



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 10 – Week Ending 13th December 2013

Presentation Night

Tonight is Presentation Night at Holmwood PS. All students and families are encouraged to attend to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2013.

**Presentation Night will begin at 7pm
SHARP.**

It is expected that the Awards ceremony will conclude at around 8pm, with supper to follow.

**ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE
BRING ALONG A PLATE FOR SUPPER.**

At around 8:15pm, "Santa" will make an appearance. Parents will need to ensure they have provided a small gift (no more than \$10 in value please), wrapped with their child's name clearly labelled. Please ensure you have provided a small gift for any other children you have brought with you. All gifts need to be handed to Cheri prior to presentation night beginning. Presentation Night will conclude after Santa's visit before it gets dark so that Staff can lock up. We look forward to seeing you tonight!

"Students of the Week" – Term 4 Week 9

Congratulations to our Week 9 Students of the Week



2/3 William Skinner; K/1 – Layla Hood; 4/5/6 – Catie Whicker;

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Tarni and Lexi

2/3 – Miah and Mackenzie

4/5/6 – Annelise and Damien

Congratulations to these students!

2013 School Magazine

Thank you to Mrs Tracey McFarland who spent two days this week photocopying, laminating and binding our 2013 School Magazines. These are all ready to be handed out to families on Presentation Night. If you pre-ordered your magazine, please see Mrs Bayl after the presentation of awards to collect your magazine. For those families who didn't pre-order there will be an opportunity to purchase a magazine on the night. Cost is just \$6.00.

Year 6 Farewell

Despite the rain, hail, wind, colder temperatures, sunshine and loss of power during last Thursday's storm, the Year 6 Farewell was a blast! The undesirable weather didn't dampen anyone's spirits and the best thing was we ended up having the entire pool to ourselves, unlimited use of the rocker and a Year 6 farewell to remember! Congratulations to all the students who attended the farewell – it was a great afternoon/evening and everyone had a great time! Thank you to Ms Edgerton, Cheri and Mrs Watt who also assisted with supervision of our students.



Week 11

Next week students will have a few end of term events at school.

On **Monday** all students will receive their class books and any other work they have at school to take home. It would be appreciated if each child could bring in a large plastic bag or green recycled bag to take all of their belongings home.

On **Tuesday** we will be having Class Parties and a DISCO. Each child is asked to bring along a plate of party food to share.

Wednesday will be the last day of school for all students. We will be doing a big clean-up of the school and the classrooms in readiness for next year so it will be all hands on deck.

Children are allowed to come in MUFTI clothing each day, however please dress appropriately with regards to sun safety – no singlet tops and please wear joggers (no thongs). All children will need to have a hat.

2014 School Supplies

In readiness for the new school year, families are asked to have their children's school supplies ready to go from Day 1 2014. Following is a list of supplies required for each class.

Year 4/5/6 Students

- **7 x A4 exercise books** (96 page) – I would like ALL students to have A4 books again next year (these are the size of a regular piece of paper) so that we can stick in any worksheets without having to fold them in half. Could you please cover and label them as follows;
 - ❖ Science & Technology
 - ❖ HSIE
 - ❖ PD/Health
 - ❖ English Studies
 - ❖ Text Types Writing
 - ❖ Maths
 - ❖ Journal/Spelling (one side Journal, the other side Spelling)
- A4 Spiral bound Display Book with plastic sleeves for Homework

In addition to their books, all students will require their **own stationary supplies** including

- Red and blue pens
- Lead pencils x 2
- 30cm ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Glue stick
- Highlighter
- Coloured pencils
- Textas
- 4GB USB stick

- Library Bag
- Art Shirt

Year 2/3 Students

8 x A4 exercise books – please cover and label as follows;

- ❖ Science & Technology
- ❖ HSIE
- ❖ PD/Health
- ❖ English Studies
- ❖ Text Types Writing
- ❖ Maths
- ❖ Spelling
- ❖ Journal

In addition to their books, all students will require their **own stationary supplies** including

- Lead pencils x 2
- 30cm ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Glue stick
- Coloured pencils
- Textas
- 4GB USB stick
- Small pencil case
- Library Bag
- Home Reading folder

K/1 Students

- 6 x 64 page Scrap Books (larger than A4 blank pages) – labelled as follows;
 - ❖ Science & Technology
 - ❖ HSIE
 - ❖ PD/Health
 - ❖ Homework
 - ❖ Maths
 - ❖ Theme
- 2 x 64 page exercise books – labelled Spelling and Work Book
- Art Shirt
- Library Bag
- Plastic Home Reader folder (similar to our Newsletter folders)
- Personal Glue Stick (with your name on it)

Calendar

Term 4 Week 11	
Mon 16th Dec	<i>All Student workbooks handed out</i>
Tues 17th Dec	<i>Class Parties and Disco!</i> <i>ALL STUDENTS please bring a plate of food to share with your class.</i> <i>MUFTI Dress</i>
Wed 18th Dec	<i>Last Day of School for Students</i> <i>MUFTI Dress</i>
Thurs 19th Dec	<i>Staff Development Day</i>
Fri 20th Nov	<i>Staff Development Day</i>

Almost there...!

