



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 1 –Week Ending 11th October 2013

Term 4 Begins!

Welcome back to all students, staff and families! I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the break from routine that school holidays often bring. The children have all returned eager and ready to get stuck into their work for the final term of the year.....and what a busy Term it will be! Please keep an eye out in the weekly Newsletter for coming events and activities. Our Newsletter is posted weekly on our school's website so if in doubt, just "google" us.

Don't forget – if you would like to receive the School Newsletter via email, please complete the attached slip and return to school ASAP. The first Newsletter to be sent via email will be WEEK 2.

Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Moorfoot family who have recently moved to the Cowra area from Hay. Charla joins the Year 4 group and Kaleb the Year 2 class. We hope you enjoy being a part of the Holmwood School community.

"Students of the Week" –Term 3 Week 10

Congratulations to our Week 10 **Students of the Week**



2/3 –Makayla Bridgett; K/1 – Brodie Rye; 4/5/6 –

Brittany Kiss

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Sascha and Layla

2/3 – Blake and Miah

4/5/6 – Damien and Lisa

Kindergarten Orientation

The very first day of school this Term was also our very first Kindergarten Orientation day. We were very excited to welcome 10 new Kinder students - Addison, Macey, Keith, Harry, Micah, Eloise, Landon, Lily, Alana K and Alana H to school on Tuesday morning. We hope they enjoyed their day and look forward to seeing them again next Tuesday!



Addison with mum Kelly and big brothers Jacob and William during her first Kinder Orientation visit on Tuesday.



Micah and his mum Kelly were very excited to be starting his "Big School" journey at Kinder Orientation on Tuesday.



Lily with her big sister Layla during Kinder Orientation.



Harry looked very grown up in his school uniform, pictured with little sister Willa and mum Gemma.

Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School

The Year 6 Transition Visits to Cowra High School have been set down for NEXT Wednesday 16th October, Wednesday 23rd October, Wednesday 30th October, Wednesday 6th November (we will be in Canberra on this date) and Wednesday 13th November. There will also be a Parent Information evening on TUESDAY 15th October in the Cowra High Library from 6pm-7pm. I urge all parents to attend this meeting.

Year 6 Transition to St Raphaels Catholic High School

There will be a Parent Information Evening held on the 29th October starting at 6:30pm at St Raphael's School for students entering into Year 7 in 2014. The Orientation Day for students will be held on the 31st October. Parents have been requested to ring St Raphael's on 63422940 with contact details and to let the school know if your child is attending the Orientation day ASAP.

NAPLAN RESULTS DELAYED

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for

Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of **13 October**, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

Excursion Update...24 days to go!

Payments for the excursion are now due. Could all families please finalise their excursion accounts as soon as possible. Thank you.

**FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT IS
FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**



School Photos – Incorrect Date

Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking 2013 School Photos on **Thursday 17th October**,

which is NEXT WEEK not the 10th October as originally advised. If you have any questions regarding school photos please contact Cliff Dykes directly on 63 423070. All order forms with payment are due back to school on PHOTO DAY.

Save the Date!



Holmwood PS will be putting on a whole school concert later this Term. The concert is titled "Jungle Jam" and will be an African themed musical extravaganza! So mark **WEDNESDAY 4th**

DECEMBER in your diaries...this is one event not to be missed!

WANTED

- Any colourful sarongs for the upcoming School Concert "Jungle Jam" – please ensure they are clearly labelled with your name!
- Any empty Baby Formula tins with lids or large Milo tins with lids – also needed for the concert
- Any drums you may be willing to loan for the term- thank you!



Book Club

Attached to this week's Newsletter is the latest Book Club Catalogues. All orders with payment are due on Monday 28th October.

National Collection of Data of Students with a Disability

Attached to this week's Newsletter is an information sheet regarding the National Collection of Data on Students with Disabilities. This is a survey which schools are asked to complete annually in order to give the most accurate and up-to-date information about any students classed as having a disability in public schools.

There is NO TESTING involved in the collection and all students remain anonymous.

However in order to provide this data we must have parental consent. **If you DO NOT WISH your child to be included in this survey, please return the attached note.** If you are happy for your child to be part of this data collection, you do not need to do anything. Please contact me at school if you have any concerns or questions regarding this. Our school was involved in the data collection survey last year as one of the "Trial Schools" so the staff are familiar with this process.

