



# Hammondville Public School Newsletter

Issue 4 - Term 1, Week 8 - Thursday

21 March 2024

## A Message from the Principal

Dear families

I am writing to you with a heart full of gratitude and pride for our wonderful school community. As we reflect on the past weeks, I am overwhelmed with appreciation for the care, dedication, and support that each and every one of you has shown in prioritising safety at our new morning playground routine for our K-2 playground

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible courage and effort displayed by our Year 3 and 5 students during the recent NAPLAN assessments. Your resilience and determination are truly inspiring, and I am so proud of the hard work you have put in. To see so many of our students beaming with pride as they come and share with me the effort they put into their work is inspirational and is a true testament to the self-belief we see in our students each day. Huge thank you to Mr Withers for coordinating this year's assessments.

Looking forward to the upcoming Colour Run, I am filled with excitement and anticipation. The unity and enthusiasm that this event brings to our community is truly heartwarming, and I cannot wait to see everyone coming together for a day of fun and celebration. I understand that there will be alike involved!!! I am keeping a close eye on the leader board last time I checked, K Yellow were the class to beat for the pizza party!

To our talented swimmers who represented our Zone at the Regional Championships, I am in awe of your commitment and passion for your sport. Your achievements are a testament to your hard work and dedication, and I am so proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for your persistence through adversity. I am so incredibly proud of the sportsmanship that shone through.

A special shoutout to the 3-6 Dance troupe for their exceptional performance at Pulse Alive. Your talent and dedication shone brightly, and I am truly impressed by the passion and creativity you bring to the stage. Thank you to Mrs Fuller for coordinating our event, costumes, rehearsals and choreography and to Miss Holdsworth for accompanying our team on Friday.

As we approach the Easter long weekend, I hope you all take a moment to rest, rejuvenate, and spend quality time with loved ones.

Thank you for being a part of our Hammondville family. Your support and positivity make our school the amazing community that it is. I look forward to seeing you all back at school soon.

Stay safe. Take care of each other.

With gratitude

Jodie Clark

Principal

# School Diary

Thursday 21 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stage 2 Inquisitive Minds</li></ul>
Friday 22 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PSSA round 5</li></ul>
Monday 25 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Photos</li></ul>
Wednesday 27 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stage 3 Inquisitive Minds</li><li>• K-2 Assembly</li></ul>
Thursday 28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P&amp;C Colour Run</li></ul>
Tuesday 2 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K-2 Easter Hat Parade 2pm</li></ul>
Wednesday 3 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3-6 Assembly</li></ul>
Thursday 4 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Captains @ Student Representative Forum</li></ul>
Friday 5 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PSSA Round 6</li></ul>
Monday 8 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</li></ul>
Wednesday 10 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3-6 Cross Country</li><li>• K-2 Assembly</li></ul>
Thursday 11 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSW State Swimming Carnival</li></ul>
Friday 12 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSW State Swimming Carnival</li><li>• ANZAC Service 10am</li><li>• Last day of Term 1</li></ul>
Tuesday 30 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student return to school for Term 2</li></ul>

## School attendance - information for parents

At Hammondville Public School we value attendance and set high expectations for all of our students. Every day matters for your child's learning. Parents play an important role in ensuring students get to school and stay in school every day.

The more time your child attends school the greater their opportunity to learn, create social connections and improve their wellbeing.

### Why attendance matters

Your child may fall behind in their subjects and this can have an impact on their learning in the long term.

Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important math lesson or getting picked for a sports team.

All Australian school-age children are legally required to attend school every day. Read more about [compulsory school attendance](#).

### What you can do

#### Building positive attendance habits

You can help build positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part
- reducing disruption to learning where you can, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- contacting your school to explain any absences (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance please contact your child's class teacher.

Mrs Fleming

Deputy Principal



## Canberra Camp

The Stage 3 Canberra camp is scheduled for the 26 -28 August 2024 (2 nights).

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required by Friday 5 April 2024 to guarantee your child a position on the camp. The total price will be approximately \$450.00, with the balance due by Friday 9 August. The cost includes transportation to and from Canberra, accommodation, meals and participation in camp activities.

Once student numbers are confirmed we will be able to finalise the exact costing of the camp and the remaining balance will be able to be paid online via School Bytes, either in full or in instalments. More detailed notes, including information regarding medical forms and dietary requirements, will be sent home as the camp approaches.

No late payments of the deposit will be accepted after Friday 5 April 2024 as buses and accommodation are finalised based on this payment.

Payment may be made online via School Bytes <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>

Alternatively, payment can be made by EFTPOS at the school office, or you can send cash in an envelope with your child's name and class on it via the secure chute on the left wall outside the office. The balance of payment for camp can be made by instalments, provided it is fully paid for by Friday 9 August 2024.

