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School Diary

Monday 9th December – Final P&C Meeting for 2013 – 7.30pm, Moorebank Sports Club
Friday 13th December K-6 Picnic Day (Cronulla)
Monday 16th December – Semester Two Student Reports Home
Monday 16th December – Last School Assemblies for 2013
Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th December – Canteen Open with Lunch Orders, Normal Day
Tuesday 17th December – K-2 Presentation Assembly & 3-6 Presentation Night
Wednesday 18th December – Last Day Term 4 for Students, + Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 18th December (Last Day of Term) – Canteen Open, **NO LUNCH ORDERS**, Counter Sales Only

'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

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Last week was an extremely busy one for all of us here at Hammondville PS. Thursday's mini fete, organised by the Stage 3 teachers and students, was a huge success. Congratulations to everyone involved on your work in getting such a big event together. The weather even played nicely for the duration of the event – we started off in the morning with rain but luckily the sun came out for the duration of the mini fete, before an almighty gale blew in once the event was over! Someone was clearly smiling on us ☺

Also last Thursday I had the very great pleasure to attend Mrs Bruno's Reading Recovery graduation ceremony. Mrs Bruno has been involved in a very intensive training program over the past two years, where she has developed her expertise in the techniques used in the Reading Recovery program. This can be quite a daunting process for the teachers involved – particularly when the participants are required to 'teach behind the screen' – in other words, run a Reading Recovery lesson in a specialised room with a one way glass window, on the other side of which are all of their colleagues watching on and offering suggestions and feedback. Well done and congratulations Mrs Bruno on your graduation. We are very proud of you.

On Friday we had lots of little Pirates and Princesses in Kindergarten. They all looked fantastic and had a wonderful time parading in their costumes, with many exciting activities occurring through the day.



The next two weeks will also be busy ones. This coming Friday we have the school picnic day at Cronulla. On Monday of the following week (16th December) student reports will be sent home. Also on that day we will be holding our final K-2 & 3-6 assemblies for the year (times will be the same as usual, just the day has changed due to Picnic Day this Friday). On Tuesday 17th December we have our K-2 Presentation Day assembly, commencing at 10am, and that evening, we have the 3-6 Presentation Night, which we hold in the hall at Holsworthy High School, commencing at 7pm. Wednesday 18th December is the final day of the school year for students, and also that evening we have the Year 6 Farewell. As you can see, there is a lot happening at the moment!

Important

The 2014 school year commences on 29 January for students. If there are any families who know that they will be still away for whatever reason in the first few days/weeks of next year, it is very important that we are advised of this in writing, before the end of this year.

Please send a note in advising of your child's name, expected date of return to school, and reason your child will be away (e.g. overseas holiday)

P&C

The final P&C meeting of the year will be held tonight, commencing at 7.30pm. As is it the last meeting for 2013, instead of being held at school as usual, the meeting will take place at the Moorebank Sports Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to make special mention of two wonderful people who have been amazing supporters of our school over many years. Peter Langdon, our P&C President, and Kath Hope, our P&C Treasurer are both finishing up in their respective P&C roles as their children move on to secondary school. Both Peter and Kath have been dedicated, hardworking and tireless champions of Hammondville Public School. During their time as members of the P&C executive, they have organised, supported and participated in the running of numerous events, including working bees, sausage sizzles and movie nights to name but a few. The results of their work have led to a whole host of improvements for the students at Hammondville PS that otherwise wouldn't have been possible. These improvements have included beautification of the school grounds and the provision of covered walkways, air conditioners installed in classrooms, additional computer technology, iPads, support for dance and sporting programs, along with many, many more.

On behalf of the school, I would like to say a very big thank you to both Peter and Kath for all that you have done over the years. We wish you and your families well into the future.

Regards,

*Mr L Thom
Acting Principal*

Friday School Assemblies

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, Tuesday 17th December

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, Tuesday 17th December

Mr McInney

Oztag A: Semi-Final and Grand Final

Junior A Results

	Opponent	Result
Semi-Final	Holsworthy	0-4 Loss

The juniors have had a great season and played well in their semi-final against Holsworthy. The opposition scored two girls tries and were the better team on the day but the juniors can still hold their head high. Congratulations to Holsworthy and Dalmeny A who were named joint premiers after a draw in the grand final. Well done Isabella B, Irin C, Aneliese S, Annika S, Isaac B, Cooper H, Brayden H, Jack M, Bailey P, Daniel P, and Tyran S-M for a great season throughout 2013.

