



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 6 – Week Ending 15th November 2013

Canberra Excursion!!

What a terrific whole school excursion we had last week to Canberra! 41 excited students, four enthusiastic parents/grandparents and four dedicated staff spent a jam-packed three days and two nights in our nations' Capital! We were blessed with wonderful weather and all of our activities were very educational and of course LOADS of FUN! Pictured below are some of the great photos taken by some of the students, teachers and Garth Collins.



4/5/6 Girls exploring the Wollemi Pine in the Botanical Gardens Night Tour.



The whole school sitting on the 5c staircase at the Mint!



The Boys Dorm!



Dinner time...YUM!



4/5/6 with Cheri and Mrs Lewis outside Parliament House.



We even had to make our own beds and do the laundry!



Dingoes everywhere at the National Zoo!



At the wall of remembrance – Australian War Memorial



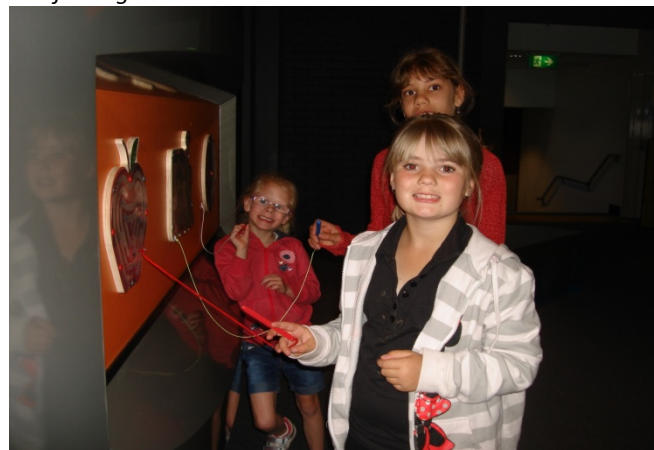
The train ride at Cockington Green.



Sascha and Liam at Cockington Green.



K-3 finding out about Canberra – National Exhibition Centre



Having fun at Questacon!



Zoo buddies – Bella, Liam and Jett.



Having a great time at the Zoo!



It was fun learning how to play foosball at the Lodge!

After such a terrific time in Canberra I would like to mention a few special "Thankyous".

- To Garth, Ray, Craig and Caroline, who came along as parent helpers and I believe had just as much fun as the kids! We can't go on these kinds of overnight excursions without the extra help from parents so from all the students and staff a very big THANK YOU!!
- To the HPS Staff who came on the excursion – Ms Edgerton, Mrs Kiely and Cheri – it is a huge undertaking to take 41 students ranging in ages from 5-12 away for a 3 day excursion. There are so many extra responsibilities and sleepless nights - they do it because they love seeing the kids enjoying themselves and having such great experiences....THANK YOU!
- To Mrs Hubbard who spent weeks confirming bookings and doing so much of the paperwork for the excursion...THANKS ANTHEA!
- To our amazing P&C who fund-raised all year to make the Canberra excursion affordable for all families. A donation of \$4,000 towards the excursion is incredible...so THANK YOU!
- To our bus driver Ken, from Cowra Bus whose good humour and knowledge of Canberra was appreciated by all of us...THANK YOU!

- To the students for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm whilst we were away. I am so proud of the HPS kids and their representation of our school. They are a pleasure to take away and I can't wait for the 2014 excursion!

Welcome!

This week we welcomed two new students – Brodie and Mitchel Farley. Brodie joins the Kindergarten class and Mitchel the Year 6 group. Both boys are settling in well and enjoying making lots of new friends.

"Students of the Week" –Term 4 Week 4 and Week 5

*Congratulations to our Week 4 **Students of the Week***



K/1 – Lexi Fliedner; 2/3 – Mackenzie Nestor; 4/5/6 – Annelise Brown (absent)

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Boston and Brodie

2/3 – Lara and Gregory

4/5/6 – Dylan and Tom

*Congratulations to our Week 5 **Students of the Week***



K/1 – Toby Gregory; 4/5/6 – Abbie Lewis; 2/3 –William Skinner (absent)

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Brodie and Bella

2/3 – Miah and Zsalea

4/5/6 – Brittany and Brent

Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School

On Wednesday our Year 6's attended their FINAL transition to Cowra High School. The Year 6/7 social was also held on Wednesday evening and I know those who attended had a terrific time. Thank you again to Cheri, Miranda and Karlene who assisted with transporting our students over the 5 weeks.

School Concert



School Swimming Scheme

This week and next week our school will be participating in the annual School Swimming Scheme. Students have been put into swimming ability groups and are working well with their respective swimming teachers. The Lifesaving group are required to complete their assessment next Friday 22nd November. Part of this assessment involves students performing some swimming activities and rescues in clothing. Students on the following levels need to bring;

Level 4 – Shorts and T-shirt

Level 5 – Long pants and a long sleeved shirt

Level 6 – Long pants, long sleeved shirt and jumper

Level 7 – Long pants, long-sleeved shirt, jumper, shoes and socks.

Students in the Lifesaving Group know which level they are on. They will need to bring their clothing every day along with their regular swimming equipment.

