



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 2 –Week Ending 18th October 2013

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Light family! After an extended holiday across Australia and back again, Charli and Sophie bounced back to school on Wednesday full of exciting news about their amazing trip. We appreciated the postcards they sent along the way and are glad to see them back at HPS!

“Students of the Week” –Term 4 Week 1

Congratulations to our Week 1 **Students of the Week**



4/5/6 – Ebon Gregory; K/1 –Tarni Sheen; 2/3 –Gregory Hynes-Brien;

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Toby and Charlotte

2/3 – Thomas and Kaleb

4/5/6 – Mitchell and Jacob

Kindergarten Orientation

It was great to see all our 2014 Kindergarten students back for another transition visit this week! Next week Ms Edgerton will be having a special morning tea for the parents of our new Kinders and answer any questions they may have regarding school next year. This will start at 11:15am – we look forward to see you all again.

Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School

On Wednesday of this week our Year 6 students had their first transition visit to Cowra High. They were a little bit nervous, but also very excited to see what

Year 7 was all about, and after their orientation and sample “Science” lesson, all were feeling much more relaxed and confident. Next week transition to CHS is on again on Wednesday. Thank you to Cheri and Karlene who will be transporting our students next week.

NAPLAN Results

Included with this week’s Newsletter folder are letters to parents of students in Years 3 and 5 who sat the NAPLAN assessments earlier this year. Please read through these carefully and if you have any concerns or questions, please contact Mrs Kiely or myself to make an appointment.

Overall I was very pleased with this year’s test results with most students performing as expected. It is important however to note that NAPLAN assessments are a “snapshot” of your child’s performance in one test on one day. At HPS we use a wide variety of assessments, oral reading benchmarks, work samples, observations and tests to get a full picture of each child’s level of achievement and NAPLAN is just one small element of this.

Excursion Update...**17** 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 NEXT
FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**

Attached to this week’s Newsletter is a CANBERRA INFORMATION note and permission note. Please return to school by the end of next week.



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

All orders with payment are due on Monday 28th October.

Calendar

Term 4 Week 3	
Tues 22nd Oct	Kinder Orientation 9:30-11:30am – Parent morning tea at 11:15am. Mrs Watt – Live Life Well Sharing Day @ Bathurst
Wed 23rd Oct	Year 6 Transition Visit – Cowra High
Thurs 24th Oct	Mrs Lewis – PARS – Ms Maree Angus (Education Director) visiting HPS 12:30pm
Fri 25th Oct	Scripture Mrs Hodges – Music & Concert Practise FINAL EXCURSION PAYMENTS DUE
Sat 19th Oct	P&C Fundraiser at Carinya – 11am-3pm ALL PARENTS WELCOME TO HELP!
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)
Thur 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
Term 4 Week 5	
Mon 4th Nov	EXCURSION TO CANBERRA
Tues 5th Nov	EXCURSION TO CANBERRA Melbourne Cup!
Wed 6th Nov	EXCURSION TO CANBERRA
Thur 7th Nov	Mrs Lynch – FACS Leave (Miss Hyde K/1)
Fri 8th Nov	Mrs Lynch – FACS Leave (Miss Hyde K/1) Scripture

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Sport & Rec Swimming Classes pamphlet (K-2 students)
- NAPLAN results (Year 3 & 5 students)
- AECG AGM Meeting information
- PCYC Activity Flier
- Permission Note to view "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" movie (PG) – Yrs 4/5/6 only
- Canberra Information Note!
- Canberra Permission Note

P&C News

This weekend the P&C will be holding a fundraising activity at the Carinya Fun Day on Saturday 19th October from 12pm-3pm. We will be selling Snow Cups and hope to raise some additional funds for the school. Thank you to Phil Rowley for supplying the ice shaving machine and to the parents able to come along and assist on the day. All parents are welcome to come along and lend a hand – the more the merrier!

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 11th November at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom. See you there!

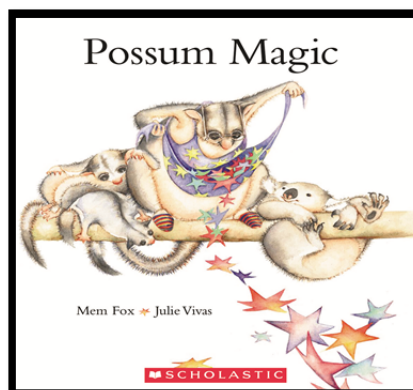
Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

We have had a very exciting week again this week. We kicked off the week in literacy with some exciting new games for our literacy program. This term we are focusing on blended sounds, with many of our games based around the consonants blends. Some of the games are "Blends Bingo", "Blends Snap" and "Fish" card games, matching picture cards with the beginning blends sound cards and interactive computer games on the white board. In literacy groups each day we have a story focus where we read the book and write about our favourite part of the book. This week our favourite

stories have been, "Diary of a Wombat", "The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" and "Possum Magic".