This will be the final Newsletter for this year! I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the Staff to wish all of our students and families a very happy holiday! I hope that you enjoy the summer break with family and friends and come back in 2014 refreshed and ready for another great year of learning at Holmwood Public School.



Thank you to the incredible HPS staff who work so hard each and every day to give our students the best learning environment possible. Enjoy the break – you deserve it!!

School resumes in 2014 on the following dates;

Tuesday 28th January – Staff return

Wednesday 29th January – Year 1- Year 6 students return

Thursday 30th January – ALL KINDERGARTEN students first day of school!

*Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal*

P&C News

Come along to the Christmas Night Markets in Kendal Street on Friday night. The P&C will have a stall set up outside Cowra Phototronics and will be selling a variety of things including cakes, slices, snow cones, Jazzy Jars and a Lucky Dip tree. Thank you to Karen Beaumont, Priscilla Pettit, Karlene Amos, Michelle Whitty, Jenny Lewis, Garth Collins and Tania Collins for helping to man the stall. Thank you also to the Primary Class for wrapping all the lucky dips and to the families that donated goods. Let's hope we can raise lots of funds and enjoy the end to what has been a very successful year for the P&C.

All donations of cakes and slices can be dropped off at school on Friday or taken to the HPS Stall at the Market Night. Thank you!

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

2/3 Class News

This has been a very exciting year as the children and I set up our new beautiful classroom! We quickly adjusted to the change of scenery out the window and going the opposite way out the door to the toilet! We soon felt at home in our room

and wouldn't have swapped it for the world. Our Home at Holmwood!

Each child has worked incredibly hard this year to achieve the goals that they and I set and each child is well prepared for their 2014 class.

The reading results from the Benchmark Testing and Oral Reading Fluency have continued to improve which is exciting news! This has been enhanced by regular nightly reading at home. This has also boosted comprehension skills too. So parents, thank you for encouraging your child to read at home and your commitment to your child's valuable education. Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays so that they keep building on their success. Cowra Library has a wonderful book selection. The children have numerous ex Holmwood Library books that they can read over the holidays, then keep or pass on to others. Sharing is a great way to encourage the reading of a wider range of books.

The swimming efforts by my class were AMAZING! It is so exciting to see children happy and confident in the water, enjoying themselves and becoming super swimmers ready for next year's carnival. GO HOLMWOOD!

Guess what, you all deserve a relaxing and happy holiday!! Stay safe, healthy and happy and enjoy being with your gorgeous child. I look forward to seeing you again next year.

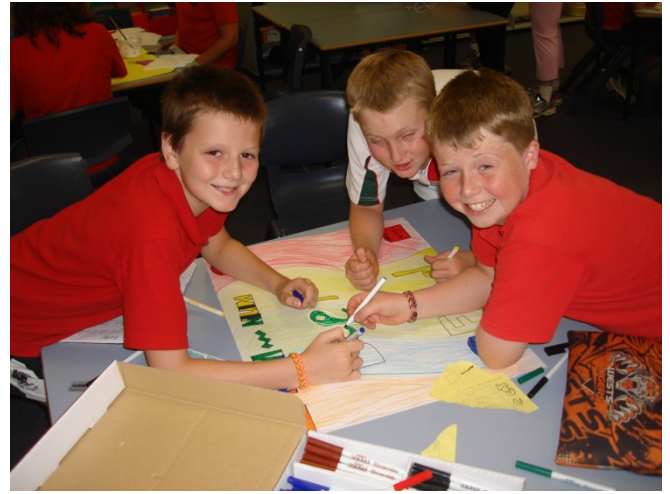
Kind Regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

We have had a great week as our final "FULL" week at school for the year. On Monday we completed the "Stinky Foot" Challenge which was lots of fun and tested our general knowledge through a series of 8 rounds with 8 questions in each round! On Tuesday we had heaps of fun completing an "Advertising Challenge". We had to work in groups to come up with a list of things to advertise a new type of Reindeer Food. Thinking of a product name, designing a label to put on the can, creating a Billboard, making up a jingle and writing a script to a TV ad, and filming it were all things that we had to do to "get the job". After lunch we all watched each other's presentations and were in stitches looking at our TV ads. It was so much fun!!



"Reindeer's Delight" – Abbie, Sophie, Victoria, Charla, Hayley and Claire working on their billboard!



Brent, Oliver and Mitchell hard at work on their "Num-num Reindeer Food" Billboard!



Jarrold, Damien, Mitchel, Tailor, Dylan and Luke filming their ad for "Rudolph Reindeer Food"!



Ashleigh, Kaylah, Paige and Annelise working on their props for their TV commercial.

On Wednesday we enjoyed a fun Craft morning with the K/1 class where we rotated through three different craft activities including making a card and gift tag (with Cheri), making a lolly box (with Mrs Lewis) and making dough ornaments (with Miss Hyde). It was fun working with the younger students and the results look amazing!

Today we are all getting organised for Presentation Night. Our Year 6's are feeling a bit sad about this being their last official HPS function as a student and I expect there will be some tears flowing tonight as we say farewell to Hayley, Mitchel, Ashleigh, Victoria, Brittany, Paige, Kaylah, Luke and Jacob. We hope all our families can come along and celebrate the end of the year with us.

Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2014.

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

