

Hammondville Public School Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal

As we enter into week 4 of the school term, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and families. We have had many new faces join our beautiful school community recently and we are so happy to have you with us.

Teaching & Learning I am excited to share that all stages are now implementing the new English and Maths syllabus documents. The K-2 classes began full implementation last year, with remarkable success, and the primary classes are now following suit. Our teaching team has been working closely with Ms. Hansell, our Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, to build capacity, reflect on evidence of student learning, and collaboratively plan the next learning sequences.

School Bytes

Did you know that as we add more features to School Bytes, it creates stronger communication and increased efficiency with families? We currently have about 80% of our parents on School Bytes, using it to make payments and connect regarding attendance of their child/ren. We are now starting to push out permission notes. This has the benefit of parents signing the note on their device and moving fluidly to payment. Our student leadership team was the first to go through this process and 95% of bites were signed within 2 hours of the alert going out... and there are no lost pieces of paper! The details then stay in the calendar aspect of the app that is

accessible to our families and updated in real time for the whole year! We will continue to add features to School Bytes as we move away from other platforms to have everything in one central space and point of access.

You will notice a shift into School Bytes becomes more pronounced through the year. If at any time something doesn't feel quite right, please don't hesitate to give our friendly office staff a call.

Meet the Teacher I am pleased to report that our Meet the Teacher event held yesterday afternoon was a tremendous success. With over 500 people in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity for families to meet with our dedicated staff members and get a glimpse into the classroom environment. Thankful that the rain held out, we were able to come together, enjoy a sausage sizzle, and have meaningful conversations in a relaxed setting. Thank you to everyone who registered and provided valuable feedback through the QR code. Your input is crucial to our ongoing efforts to support our school community.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to provide your reflections, please take 2 mins and follow this link https://forms.gle/6vwAsGWdY7JVenTc6. We would love to hear your ideas of how we can further strengthen future events.

Pulse Alive - Dance Our senior dance students participated in a full-day rehearsal for Pulse Alive with at Homebush on Tuesday with myself and Mrs Fuller. On behalf of our team, I want to express my gratitude to the parents who supported us by driving students to the event and showed great patience during the lengthy and rain filled trip home. Your support is truly appreciated, and it makes a significant difference in our students' experiences.

Zone Swimming As I wrap up, I want to wish our zone swimmers the best of luck as they prepare for the carnival next week. I have no doubt that you will make our school, your families, and most importantly yourselves proud and showcase your incredible talents.

Have a wonderful fortnight, and I look forward to seeing all the amazing things our students will accomplish.

Stay safe. Take care of each other.

Jodie Clark - Principal

School Diary

Friday 23 February	PSSA round 1
Tuesday 27 February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 29 February	Jersey Day
Friday 1 March	PSSA round 2
Monday 4 March	National Young Leaders Day - ICC - Student Leaders
Wednesday 6 March	West Tigers Blitz 3-6

Sport Update

2024 Carnivals

Zone Swimming Carnival - Tuesday 27 February 2024

Regional Swimming Carnival - Tuesday 12 March 2024

School Cross Country Carnival - TBA

Zone Cross Country Carnival - Tuesday 21 May 2024

Regional Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 13 June 2024

School Athletics Carnival (3-6) - Thursday 25 July 2024

Zone Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 20 August 2024

SSW Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 18 September 2024

P&C News

Uniform Shop Updates:

The Uniform Shop will be open Wednesday mornings from 8.30-9am and Friday afternoons from 2.30-3pm. Make sure to stop by and check out our latest offerings! All items \$5. We're also exploring the possibility of opening the shop on Monday afternoons from 2.30 to 3pm. However, we require a volunteer to oversee operations during this time. If you're available to lend a hand, please reach out to us. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Announcement:

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is approaching! Mark your calendars for Monday 4th March @ 7pm. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates on position descriptions and other important information. Your participation and input are vital for the success of your P&C. We encourage all members to attend and get involved in shaping our future.

Interested in volunteering or joining your P&C committee? Contact us at hammopandc@gmail.com to learn how you can contribute to our community. Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates, event announcements, and community news. For any inquiries or suggestions, feel free to contact us at hammopandc@gmail.com.

Canteen News

Lunch orders:

Just a friendly reminder that lunch orders must be placed by 9am. We prefer orders to be submitted through My School Connect. If your child writes the lunch order on a brown bag, they must be handed in at the canteen before the bell rings at 8.55am to ensure timely delivery. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the canteen at 0488757101 or email hammopandccanteen@gmail.com



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