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A Message From The Principal

Thank you to parents who helped Mr Royce and myself spread the piles of mulch that were in the playground around the school. Mr Lockhart braved the heat on Friday afternoon while Mr Julius and his boys, Mr Hogan and Mr Singles all helped out on Saturday morning. The time you afforded us is greatly appreciated.

Last Tuesday was the last day of scripture lessons for 2014 and I would like to thank our wonderful scripture teachers for giving up their time every Tuesday morning to teach our students. The time and effort the teachers put into preparing the lessons and teaching the children is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Mrs Vaughan for organising and coordinating the scripture classes during the year.

Congratulations to the twenty Year 5 students who presented their student leader election speeches last Friday. All the students spoke confidently and presented their case to be elected very well. At the conclusion of the speeches the students in Years 3, 4 and 5 and staff voted to select twelve student leaders for 2015. The successful candidates will be announced at Presentation Night. Good luck to all the students.

Also, congratulations and good luck to the Junior and Senior A OzTag teams that have made the semi-finals and depending on results possibly the final of the Liverpool PSSA competition that are due to take place this Friday. Unfortunately, our Cricket and Softball teams also made the semi-finals but missed out on the finals due to PSSA being cancelled on Friday due to the extreme heat. This meant the top two placed teams in each competition went through to the final. Those

teams can be very proud of their effort to make the semi-finals.

As the end of the year quickly approaches there are many important events occurring over the next three and a half weeks. A list of those events is below:

Tuesday, 25th November – Aboriginal Parents Meeting at 3pm in the Library

Wednesday, 26th November – SRC November mufti-day.

Thursday, 2nd November – K-2 Celebrations Day

Friday, 28th November – Combined Scripture at 11:00am in the hall

Monday, 1st December – P&C Meeting at 7:30pm

Tuesday, 2nd December – Parent Helpers Morning Tea at 10:30am

Wednesday, 3rd December – High School Orientation for all current Year 6 students attending government high schools in 2015.

Thursday, 4th December – Mini-Fete

Friday, 5th December – Final K-2 and 3-6 assemblies for the year

Wednesday, 10th December – Presentation Day and Evening – K-2 Presentation at 10am in the school hall; Years 3 to 6 Presentation at 7pm in the Holsworthy High School hall

Friday, 12th December – Picnic Day at Cronulla

Tuesday, 16th December - Year 6 Farewell at the Binskin Lounge, Bankstown Paceway from 6pm to 9pm

Wednesday, 17th December – Last day of school for students.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

NOTE PERMISSION

K-2 Celebrations Day N

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 4 WEEK 8

Tuesday, 25th November Aboriginal Parent Meeting – 3.00pm
Thursday, 27th November K-2 Celebrations Day

TERM 4 WEEK 9

Tuesday, 2nd December Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10.30 - 11.15am
Wednesday, 3rd December Year 6 Orientation
Thursday, 4th December Mini Fete

TERM 4 WEEK 10

Wednesday 10th December Presentation Day
Friday 12th December Picnic Day
(Money Due Thursday 27th November)

TERM 4 WEEK 11

Tuesday 16th December Year 6 Farewell

PSSA This Week

Oztag Semi-Finals / Finals

Due to Oztag having two matches played per round, the semi-finals AND grand final will be played on the same date, this Friday. Oztag A juniors and seniors will be involved in these matches. Oztag B will stay at school.

Junior Semi-Final: 12:50 pm – 1:05 pm
Senior Semi-Final: 1:10 pm – 1:30 pm
Junior Grand Final: 1:40 pm – 1:55 pm
Senior Grand Final: 2:00 pm – 2:20 pm

GENERAL INFO

Week 8 Assembly Change of Date

Due to our combined scripture this Friday, our fortnightly K-2 and 3-6 assembly has moved from Friday 28th November, week 8 to Friday 5th December, week 9. These assemblies will be the final K-2 and 3-6 assemblies for this year.

Hammondville Annual Presentation Assemblies

The Hammondville Annual Presentation Assemblies will be held on Wednesday 10th December, week 10. The starting times for these assemblies are detailed below.

K-2 Presentation

Time: 10:00am (concluding at approximately 11:00am)
Venue: Hammondville Public School - Walder Rd, Hammondville

3-6 Presentation

Time: 7:00pm (concluding at approximately 9:00pm)
Venue: Holsworthy High School, Huon Cres, Holsworthy

We look forward seeing our Hammondville community at these upcoming events.