## Sport Update

# 2024 Carnivals

School Cross Country Carnival (3-6) - Wednesday 10 April 2024

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

## Sydney South West Swimming Championship

### Individual Results

11th - Ruby Caddy in the senior girls individual medley (3:47.59)

12th - Breanna Bell in the 11 years 50m backstroke (49.85)

14th - Ruby Caddy in the 12 years 50m breaststroke (52.45)

14th - Maverick Reid in the 10 years 50m freestyle (46.94)

15th - John Penney in the 11 years 50m backstroke (49.70)

17th - Sophie Skuse in the 10 years 50m freestyle (47.97)

19th - Indira Death in the 9 years 50m freestyle (55.64)

20th - Brooklynn Iro in the 10 years 50m freestyle (49.03)

22nd - Brooke Teasel in the junior 50m breaststroke (1:04.54)

### Relay Results

11th - Junior boys relay (Jordan Davis, Archer Devlin, Maverick Reid and Thomas Taylor)

15th - Junior girls relay (Indira Death, Brooklynn Iro, Marley Salamo and Sophie Skuse)

## 3-6 Cross Country Carnival

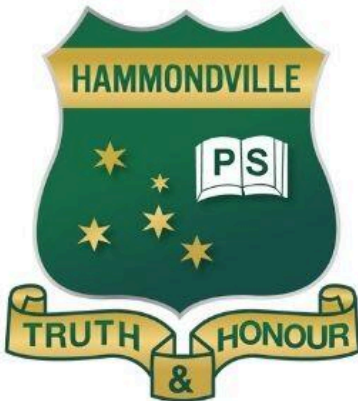
# 3-6 Cross Country

Wednesday 10 April, 2024

The school's 3-6 cross country carnival is to be held on Wednesday 10 April, on the school grounds. Any students in Year 2 who are eight or turning eight this year are invited to participate, alongside the competing students in Years 3-6. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the carnival to cheer on the students.

The top seven finishers in each race will represent the school at the Liverpool zone cross country carnival on Tuesday 21 May 2024.

### Starting Times and Distances



**10:00 am** - 8/9 years boys (2 laps - 1600 m)

**10:15 am** - 8/9 years girls (2 laps - 1600 m)

**10:30 am** - 10 years boys (2 laps - 1600 m)

**10:45 am** - 10 years girls (2 laps - 1600 m)

**11:00 am** - 11 years boys (3 laps - 2400 m)

**11:15 am** - 11 years girls (3 laps - 2400 m)

**11:30 am** - 12/13 years boys (3 laps - 2400 m)

**11:32 am** - 12/13 years girls (3 laps - 2400 m)

## P&C News

### Colour Run Update

What an amazing effort so far by all who have registered and started their 'fun-raising' for our Run4Fun Colour Explosion.

If you haven't already registered and started fundraising, sign up today so you can be a part of our Run4Fun Colour Explosion on Thursday 28 March [www.profilepage.com.au](http://www.profilepage.com.au)





Students who raise \$10 or more will be rewarded with glasses and a headband to wear during the run.

Please make sure all permission slips and volunteer notes are handed in to the office.

We can confirm at the moment the highest fundraising class is 5/6 Crimson!

If you would like your class to be the highest fundraising class for 2024, jump on and share your profile page with family and friends.

The winning class will enjoy an ice block party straight after the Colour Explosion is completed.

### **Second-Hand Uniform Shop - Volunteer Opportunity**

We are still in need of a volunteer to assist with opening the second-hand uniform shop on Monday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00 am. Can you help out? Contact us for more information.

### **Easter Egg Guessing Competition**



## **Canteen News**

If you need to contact the canteen please use our phone number of 0488 757 101. Leave a message if we do not pick up.

Reminder that lunch orders are to be done by 9am on My School Connect. If you do miss the cut-off please contact us on the above number and we will tell you how to proceed. If using cash across the counter for lunch orders they must also be in by 9am. Remind your child to drop off the order before the bell goes.

Remember that if we make up a lunch order there is no refund.

Counter Sales are cash only and are Mon -Thu recess and lunch, Friday is lunch time only.



Please remind your children that ice blocks and frozen yoghurts are only available at lunch time.

Celebration food orders are to in at least 1 week before they are required. This is cash only.

My School Connect is the preferred method for ordering uniforms. They will be delivered to your child's classroom. We ask that, if possible, any counter sales for uniforms are not done on Friday mornings.

Second hand uniforms are open Wednesday morning 8.30am to 9.00am and Friday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

Your co-operation in all of the above is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the canteen at 0488757101 or email [hammopandccanteen@gmail.com](mailto:hammopandccanteen@gmail.com)



## P&C FACEBOOK


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PS

P&C: <https://www.facebook.com/hammondvillepandc/>

or look up "Hammondville PS P&C"

# We Are a White Ribbon School



The diagram shows a top-down view of a road with a dashed white center line. On the left side of the road, two grey car icons are parked one behind the other. On the right side, an orange car icon is parked, with a large red 'X' over it, indicating that double parking is prohibited.

**Don't  
DOUBLE PARK**

**Penalty: \$387\* and  
2 demerit points**

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Liverpool City Council Road Safety Initiative \* Penalty applies in school zones. Minimum fine, subject to change



## Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school:

- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park legally around the school.
- Always keep your seatbelt buckled until the vehicle has stopped.
- It is safest for children to get in and out of the car through the footpath-side door.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and 3-point turns are dangerous during the busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you.
- Always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Never double park - it puts children at risk.
- Never park in a 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zone'.
- 'No Parking' is for drop-off and pick-up only.

Please park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.

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