Senior A Results

	Opponent	Result	Tryscorers
Semi-Final	Dalmeny B	0-0 Draw	
Grand Final	Dalmeny A	2-4 Loss	Joshua B and Hayden R

The senior A team had two strong games in the finals. The semi-final was all about defence and neither team could break the other's defensive line. Being the higher ranked team we went through to the grand final where we played against Dalmeny A. We held our own against them and ended up losing a close game, with Dalmeny scoring in the last seconds of the game to secure the win. Congratulations to Dalmeny on the win. Well done Briar-Rose A, Zali A, Emma G, Samantha R, Ebony S, Katherine W, Luke B, Joshua B, Joel F, Quinn J, Hayden R, Joel S, Nicolas S and Flynn T for a great season in 2013.

Oztag B: Semi-Final

Junior B Results

	Opponent	Result	Tryscorers
Semi-Final	Dalmeny A	2-4 Loss	Beau W x2

The junior B team played a terrific semi-final against Dalmeny A who has been the strongest team throughout the whole season. We did a fantastic job to break their defensive line twice and every single player should be extremely proud of their performance on the day and throughout the season. Well done Darcy A, Alyssa B, Amity C, Alex S, Mason A, Stan A, Patrick B, Daniel R, Tom S, Flynn S-F and Beau W for a great season in 2013.

Mr Hughes

CANTEEN SCHEDULE FOR LAST WEEK OF TERM

Monday and Tuesday (16th & 17th December) – canteen open with lunch orders, normal day

Wednesday 18th December (last day of term) – canteen open, **NO LUNCH ORDERS, COUNTER SALES ONLY.**

Please note, all items on our menu may not be available right up to the last day.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the Lost Property stand at the canteen for any lost uniform items, lunch boxes etc., before the end of term. On the last day, 18th December, everything will go, either to our second hand uniform pool or to charity.



CANTEEN NEWS – TEMPTING TUESDAY TREATS!

Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday?

Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit & Chocolate Stick \$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

SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL

Thank you to all parents involved in the running of the second hand clothing pool. You do an amazing job giving your time every week. Over the past 2 years the second hand clothing pool has raised approximately \$1,600 in funds which has contributed towards purchasing the recent Ipads for the students.

Well done!! Thank you also to the parents who have purchased items from the pool. Thank you.

Hammondville P&C

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 alternative 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 have arrived. Limited bags available. Thank you.

P&C



You can now follow our school on Twitter @HammondvillePS

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

Student Banking



Congratulations to Danielle P of class 2Z, who has won last week's canteen voucher. Remember, Wednesday is banking day.

Tracey & Tina

BANKING NEWS

This week will be the last week for school banking this year. Thank you to all those who supported the school with school banking.

Next year, students will start the year on zero tokens. Banking Day will also be changing to a **THURSDAY**. You will have new banking co-ordinators next year, as myself and Tina are finishing up this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the school, the office staff, teachers, students and their parents for their involvement and allowing us to perform this volunteering position for the last 4 years. We are also thankful to the Commonwealth Bank for this program.

We wish all the students going to High School or anyone leaving all the best in their new schools.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday period.

Thank you and good-bye.

Tracey & Tina



Dear Parents,

We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in looking after the chooks in the holidays.

You will be given a key to enter the school to feed the chooks and change water in the aviary. Please, please, please. Thank you.

Mrs Jacobs



BIRDS FOR SALE

Budgies going cheap \$15 for a wonderful pet and friend for life. See Mrs Jacobs or place an order at the office.

Mrs Jacobs

LIBRARY

The library will continue to be closed to complete stocktake. Could you please assist this process by looking at home for any books that have a black and white Hammondville barcode on it. All books can be returned to the "returns box" at any time this week. All books returned will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs S Stanley



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates will be handed out at the last assembly on Monday 16th December.

Mrs S Stanley

TOYS 'n' TUCKER

A very big thank you to the Hammondville community for supporting our Toys 'n' Tucker appeal. The van was overflowing with toys and food items and Anglicare say a very special thank you for contributing to their Christmas Appeal. Congratulations to all classes for supporting this initiative!

Mrs Bruno

TOYS 'n' TUCKER

