



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 3 –Week Ending 25th October 2013

Welcome Back!

As you are all aware, the Bushfires currently threatening NSW have been a cause for concern and worry for many communities. Presently we have two of our parents who are members of the Rural Fire Service, fighting fires in the Bargo and Springwood areas. We wish Paula and Wayne Harding a safe return and thank them for the important voluntary role they fill in our community.

“Students of the Week” –Term 4 Week 2

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week



4/5/6 – Luke Sheen; K/1 – Sascha Pettit; 2/3 –;

Mackenzie Nestor

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Liam and Boston

2/3 – Zsalea and Miah

4/5/6 – Charla and Paige

Kindergarten Orientation

Thank you to Ms Edgerton, Mrs Hubbard and Cheri who cooked some delicious morning tea treats for our Kinder parents during this week's Kinder Orientation. It was great to see so many parents attend our Parents Morning Tea on Tuesday. With only one more visit to go, I think the loooong wait until next year is going to be hard for our very enthusiastic and excited new Kindy's! Don't forget next week's visit is until 1:30pm (after lunch).

Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School

On Wednesday our Year 6's attended their second transition visit to Cowra High. Thank you to Miranda and Cheri who transported our students this week.

Excursion Update...10 days to go!

WOW! Where has the time gone! With only 10 days to go, excitement is mounting for our annual whole school excursion! 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
TOMORROW - FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**

School Surveys



At this time of year all schools begin preparing their Annual School Reports. As part of this Report, schools need to evaluate several areas of school policy and procedures. We do this by seeking the

opinions of students, parents and staff. This year we will be evaluating the following areas;

- **School Satisfaction (mandatory)**
- **Mathematics**
- **Culture**

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a gold envelope which has three surveys in it for parents to complete. All surveys remain anonymous and all parents' opinions are valued. Please complete each survey and return in the envelope provided. These can be put into the survey box located in the Office. We would like all surveys to be returned by **Friday 1st November** so that we can start the process of collating data. Thank you.



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.

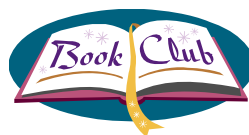
School Swimming Scheme



In weeks 6 and 7 of this Term our school will be participating in the annual School Swimming Scheme. This scheme is targeted at those students who are developing water confidence, beginning swimming skills and who are not yet able to swim 50m unaided. As a small school, however we are fortunate to be able to offer swimming to all students, with the more capable students working through their Lifesaving levels. The cost for swimming is \$10 (\$1 bus fee for 10 days) for students who have a season ticket to the pool and \$30 (\$1 bus fee and \$2 pool entry fee for 10 days) for all other students. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for your child/ren to attend. Please complete and return to school with payment by Friday 8th November.

Term 4 Student Council

Elections were held again last week for our new Term 4 Student Council. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to these positions President – Ashleigh Harding, Vice President – Dylan Whitty; Secretary – Lara Collins, Vice President – Lilly Whitty; Treasurer – Brent Kiss, Vice President – Mitchell Amos We hope they enjoy their Term on the Student Council.



Book Club

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

Calendar

Term 4 Week 4	
Mon 28th Oct	Mrs Kiely, Ms Edgerton – Disability training on-line (Miss Hyde relieving) Mrs Lewis – AECG AGM 2pm 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 School Surveys due please!
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 Mrs Lewis – Orange Principals Meeting
Term 4 Week 6	
Mon 11th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING STARTS 1:30-2:45pm DAILY P&C Meeting 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom
Tues 12th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING Year 6 Transition Visit – Cowra High
Wed 13th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING Year 6 Transition Visit – Cowra High Year 6-7 Social Cowra High – 7pm-9pm
Thurs 14th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Fri 15th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- School Swimming Scheme Permission Note
- School Surveys (in a gold envelope – please complete and return)
- Student Council Meeting Minutes

P&C News



What a successful day for the P&C at the Carinya Fun Day on Saturday 19th October! We gave the new Ice Shaver a test run and managed to make a substantial profit of \$427.60!

Thank you to Phil Rowley for supplying the ice shaving machine and to the parents able to come along and assist on the day – Karen Beaumont, Kris Beaumont, Priscilla Pettit, Karlene Amos, Michelle Whitty, Jenny Lewis and Kerry Lewis.

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

This week has been yet another busy week. We had a fantastic day on Friday preparing for our concert "Jungle Jam" with Mrs Hodges. K/1 students are learning their special songs and getting ready to learn their dances. We already know just about all the words to Katy Perry's 'Roar'.

