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A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Wednesday, we will be holding our Remembrance Day ceremony in the assembly hall. The ceremony will commence at 10:30am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten Orientation

This Wednesday is the last of the Kindergarten orientation sessions. This year we have had over seventy very enthusiastic and happy children attend the sessions. I would like to thank Mrs Murray for the time she has put into organising the program and also thank Mrs Bruno, Miss Glynn and our pre-service teachers from Western Sydney University for their assistance in running the program. Thank you also to our Year 6 helpers who have made next year's kindergarten children feel very welcome at Hammondville.

Film by the Sea - Student Film Festival

Congratulations to our budding film makers from 5C - Imogen Smith, Kirby McCartney, Sophie Campbell, Isaac Briggs, Dane Chandler, Ebinesh Elangovan and Jack White on their success at the festival. As Mr Hughes alerted on Skoolbag, the students won a film scholarship for their entry. Well done to all of them and thank you to Mr Hughes for his guidance of the students. Congratulations also to Imogen on her great job as one of the festival comperes.

K-2 Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all the students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 who participated in the Spelling Bee this term. By all reports the standard of spelling was very high and it took some very difficult words to get to the winner for each year group. Thank you to Mrs Vaughan for organising and running the competition during many lunch breaks.

3-6 Assembly

Assembly this Friday will be for Years 3-6. There will be some special presentations at the assembly relating to the centenary of ANZACs and our connection with the defence forces. On a totally unrelated matter, one lucky student will be receiving a very big surprise. As always, all of our parents, carers and family are welcome to attend. Unfortunately, I will not be at the assembly as I have been nominated by school staffing to be the principal representative on a selection panel that is meeting on Friday.

Selective High School Applications for 2017

A reminder for Year 5 students and parents that Selective High School Applications for 2017 close next Monday, 16th November. Applications can be made online at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Have a great week.

Ken Smith

Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 4

Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Wednesday 11 th November	Kindy Orientation
Thursday 19 th November	Mini Fete Day
Thursday 26 th November	K-2 Celebration Day
Friday 27 th November	Combined Scripture
Monday 7 th December	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 9 th December	K-2 & 3-6 Annual Presentation
Friday 11 th December	Picnic Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 16 th December	Last day of school for students

GENERAL INFO

Message from KU Conjola Pre-School

Hi Everyone

I would just like to extend my thanks and gratitude for all the kind words that have come our way upon the sad news of the preschool closing at the end of the year. The community support has been humbling, to know that we have such a great reputation within the Hammondville community. Unfortunately the preschool's closure comes down to a lack of government funding making our fees unaffordable for families for next year.

At this time I also wish to give a big shout out to my team who are a beautiful group of ladies to work with and this can be seen in their dedication to the job as well as gaining the highest rating under our assessment and rating process of 'Exceeding' in all 7 quality areas of the National Quality Framework by which we are governed. Well done team!

Lastly I would like to extend an invitation to our former families still at the school to come to our final Family Christmas and Farewell party which will be held on Friday 20th November. If any families wish to attend please get in contact with me at the preschool by phone 98251195 or email ku.conjolaplace@ku.com.au to RSVP so we have an idea of numbers.

Once again extending my thanks for the kindness and support shown to us by the Hammondville community.

With Kind Regards

Michelle Berger
Centre Director, KU Conjola Place Preschool

SRC

To help mark Remembrance Day on 11th November, school children across the country will be asked to donate a gold coin to help rebuild a dilapidated school in the village of Pozieres in France, where thousands of Australian troops died in fierce fighting in 1916.

The fundraising campaign mirrors one conducted in the 1920's when Victorian school children collected pennies to rebuild the shattered school in the village of Villers Bretonneux, which Australian soldiers had liberated in 1918.

Hammondville SRC thought it would be a good idea to join in this fundraiser.

On Wednesday, 11th November 2015, the children will be asked to donate a gold coin to go towards the rebuilding of the school.

Please see the additional flyer with this week's newsletter.

Hammondville SRC

Year Two Playground Transition

Beginning today, Monday 9th November, students in Year Two will be starting a playground transition to prepare them for their move to the primary playground in 2016, when they are in Year 3.

The classes will spend their lunch time playing with the primary students in order to familiarise themselves with their new grass and asphalt playground areas. It will work on a fortnightly rotating roster with the Year Two classes having a week at a time, playing in the new areas and then the following week playing in their current Year Two playground.

We encourage you to talk to your child about the new playground arrangements, the positive experiences they are having and new areas they are exploring.

Stage One Teachers

Kindergarten Orientation

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 11th November, we will be holding our last Kindergarten Orientation from 9.15am to 11.00am. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible at the office.

