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A Message From The Principal

Last week was another one of those times where the gravity of what students can achieve in continues to grow. For many of our students, there were many achievements and successes last week and this only reinforces the opportunities public education offers children as well as the relationship schools foster with their communities. I am a very proud advocate for public education and last week has only solidified my belief in the values that it is founded upon.

Road Safety

I'd like to take an opportunity to remind parents that when dropping off or picking up their children to model responsible road and pedestrian behaviour. Last week we were fortunate not to have a student hit by a car due to a parent encouraging them to come out from behind a bus to cross the road. Could I please implore all parents and carers to obey road rules and use the designated crossing at the front of the school.

Southern Stars

Congratulations to the students who rehearsed and performed last week at the Southern Stars – Ignite arena spectacular. It was a gruelling week of rehearsals that culminated in performances on Friday and Saturday. I was lucky enough to see our students perform on Friday night and I was taken back at how talented our students, as well as student from other schools, were. Many students, after a week of daily rehearsals in Wollongong, performed late on Friday and Saturday evening with many participants in between having to fit weekend sport grand finals.

A jam-packed weekend which was made possible thanks to the ongoing support of our Hammondville families. Your support, patience and efforts are greatly appreciated by our school.

Thank you to the Hammondville staff members, Mrs Dorrington, Miss Glynn, Mrs Murray and Mrs Elgood, who donated their time to allow this opportunity to materialise. These events have a profound impact on family and social obligations and the dedication they have shown over this period has been warmly appreciated and rewarded with some very excited performers.

Well done to everyone!

SASS Week

As many of our community are aware, Hammondville is fortunate to have some hardworking, accommodating and dedicated office staff. These ladies are the frontline of our school and ensure that we teachers are able to conduct our core business of teaching. On behalf of Hammondville Public School and its community I would like to thank our wonderful office staff that go above-and-beyond. Although they are partial to Lindt Balls and Ferrero Rochers, they are committed to our school and are one of the reason we enjoy such a positive relationship with our community.

Multicultural Public Speaking Final

Congratulations to Jules Cross for winning the Regional Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Final held at the Arts Unit at Lewisham last Wednesday. Jules will now participate in the state final to be held in October. Well done!

Mr Osborne and Miss Shoolman

Thank you to Mr Osborne and Miss Shoolman who have both relieved as classroom teachers for

6W and 6M respectively over the past several weeks. Both classes have maintained a very structured and engaging learning environment while their substantive teachers have been on leave. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication during this period.

Welcome Back Mr Millott and Mrs Riechelt

Following on from Mr Osborne and Mrs Shoolman, I'd like to welcome back Mrs Millott and Mrs Reichelt. It is wonderful to have them return after they had some family adventures overseas. Both teachers have jumped off planes and straight on to a bus bound for our Nation's Capital.

Year 6 Camp to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains

Our Stage 3 students embarked on their excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. From my correspondence with Ms Hansell, our students were very excited and had a great day at the old parliament house and War Memorial. I'm sure our students will have some great experiences and wonderful stories to share upon their return. Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers and Mr Withers who are giving up their personal time with family and loved ones to afford our students this wonderful opportunity.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who braved the elements last week to attend the Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival. Our school continues to "punch above its weight" and to win the carnival is an outstanding achievement. Considering the challenges of the weather, Mr Hughes expressed great praise for the manner in which our students conducted themselves. Well done to all the students who attended and thank you to Mr Hughes, Mr Withers and Mrs Stanley for your organisation and support on the day.

Have a great week.

*Mr McInney
Relieving Principal*

SCHOOL DIARY

TERM 3

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
Friday 2 nd September	Yr. 2 – Bonnie Vale Excursion
Tuesday 6 th September	Yr. 1 – Bonnie Vale Excursion
Friday 16 th September	P&C Movie Night
Monday 19 th September	Kindy Information Night

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 to 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

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) News

Well done to all those respectful students who used the toilets and bubblers correctly last week. Special congratulations to the group of K-6 students who were the lucky PBL winners and enjoyed a morning tea with Mr McInney.

The students received a raffle ticket for following the PBL focus

'Be Respectful..... use the toilets and bubblers correctly.'

Their names were randomly selected in the draw at assembly.

Congratulations to all students who have been making a fantastic effort following all our PBL expectations.

