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A Message From The Principal

Mini-Fete

Thank you and congratulations to the Stage 3 students and teachers on their organisation and running of a very successful mini-fete last Friday. Money raised from the mini-fete totalled, \$6,345.00. It was a terrific event that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you also to the large number of parents of Stage 3 students who assisted with preparations and stalls on the day.

Presentation Day and Evening

Don't forget the annual presentation assemblies will take place this Wednesday, 10th December. The K-2 presentation will be in the school hall at 10am and the 3-6 presentation will be in the Holsworthy High School hall commencing at 7:00pm.

2015 School Year

The 2015 school year will commence for all students on Wednesday, 28th January. If you have not yet informed the office that your children will be returning to school after the 28th January for any reason, please do so as soon as possible, in writing so we can include your children the numbers that are submitted to the DEC to determine our staffing entitlement for 2015. There is a cut-off slip later in the newsletter to assist you with this.

Picnic Day

This Friday 12th December will be our picnic day, with the students travelling by bus to Cronulla to see a movie, have lunch and play in the park at South Cronulla. *Students are to arrive at school at 8:30 for roll marking prior to the buses departing at 8:45am.* All students who have paid for the excursion and all staff will be attending the picnic day, so there will be no supervision of students at school.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing many of you at the presentation day assemblies on Wednesday.

Ken Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

NOTE	PERMISSION
Year 6 Farewell Information	N
Year 6 Farewell Parent Information	N

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 4 WEEK 10

Wednesday, 10th December	Presentation Day
Friday, 12th December	Picnic Day

TERM 4 WEEK 11

Tuesday, 16th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday, 17th December	Last Day of school for students

Wednesday, 17th December	<u>NO LUNCH ORDERS, ONLY COUNTER SALES</u>
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TERM 1 WEEK 1 - 2015

Wednesday, 28th 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

PSSA

2015 PSSA

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

GENERAL INFO

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

Mini Fete

The Stage 3 teachers would like to thank all who attended the mini fete last week. It was a great success, with many smiling faces seen throughout the day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Stage 3 students who did an absolutely fantastic job preparing for their stalls and then running their stall on the day. You should be very proud of yourselves and we are sure that there are some entrepreneurs among you.

Also, a big thank you to all of the parents of the Stage 3 students. You donated your time, money and patience and, without you, the day could not have run so successfully. We understand that not all parents were able to turn up on the day but we are aware that you still supported your child in the success of the day. Once again, this reinforces the wonderful support our school receives.

A special thank you to the parents who stayed around at the end of the day to help clean up. It did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the parents and students who donated anything leading up to the day. We are looking forward to another successful mini fete next year.

Library Stocktake

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

*Thank you,
Mrs Stanley*

REMINDER

2015 Dance Groups

We will be holding Dance auditions for the K-2 and 3-6 dance groups this week.

- K-2 students will be auditioning tomorrow (Tuesday 9th December) from 12.05pm in the hall
- 3-6 students will be auditioning on Thursday 11th December from 11.30am in the hall

If any students did not put their name down on the list last week, they may still audition on the day. Any students who will be absent on these days can still be considered for the groups. Please see Mrs Fuller to let her know.

Please note that the K-2 and 3-6 dance groups are open groups. Any boys or girls wishing to audition for the groups are welcome to do so.

*Thank you,
Mrs Fuller*

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*

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

The Hammondville Apron

Don't you hate missing out on a great deal! Well don't worry, the Hammondville Apron is still available in the front office.

So get your copy today, remember, it would be a great Christmas gift for a special friend or family member. The gold coin donation will be going to help endangered Australian native animals.

Jesse Cross

URGENT - Help Required

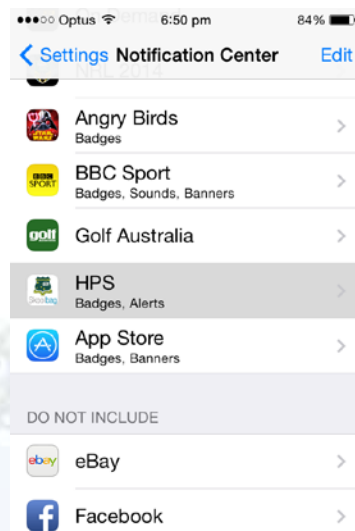
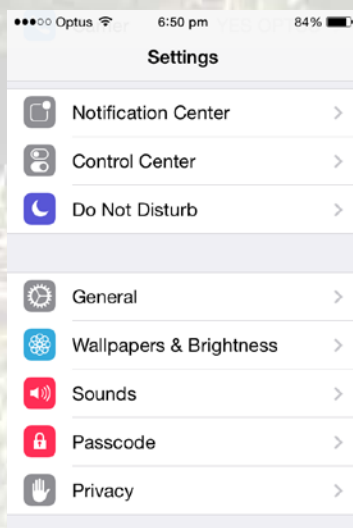
Calling all farm hands. We are looking for family/families to assist with the feed and water of the chickens in the school holidays. In return, fresh eggs daily.

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.



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.conjola@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

CANTEEN NEWS

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 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.

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

DEC Notes

Ready for high school

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

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 _____