



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 7 – Week Ending 22nd November 2013

“Students of the Week” – Term 4 Week 6

*Congratulations to our Week 6 **Students of the Week***



2/3 – Katelyn Judd; 4/5/6 – Sophie Light; K/1 –
Charlotte Collins

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Jett

2/3 – Lara and Harry

4/5/6 – Oliver and Kaylah

Congratulations to these students!



School Swimming Scheme

Congratulations to all students on a successful two weeks of swimming and lifesaving. It is pleasing to see all students' progression over the course of the School Swimming Scheme. On Friday students will be assessed by their swimming instructors and awards will be distributed in the form of a certificate in the coming weeks. For the Lifesaving students, their assessment will be done tomorrow by Mrs Corrie Bryant, who is a qualified Royal Life Assessor. Students will be informed whether they have passed their level and parents are able to order a special certificate through Royal Life Saving in recognition of their

achievements – details regarding this to come in the next week or so.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms Edgerton, Mrs Webster, Penny, Mrs Toohey, Prue, Mrs Kiely and Mrs Lewis and Mrs Bryant for their efforts with our students this year. Don't forget – The Department of Sport and Recreation offer swimming lessons over the summer school holidays. I would strongly encourage all parents to consider additional swimming lessons to build on the skills the students have learnt over the last two weeks. If you would like your child to continue learning to swim, the Department of Sport and Recreation are running swimming lessons in Cowra from the 6th January – 16th January. You can book online at

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/locations_and_dates.asp#Cowra

School Concert

The School Concert is fast approaching! Children are getting very excited and practices are swinging into high gear! The Concert will be held on Wednesday 4th December at Mulyan PS Hall, starting at 7pm. ALL students are expected to attend. If you are not going to be at the concert, the school needs to know ASAP as each child has an important role and there will be difficulties if we have to “fill in” places. It is planned for the School Concert to become a bi-annual event...so there won't be another one until 2015! Admission is just \$2.00! See you there!



2013 School Magazine

Don't forget to pre-order your 2013 School Magazine! School magazines cost just \$6. Please send in order forms and payment to school by the 6th of December. If you have lost your order form, contact the Office and Anthea will add your name to the list....don't miss out!

Concert Practice

Next Thursday we will be spending the day at Mulyan Public School for our first full Concert rehearsal. 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 ensure you have returned your child's permission note to school.

SCHOOL CONCERT COSTUMES –

All students will need to wear black leggings or shorts and a black top. Children will need to wear this to school next Thursday as we will be having a full dress rehearsal at Mulyan.

Year 6 Commemorative T-Shirts

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a note for all Year 6 parents. Paula Harding has sourced a local business that is able to provide a screen print of the HPS logo and the names of all Year 6 students for a cost of \$10, which will be printed onto a commemorative shirt for Year 6 students. Parents just need to provide a white polo shirt and send the shirt plus \$10 payment into the Office by next Friday and Paula will organise the rest! Thanks Paula!



Year 6 Farewell

On Thursday 5th December we will be having the Year 6 Farewell party at the Cowra Pool. All Year 5 and Year 6 students are

invited to attend. A permission note and invitation is attached to this week's Newsletter. Students will catch the Holmwood bus to Cowra Public where they will meet Mrs Lewis, and then walk down to the Cowra Pool. Students will need to bring all their swimming gear with them as well as \$2.20 pool entry or season ticket card. A scrumptious afternoon tea and dinner will be provided (courtesy of the YEAR 6 "Wish List"!). HPS Staff will be supervising this activity and parents are asked to collect their child from the pool at 7pm. It should be a great night!

Report Folders

Could all parents please return the red HPS Student Report Folders which were sent home with Semester 1 Reports in June. This is so we can add your child's latest report to the folder to ensure it stays safe, ready to be handed out on Presentation Night. Thank you!

Presentation Night Visitor

For those families who celebrate Christmas, we will be having a special visitor at Presentation Night, who likes to wear a red suit. Any items that need to be dropped off to school for our students or younger siblings, must be done by Wednesday 11th December. These items need to be valued at **no more than \$10.00** please. Please ensure your items are wrapped and names are clearly marked. Mrs Hubbard will be collecting these.