This week our expectation is - Be Respectful:
Keep hands and feet to yourself

Our students will:

- Work collaboratively to complete a graphic organiser tree to examine the consequences of using our hands and feet incorrectly.
- View our teacher video clips of correct and incorrect behaviours.

- Role play common situations we find ourselves in outside in the playground and work on solutions to solving problems without using hands and feet.

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

Reinforce our rule by praising your child when they respond appropriately to situations that may cause them to be angry or upset with others.

Have a safe week,
The PBL Team



Mind Marathon

On a very wet and cold Wednesday last week, two Stage 3 teams attended the Mind Marathon competition at East Hills Boys High. The weather and the confines of the hall didn't dampen our student's spirits and they enthusiastically completed Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, general knowledge questionnaires and an engineering construction challenge. The competition was tough with thirty schools taking part. Our students overall attitude and behaviour was exemplary. Everyone had lots of fun and enjoyed the day. Congratulations for a great effort!

Certificates of participation will be handed out at Week 8 assembly.

A big thank you to Mrs Lytton and Mrs Gould for their help with transporting students on the day.

Mrs Hannan



Multicultural Public Speaking District Finals Success

Last Wednesday Jules Cross represented our local district at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. There was a vast array of topics presented in the 'prepared speech' section

and all participants presented their impromptu speech on the topic of 'Secrets'. The standard was exceptionally high and it was a fantastic display of not only public speaking, but also friendship, support and good sportsmanship with students congratulating each other and offering encouragement to their fellow speakers. Ultimately, the time came for two representatives to be selected to progress through to the final stage of the competition to be held in late October. To his great excitement and surprise, Jules Cross' name was called out as being selected to represent the South Western Region at the **State Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition**. Well done, Jules and we wish you every success in the State Finals!

Ms Churchill

Stage 1 Bonnie Vale Excursion

This is a reminder that **Year 2** will be attending Bonnie Vale on **Friday 2nd September**. Students will need to be at school at **8:20am** as buses will depart by **8:40am**. We are expected to return by **2:50pm** but please check the Skoolbag app in case we are delayed. Students will need to wear their sports uniform including a hat. Please pack a raincoat/poncho, recess, lunch and drink bottle in a small backpack.

Year 1 will be attending the excursion on **Tuesday 6th September**.

Please check the Skoolbag app in case the excursion is cancelled due to the weather. If you have any questions, please see your class teacher.

We are looking forward to a fantastic and engaging excursion.

Stage 1 Teachers

School Banking

Banking day is **THURSDAY**. For banking last week we had a wonderful **78** 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
- Flying Snake Tail – now available to order
- Mud Splat Handball – now available to order
- Bush Fly Fan – now available to order
- Wiggly Glow Worm – now available to order

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 **Riley C**
3-6 **Harry Mc**

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

Jump Rope

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

Mrs Jacobs

SPORT

2016 Athletics Carnivals

Region - Wednesday 14th September

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our school for placing first out of the fifteen schools in our zone at this year's Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival. Well done to every student who represented our school as you contributed to this win.

The following students placed in the top three of their event. Congratulations!

Annika Stig:
1st in high jump
1st in shot put
1st in relay
2nd in 200m
3rd in long jump

Alex Smith:
1st in long jump
1st in discus
1st in relay
2nd in 800m
3rd in high jump

Maeve Johnson:
1st in 200m
1st in 800m
1st in relay
3rd in 100m
3rd in long jump

Lily Austin:
1st in high jump
1st in relay
2nd in long jump

Laura Gomes:
1st in relay
2nd in long jump

Ryan Gomes:
1st in relay
3rd in 200m

Shanice Talataina:
2nd in shot put
3rd in discus

Chelsea Hardy - 1st in relay
Anika Stajcic - 1st in relay
Kaitlyn Stanford - 1st in relay
Logan Collinet - 1st in relay
Marverick Guterrez - 1st in relay
Laurence Talataina - 1st in relay
Riley Morrin - 2nd in 100m
Emily Matheson - 2nd in discus
Jayden Shields - 2nd in shot put

Mr Hughes

PSSA – 2/9/16

Semi-finals will be this Friday. We do not have the draw yet, so you will be advised via Skoolbag.

CANTEEN NEWS

Tempting Tuesday Treat: *Cupcakes - \$1.00*

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

P&C

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

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