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A Message From The Principal

Welcome to Week 5, the term is bubbling along quite nicely. Thank you to the parents who attended our K-2 and 3-6 assemblies last week. The students and staff appreciate your support at these events.

Film By The Sea

Congratulations to Alyssa Bullock and Imogen Smith for being selected to compete the Film By The Sea. The focus of the Film by the Sea Festival Series is on student learning and engagement to produce films of a high quality that show technical knowledge and understanding of film making. Alyssa and Imogen have been involved in a rigorous selection process and were highly praised for their auditions.

Well done, girls.

Electric School Sign

Last week, our new electronic school sign was erected at the front of the school on Walder Rd. This sign represents a combined effort between our school and our highly dedicated P&C. Lots of work has gone on behind-the-scenes and I'd like to acknowledge the hard work Mrs Hood has put into negotiating with the sign company. I'd also like to thank the P&C for all their hard work raising funds, some of which greatly contributed to the purchasing of the sign. This sign will act as an efficient and real-time form of communication and celebration of school events and successes. At some point in the near future, we will have power to the sign and then we'll be all systems go.

2017 Kindergarten Enrolments and Moving Families

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, if you or people you know are looking to enrol their child or children into Hammondville Public School for 2017, it would be greatly appreciated if a completed enrolment form could be returned to our office in the near future. The staffing process for 2017 has already commenced. Projected student numbers can impact upon the staffing arrangements for our school so early enrolments can help solidify staffing options. Likewise, awareness of families that will be moving at the end of the year can assist us in determining future enrolments and staffing. Please let our office staff know if this information is relevant to your family.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school Wednesday 24th August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Have a great week.

Mr McInney
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 3

Monday 15 th August	Healthy Harold Program Continues
Wednesday 17 th August	Canteen Sausage Sizzle
Mon 29, Tue 30, Wed 31/8	Stage 3 Camp – Canberra
Thursday 1 st September	Kindy Excursion – Calmsley Hill
Thursday 1 st September	Years 1-6 – Father's Day Stall
Friday 2 nd September	Kindy – Father's Day Stall

GENERAL INFO

A message from Transdev – Opal Cards

Transdev NSW, the bus operator that provides your school bus services, would like to provide the following message regarding student use of the School Opal card:

One of the more significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. **If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.**

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in **reminding your children** that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

Thank you.

Parent Online Payments

Parents can access the school's website via computer, mobile phone or tablet. The "Make a Payment" link can be found on the ribbon on our Home page. By selecting this link you will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page. You will no longer be in the school's website.

From the initial page, payers will complete the details, some of which are mandatory (marked with an *), before confirming the payment details and completing the payment.

It is critical to ensure that the right student is credited for the right items. Therefore we ask that the Surname **and** Date of Birth is added to the payment details.

Payments can only be made using Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards. PayPal is not a payment option using this process.

If you have any questions, please contact the office during working hours 8:30am – 3:15pm.

Thank you,
Mrs Fiona Hood

Premier's Reading Challenge

Please remember you have until **this Friday, 19th August** to complete your online reading records. **NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED!**

Thank you,
Mrs Stanley

Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported our Book Fair. Each person who purchased something has raised money for resources in the Library, so a huge THANK YOU!

Re orders

For the students who ordered books, due to popular demand, I have been informed by Scholastic that due to a warehouse issue those books have not yet arrived. Please be assured they will be here soon and I will get them to you ASAP. I apologise for any inconvenience.

Thank you,
Mrs Stanley

Inquisitive Minds

Last Thursday, Hammondville Public School hosted the Talented Mathematicians workshop.

This out of the box workshop was aimed at Stage 3 students. These students participated in a range of exciting hands on challenges and learned how to apply problem solving strategies when engaging with maths activities.

Everyone had a wonderful experience and lots of fun working in teams and with partners from other schools.

Well done Hammondville for your enthusiastic participation and for being great team players.

Mrs Hannan would also like to say a big thank you to the students who welcomed teachers and students to our schools and also everyone who helped set up and tidied up the hall.

Thank you,
Mrs Hannan

School Banking

Banking day is **THURSDAY**. For banking last week we had a wonderful **82** bankers. Please ensure that you have all the details filled out correctly in your bank book. New students will be given a Student ID once they have banked for the first time at school.

Rewarding good savings

Every time a student deposits into their Youthsaver account through School Banking, regardless of the amount, students receive a 'Dollarmites' token. Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. They'll also receive a certificate at assembly when they reach certain savings milestones.

Reward items available

- Wildlife Writer Set – now available to order
- Outback Pat Bag Tag – now available to order.

- Backtrack Eraser Pen – now available to order
- Jump and Skip Rope – now available to order – Great to have for Jump Rope for Heart

Banker of the week is back. Please check inside your bankbook near the tokens to see if you are this week's winner. Then take your \$1.00 canteen voucher to the canteen where you can buy yourself a special treat.

Banker of the week last week was:

K-2 **Aiden B. – 4/8 & Yacoub H. – 11/8**
 3-6 **Daniel McM. – 4/8 & Elise S. – 11/8**

If you have any questions or would like to open an account for your child please come and see Colleen or Sue in the office on a Thursday morning or send in a message and we will get back to you.