School Magazine

This year we will again be compiling a Holmwood Public School Magazine. Each student in the school will have their own page where they create a personal profile and submit a piece of writing which they are proud to have published in the magazine. As well as student pages, we feature photo pages of some of the events we have participated in during the year, P&C, Student Leader and Principal reports and a special page to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2014. The magazines are printed in colour and bound and as such are expensive to produce. To cover the costs of printing and paper, the school charges \$6.00 per copy. If you would like to pre-order a copy of this year's School Magazine, please complete the attached order form and return with \$6 payment to the school office by Friday 6th December. Magazines will be distributed on Presentation Night. There will be some copies for sale however once we run out; there will be no further copies available.

Concert Practice

We have booked two days in at Mulyan PS to do a full rehearsal and dress rehearsal leading up to the School Concert. These dates are;

**Thursday 28th November and
Tuesday 3rd December.**

All students will be required for both rehearsals. We will be taking the bus from HPS into Mulyan School at 9:30am and returning to HPS in the afternoon to catch the bus at 2:55pm. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Friday 22nd November.

SCHOOL CONCERT COSTUMES – A list of what your child will need for the concert will be in next week's Newsletter.

Calendar

Term 4 Week 7	
Mon 18th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING Mrs Kiely – FACS Leave – Mrs Webster 2/3
Tues 19th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Wed 20th Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Thurs 21st Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Fri 22nd Nov	SCHOOL SWIMMING Scripture
Term 4 Week 8	
Mon 25th Nov	Mrs Lewis – Cowra Small Schools Network Meeting with Director Maree Angus 4pm
Thurs 28th Nov	Whole School rehearsal for Concert – Mulyan PS – all day.
Fri 29th Nov	Mrs Hodges in for Music and final Concert preparations
Term 4 Week 9	
Tues 3rd Dec	Whole School rehearsal for Concert – Mulyan PS – all day.

Wed 4th Dec	<i>SCHOOL CONCERT "JUNGLE JAM!"</i>
Thurs 5th Dec	<i>Year 6 Farewell @ Cowra Pool; 3:30pm-7:00pm (Year 5's invited)</i>
Fri 6th Dec	<i>Scripture School Magazine Orders due</i>

*Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal*

Attachments

- School Magazine pre-order forms
- Permission note to attend Concert practice at Mulyan PS
- P&C Market Night Flier

P&C News

Thank you to the parents who turned up to Monday night's meeting. The P&C will be selling a range of snacks at the School Concert during intermission. This will be on Wednesday 4th December.



Discussion was held during this week's meeting about the next major P&C Fundraiser which will be the Cowra Christmas Markets – to be held on Friday 13th December. The P&C will be having a variety type stall with a range of things to sell including cakes, slices,

lolly bags, jazzy jars and red and green ice cups. The P&C requires donations of Jazzy Jars for the stall. Not sure what a Jazzy Jar is? Simply put, an empty glass jar that you can fill with whatever you choose – lollies, textas, hair ties, stickers, lollipops, small toys, dried fruits, a mixture of all of the above! Once you fill the jar, screw the lid on and decorate it. You can use stickers on the outside of the jar, add a cloth top to it and secure with a rubber band, etc. These can be Christmas themed or plain. All Jazzy Jars need to be brought in and left in the school office. We are aiming to collect heaps of jazzy jars...so please help us to help raise fund for our school.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

2/3 Class News

There is excitement in the air with so many wonderful learning opportunities happening at school each week. We all had a wonderful time on the Canberra Excursion. The photos are a small snip-it of the many academic, cultural and social experiences that the children, parents and staff enjoyed. I wish to personally THANK each of the

parents and the grandma who assisted the children and the staff on our K- 6 adventure!

In English we have been writing a fascinating recount of our Canberra Adventure and recalling many of the details. Other children are keen to visit these places when they holiday in Canberra with their families at some stage. One child wants to take her Mum as she hasn't been to the places we visited.

In Numeracy, the Year 2-3 are learning about fractions and applying this to day to day life. Chopping fruit and vegetables at home is a clever way for your child to revise fractions with your help.

In Sport, we are enjoying our swimming groups each afternoon. Thankfully our beautiful Cowra Pool is heated which makes the water appealing and this encourages the children to swim further. Even after a few days the improvement in swimming confidence and skill is evident. Asher again tops the Healthiest Lunch Challenge with multiple nutritious salad fillings on his wrap!

I was able to purchase some cute hats for the concert so we don't need any extras, thank you.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

Since our last newsletter the 4/5/6 class have been super busy! Of course our Canberra excursion lived up to all expectations and we had a great time exploring Parliament House and the Mint, investigating science activities at Questacon and the AIS; looking and learning about so many different plants and animals at the Zoo and the Botanical Gardens and finding out more about our country's war heroes at the War Memorial. One of the highlights was of course Laser Tag which meant everyone had a blast! Well done to the 4/5/6 students who assisted the younger students where and when required, helped unload the bags each time we got on and off the bus and generally set an excellent example to all. We have created some on-line posters about our Canberra excursion using the website Glogster. We were able to import many of the great photos we took on our excursion into our 'glogs' and have personalised them really well!

This week we have turned our focus towards our English unit – "Diary of a Wimpy Kid". We looked at how trailers shown at the beginning of a movie are so important and give us so much information about the film in a really short time! For example, did you know the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" trailer goes for 1 minute 56 seconds? But in that time we are introduced to 9 characters, 12 different settings, numerous problems the characters encounter and also what genre the movie is?

Phew!! We also started watching the film this week and are looking forward to completing some compare/contrast activities over the next few weeks.

We have also started our School Magazine pages. Don't forget to pre-order your copy of this year's School magazine! All of us are entering in the Cover Design competition with many students producing some very eye-catching covers – I'm glad I'm not the judge!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher