



# Hammondville Public School

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## A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Remembrance Day Ceremony

I would like to congratulate all the students for the sensible and respectful manner in which they conducted themselves during our Remembrance Day ceremony last Wednesday. It was a great pleasure to witness once again such a high standard of respect from our students. Thank you to Mrs Ford and Mrs O'Hanlon for their organisation of the service. Thank you also to Miss Glynn and the choir and finally the student leaders who did a fantastic job in seamlessly presenting the service.

### Mini-Fete

The annual mini-fete that is organised by our Stage 3 students will be held this Thursday. The Stage 3 students with some help from their teachers and parents have been working very hard to organise a great day for everyone. The funds raised from the mini-fete go towards the Year 6 students farewell and gift to the school.

### School Calendar

An updated school calendar is attached to the newsletter. There is always a great deal happening in the final weeks of the year so please keep an eye on the weekly calendar in the newsletter and on Skoolbag for any updates.

### Welfare Policy

Earlier in the year we indicated that we were undertaking a review of the school's current welfare policy and undertook some parent, staff

and student surveys. The current state of that review is that presentations have been made to staff and the P&C by Miss Ray and the Welfare Committee regarding the findings and the direction that we will be heading in. It has been decided that we will be undertaking a school wide approach called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) which is supported by the Department of Education. PBL includes identifying some core values to which we adhere to as a school community. Students are explicitly taught about behaviours that uphold these values. Positive reinforcement methods and consequences are derived as part of the process of implementing PBL and communicated to staff, students and parents to ensure a consistent, proactive schoolwide approach to encouraging good behaviour by all students. PBL is not a program that comes in a box and each school develops its own way of delivering PBL. A group of teachers will be attending training later this month and will begin the process of planning and developing the school's program. The planning and developing phase is a lengthy process which may take well into next year before PBL is able to be implemented at Hammondville.

### Selective High School Applications for 2017

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

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

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Mr Shields (grandfather of Jayden 4Z) for a number of generous donations to the school of personal memorabilia and journals he has collected over the years relating to his involvement in the defence forces. On a visit to Gallipoli, early this year for the centenary of Anzac, Mr Shields also took items from our school to be laid at the ceremony. Mr Shields'

contribution to Hammondville was recognised at last Friday's 3-6 assembly.

Have a great week.

*Ken Smith*  
*Principal*

## SCHOOL DIARY

### TERM 4

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

## GENERAL INFO

### Halloween Disco

A huge thank you to all teachers who gave their time to supervise the school disco. These events cannot take place without your support.

Also, thank you to all parents that volunteered before and on the night. \$1,420 was raised from this event. \$500 has been donated to the Reading Recovery programme to purchase new books. All students looked amazing in their Halloween costumes. Thanks for attending.

*Hammondville P&C*

### Year Two Playground Transition

Last Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, students in Year Two started 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*

### Attention Defence Families

Our school marked Remembrance Day with a special assembly, lessons in the library and classroom and donating funds to Camp Gallipoli to assist the building of a school in Pozieres, France. Thank you to all staff, student leaders and SRC for your ongoing support of our Veterans, past and present.

The Women Veterans Network Australia (WVNA) has established a network of Closed Facebook pages as an efficient means of Women Veterans to join and make connections and to work closely with relevant Ex-Service Organisations to help women integrate and access the services that are available. Take a look at <https://www.facebook.com/womensveteransassn> or email me for more information.

*Mrs Janelle Ford DSTA*  
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### Mini Fete

Stage 3 students are looking forward to this year's mini fete, which is to be held this Thursday. 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 Thursday morning. Anything brought in will be much appreciated.

### Donation Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Hammondville families who have donated to my quest to help the homeless. The response from all of the people who have donated has left me flabbergasted!

If you would still like to donate, please bring your items to school by Friday because we are packing the bags on the weekend. Thanks again.

*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*

## Message from the Office

Due to the annual financial rollover taking place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, all monies must be received for outstanding payments by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. No Eftpos will be processed by the school from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, including PSSA.