Calendar

Term 4 Week 2	
Mon 14th Oct	P&C Meeting 7pm
Tues 15th Oct	Kinder Orientation 9:30-11:30am Parent Information Evening for Yr 6 Students attending Cowra HS in 2014 – 6-7pm CHS Library
Wed 16th Oct	Year 6 Transition Visit – Cowra High
Thur 17th Oct	School Photos Aboriginal Pedagogies Training – all Staff 4-5:30pm Cowra PS.
Fri 18th Oct	Mrs Hodges - Music & Concert Practise
Term 4 Week 3	
Tues 22nd Oct	Kinder Orientation 9:30-11:30am Mrs Watt – Live Life Well Sharing Day @ Bathurst
Wed 23rd Oct	Year 6 Transition Visit – Cowra High
Fri 25th Oct	Scripture Mrs Hodges – Music & Concert Practise FINAL EXCURSION PAYMENTS DUE
Term 4 Week 4	
Mon 28th Oct	Mrs Lewis, Mrs Kiely, Ms Edgerton – Disability training on-line (Miss Hyde relieving) Book Club Orders and Payment due
Tues 29th Oct	Kinder Orientation 9:30am-1:30pm Parent Information Evening for Yr 6 Students attending St Raphael's in 2014 – 6:30pm

Wed 30th Oct	Year 6 Transition Visit – Cowra High Mrs Kiely – Live Life Well Training – Bathurst (Miss Hyde 2/3)
Thurs 31st Oct	St Raphael's Year 6-Year 7 Transition Day Mrs Kiely – Live Life Well Training – Bathurst (Miss Hyde 2/3)
Fri 1st Nov	Mrs Hodges – Music & Concert Practise

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- "Request for Newsletter via Email" slip
- Permission Note for CHS Transition Visits - Year 6 only
- Transport arrangements for Year 6 Transition visits to CHS (Year 6 only)
- Note for parents wishing for their child **NOT** to be included in the Disability Survey
- Canteen Menu Term 4
- Book Club

P&C News

Due to lack of interest and a number of other community events being on around the same time, the P&C have decided to cancel the Holmwood Market Day set down for the 26th October.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 14th October at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom. See you there!

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday and is ready for what will be a very busy term. Already we have many exciting activities lined up for everyone.

This week, on the first day back at school we welcomed the 2014 Kindergarten students. They all arrived early at school for a fun filled morning of literacy activities. The current Kindergarten students felt very grown up and offered a helping hand to their new little friends. The big book we explored was 'Mrs Honey's Hat'. The students read the story and then completed a literacy task based on the events of the book. Then all students made a paper plate hat featuring some of the items that Mrs Honey had on her hat. A big thank you to the Year 6 students who came to help out for the

morning. Some of the other activities we enjoyed for the morning were play dough, peg board patterning, cutting and pasting, matching cards, giant floor puzzles and construction of blocks. We had a fantastic morning and hope to see you all again next Tuesday.



Eloise and Macey working hard during Kinder Orientation.

This term we have lots of new and exciting games to play in our literacy sessions. All students were very excited to get back into learning through some structured games. In literacy we will be focusing on reading, handwriting, story and recount writing, spelling, blended beginning sounds and endings.

In Maths this term our focus will be multiplication, divisions, addition and subtraction, and lots of hands on activities for measurement including volume and capacity, with water play as the weather warms up. We will also focus on place value, whole numbers, shapes and positional language.

In Science this term we have a very exciting unit to explore called "Toy World". In this topic we will explore the different types of toys, compare new aged toys with toys from the past and identify how toys work and move. Students have been asked to bring in some of their toys for their news item. We will be identifying the categories toys belong in. We will have an "electronic toy day" further into the term so please wait until this day before bringing in any ipods or DS toys! Thank you!

We have started preparing for our end of year concert which will come around soon enough. During creative arts we will be dancing, singing and making costumes and props for the concert.

If anyone remembered to collect milk and juice bottle lids over the holidays can you please bring

them into school, and a big thank you to those students who have already given their collection to me.

Just a reminder; if any parents, grand parents or family members could spare some time to help in the K/1 class for 1 morning a week to help with literacy groups, it would be greatly appreciated.

One final note is that I have recently changed my name back to my previous surname of Ms Heidi Edgerton so that I have the same name as my children, after the recent death of their father. All students are aware of my name change and I understand that it will take a while for all to start using my new name, thank you.

Looking forward to a fun filled term.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

This week has been a wonderful start to term 4. The children have returned to school refreshed and happy to see me. It was lovely to be welcomed back so warmly by the children, staff and parents. Thank you everyone. Mr K and I had



a relaxing and happy holiday with our family and we enjoyed our time together in the Whitsundays. It is a beautiful part of Australia but there is no place like home!