Thank you,
Colleen & Sue

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) News

Thank you to all those students who remembered to bring their hat every day to school last week and stay sun safe. Teachers will be continuing to monitor hat wearing, so don't forget to "Be Safe and Wear a Hat."

This week our expectation is ***We put our rubbish in the bin.***

Our students will:

- Discuss the need to look after the environment and the impact rubbish has on our environment.
- Take a walk about our school and look at positive and negative aspects of our immediate environment.
- Learn a catchy tune and watch a video clip about putting rubbish in the bin.
- Watch our teachers roleplay the right and wrong way to put rubbish in the bin

How can you as parents help ensure this rule is followed?

Try reinforcing this rule when out and about by ensuring rubbish is always placed in a bin or taken home if a bin is not available.

Cut down on unnecessary wrappings in lunch box.

Praise your child when you catch them following our rule.

Have a safe week,
The PBL Team

Science Week

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Science Week. All Robots, Droids and Drones are to be in the hall by 9:00am. Make sure you fill out your card and students will be able to visit the exhibition at recess and lunch.

Mrs Jacobs

Jump Rope

Hammondville is skipping, so make sure all students have sponsorship forms and teachers are busy planning jump off day.

Mrs Jacobs

Debating Update

Well done to our senior debaters Jesse Cross -1st Speaker, Sophie Learson – 2nd Speaker, Kallan Scott – 3rd Speaker and Nathan Julius – Team Advisor, who had a tough job of debating for the negative side that "Australia is the best Country in the World" for the round 4 debate in the Liverpool District debating competition last Thursday against Dalmeny Public School. All students performed their best and presented some convincing arguments that emphasised some issues we face as a country. Unfortunately, our rebuttals let us down this time but I was very proud of how well our student's tried to persuade us. Congratulations to Jesse who received the adjudicator's award.

Mrs Zanapalis

Year 6 Jersey Mufti Day

This Thursday 18th August, Year 6 will be holding a sports jersey mufti day. Money raised will go towards funding the Year 6 Farewell.

On the day, all students in K-6 may dress in their favourite sports jersey or green and gold clothing.

Please bring a gold coin on the day.

Year 6

IGNITION FOR SOUTHERN STARS 2016

With just two weeks to go until Southern Stars 2016 *ignite* hits the floor at the WIN Entertainment Centre preparations are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance, drama, vocal and music rehearsals around the state.

To keep up with all the news about *ignite* including recent media stories and picture galleries, videos from rehearsals, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** Facebook site. Make sure you “like us” and share with your friends and family!

ignite featuring over 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 26 (10am and 7.30pm) and Saturday August 27 (2pm and 7.30pm).

You don't have to have a child involved in the show to come along. Southern Stars is a two hour arena style variety show with something for everyone, but most of all is packed full of great entertainment and guaranteed to be the best show you see all year.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets early through Ticketmaster (Adult \$48, Pensioner and student over 12 \$38, Student/Child under 12 \$27).

Last year Southern Stars enjoyed a couple of sell out shows so get your tickets as soon as possible to make sure you don't miss out!

SPORT

2016 Athletics Carnivals

Zone - Wednesday 24th August
Region - Wednesday 14th September

PSSA – 19/8/16

Rugby League – Hillier Oval

Netball – Woodward Park

Girls Soccer – Ash Road

Boys Soccer – Ash Road

CANTEEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: *Strawberry & Marshmallow Kebabs – 60 cents*

Canteen Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle is this Wednesday 17th August, if you have not already ordered, please do so tomorrow.

Payment envelopes can be sent to the canteen in the lunch order basket. No refunds given.

Cost: \$2.00 (sausage on a bread roll with sauce)

Details to include on payment envelope:

- 1) Name
- 2) Class
- 3) “Payment for Sausage Sizzle”
- 4) Number of “sausage on a bread roll with sauce” required
- 5) Amount of money enclosed
- 6) Your name and phone number if you are able to help on the day

Sue Craig

PSSA Students: Please do not order your lunch on Fridays. It will not be ready before you leave for sport.

New Uniforms

New uniforms are sold at the canteen Monday to Thursday mornings until 11:00am, NOT FRIDAY due to the volume of orders and sport.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Pool News

Now attended 2:30pm – 3:00pm TUESDAY afternoons only.

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

Prices:

Non – logo uniform tops and jumpers, shorts and track pants \$1 each

Logo tops, jumpers, sports uniforms \$2 each

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

Tracey & Michelle

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Fundraising – Father’s Day Stall - Reminder

Dates: Thursday 1 September 2016 (Years 1-6), Friday 2nd September (Kindergarten)

All gifts are \$6.00. Please place money in envelope provided with your child’s name, class and number of gifts.

Place envelope with money enclosed in letterbox shoot outside the office.

Money due Tuesday 30 August 2016.

Fundraising – Family Portrait Day – Save the Date

Sunday 23 October 2016, the P&C will be holding a Family Portrait event. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Fundraising Movie Night – Save the Date

Please save the date for the Movie Night, **Friday 16th September.**

K-2 – 4:30pm

3-6 – 6:20pm

Price is \$5.00 per movie per child (which includes a drink).

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Micharla Caddy