Attention Defence Families

DCO have provided me with a number of tickets to the World Festival of Magic to be held at 4:00pm Saturday 14 November at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park. These tickets are FREE to ADF families! Email me the number of tickets you require and your child's name and class ASAP. First in, best dressed!

Do you have a dependant with special needs? You do not have to register with Defence to be able to benefit from being part of the Defence Special Needs Support Group. There are some fantastic offers available to members of this group, email or call me for more information.

Is your family leaving our school at the end of the year? If so, please let me know so your child/ren can take part in our special farewell activities.

Mrs Janelle Ford DSTA
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Film By The Sea

Last week we had the premiere of our school's entry 'Swimming Against the Tide' in Film by the Sea at Bankstown Sports Club. Film by the Sea is a short film festival, run by the Department to promote the teaching of visual literacy and film making. The students attended the matinee performance throughout the day then got the chance to walk the red carpet at the evening performance. At the conclusion of the festival it was announced that our entry was one of five films to be awarded a film scholarship.

Congratulations to our stars Imogen Smith, Sophie Campbell, Kirby McCartney, Isaac Briggs, Dane Chandler, Jack White and Ebinesh Elangovan who wrote, directed and acted in the short film. Also, well done to Imogen Smith who was selected to comper the Festival series and also interview the patron of the festival, Bryan Brown. We are extremely proud of you. The short film can be viewed on the 5C page on our school's website.

Mini Fete

Stage 3 students are looking forward to this year's mini fete, which is to be held on Thursday 19th November. We hope the school community is looking forward to another fun and successful mini fete. All funds raised will go towards Year 6 fundraising.

The students running the sweets and treats stall will be busy preparing cakes for the day but if there any parents who love baking, they would appreciate any extra sweets on the day. These can be brought to the hall on the morning of the mini fete. Anything brought in will be very appreciated.

Special Donation Request

My name is Jesse Cross and I'm in Year 5 at Hammondville.

Did you know that in Australia there are many families who are homeless? Mums, dads and children. In fact **more than 18,000 children** are homeless every night! I can't believe that!

I can't build houses and I can't give money for rent or to pay bills but I can try and help homeless children feel happy and special. My goal is to collect enough donations so that I can make 100 care packs for homeless children by Christmas. When the packs are ready I will donate them to Mission Australia who will give them to homeless children.

I'm hoping that Hammondville families will help by donating some things for the packs. I'm collecting things like books, packets of textas or pencils and small things a homeless child might like.

I hope that you can help. I have left a box in the office for donations.

Many thanks to all the people who have donated already. We are still calling for more donations to fill the packs.

Jesse Cross

School Banking

Students - please ensure that your bank book is placed in your class banking folder before being brought down to the office. This ensures that your bank book and money are safe.

Thank you
Sue & Colleen

Reminder from the office staff

If children are required to leave class early on family business they are to be picked up at the school office. Parents are required to leave a reason with the office staff. **Children are not permitted to leave school alone.**

Please organise your child's pick up and drop off and transport arrangements **prior to commencement of the school day**, with your child. Office staff are continually fielding calls with requests to pass on messages of play dates, reminders and change of pickup plans. Messages will be passed to students in extenuating circumstances.

SPORT

PSSA

Due to PSSA being cancelled last week, there are no reports.

PSSA 13/11/15

Week 6:

Oztag	Woodward Park
Cricket	South Park
AFL	Ash Road
Softball	Jardine Park

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 - \$1.00 each**

*Please note that when placing a lunch order from the canteen; please make sure you write your name & class on the bag.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Pool - Term 4 2015

Attended 2:30pm – 3:00pm Wednesday afternoons only.

At all other times, please take purchases to the school office.

Prices:

Non – logo uniform tops and jumpers \$1 each

Logo tops, jumpers, sports uniforms, shorts, track pants \$2 each

Parkas, Backpacks, Dresses, "new" stock of old designs \$5 each

Hats, library bags, stockings, sports socks etc. \$2 each

Please keep the room tidy!

Tracey, Sylvia & Michelle

Is your child leaving Hammondville Public School?

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is important that we know the number of students who will be enrolled at our school in 2016. Please inform the office ASAP if your child is not returning to Hammondville Public School next year or will be returning after Thursday, 28th January, 2016.

NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING

(Please return to office)

My child/ren will not be returning to Hammondville Public School for the 2016 school year.

Child's Name	Class

Their last day will be

_____.

The school they will attend next year is

Parent/Carer Signature



**NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING
AFTER 28th January, 2016**

(Please return to office)

My child/ren will be returning to Hammondville Public School next year but will return after Thursday, 28th January due to _____ (reason). They will return on _____ (date)

Child's Name	Class

Parent/Carer Signature
