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School Diary

Monday 25th November – Thursday 28th November – Kindergarten Orientation
Friday 29th & Saturday 30th November School Spectacular Performances (Sydney Entertainment Centre)
Thursday 5th December – Mini Fete
Friday 6th December – Kindergarten Pirates & Princesses Day
Friday 13th December K-6 Picnic Day (Cronulla)
Monday 16th December – Semester Two Student Reports Home
Monday 16th December – Last School Assemblies for 2013
Tuesday 17th December – K-2 Presentation Assembly & 3-6 Presentation Night
Wednesday 18th December – Last Day Term 4 for Students, + Year 6 Farewell

'One reason why adults should look as if they are having fun is to give kids a reason to want to grow up.'

Patch Adams



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This coming Friday and Saturday a group of our students will be performing in the School Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. I wish them great success in what I am sure will be an amazing show. Thanks to Mrs Riley and Miss Allam for the time you have put into preparing and supporting the students in order to get ready for this event.

Curriculum Differentiation Project

Our teachers are currently participating in a state-wide project on Curriculum Differentiation (in other words, tailoring teaching very tightly to match where students are now, and where they need to go next). Over 90 schools applied to be a part of this project, and only 11 were selected. Over the past two years, this has been a very strong focus of our Professional Learning program for staff, and has resulted in some very positive changes to the ways that we assess, the way that we structure groupings of students for teaching & learning in English and Mathematics, and the way we plan and program learning experiences for students.



Today our Stage 2 teaching team will be meeting to move into the next phase of this project, looking at curriculum differentiation in Writing. The Stage Three team will undertake similar professional learning on Thursday.

New Syllabuses are coming

Next year will see the introduction of a new Board of Studies English syllabus in all NSW schools. Our teachers have worked very hard this year during the School Development Days, at staff meetings and in their stages to familiarise themselves with the new syllabus and to prepare for the associated changes. One of the big changes is in the types of texts that students will be expected to study. There is an increasing emphasis on children developing skills with texts that go beyond the traditional 'print' style. We know that children operate in an increasingly complex world, gaining information from multiple sources (traditional print / online) and frequently create content of their own. The new English syllabus recognises this and encourages the development of children's skills in understanding, interpreting and manipulating these 'multi-modal' types of texts.

Dogs in the playground

We have some little people who are very, very frightened of dogs. I would ask parents please not to bring your dog onto the school site during the morning / afternoon pick up time, even if it is very friendly and tame.

Regards,

Mr L Thom
Acting Principal

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Student(s) not returning to Hammondville Public School in 2014

Attention: Mr Thom

My child / children will not be returning to Hammondville Public School in 2014 (Please list their name[s] and current class[es] on the lines below):

The school my child[ren] will be attending in 2014 is:

Reason for non-return (e.g. redeployment, moving to another suburb / locality, etc):

****Please return this slip to the school office at your earliest convenience
to assist us with our planning for 2014*****

Friday School Assemblies

There are two remaining Friday school assemblies left for 2013. The first K-2 and 3-6 assemblies will be held this Friday 29th November (week 8).

The final K-2 and 3-6 school assemblies will be held on Monday 16 December (week 11) as the preceding Friday is our annual school picnic day.

These assemblies will operate in the normal Friday assembly format and are not to be confused with the K-2 and 3-6 Presentation assemblies held on Tuesday 17th December.

Presentation Assemblies

K-2 Presentation Day

Venue: Hammondville Public School Hall – Walder Rd, Hammondville

Start Time: 10:00am

3-6 Presentation Evening

Venue: Holsworthy High School Hall – Huon Cres, Holsworthy

Start Time: 7:00pm

Mr McInney



CANTEEN NEWS – TEMPTING TUESDAY TREATS!

Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday?

Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Mini Hot Dogs with Sauce \$1 each

Canteen Suggestion

If you have a lunch time activity, such as choir, dance or sport practice, it would be better **NOT** to have a lunch order on that day, especially on Friday when the canteen is extremely busy!

Uniform sales unavailable Friday morning – due to early lunch and the volume of lunch orders. If necessary, uniforms can be purchased after lunch on Friday (12.15pm lunch ends).

Sue Craig & Tracey O'Hanlon

Uniform Pool

The uniform pool is open **Mondays 9.00 – 9.30am and Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00pm.**

We are located in the school hall, in the room next to the stage.

- Girls Summer & Winter uniforms \$5 each
- School Parker Jackets \$5 each
- School logo shirts, jackets, jumpers, sports tops & shorts \$2 each
- Girls/boys shorts, long pants & track pants \$2 each
- Non logo shirts, jumpers & jackets \$1 each
- Brand new old style sports shorts & tops \$3 each (only larger sizes left 12, 14 & 16)

All donations of pre loved school clothes, bags, hats and shoes are welcome. (Please leave at the school office).

Please note that **payment must be made** when 2nd hand uniforms are purchased. No credit will be given.
Thank you.

