A Message From The Principal

Welcome to all our new and returning families for the 2016 school year. On Thursday and Friday of last week I had the opportunity to visit all of the children in their classrooms and it sounds like there were some fantastic holidays to a variety of different places over the summer break and it was great hear some of the holiday stories.

At this time of the year there is always a great deal happening and there is lots of information to take in. We attempt to provide you with as much information as we can through the newsletter, school website and Skoolbag App. If you are new to our school - our smartphone app, Skoolbag can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play by typing ‘Hammondville’ into the search facility.

Student Enrolment Numbers

As mentioned in the information that was sent home last week, our numbers are very close to being able to form an 18th class. Unfortunately for that reason we are unable to move into our 2016 classes at this stage. I fully understand this is frustrating for everyone and we will move into our new classes as soon as we possibly can. If you have new neighbours or know of anyone with children who have not yet enrolled for school this year, please encourage them to come and enrol at Hammondville as soon as possible.

Term Calendar

As we did last year, a calendar for this term is attached to the newsletter. Please be aware that some events could change or be added at short notice due to circumstances we are currently unaware of. An updated copy of the calendar will be sent home with the newsletter about every four weeks.

Swimming Carnival

Information regarding the school swimming carnival was sent home last week. The carnival is to be held this Thursday 4th February, 2016 at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre. All students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend and any students in Year 2 who are 8 or turning 8 this year and are able to swim 50 metres unassisted are invited to attend. Permission notes, money and the medical note that was also sent home need to be returned by tomorrow, Tuesday 2nd February.

Parents & Citizens Association (P&C)

The first P&C meeting of the year which will be the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 15th February at 7:30pm in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend and it would be great to see some new faces at the meeting.

Wishing all students and their families a great 2016.

Ken Smith
Principal
**GENERAL INFO**

**Attention Defence Families**

It is a pleasure to welcome new families to our school, and to catch up with everyone after the holidays. Defence Community Organisation is hosting a family day and expo this Sunday, 7th February. Details are in this newsletter.

If you or your spouse will be absent from home for training or deployment, please advise me so that I can support your child. I am here to assist you and your child, so you are welcome to contact me with any concerns.

Also, if you have any activities you would like to suggest for 2016, I would love to hear from you.

*Mrs Janelle Ford*
Defence School Transition Aide
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**Parents of Catholic school children between Year 2 - Year 6**

You are invited to an Information Night on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.00pm concerning the *Parish based Sacramental program for 2016, (Reconciliation & First Holy Communion & Confirmation)*. This will be held in St Christopher’s school hall. For further details please contact the parish office on 9825 1679.

**SPORT**

**2016 Swimming Carnivals**

School - Thursday 4th February  
Zone - Wednesday 2nd March  
Region - Tuesday 15th March

**School Swimming Carnival**

The school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 4th February at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre. Those students who are to compete in the Individual Medley will need to make their own way to the pool, as this race will be held before the school buses arrive. The individual medley races will start at 9:00am. The school buses will arrive at the swimming centre at approximately 9:45am, with the first race starting at approximately 10:00-10:15am.

The students will compete in age groups depending on how old they are turning this year. The 8, 9 and 10 year olds compete together in the breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly races and all age groups compete together in the Open 100m freestyle. The 50m freestyle will be the only stroke with a final with the students with the fastest heat times making the final. Placegetters from all other strokes will be based on times from the heats.

Students who make the school squad to compete at the zone carnival will be notified after the carnival. Note that there are qualifying times to be met, so not all placegetters will necessarily make the squad. Butterfly, IM and 100m freestyle tend to have the strictest qualifying times.

If there are any questions regarding the swimming carnivals, do not hesitate to see Mr Hughes.

**2016 House Captains**

The house captains and vice captains for 2016 were elected during the house meetings last week and congratulations to the following students who will organise and enthuse their fellow house members during the school carnivals throughout the year:

**Bass**

C: Mason Allen  Shavonne Barlow  
VC: Nathan Munn  Elise Muller

**Flinders**

C: Bailey Minett  Carys Johnson  
VC: Kallan Scott  Abbie Langston

**Hume**

C: Owen Malcolm  Sophie Campbell  
VC: Tim Hall  Sarah Michael

**Sturt**

C: Beau Walker  Shanice Talataina  
VC: Aaron Sookee  Mia Benvie

Students will be notified when they are to be presented with their badges at the school assembly.

**Liverpool Zone Website**

The Liverpool Zone P.S.S.A has a website at: www.liverpoolzonepssa.schools.nsw.edu.au
2016 Sports Carnivals

3-6 School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 4th February, 2016
Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre

3-6 Cross Country Carnival
Monday 21st March, 2016
Hammondville Public School

3-6 Athletics Carnival
Thursday 21st July, 2016
The Ridge, Barden Ridge

PSSA

This year, our school is entering teams in AFL, cricket, oztag and girls softball for Summer PSSA. The trials will be held over the next two weeks.

Canteen News

A new Canteen Menu and Canteen Information sheet went home with today’s newsletter. Copies are available at the school office or canteen. Please check the new canteen menu, there are just a few changes to pricing.

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit & Chocolate Stick - $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.

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