Mr McInney
Assistant Principal

SRC November Mufti

SPORT

Sports Websites

The school website's sports pages have been updated. Check it out sometime. Also, the Liverpool Zone P.S.S.A. has a new website at www.liverpoolzonepssa.schools.nsw.edu.au

The SRC will be holding a Movember Mufti day in Week 8, on Wednesday 26th November. Students are encouraged to be creative, wear a fake moustache and appropriate mufti clothing. Students will be asked to give a gold coin donation. The money raised will be donated to Beyond Blue, which is an organisation working to reduce the impact of anxiety, depression and other mental health conditions in the community. Beyond Blue achieve this by raising awareness and understanding, empowering people to seek help, and supporting recovery, management and resilience.

Asthma Information

Summer is fast approaching and with it comes bush fire season. As many members of the community may recall, in recent years our school has been prone to the smoke created by these bush fires. This has had an adverse effect on some of our students who have asthma. Would all parents who have children diagnosed by a doctor with asthma, please ensure their asthma plan is up-to-date and a copy forwarded to the school.

Thank you for assisting the school in this important matter.

Mr McInney

Choir Assembly Performances

Dear Parents,

The choir will be performing at our Week 8, K-2 and 3-6 assemblies on Friday 28th November. The 3-6 assembly begins at 9.00am and the K-2 at approximately 9.40am. We hope to see you there.

Rachelle Glynn
Choir Co-ordinator

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

There will be a Parent Helpers Morning Tea on 2nd December from 10.30 – 11.15am.

Mulch

There is mulch next to the office. Please feel free to take some after checking with the office.

White Elephant Store

If anyone has any toys, books or stuffed toys to donate, please bring to the cage between 11.05 – 11.25. Thank you.

Andrew, Tyrone, James, Adam, Jackson & Dale

Teddy Bear's Birthday

Come and guess the Teddy Bear's Birthday each lunch time. The cost is 50 cents a guess or 2 guesses for \$1.00. The winner will be announced at the mini fete. Don't forget to bring your money.

Teddy Bear's Birthday Group

Help Required

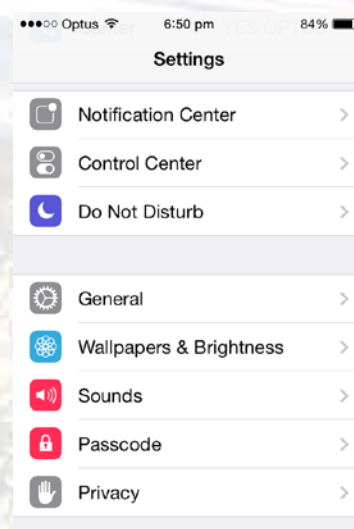
Calling all farm hands. We are looking for family/families to assist with the feed and water of the chickens in the school holidays. In return, fresh eggs daily.

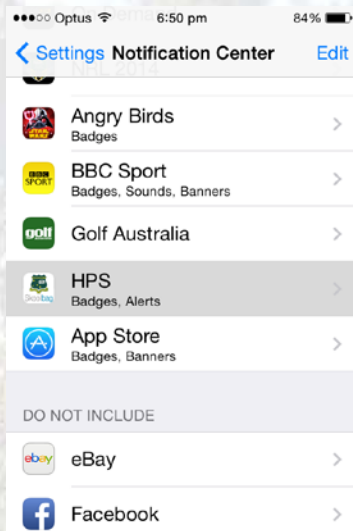
If anyone is interested, please register at the front office. Thank you.

Mrs Jacobs

Skool Bag iPhone Settings

To ensure your iPhone is receiving up-to-date messages and alerts via our skool bag app, please ensure your "Alerts" or "Banners" options are selected.





"UNIFORM SPECIALS" – available at canteen

"Old" Sport T/Shirts, size 4 only, \$10 each

"Old" Sport Shorts, size 6-14, \$10 each

Hours: Monday- Thursday – 9.00-11.00am

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform pool is open

Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00pm & Non Assembly

Fridays 9.00-9.30am

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

All winter uniform items are \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00 only!!!

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

Kids, homework and lies

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loughlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.

Homework tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies>

Maths at home

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Maths at home:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Comprehension help for teens

CANTEEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday?

Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: **Pikelets & Jam– 40 cents each**

Some kids will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here's why.

Comprehension help:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

Planning for the future

Throughout your child's school life you'll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here's a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.

Planning for the future:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future>

Is your child leaving Hammondville Public School?

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is vital we know the number of students who will be enrolled at our school in 2015. Please inform the office ASAP if your child is not returning to Hammondville Public School next year or will be returning after Wednesday 28th January, 2015.

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NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING

(Please return to office)
My child/ren will not be returning to Hammondville Public School next year.

Child's Name	Class

Their last day will be _____.

The school they will attend next year is _____.

Parent/Carer Signature _____

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NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER 28th January 2015

(Please return to office)
My child/ren will be returning to Hammondville

Public School next year but will return after
Wednesday 28th January due to
_____ (reason).

They will return on _____
(date)

Child's Name	Class

Parent/Carer Signature _____