Uniform Committee

EXCURSION BAG

The canteen will be selling a light weight backpack in bottle green colour with the school logo printed on it for \$10. This is a great alternate to using a plastic bag, easier to carry and looks smarter. Great for the upcoming movie day excursion. A sample is up on the enclosed notice board (near the staffroom).

Please place child's name, class and money in envelope and place in the letterbox at the office. Bags arrive next week. Limited bags available. Thank you.

P&C

PSSA THIS WEEK – 29th NOVEMBER

Cricket – Information will be forwarded to teams when we hear from the convenors.

There will be no oztag this week but will resume on Friday 6th December for the semi finals & grand finals

If your child is going on the bus, they must pay the \$7 on that day. There have been a lot of children not paying for the bus and the school then has to pay the cost.

2014 DANCE AUDITIONS

Over the past few weeks Kindergarten and Year 1 have been auditioning for next year's K-2 dance group. These auditions will continue to be held in the hall on Thursdays at lunch time.

Beginning this Thursday students from Year 2 through to Year 5 will also be invited along to audition for next year's Senior Dance group. If you believe your child has what it takes please encourage them to come along and have a go!

Parents please note this is a selective process and numbers are limited. Successful students will be auditioning at a Regional level and expected to sign a code of conduct to ensure exemplary behaviour. Much like PSSA sport the students displaying the most talent on the audition dates will be selected, allowing us to participate in regional events that also have an audition process.

Miss Glynn & Miss Ryan

ATTENTION Parents!!! – School Website

Over the past few weeks the Technology committee have been working hard to update our current school website. New pages have been added for parents, students and the wider community to view, including debating, public speaking, environmental pages, dance as well as individual class pages and many more. We would love for you to go on line and explore some of the new additions to our school website with your children, to see what is happening around the school.

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ICT Committee

PSSA Semi-Finals

The PSSA semi-finals for cricket will be held on Friday 29th November and the semi-finals and finals for oztag (due to the matches being played on the same day) will be held on Friday 6th December. Congratulations to the teams involved.

Oztag Semi-Finals and Grand Final

Well done to the school's four oztag teams who performed extremely well throughout the season. Three out of our four teams made it through to the semi-finals, with the Senior B's just being pipped for a semi-final berth. Well done to Jasmine B, Georgia C, Maya I,

April M, Melis S, Chloe V, Ajay E, Cameron B, Luke H, Xander K, Corey M, James M, Joel O, Anthony P and Ethan R for a great season.

Semi-Final Times for Friday 6th December at Woodward Park:

12:50-1:05pm	Juniors	Hammondville B (4 th) vs Dalmeny A (1 st)
12:50-1:05pm	Juniors	Hammondville A (3 rd) vs Holsworthy (2 nd)
1:10-1:30pm	Seniors	Hammondville A (2 nd) vs Dalmeny B (3 rd)
1:40-1:55pm	Junior	Grand Final
2:00-2:20pm	Senior	Grand Final

Mrs Horton and Mr Hughes

Carnival Dates for 2014

The major carnival dates for 2014 are on our school's website in the Sport section.

Stage 3 Mini Fete – White Elephant

The White Elephant stall is looking for donations for this year's mini fete. If you have any unwanted and unbroken donations, please take them to the office or take them to the cage at 9:00am.

White Elephant Stall

TOYS 'N' TUCKER – SHARE THE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your kind donations so far of toys and food for the SRC and Student Leaders Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal. All classes have a tally poster so they can visually see how many toys and food items they are collecting. We appreciate the community for supporting this worthy cause. Just a reminder that we are collecting new toys for this appeal so any second hand toys will be donated to the White Elephant stall for the Mini fete.

Every year ANGLICARE's Emergency Relief program provides financial and food assistance to an estimated 20,000 socially excluded families and individuals who struggle to get by on low income.

Now in its 10th year, ANGLICARE's Toys 'n' Tucker program is a way in which the community can actively provide gifts of toys and food to ANGLICARE's Emergency Relief program to be distributed to the families who come to the service for support.

This year ANGLICARE is aiming to individually pack and deliver more than 5,000 Christmas hampers and toy parcels to families in Sydney and Wollongong who would otherwise go without.

S.R.C, Michael Sillett & Samantha Bruno



Student Banking

Congratulations to Jack P of class 5E, who has won last week's canteen voucher. Remember, Wednesday is banking day.

Tracey & Tina

Dear Parents,

The choir will be performing at the Week 8 assemblies on Friday 29th November. The 3-6 Assembly begins at 9.00 and then K-2 assembly generally begins at 9.45. It would be wonderful to see family and friends there to hear the choir sing.

***Rachelle Glynn
Choir Coordinator***

Dear Parents,

The final scripture lesson for 2013 was last week. We'd like to thank all the scripture teachers for their wonderful efforts throughout the year, giving freely of their time to support our children. Please be advised that a combined Christmas Scripture will be held on Friday, 29th November. If you do not wish your child to attend, please notify their classroom teacher by the end of this week. Thank you.

Mrs C. Vaughan



I do not wish for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the Combined Scripture on November 29th.

Signed _____
Parent/Caregiver