Please provide **cash only** for PSSA \$8 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

# SPORT

## 2016 Sports Carnivals

3-6 School Swimming Carnival  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2016  
Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre

3-6 Athletics Carnival  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016  
The Ridge, Barden Ridge

## PSSA

### Oztag Results: Round 10

#### Junior Results

**Game 1:** 2-1 win against Sackville St  
**Tryscorers:** Lily Austin  
**Game 2:** 6-1 win against Marsden Rd  
**Tryscorers:** Kiarne Malouf x2, Braydon Lytton, Oscar Dowler, Jai Horton and Cooper Moorhouse

**Highlights:** Length of the field tries to Braydon and Cooper, tries from dummy half to Oscar and Jai, fast runs by Tahlia and Anika, excellent tagging from Ryan and Anika and a brilliant try saving tag from Lily!

## Senior Results

**Game 1:** 4-5 loss to Sackville St  
**Tryscorers:** Bailey Parish x2, Jack McIlvenny and Flynn Strudwick-Flanagan  
**Game 2:** 4-2 win against Marsden Rd  
**Tryscorers:** Bailey Parish x2, Tom Searle and Beau Walker

**Highlights:** Fantastic kick by Cooper to set up a try, great runs by Tom, Annika and Daniel, brilliant backwards running by Jack, excellent tagging from Mason and Maya and great swivelling of the hips by Beau!

*Mr Hughes*

## Round 10 Junior Cricket

Last Friday, the junior cricket team played Nuwarra at South Park. This was our last competition game for the season before the finals and the boys once again played with excellent enthusiasm and passion. In a close fought game we came out ahead winning 111-108. Fantastic performances by Harry who managed to take 3 wickets, Nathan for hitting three 4's and also taking a wicket, Toby taking 1 wicket and hitting one 4 and Josh Paxton for also hitting a 4, leading us to victory. Unfortunately, that brings an end to the season for the juniors as they finished 5<sup>th</sup>, missing out on the top 4 by points differential only. It was a fantastic season and all the students involved consistently showed great sportsmanship, desire to win and passion and should be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and effort they showed this season. All boys have shown that they have a bright future if they continue to pursue cricket inside and outside school. I encourage all students to be involved next year and wish them luck in the following sporting endeavours for this year. **Big thanks to all the families of the students who came down each and every week to support the students throughout the year.**

## Round 10 Senior Cricket

Last Friday, the senior cricket team also played Nuwarra at South Park. We knew Nuwarra were going to be tough opposition but we may have underestimated them as we were behind for most of the match. The boys bowled and controlled the field fantastically and really made it difficult for Nuwarra to score runs, as we took a few wickets and had some classic catches. An excellent batting team performance from Joey and Daniel who scored 30 runs in 2 overs allowed us to snatch victory 97-61. That was our last competition game for the season and we have

progressed into the finals as we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regular season. In a change to the finals system for this semester we will be playing the 1<sup>st</sup> placed Holsworthy in an elimination final, where a victory will see us playing in the grand final the week after.

Well done, boys!

*Mr Withers*

### Softball & T/Ball

#### Juniors T/Ball

Well done to Hammondville on winning their game against Dalmeny 12-5 despite some players who are injured at the moment.

Olivia was able to filter the ball to first base to get some outs. Great team work girls.

Jasmine and Emily did some great hits into the outer field that really helped us get ahead.

#### Seniors Softball

Hammondville had a loss this week but played a very close game of 9-7.

The seniors were short a few players due to some absences but managed to play solidly and worked well as a team in the last innings.

*Mrs Zanapalis*

#### AFL

Juniors v Dalmeny B – Win 92-7

A fantastic win by all team members. You were all excellent in the backs, mids and forwards.

Excellent 27 points to Ruby with Madeline VB on 18 points in the first quarter.

Player of the match: Harrison Coleman.

Seniors v Dalmeny B – Win 42-12

Well done to all team members. We all worked well in attack with a better game in defense.

Player of the match: Andrej.

## PSSA 20/11/15

Week 7:

**Oztag** Woodward Park

**Cricket** South Park

**AFL** Ash Road

**Softball** Hammondville

## CANTEEN NEWS

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

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

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Parent/Carer Signature

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**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

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