We continue to have spelling groups, during



which we will learn a new spelling rule. Each week Kindergarten children will have a word family blend and Year one students will have consonant blend sounds in their word list.

Kinder transition went very well this week. The new Kinders and the current Kinders had a lovely morning together completing literacy activities based on the song and book "The Old Lady who swallowed a Fly". They completed an Interactive Whiteboard activity, a craft fly and sequenced the events of the story.

Following this the students enjoyed manipulating play dough, matching alphabet cards, threading beads and patterning.

Next week parents are invited to have a morning tea with their child at 11:15am.

We are in full swing learning all about toys in our unit for Science. This week we categorised toys from the Target toy catalogue into groups such as sporting equipment, dolls/teddies and imaginary play, games and electronic toys. We also studied the edges and shapes of toys to determine if they have flat/straight edges or rounded/curved edges, or if they were a combination of both. This will lead into next week's lessons on how and why toys can move.

In the coming weeks we will be discussing old and new toys. If possible I would like parents to have conversations with their children about their favourite toys when they were little and how they differ to toys from today.

In PD/Health we will be learning about "Safe Living". During this unit we will be learning about being safe around the home, especially with medication, electricity and learning about 000. The topic will also cover farm safety, water safety, street safety, bus and personal safety.

In Visual arts, our craft will relate to the story of the week. So far we have made a paper plate pig mask and a paper plate possum. These craft activities reflect the stories The Three Little Pigs and Possum Magic.

Finally we welcomed Charlize back with open arms. All the students were over the moon to have Charlize join us again, and were excited to hear about her adventures on her trip across Australia.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

What an exciting week this has been in Year 2-3. The children are enthusiastic and motivated to achieve their best as they approach their final term in Year 2 or 3 and prepare for Year 3 and 4 next year. Once again the Year 1 students joined us during Kinder Orientation which is enabling the Year 1 to easily adjust to the middle primary class. This week we focused on money and times tables-2x, 5x, 10x - which does make counting money and giving change easy. The Year 1 class enjoyed the Year 2 Maths group's games!



Kaleb and Leetisha using the IWB in Maths.

In English, we commenced reading "Where the Forest Meets the Sea" which is a spectacular book by Jeannie Baker. Please ask your child to share this story with you. You could research The Daintree and travel through the Great Barrier Reef with us as we learn about it in HSIE.



Katelyn and Asher pictured with our Big Book.

Last week the children displayed capable hand-eye coordination skills in our Summer Sports. In the T-Ball game all children could hit the ball and some highly skilled sportsmen and women scored home runs! Well done Will, Harry, Lara and Katelyn. Bouncing and catching a tennis ball, or throwing and hitting a tennis ball are great ways parents can enjoy games with their children and keep fit too!



Will focusing well during T-ball.

Maintaining a nightly reading and home spelling routine is essential in establishing a strong foundation for future learning. Please re-establish this as a priority so that good habits continue. Thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

We have had a very busy week in 4/5/6 and have enjoyed getting stuck into this Term's units of work. Our Science unit "Eating Out" has been great fun as we explore and observe what happens when different foods and substances are heated and cooled. On Tuesday this week we discovered why popcorn pops and enjoyed seeing this happen in slow motion via YouTube....and the taste-testing at the end was pretty good too!



Experimenting with heating different substances including flour, wax, copha, sugar, salt and egg white!

In English I have been blown away by the enthusiasm for our Term 4 Novel "Diary of a Wimpy Kid". After handing the books out to the class on Monday morning, I was surprised to find that by Wednesday, six students had COMPLETELY finished reading their novel! Most students took their books home this week to read them as we aim to start watching the movie next week. Our focus this Term will be on comparing/contrasting the novel with the film; and how different characters are portrayed. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for students to view the film as it is rated PG. Please sign and return this note to school on Monday.

In Maths this week we have been working hard on graphs. We have investigated divided bar graphs, sector (pie) graphs and the different ways we can collect data. We have completed two weeks of our timed addition challenge and Taylor still holds the class record. Next week we move on to division...I wonder who the Champ will be.

It was great to see Sophie back at school this week. We have missed her smiling face and sense of humour. It sounds like she has had an amazing holiday with her family!

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

Canteen News

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 Gail directly on 63411595. 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

Little Athletics!

Cowra Little A's first round of competition commences this Thursday 17th October. It is still not too late to register. Competitions are held each Thursday afternoon from 4.45pm at Twigg Oval. Cost is \$75 for 1st and 2nd athlete and \$65 for 3rd and subsequent athletes and Tiny Tots. All families are welcome and parent participation is appreciated.