



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Term 4 Week 4 –Week Ending 1st November 2013



### Canberra, Here We Come! 3 days to go!

With just three days to go until our Canberra excursion, everybody is feeling VERY excited! Just a few last minute reminders....

- **Departure time is now 8:30am not 7:30am** (there was a slight change to our Monday itinerary)
- All students need to be at school **NO LATER than 8:15am on Monday morning**
- All spending money and medications need to be handed to the teachers **BEFORE** boarding the bus
- Garth Collins is now attending in place of Amanda Brooke as a parent helper (thanks Garth!)
- Please ensure **NO prohibited items are taken** (this includes aerosol cans, chewing gum, lollies, junk food, electronic devices).
- **School mobile number is 0458 422 000**
- **School Uniform must be worn on Day 1**
- Make sure **EVERYTHING is labelled!!**
- Return time is approximately **2:40pm on Wednesday afternoon.**
- Don't forget you need a **packed recess, lunch and afternoon tea for Day 1.**
- Get an **early night on Sunday** because our three days away are **HUGE!!**

For students not joining us on our excursion this year, Miss Hyde and Mrs Webster will be teaching them next week. I'm sure that they will have a great time doing some extra special things while we are away.

## Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School

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



### Kindergarten Orientation

Our final Kindergarten Orientation day was held on Tuesday! The new Kinders enjoyed their extended visit until lunch time and got to experience a little bit more of "BIG SCHOOL" before next year. The first day of school for Kindergarten will be:

#### **Thursday 29th January 2014**

The first week of school can be both exciting and exhausting for new Kinder students which is why all Kinder students are picked up at 1:30pm for the first week. From Week 2, they are at school all day every day. We look forward to them becoming full-time Holmwoodites next year!

## "Students of the Week" –Term 4 Week 3

Congratulations to our Week 3 **Students of the Week**



2/3 – Harry Beaumont; K/1 Jett Cummings; 4/5/6 –

Tailor Hampton

**Merit Awards went to;**

K/1 – Leetisha and Charli

2/3 – Asher and Lilly

4/5/6 – Catie and Sophie

## 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**

Last week all students received a gold envelope which had 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 tomorrow - **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!



## 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.

Thanks to a **VERY GENEROUS** donation from the P&C, there will be **NO BUS COSTS** for Students this year. The P&C will cover all Bus fees for ALL Students!

This means that for students with Season Tickets, there will be **NO COST** this year for swimming.

For all other students, the cost is now **\$20 (\$2 pool entry per day for 10 days)**.

Any students who have already paid their bus fee of **\$10** will be refunded in due course.

We thank the P&C again for their kind donation towards our swimming school. Please ensure permission notes are completed and returned to school with payment by Friday 8th November.

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK DUE TO OUR CANBERRA EXCURSION. A FULL WRITE UP AND PHOTOS WILL BE SENT OUT WITH OUR WEEK 6 NEWSLETTER.**

## Term 4 Student Council Fundraiser

Today the Student Council held a Fundraiser "Cool Canteen" event to raise funds for Cancer Research. Students were encouraged to wear a crazy hat and bring a gold coin donation. Thank you to those families who donated delicious treats for the Student Council to sell at recess time. The total amount raised and photos of the crazy hats will appear in the next School Newsletter.

## Calendar

Term 4 Week 5	
Mon 4th Nov	<b>EXCURSION TO CANBERRA</b>
Tues 5th Nov	<b>EXCURSION TO CANBERRA</b> <b>Melbourne Cup!</b>
Wed 6th Nov	<b>EXCURSION TO CANBERRA</b>
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 – Principals Meeting in Orange
Term 4 Week 6	
Mon 11th Nov	Remembrance Day 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 Mrs Kiely and Mrs Watt – Live Life Well Planning Day – Miss Hyde 2/3

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
<b>Term 4 Week 7</b>	
Mon 18th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING Mrs Kiely – FACS Leave – Mrs Webster 2/3
Tues 19th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Wed 20th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Thur 21st Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Fri 22nd Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING Scripture

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

## Attachments

## P&C News

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

Well we had yet another busy week in the K/1 room and the EXCITEMENT is building for the excursion which is only 3 more sleeps to go.

We have been learning our songs for the school concert and we have had a practice run through with the whole school to give everyone an idea of how the concert will go. It's getting very exciting to see some of the costumes coming together. Just a reminder if anyone has "African" type material or dress costumes to bring them into school so we can



sort out dress requirements for the main characters, thank you. In visual arts this week we completed our Wombats from our book study 'Wombat Stew' and stated painting the props for the concert.

In literacy we have been focusing on reading, sight words and blends. All students were tested on their sight words last week and have made a big improvement in remembering these tricky words. In the coming weeks after the excursion we will be concentrating on comprehension of reading texts, so that we understand what is being read. We will do this with comprehension work sheets, sequencing activities and writing about stories in our guided writing sessions.

In Maths we have been focusing on Addition, and grouping a collection of objects together to equal the same number, such as  $16+4=20$  is the same as  $15+5=20$ . We are also trying hard to recall memory facts of numbers that add together to make ten. We will continue to work on this over the next few weeks.

On Tuesday we enjoyed having the 2014 Kindergarten children visit until 1:30pm. Together with the current kindergarten children we went on an incursion around the school. We visited the 2/3 and the 4/5/6 rooms, the office and met Mrs Hubbard, we looked in the sport shed at the fantastic sports equipment, played the marimbas in the technology room and read a story in the library.



