A Message From The Principal

Liverpool Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to the 36 students who will be representing the school at the Liverpool Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. I hope you all swim some personal bests and I know you will do our school proud.

Meet the Teacher

A final reminder that our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings week are this week commencing tomorrow afternoon. Meeting times and the initial meeting place are outlined below:

Tuesday, 1st March from 5:30pm to 6:30pm - Years 3 & 4 (Stage 2) meeting in the Assembly Hall.
Wednesday, 2nd March from 5:30pm to 6:30pm - Kindergarten (Early Stage 1) meeting in the Assembly Hall.
Wednesday, 2nd March from 7:00pm to 8:00pm - Years 1 & 2 (Stage 1) meeting in the Assembly Hall.
Thursday, 3rd March from 7:00pm to 8:00pm - Years 5 & 6 (Stage 3) meeting in the Library.

Student Wellbeing and Mindfulness

Children these days are subjected to significant challenges that can affect their wellbeing. They are involved in many extra-curricular activities, many have both parents working which means having to attend before and after school care, and there is the impact that social media can have on their lives. At Hammondville, we are very aware of these challenges and feel that it is important to address the wellbeing of our students. Many teachers are using a relaxation and mindfulness program called ‘Smiling Minds’ to relax and refocus their students. Last Wednesday a number of our classes trialled a program from the Life Skills Group, which was very well received by the students involved and the teachers that observed. The program links very nicely with the Positive Behaviour for Learning program we are implementing and the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus. It would be great for our students to be involved in this program but unfortunately, the school cannot fund it, so we would be seeking parent support to run the program. The program would run for 10 weeks and would be $5 a week for each student which is $50 for the whole program. At the ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings this week the Assistant Principals will be seeking some feedback as to whether parents would support and pay for the program. We will also conduct a short survey through Skoolbag to determine whether the program is viable.

Family Education and Occupation Index (FOEI)

This week all families will receive a form seeking information about the education level and occupations of our parents. While this information is optional it is very important to our school as some of our funding is based on the FOEI. Each year the Department of Education ‘harvests’ data from our school to determine our FOEI so it is important that this information is up to date and accurate so we maximise the funding that we should receive.

Future Schools Conference

This Thursday and Friday a number of staff will be attending the Future Schools Conference. This is an important event featuring some highly regarded speakers who will provide information about current and future trends in education that
we will need to consider in order to provide our students with the best possible education in an ever changing society.

**P&C Meeting**

There will be a P&C Meeting next Monday, 7th March at 7:30pm in the Library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

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**SCHOOL DIARY**

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**GENERAL INFO**

6M

Week 6 is upon us and 6M is settling into what promises to be an exciting and educational year. Our final year at Hammondville Public School promises to be a fantastic one with many opportunities coming the way of the students including our trip to Canberra, peer support, mini

dette and the Year 6 farewell to name a few. In class, we have had our first week of times table challenges and already the competitive juices are flowing with Isaac, Aaron and Grace tasting success at the top of the ladder and as we have quickly learnt, it can be tricky getting to the top but it’s even trickier staying there. The students have also uncovered some of their own hidden talents with their sketching activities. Using an artist on the internet, students have made several face sketches using various techniques and the pieces they have produced have been outstanding. Our class guided literacy groups will begin this week and our ongoing learning journey will step up another gear.

This term students will be investigating Antarctica; developing and informing their opinions on how decisions that we as a civilisation make, can effect the environment and its future.

Last week, 6M participated in a trial yoga and mindfulness session. We had a great time and enjoyed getting in tune with our mind and body. Below, you can see some of the 6M students participating in the various activities.

There’s no doubt that this year has a lot in stall for 6M. I am looking forward to meeting the parents and carers of the 6M students at our Meet the Teacher Evening this Thursday.

Mr McInney

**Thank You**

A huge ‘Thank You’ to all the families who have kindly donated books to the Library over the past few months. A special mention to the Handley family for their donation of ‘Mini Beasts’ towards our teaching resources. They are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Sarah Stanley
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Premier’s Reading Challenge gets underway again this week. We encourage students to start your reading and record what you read.

Further details on registering will follow next week. Thank you.

