

Hammondville Public School Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal

Dear families

As I reflect upon our term together, I am reminded of our school vision and the idea that we are united and committed to the power of human connection. I am incredibly proud and humbled by the relationships that we have here at Hammondville Public School that are deeply grounded in mutual respect and a shared goal of success.

We have had much to celebrate and Hammondville this term with public speaking competitions, spelling bees, our academic reports celebrating learning within the curriculum, representation at the dawn service at Ingleburn RSL, outstanding efforts and achievements in rugby league, soccer, netball, cross country, In the Spotlight dance and an incredible inaugural participation in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup. There is so much more to come, but the outstanding achievements and results have been second to the consistency in the feedback about our sportsmanship, cooperation, effort, determination, and compassion that all students at Hammondville are showing. There is not a week that goes by where I am not contacted about the conduct of our students. This is what sets Hammondville apart from other schools. We give it our best and celebrate others as they give their best, regardless of what side of the competition they on.

In the same way, the determination and support we see in learning and how we celebrate the success of our peers is shining through at Hammondville. I see this in assemblies as students are recognised with awards. The cheer from their peers, the smile from their teachers, the photos taken by proud families, all show us that our connection here is strong and that everyone belongs at Hammondville. There is no place I would rather be.

Walking through the playground this week, I have had the beautiful opportunity to share time with many families before or after their parent teacher interviews. Stories of success, pride and learning are far reaching and feature in every conversation.

As we return for Term 3 on Tuesday 23 July, we know we will hit the ground running with events including a visit by our Executive Director, Metropolitan South & West Directorate, Kay Rigas. Mrs Rigas will visit with me and our team to discuss the success we are having with our focus on student agency and the work of our First Nations students. We will have the opportunity to welcome her into some of our classrooms and highlight the amazing place that Hammondville is.

We have our upcoming athletics carnivals for years 3-6 at Bardon Ridge on Thursday 25 July, and our K-2 carnival on 19 September. Education Week and NAIDOC week will see us all come together in Week 3, and our Stage 3 camp is not too far away, starting on Monday 26 August.

Please keep an eye on our School Bytes parent portal for our calendar, which is updated regularly for you.

Speaking of School Bytes, do not forget that this will be our last newsletter on Audiri. We will decommission Audiri on Friday and our school will use School Bytes for all formal communication. Classroom communication will stay aligned to Class Dojo.

If you have not yet signed up for School Bytes, it is important that you do. Our school reports were shared via this platform on Friday, and it will be our 'go-to' communication source from Term 3 onwards; attendance, payments, permission notes, calendars, reports, it will all live within one app. Of course, if you have any challenges with School Bytes, we are just a phone call away and can happily assist you to get the information or support that you need.

Over the break we will have some construction work being carried out in our front office as we increase security. You will notice that access beyond the front desk will be only available by our staff. If you have a meeting, or if your child requires access to our sick bay, we will be most happy to assist you.

Speaking of work to be done, I am thrilled to share with you that our fabulous P&C were successful in gaining a grant of \$45 900.00 from our local member, Tina Ayaad MP, to refurbish the school canteen. This will enable us to offer new and exciting menu items, as we update electrical work, appliances, and bench space in our much-loved canteen. We cannot wait to share more information with you all soon.

There is so much to be proud of at Hammondville and we cannot wait to show you what we have planned for Term 3.

Enjoy a much-needed break. See you back on Tuesday 23 July.

Stay safe. Take care of each other.

Jodie Clark - Principal

School Diary

Friday 5 July	Mufti DayLast Day for Term 2
Monday 22 July	School Development Day
Tuesday 23 July	Students Start Term 3State Cross Country
Wednesday 24	K-2 Assembly
Thursday 25 July	3-6 Athletic Carnival
Friday 26 July	Winter PSSA Round 7
Monday 29 July	• 100 days of Kindergarten
Tuesday 30 July	Paul Kelly Cup - Regional Playoff
Wednesday 31 July	• 3-6 Assembly
Thursday 1 August	SSW Girls Rugby Union
Friday 2 August	Winter PSSA Round 8

Sport Update

2024 Carnivals

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

Zone Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 20 August 2024

P&C News

Thank You for Supporting Our Trivia Night!

We are thrilled to announce that our trivia night last Saturday was a tremendous success! Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, parents and staff, we raised over \$5,000. These funds will go towards purchasing laptops for each classroom, enhancing our students' learning experiences. A big thank you to our school community whose contributions and enthusiasm made this event unforgettable. We look forward to seeing you at our next trivia night!

A massive thank you to our wonderful sponsors whose generous donations are greatly appreciated!

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Would You Like to Volunteer?

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events during the year. If you would like to be kept informed about opportunities to volunteer, please make contact via email and we can add you to our group for notifications. Volunteers have helped out with colour run and 90th birthday celebrations in the past and we will be seeking volunteers soon for our election day bbq!

Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy School Holiday!

As the school term comes to a close, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all students, staff, and families for a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Take this time to relax, recharge, and create wonderful memories with your loved ones.

We are also taking a break and will be back in Term 3 with exciting events, including our Fathers Day Stall and Wishing Tree. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for a fantastic new term!

Have a wonderful holiday, and we'll see you soon!

Exciting News: Canteen Refit Underway!

We are thrilled to announce that our school canteen is about to undergo a fantastic transformation, thanks to the generous grant we recently received! Here are some of the exciting updates you can look forward to:

- 1. Modernised Kitchen Equipment: We'll be outfitting our canteen with state-of-the-art appliances.
- 2. Healthier Menu Options: With the new equipment, we'll be able to expand our menu to include more nutritious and delicious options.

Stay tuned for more updates as we progress with our canteen refit. We can't wait to share the new and improved canteen experience with you all!

In order to focus on the refit, 'Monday Madness' and 'Tuesday Treats' will not be available during term 3.

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 recess and 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 recess or 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



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