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A Message From The Principal

Dear parents and carers,

As we enter the last week of school for 2014, there are many people I would like to thank for their efforts during the year. First, I would like to thank and congratulate all the students for their outstanding behaviour and commitment to their learning throughout the year. The picnic day was another example of how well our students represent us when they leave the school with several workers from the cinema and general public commenting positively on our students' behaviour.

Thank you to the many parents and carers that have assisted in classrooms, at P&C events, as scripture teachers, with driving students to sporting and cultural events and in a whole variety of other circumstances. Your assistance during the year has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to the teaching and administration staff for their effort and dedication during the year. There is always a great deal happening during the year and the staff has worked incredibly hard to make sure our students were able to have a whole variety of learning and extra-curricular experiences.

I wish all our Year 6 students the very best for the future as they leave us and head off to high school. Congratulations to all students on their placements at various high schools particularly those who were successful in gaining placements in specialist programs at selective, performing arts and sports high schools. During the year I have had the opportunity to get to know some of the

students reasonably well through regular visits to their classrooms and have been impressed by the respect they have shown their teachers and quality of the work they have produced. I have even learnt about some new presentation tools while watching them present a variety of information to their classmates. I hope all our Year 6 students take every opportunity that comes their way in the coming years and have happy, fulfilling and successful lives. Good luck to you all.

At this time of the year we often farewell some of our staff. This year is no different and some staff will not be with us in 2015 for a variety of reasons. Mrs Johnson, Mrs Churchill and Mrs Allum will all be taking maternity leave and I wish them all the very best with the birth of their children in the new year. Mr Sillett will also be leaving us. He has only recently told me he will be moving to Orange. I'd like to wish Mr Sillett and his fiancé all the best with the move to Orange and their wedding plans and hope they have a wonderful future together.

As you know some of our buses were very late arriving back at school from Cronulla on Friday. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were here on Friday afternoon for your patience and understanding.

Finally, I hope everyone has a terrific summer break, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. See you all back at school on Wednesday, 28th January.

Ken Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

NOTE PERMISSION

Stage 2 – End of Term Activities	N
Stage 3 & Staff – Year 6 Farewell	N
Stage 1 & 2 – Shopping List	N

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 4 WEEK 11

Tuesday, 16 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday, 17 th December	Last Day of school for students
Wednesday, 17 th December	<u>NO LUNCH ORDERS, ONLY COUNTER SALES</u>

TERM 1 WEEK 1 - 2015

Wednesday, 28 th January 2015	Students return to school
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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

2015 Swimming Carnivals

School - Monday 9th February
Zone - Wednesday 4th March
Region - Tuesday 17th March

2015 PSSA

Next year, our school will be looking at entering teams in AFL, cricket, girls softball and oztag for Summer PSSA. Trials will be held at the beginning of 2015.

AFL Clinic

The AFL will be holding after school AFL clinics in 2015 at our school. This will start on Tuesday 17th February and run weekly until Tuesday 10th March. More information will be provided next year.

GENERAL INFO

Thank You

Go For Gold stall would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their support.

POWERLAND ELECTRONICS
HARVEY NORMAN LIVERPOOL
PETBARN MOORERBANK
HAMMONDVILLE BAKERY
KAM YING CHINESE RESTAURANT
EUPHORIA FLORIST HAMMONDVILLE
CAKE IT AWAY MOOREBANK
CHENS PHARMACY
CRUST PIZZA CASTLEHILL
DANCE FEVER DANCE WEAR
HAMMONDVILLE MEATS
RAVELENGTH
CHARLIES CHARCOAL CHICKEN
IGA HAMMONDVILLE
GROUND AT THE GROVE
COLDWELL BANKER REAL ESTATE -
WATTLE GROVE
LS HAIR ELEMENTZ
JADES SPRAY TANNING
MOOREBANK TYRE AND MECHANICAL
CASA DI BELLEZZA CHIPPING NORTON
HELEN TOOVEY
HOUSE 2 HOME MOOREBANK
ACE TACKLE
STEPZ FITNESS LIVERPOOL
EVENTS CINEMAS LIVERPOOL
TIMEZONE LIVERPOOL
KMART CASULA
WESTFIELDS LIVERPOOL
MIMIS PIZZA HAMMONDVILLE
D-VINE SWEETS AND GELATO CASULA
7 ELEVEN MOOREBANK
PRICELINE PHARMACY LIVERPOOL & CASULA

Library Stocktake

Could you please return all Library books **ASAP** as the Library stocktake is well underway.