In class the children have eagerly commenced our new term 4 topics. In English, we will be reading and enjoying Australian Classics. In HSIE, we are learning about our Australian Environment and in Science we will be researching famous Aussie Inventions. With summer fast approaching we will be learning Aussie Summer Sports in PE/ Sport and in PD we will learn how to keep ourselves safe.

Miss Hyde enjoyed teaching my beautiful class and I greatly appreciated her valued contribution to our classroom and the school. She will be teaching the class again when I attend a 2 day Live Life Well course in week 4.

This week Orientation commenced and Year 1 joined our class as Yr2 and settled in beautifully. The Yr2 were excited to be grown up Year 3 students and displayed maturity and independence.



Tarni is welcomed by Miah during the Year 1 transition to the 2/3 class.

Year 3 was welcomed into Year 4 and Mrs Lewis was impressed with their capable work habits. So Three Cheers for our Clever Kids! Thank you for your wonderful support and I look forward to an exciting and productive term together

Kind Regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

Welcome back everyone! We have had a great start to the Term in the 4/5/6 room and we extend a warm welcome to Charla who has joined the Year 4 group. It sounds like everyone had a terrific holiday and feels ready and excited for a busy term ahead.

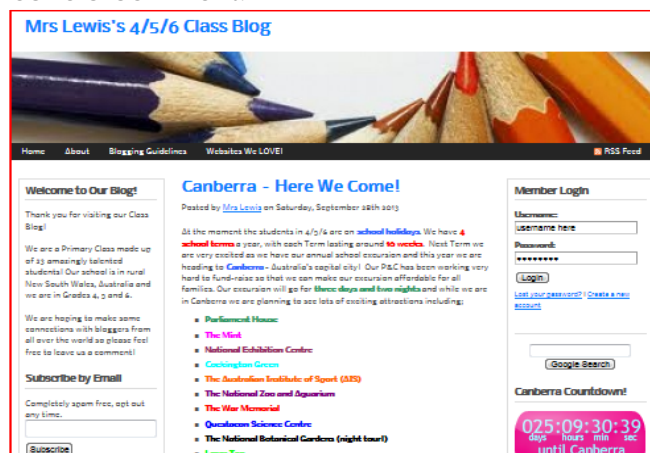
This week we started new units in Science & Technology ("Eating Out" – a great unit about kitchen chemistry!); Visual Arts (Cartoons!), Text Types (Explanations) and English Studies – "Diary of a Wimpy Kid", so it has been all systems go! A reminder to all students to check whether their stationary supplies need re-stocking – in particular glue sticks!

Next week our Year 6's who are planning on heading to Cowra High in 2014 will have their first transition visit. Please find a permission note and transport arrangements in your newsletter folders. Thank you to Karlene, Miranda and Cheri for offering to assist with transport. I'm sure the Year 6's will have a great time visiting the High School.

Homework will resume next week – a reminder that sheets go home on a Monday to be returned on Fridays. Every homework sheet returned earns each student DOJO points so don't forget!

Have you checked out our class blog recently? Over the holidays we had a surge of visitors and to date the total is well over 1, 100! I wonder if we

will make it to 1, 500 by the end of the year!? Go to <http://jennylewis2000.edublogs.org/> or google Mrs Lewis 4/5/6 Class Blog – we would love you to leave a comment!



Have a great weekend!
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

Canteen News

Attached to this week's Newsletter is the Term 4 Canteen Menu. The Canteen is after some extra helpers to assist with canteen on Mondays and Wednesdays when Gail and Bill are away. If you can spare a few hours on these days, please contact the school – 63422172. Gail and Bill are keen to "train" a few mums, dads, pops or nans so that they can be called on once a month to assist. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Community News

Cowra NETBALL Representative Team Trials
Representative team trials for the 2014 season will be held at the Young Road PCYC on Saturday 12th October 2013 and Sunday 20th October 2013.

Times will be as follows:

Saturday 12th October 2013

Under 11's 1:00pm-2:30pm
Under 13's 1:00pm-2:30pm
Under 12's 2:30pm-4:00pm
Under 14's 2:30pm-4:00pm
Under 15s 4:00pm- 5:30pm

Sunday 20th October 2013

Under 11's 9:00am-10:30am
Under 13's 9:00am-10:30am
Under 12's 10:30am- 12:00noon
Under 14's 10:30am- 12:00noon
Under 15s 12:00noon- 1:30pm

All players must arrive at least 20 minutes prior to their trial time. A consent form is to be signed by the player's legal guardian prior to the trial.