Sarah Stanley

Panania Parkrun

Parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km runs around the world and have decided to bring this successful initiative to Deepwater Park, Panania. The event takes place in pleasant parkland surroundings from 8am every Saturday and caters for all fitness levels. There is no cost, however you can register if you would like an official time. For more information go to www.parkrun.com.au/panania or talk to Mr Betts.

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

2016 Regional Carnivals

Basketball 7th March
Lily Austin
Breanna Martin
Ruby Hudson
Mia Opsal

AFL 16th March
Nathan Munn

Girls Soccer 29th March
Lily Austin
Dakota Davies
Anika Stajcic

Zone Representatives

Congratulations to Lily Austin and Breanna Martin who were named in the Liverpool zone basketball team to compete at the SSW Carnival on Monday 7th March at Bankstown Basketball Stadium. Well done, girls!

Also well done to Nathan Munn who was named in the Liverpool zone AFL team to compete at the regional carnival on Wednesday 16th March. Well done Nathan!

Congratulations also goes to Lily Austin, Dakota Davies and Anika Stajcic who were selected in the Liverpool zone soccer team to compete at the SSW Carnival on Tuesday 29th March. Well done future Matildas!

PSSA Reports

PSSA reports will be now found on our school website in the Sports / PSSA / Summer PSSA section.

School Cross Country Carnival

The school cross country is to be held at school on Monday 21st March. The K-2 carnival will be held in the morning with the 3-6 carnival being held from 11:30am.

Students in Year 2 who are 8 years old or who are turning 8 this year will compete in the 3-6 component of the carnival as they are eligible to compete at the zone carnival.

The 3-6 cross country is run in age groups, with these being: 8/9 Years, 10 Years, 11 Years and 12/13 Years. The 8/9 and 10 Years races will be approximately 1500m and the 11 and 12/13 Years races will be approximately 2000m. Students start training!

Matildas

Good luck to Mr Alen Stajcic (father of Oliver and Anika), the coach of the Matildas, and our women’s national soccer team, as they go into their Olympic qualifier tonight against Japan. Cheer on the Matildas and watch the match on 7mate tonight at 9:30pm. All the best Mr Stajcic!

Liverpool Zone Website

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

Mr Hughes

PSSA – 4/3/16

Oz Tag - Woodward Park
Cricket - Hammondville
AFL - Ash Road
Softball - Jardine Park
CANTEEN NEWS

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: Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit & Chocolate Stick – $1.00 each or Strawberry & Marshmallow Kebabs 50 cents 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 News

Now attended 2:30pm - 3:00pm TUESDAY afternoons only.

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

Prices:
Non - logo uniform tops and jumpers, shorts and track pants $1 each
Logo tops, jumpers, sports uniforms $2 each
Parkas, Backpacks, Dresses, “new” stock of old designs $5 each

Tracey & Michelle

Rewarding Good Savings

Every time a student deposits into their Youthsaver account through School Banking, regardless of the amount, they’ll receive a Dollarmites token.

Once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. They’ll also receive a certificate at assembly when they reach certain savings milestones.

2016 Reward Items

These fun rewards are a great way to keep children motivated and demonstrate the value of saving:

- Flying Snake Tail – now available to order
- Wildlife Writer Set – now available to order
- Mud Splat Handball – Released in Term 2
- Outback Pat Bag Tag – Released in Term 2
- Backtrack Eraser Pen – Released in Term 3
- Jump and Skip Rope – Released in Term 3
- Bush Fly Fan – Released in Term 4
- Wriggly Glow Worm – Released in Term 4

PLEASE ONLY ORDER ITEMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

Banker of the week is back.

Please check inside your bankbook near the tokens to see if you are this week’s winner. Then take your $1.00 canteen voucher to the canteen where you can buy yourself a special treat.

Banker of the week this week went to:
K-2 Logan P  3-6 Tarryn L

If you have any questions or would like to open an account for your child, please come and see Colleen or Sue in the office on a Thursday morning or send in a message and we will get back to you.

Colleen & Sue
Are you worried about your child’s **speaking**, **listening**, **reading**, **writing** or **social** skills?

**Limited spots**

**SPEECH PATHOLOGIST**

**Parent information session**

**This Friday 4\(^{th}\) March only**

DO NOT MISS OUT on this **important opportunity** to hear about our school’s Speech Pathologist and how she can help your child at school.

**When:** 8:30 - 9:00am  
**Where:** Hammondville PS library