*Thank you,
Mrs Stanley*

School Holiday Reading

We are all looking forward to the holidays, but there is one thing we should not forget to do this holidays and that is to read with your children. It is very easy to let home reading slip in the business of the festive season, but there is more than one way to get your children reading.

- Read greeting cards as they arrive.
- Make to do lists and shopping lists and get your children to read them back and check them off.
- Let children read recipes as you prepare your meals.
- Set aside time for your children to “show off” their reading skills to relatives and friends.
- Continue to enjoy shared reading time before bed.
- Visit the local library and stock up on fiction and non-fiction books to enjoy together.
- Model good reading habits, turn off the TV and computer and all enjoy quiet reading time.

Hints for listening to your child read

- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
- After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.
- On finding an unknown word:

Pause to give your child time to work out the word

Prompt

- go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.
- look for a clue in the picture or the words
- look at the first letter and think about what the words could be
- ask “Does this make sense?”
- try to sound out the word
- if necessary tell your child the word

Praise your child for trying even if mistakes are made.

For more information : www.schools.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Warwick, Learning and Support Teacher

URGENT - Help Required

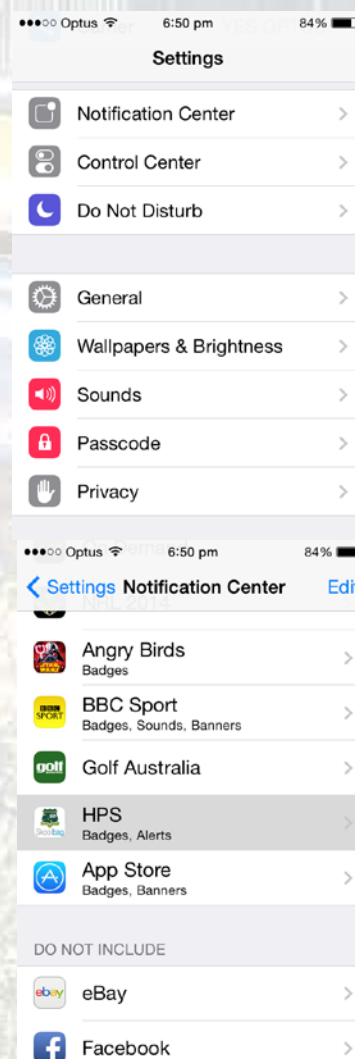
Calling all farm hands. We are looking for family/families to assist with the feed and water of the chickens in the school holidays. In return, fresh eggs daily.

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.



CANTEEN NEWS



Tempting Tuesday Treat: Why not try our tempting & healthy treat this Tuesday? Available at the canteen this Tuesday is: **Strawberry & Marshmallow Sticks – 50 cents each**

“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

The canteen will be open the last 3 days of term, 15th – 17th December.

Monday and Tuesday – Normal days.

Wednesday – NO LUNCH ORDERS, counter sales only.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE KU DIFFERENCE?



DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-5? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM?

KU Conjola Place Preschool is a small preschool located inside the grounds of Hammondville Public School run by Australia's largest not for profit early childhood services provider: KU Children's Services.

We offer an educational program for children aged 3-5 years during school terms. Our early childhood teacher runs the preschool program and all staff are experienced, qualified early childhood educators. Our program caters for the strengths and interests of the children with the aim preparing children for school with a love of learning and skills for life.

We operate 4 days per week Tuesday to Friday during school terms from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

If you would like more information please contact the centre Director Michelle Berger by phone: 98251195 email: ku.conjolaplace@ku.com.au or pop in any time and say hello. You can also get more information on the KU website: www.ku.com.au

Lost Property

The lost property stand outside the canteen will be totally cleaned out on the last day of term, Wednesday 17th December. Anything with names will be returned to students next year. All other items will be donated to our school second hand uniform pool or to charity. Please check for any lost items before this date.

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 second hand uniforms are purchased. No credit will be given. Thank you.

Uniform Committee

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 _____