In English this week we are focusing on Wombats. We have read stories about wombats, wrote information reports about wombats, and acted out the sequence of events for the children's book Wombat Stew. This term we are focusing on comprehension of the stories that we are reading in class. As a class group we read the story and then answer question about the book. We are still focusing on our L3 literacy games and groups, reading is developing nicely and we are working hard on sight words. Just a reminder - Can all Kinder and Year One sight word books be returned to school for the new groups to be glued into each students books please.



Jett and Brodie with their amazing crafty wombats!

In visual arts we are developing our fine motor skills and are exploring simple construction techniques and manipulating sculptural materials by creating a wombat from crepe paper.

In maths we have been looking at ten numbers and place value of tens and ones in two digit numbers. We are counting forwards or backwards by ones, from a given two-digit number, identifying the number before and after a given two-digit number and representing two-digit numbers using numerals, words and objects.

We are exploring 'Moving Toys' in our science unit and this week we watched an exciting film clip from 'Questacon' about how toys move and work. We were able to categorise toys according to how they move, whether by sliding, rolling, with cogs, gears or wheels. If students would like to bring in unusual toys or any toys that can move we will discuss how they move.

On Friday afternoons in sport we are learning the rules for softball. The students are loving this game. Just a quick reminder for students to remember their water bottles, especially on Fridays, as it's beginning to get hot when playing sport.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

This has been an industrious week in our Year 2-3 classroom.

In English the class has focused on extending writing tasks by being more descriptive in the use of adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions to write interesting and extended sentences. Mrs K's bright fluoro, daffodil yellow, mid-length pants, with short splits on the sides, created a lot of interesting discussion.

In Numeracy, the Year 3 Mathematicians are thriving on new challenges and have mastered decimals. The Year 2 group are learning to add and subtract more complex numbers. Both classes have thoroughly enjoyed the three times tables "Snowboard" challenge! So keep revising times tables to become more skilful and to be ready for Friday's Quiz!

In class we are learning how to "Redesign My Brain" using Todd Sampson's tips from this current program on the ABC 1, Thursday, 8.30. This week we set ourselves a juggling challenge which improves our reflexes, coordination and alertness. This is a great activity for home using

rolled up socks, simple but effective for all ages. Just try it and you will be surprised!



Year 2/3 jugglers – Miah, Katelyn, William and Asher.

It is exciting that two children from our class have been selected to represent the school on the Term 4 Student Council Committee. This is an outstanding achievement Lara and Lilly! Please read the attached minutes and you will be impressed by their efforts. Congratulations to our new Term 4 Committee.

Please maintain your nightly reading and spelling, as our term is zooming past before our eyes. ZOOM!!!!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

Another busy week has come and gone! Thank you to Miss Amanda Jasprizza who relieved on the 4/5/6 class this week while I worked with Mrs Webster on completing our National Disabilities Census.

After a fantastic effort by all students in 4/5/6 with their "Explanations" topic in writing last week, we moved onto "Personal Responses" this week. A personal response is where the students evaluate a literary text by providing background information about the author and characters, give a summary of the key incidents and finally give a judgement or a rating about the text. This week we wrote a personal response about Katy Perry's music video "Roar" which we have been rehearsing in music lessons, and again, I was very impressed with the students' ability to write for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Maths this week has had a focus on 2Dimensional Shapes. We have used protractors, set squares and compasses to ensure our mathematical drawings are as accurate as possible. We also experimented with some tangram puzzles – they are much trickier than they look!

Science was again lots of fun this week as we experimented with yeast! By combining the dried yeast and sugar with water at different temperatures we were able to see which reaction caused the most bubbles – with the warm water being the best! On Tuesday afternoon we experimented with pancake mixtures. Half the class made pancakes with baking powder, while the other half made it without. We rated our pancakes according to taste, texture, appearance and smell.....no surprises to find the pancakes WITH baking powder were by far the best!



This is what our yeast plus sugar plus WARM water looked like!

We are all looking forward to working with Mrs Hodges in music again this Friday and have been busy practising our marimba pieces and script for the concert. It is sure to be a show-stopper!

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

Garden News



Kaylah, Lisa, Brittany and I have enjoyed our time in the garden. Last term the vegetable garden was very productive. Coriander, spinach and peas were planted and we were able to harvest the produce and give to some of the students to take home. We hope that if your child has arrived home with a bag of veggies you have enjoyed their freshness! Our pea harvest was very plentiful and we were able to give these out at recess and lunch for all the students to snack on.

A new garden bed has been purchased and this will give us more space to plant vegetables. We have started planting the summer vegetables. Capsicum and tomatoes were planted before the holidays and this week we planted corn, squash and beans. We look forward to watching them grow.

by Ashleigh Harding