Calendar

Term 4 Week 8	
Mon 25th Nov	Mrs Lewis – Cowra Small Schools Network Meeting with Director Maree Angus 4:30pm
Wed 27th Nov	Ms Edgerton - planning day (Mrs Webster K/1)
Thurs 28th Nov	Whole School rehearsal for Concert – Mulyan PS – all day. Children need to wear black shorts or leggings and a black top.
Fri 29th Nov	Student Council Canteen Mrs Hodges in for Music/Concert practise
Term 4 Week 9	
Mon 2nd Dec	AECG Meeting – 2pm @ CHS – Mrs Lewis
Tues 3rd Dec	Whole School rehearsal for Concert – Mulyan PS – all day. Children need to wear black shorts or leggings and a black top.
Wed 4th Dec	SCHOOL CONCERT "JUNGLE JAM!" 7PM Children need to wear black shorts or leggings and a black top.
Thurs 5th Dec	Year 6 Farewell @ Cowra Pool; 3:30pm-7:00pm (Year 5's invited)
Fri 6th Dec	School Magazine Orders due
Term 4 Week 10	
Wed 11th Dec	Ms Edgerton – programming day (Miss Hyde K/1)
Thurs 12th Dec	Presentation Night – 7pm at Holmwood PS School Reports and Magazines handed out
Fri 13th Dec	Last Scripture for the year Cowra Christmas Markets – HPS P&C Stall
Term 4 Week 11	
Mon 16th Dec	All Student workbooks handed out
Tues 17th Dec	Class Parties and Disco!
Wed 18th Dec	Last Day of School for Students
Thurs 19th Dec	Staff Development Day
Fri 20th Nov	Staff Development Day

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Student Council Minutes
- Year 6 Commemorative Shirt Order Note
- Invitations to the Year 6 Farewell (Year 5 and 6 only)

P&C News

The P&C will be selling a range of snacks at the School Concert during intermission. This will be on Wednesday 4th December.

The P&C will be having a variety stall at the upcoming Cowra Christmas Markets on Friday 13th December 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. 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 funds for our school.



Sascha and Miah got the ball rolling this week with their eye-catching Jazzy Jars! Well done girls!

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

Well it's been a very busy couple of weeks with swimming and concert practice. It's been fantastic to see the improvement in all the students' abilities during swimming activities. Their water confidence is growing and their skills and swimming strokes are improving out of sight. It would be fantastic to see the students continue to go to the pool and utilise and improve these skills further over summer and the school holidays. Testing will be completed

tomorrow during our swimming time for most. Good luck swimmers! Let's put those skills to the test!

Over the last two weeks the students have been completing their end of year testing ready for school reports to be written. Some of the tests undertaken have been reading fluency and benchmark reading, comprehension testing, spelling and writing and mathematics testing in all areas. I am pleased to say that we have all improved in each subject area and in the concepts being taught.

A big thank you to all those who have been able to send in milk bottle lids. We have plenty now for our literacy and mathematics activities. I will be busy now getting them ready for next year's games and group activities. After implementing the L3 & Reading Recovery Literacy based program I am very pleased with the results. All students have shown improvement in their reading abilities, sight word knowledge and writing abilities. It has been a very worthwhile program and we will continue to run it next year in the K/1 class room.

Have a fun weekend!

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

Week 7 has been another exciting and productive week in our classroom with the children busily completing their learning tasks and skills in Literacy and Numeracy lessons. In the afternoons the children have progressed rapidly in their swimming skills and confidence, which is to their credit considering the chilly weather of last week. Brrrrrr...Good for seals and penguins!

We have been enjoying our music and dance activities in preparation for the School Concert. We have our costumes and hats ready to move and groove! So don't miss out on your ticket.

In Technology Time we have been compiling our reports and designing a new cover for our whole school competition. Last year it was won by Zsalea when she was in Yr 1. So we are aiming for another winner this year from our creative class!

Spotted at lunchtime spending her "Lunchtime Well" was Miah Pettit, who always has a nutritious lunchbox and takes the time to chew and digest her food with lovely manners and social graces.

Last week I attended a Road Safety Course in Eugowra as a part of the Live Life Well program. The message was clear and simple. Road Related Accidents remain the major cause of death for children, which was very upsetting. So as teachers, parents, grandparents and community members we all have a responsibility to keep our children

safe at all times. The hour before and after school is the most hazardous, as is holiday time!

I wish to thank Mrs Webster and Mr K who kindly relieved me this week.

Kind Regards
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

We have spent this week working hard to complete our School magazine pages and practising our lines for the School Concert. We have also been doing some end of year assessments and this week we completed the South Australia Spelling test and Mrs Webster tested everyone on their Oral Reading Fluency. I am really pleased to see the improvements all students have made in these areas. We also continued working on our cartoon characters in Visual Arts and everyone now has their character sketched onto their canvas, ready to paint next week!

Swimming has meant our Maths sessions have had to be postponed so next week we will be hard at it, completing our term's studies. For Stage 3, we will be looking at negative numbers, algebra and extended multiplication. For stage 2's we are focusing on Map Co-ordinates and compass points and reviewing our addition and subtraction strategies.

Swimming has been great – especially this week with the hotter weather! Congratulations to all students who completed their swimming or lifesaving levels this week.

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

News from Mrs Watt

Leadership Roles in 2014

The students who will be in year 3, 4, 5 & 6 in 2014 have been given the opportunity to nominate themselves for 2 leadership roles in the school. Those in Year 5 and 6 next year can nominate as Library Monitors and those in Year 3, 4 or 5 as Sports Monitors. These are positions of responsibility and a great opportunity for the students to contribute positively to the school environment. Last nominations will be accepted **Friday 22nd November.**

Mrs Lynne Watt (Librarian/PDHPE Teacher)