DG**

Lucky 4DG gets to start a new, regular item in our newsletter ‘Class of the Week’. We want to show off all the great learning that is happening in our classrooms at Hammondville P.S.

**4DG**

We’re very happy to be in our ‘real’ class and getting started on our theme ‘We can be heroes’. We’re incorporating the stories of significant Aboriginal and British people in the late 1700s. These people grew up living ‘ordinary’ lives but chose to do something extraordinary. One example is Caroline Chisholm who dedicated her life to the abandoned and penniless women of Sydney. This makes her a hero in our eyes!

We’ve begun the unit by asking students to reflect on what a hero is. The answers from students reflected a great level of thoughtfulness and depth. Here are some of their responses.

**What is a hero?**

**Samara:** A hero is a person that has other people’s backs, they’re not mean to anyone or hurt anyone.

**Teagan:** They don’t hurt people’s feelings.

**Cooper. L:** Most heroes risk their lives for others

**Laurence:** Everyone can be a hero or a villain, like Deadpool.

**Evie:** A superhero helps people and they’re not selfish

**Jack. S:** Some heroes are like Ned Kelly and they’re fighting for their rights

**Mitchell:** Superheroes are good not bad

**Cooper.M:** A superhero never turns their back on someone

**Jorden:** People rely on superheroes

**Jacinta:** Superheroes help you

**Olivia:** Superheroes stick up for you and give you good advice.

**Who are some heroes that we already know about?**

**Keira:** Spiderman – he saves people and has super power

**Marverick:** Batman – he finds villains and protects people

**Harrison:** Superman – he’s really strong, he has laser eyes.

**Kaitlyn:** Malala – she stood up to people and said that girls should go to school

**Blake:** The Hulk – he’s strong and saves people.

**Could you be a hero?**

**Tia:** Yes, because we could do the same things as Malala.

**Mitchell:** Yes, we can stick up for ourselves and other people.

**Tozun:** Yes, I could help someone on the playground.

**Isaac:** Yes, if someone is hurt on the ground, I could take them to the office.

**Are there any heroes that you want to know more about?**

**Abdul:** Thor

**Brianna:** Martian man hunter

**Ethan:** The green lantern

**Tatiana:** people that are everyday people and heroes

**Jack:** Ninja turtles

**Jack.S:** Ned Kelly

**Marverick:** soldiers and police

**Jordens:** fire fighters

**Laurence:** ambulance officers

You can see we have a great place to start from as we already know a lot about heroes! You’ll get to see more of our learning on our ‘Class Dojo’ page and the school website class page. We’re looking forward to meeting you at the parent information evening in Week 6.

Rachelle Glynn and Keira Dorrington
Message from the Office

Please note the office hours are 8:30am - 3:15pm Monday – Friday.

There has been a slight change of staff during the week as follows:

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We ask that all notes and payments be placed in the secure, locked letterbox on the outside wall of the office. Please place your child’s name, class and payment details on the outside of the envelope. All payments are processed by midday and receipts returned to your child’s class the following day for distribution.

All fees for textbooks are due by Friday 19th February. Distribution of textbooks will be on Monday 22nd February for use in the classroom. Fee letters are available on the website under School Information / Notes Home.

If you have any queries regarding fees, please do not hesitate to contact the office during opening hours.

Thank you.

Mrs Fiona Hood

2016 Swim Scheme

Please be aware the dates from the swim scheme sent out in the parent letter were incorrect. The correct dates for the swim scheme are 29th February to 11th March (weeks 6 and 7)

Swim Scheme will take place at the Whitlam Leisure Centre Liverpool from Monday 29th February to Friday 11th March (Weeks 6 & 7). At present it is open to all Year 2 children who are strongly encouraged to attend. Notes went home last week to Years 3-6 children to fill available positions. The cost of the program is $107.00 which covers transport by bus and pool entry. Any enquiries, please speak to Mrs Moore.

Mrs Moore
Swim Scheme Co-ordinator

Riverside Anglican Church

Kids Club K-6, Friday’s at St. Thomas Church Moorebank starting at 4.00pm. The cost is $2.00 a week and runs to school terms. Inclusions are Games, Bible Talk, Craft and Milkshakes. Any queries please phone 9602 8836.

SPORT

2016 Swimming Carnivals
Zone - Wednesday 2nd March
Region - Tuesday 15th March

2016 Cross Country Carnivals
School - Monday 21st March
Zone - Tuesday 31st May
Region - Thursday 16th June

School Swimming Carnival

The certificates and age champion trophies from the School Swimming Carnival will be handed out at this week’s assembly.

House Captain and Vice-Captain Badges

The house captain and vice-captain badges will be handed out at this week’s assembly.

Liverpool Zone Website

The Liverpool Zone P.S.S.A. has a website at: [www.liverpoolzonepssa.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.liverpoolzonepssa.schools.nsw.edu.au)
This year, our school is entering teams in AFL, cricket, oztag and girls softball for Summer PSSA. The final trial was held last Friday. PSSA will commence this Friday with draws being placed on Skoolbag and on the school website as soon as we receive them. Students will need to return their permission notes with the $4 levy by Wednesday.

CANTEEN NEWS

Copies of the new Canteen Menu and Canteen Information sheet are available at the school office or canteen and are also available on SkoolBag and the website. Please check the new canteen menu, there are just a few changes to pricing.

More Helpers Required

We need more helpers for this terms’ roster, especially on Monday and Tuesday. Any time you can spare is a great help in running the canteen. If you are able to help, please contact Sue or Tracey at the canteen.

New Uniforms

New uniforms are sold at the canteen Monday to Thursday mornings until 11.00am, NOT FRIDAY due to the volume of orders and sport.

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Vanilla Ice Cream Cones – $1.00 each. – Lunch Time Only!!

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Pool

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

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

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!

Tracey, Sylvia & Michelle