*Alana H, Alana K and Eloise trying out the marimbas in the music room!*

In science this week we have been comparing toys from the past to modern day toys. I would like to ask parents to take this opportunity to talk with their children about their favourite toys when they were children, and how they differ to the types of toys available today.

Have a happy and safe weekend and get your bags packed because Canberra here we come.

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3 Class News

This has been another exciting and productive week. We are very focused in class as the Canberra Excursion and Swimming School are fast approaching, with great excitement!

In English we have used our research skills to write an information report on Puffer Fish, which are really interesting creatures. Then we used artistic skills to create an imaginative collage.



In Numeracy, the Year 3's learnt to use thousands in tasks with confidence in preparation for Year 4. The Year 2 group have gained confidence in mental arithmetic which develops new skills in preparation for Year 3.

In PE we are conscious of breathing correctly to expand our diaphragm and full lung capacity. This not only improves our lung strength but also our stamina in preparation for the Swimming School in weeks 6-7. Spotted at lunchtime spending his "Lunchtime Well" was Gregory Brien as he demonstrated skill, fitness and sportsmanship in the Primary Soccer game. Asher stills leads the Healthiest Lunch Challenge with 7 salad fillings in his wrap! Harry is leading the Healthiest Morning Munch with a scrumptious fruit salad, so aim to catch up team!

As our concert approaches the Year 2 children will need an inexpensive cowboy hat please. This can be purchased from the Reject Shop ASAP please.



*Miah, Harry and Zslea practising the drums.*

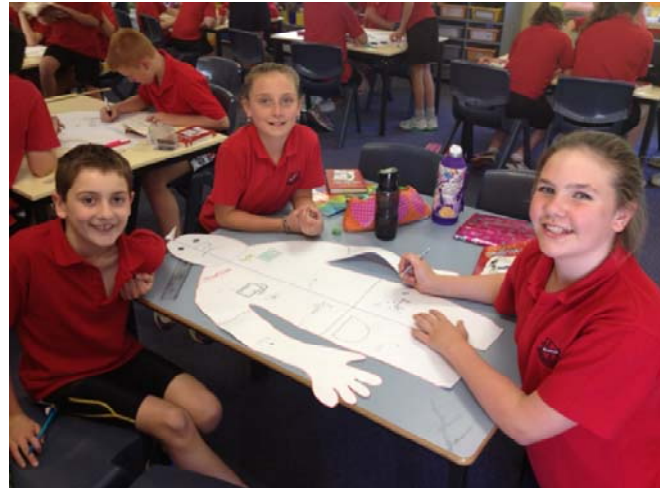
This week I attended a Live Life Well course in Bathurst which was very interesting. I have lots of information that I can use at school and pass on to parents. Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Deirdre Kiely  
2/3 Class Teacher

#### **4/5/6 Class News**

Week 4 has been a great week in the 4/5/6 classroom. We finally started our "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" activities and we are looking forward to viewing the movie shortly! We completed a compare/contrast activity on Monday where we drew a Venn diagram and looked at the similarities and differences between how Books and Films tell us a story. On Wednesday we focused our attentions on how film makers select actors to play the roles of certain characters that are portrayed in books. It was interesting to see that the main character in Wimpy Kid - Greg - has many positive and negative characteristics,

and the actor that plays Greg in the film, had to be able to show these qualities and still be likeable to the audience.



*Tom, Sophie and Abbie working on the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" character profile.*



*Damien, Lisa and Brittany worked well in their group task.*



*Hayley, Catie, Oliver and Claire love "Diary of a Wimpy Kid".*

Maths this week saw a big focus on Division. Year 4 and 5 worked hard at completing division algorithms and word problems with remainders while Year 6 focused on division with remainders represented as a fraction....tricky stuff!

We have concluded our science unit "Eating Out" this week with our final experiments looking at surface tension and emulsifiers. We learnt that emulsifiers break down oil and examples of these include detergent, soap powder and surprisingly...egg yolks! This has been a great

"Hands on" science unit which everyone has really enjoyed.

There will be no Homework next week as we will be in Canberra for our excursion. Homework will resume in Week 6. Speaking of Canberra, make sure you all get an early night on Sunday as we have a very exciting three days to look forward to!! See you all bright and early - 8:15am on Monday morning!!

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

### **News from Mrs Watt**

In Library, 4/5/6 class are learning about autobiographies and biographies. They have been looking at a wide variety of books (from our Library as well as from the Town Library) and are choosing a person that interests them on whom they will write their own biography. They are discovering there are many people who have made great achievements and have had to overcome many obstacles to do so.

Class 2/3 have been investigating the differences in fiction and non-fiction books and it has been pleasing that some of the students have been borrowing some of our very interesting non-fiction books to take home.

K/1 continues to explore the wonderful range of fiction books in our library and it has been very pleasing to see some students widen the type of books they borrow.

Thank you to the enthusiastic garden group who have been working hard every week tending the vegetables! We are excited to see new things growing each week!



*Jarrod working hard in the garden.*

Mrs Lynne Watt  
Librarian

### **Canteen News**

**Due to the Canberra Excursion, there will be NO CANTEEN on Monday or Wednesday of NEXT WEEK. Canteen will resume on Monday 12th November.**

**Thank you,  
Gail and Bill Webster**

### **URGENTLY NEEDED CANTEEN HELPERS!!**

**We need mums, dads or grandparents able to spare a few hours on a Monday or a Wednesday to run Canteen. Due to supervision and safety we unfortunately are unable to have parents with toddlers.**

**If we don't get any helpers, Canteen may not run every week. We need your help to keep the Canteen going. Please call Gail on 63411595 if you can help.**

**Thank you,  
Gail and Bill Webster**