



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4 – Week Ending 22nd February 2013

Cowra District PSSA Swimming Carnival

Good luck to all the HPS swimmers who are competing at the Cowra District PSSA Swimming carnival this afternoon at Grenfell. We congratulate and wish Lara, Lilly, Claire, Annelise, Abbie, Chloe, Victoria, Brittany, Dylan, Jacob all the best. Unfortunately Kaylah, Ebon and Mitchell were unable to attend but we congratulate them for being selected this year. Competitors who finish first and second in their events at Grenfell will go on to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo in March.

Swimming for Sport

Tomorrow we begin swimming for sport. Swimming will be on every Friday afternoon for the next 5 weeks. We will leave school at 1:30pm, and travel in by bus to the Cowra Pool. All children will get changed AT SCHOOL prior to leaving for the pool. This means they will need to bring to school a suitable swimming bag (the green Woolies bags are ideal!) which has;

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Rash shirt
- Sunscreen
- Goggles (if required)
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers to go in.

Lessons will go from 1:45-2:45pm. Following the lessons, children will be required to change back into their dry clothes before going home. Senior students and staff will assist the younger children, however if any parents wish to help their own child with changing, they are more than welcome to do so (please be at the pool at 2:45pm). Children will not return to school and need to be picked up from the pool by 3pm. Those students not being picked up will be walked up to Cowra Public to catch buses home.

Please note, NO students will be permitted to go to the pool kiosk during swimming. All pool entry costs MUST be paid to the school office. We are still waiting on a few families for permission notes and payment. Swimming is part of our school sport program and ALL

students will participate. As all teaching staff will be at the pool, no students will be able to stay at school. If your child is not swimming for medical reasons, please arrange to collect them from school at 1:20pm.

"Students of the Week" – Week 3

Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!

K/1 – Brodie Rye

2/3 - Asher Gregory

4/5/6 - Mitchell Amos



Week 3 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Layla and Lexi

2/3 – Blake and Gregory

4/5/6 – Oliver and Taylor

Congratulations to all these students!

Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day

Our school has been invited to attend a combined Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day to be held on Friday 15th March. This will be a whole day activity involving students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Students will be met by Mrs Lewis, Cheri and Mrs Watt at Cowra Public in the morning, and will walk over to the Cowra Hockey Fields for a 10am start. Children will mix with students from the other Cowra primary schools in fun skills-based activities throughout the day, with games to follow in the afternoon. The day will conclude at 2:30pm where students can be picked up from the Hockey fields, or walked back to Cowra Public to catch buses home. There is no cost for this excursion,

however ALL students attending MUST have a mouthguard. We have a supply of these available at school for sale at \$5.00. Shin pads are also encouraged, but not essential.

This should be a wonderful day for all who attend and Mrs Watt has been preparing our children for this by focusing on hockey skills in PE over the past few weeks. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students to attend.

Student Council – Term 1

Last week Student Council elections were held. Congratulations to the following students who were voted in by their peers as our Student Council for Term One;

Victoria (President); Jacob (Vice President); Oliver (Secretary); Kaylah (Vice Secretary); Ashleigh (Treasurer); Claire and Mitchell (Vice Treasurers).

The Student Council have already had their first meeting and their main event for Term 1 will be organising the Swimathon. To kick off their fund-raising they are having a special Canteen Day next THURSDAY. Families are asked to send in a plate of something yummy to eat (e.g cupcakes, watermelon, fruit kebabs, fairy bread, biscuits, etc). This will then be sold at the Canteen – most items go for 20c each – with funds raised going to Westmead Childrens' Hospital, the Bandaged Bear Appeal.



HPS School Council members for Term One.

School Fees

Voluntary School Fees are an essential source of funds for our school, which does not receive any 'extra' funding through Departmental grants. School fees directly cover the costs of student Text Books (Maths, and Handwriting) which the school purchases at the beginning of the year so that we are ready to go from Day 1.

The cost of school fees is \$35 per child for the year.



School Website

<http://www.holmwood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Our weekly Newsletters are uploaded each week and our photo gallery is always great to have a click through! Check out the photos from the swimming carnival!

Media Stars!

Did you catch the photo of our Super Kinders and Sensational Year 6's in Wednesday's edition of the Cowra Guardian? If not, check out the Cowra Guardian's facebook site – images are also on-line!

Calendar

Term 1 Week 5	
Mon 25th Feb	P&C Meeting – 7pm @ School
Wed 27th Feb	Mrs Lewis – Principal's Meeting in Eugowra (Mrs Watt 4/5/6)
Fri 1st March	Swimming for Sport
Term 1 Week 6	
Mon 4th March	Mrs Watt and Mrs Webster – Interactive Whiteboard Training Day with Mrs Reidy
Tues 5th March	Mrs Reidy – Photoshop session with 4/5/6
Wed 6th March	Mrs Benett – Best Start training (Mrs Webster K/1)
Thurs 7th March	World Maths Day! Mrs Lewis – FACS Day (Mrs Nottingham 4/5/6)
Fri 8th March	Western Region Swimming Carnival, Dubbo Swimming for Sport Scripture
Term 1 Week 7	
Tue 12th March	Mrs Lewis – Principal's Conference – Dubbo (Mrs Nottingham 4/5/6)
Wed 13th March	Mrs Lewis – Principal's Conference – Dubbo (Mrs Watt 4/5/6)
Fri 15th March	Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day – Cowra Hockey Fields (All 3-6 students) Swimming for Sport (K-2)

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Permission note for Yrs 3-6 Hockey Gala Day
- Swimathon Sponsorship forms and Notes

K/1 Class News

K/1 continues to achieve great results at school. I am so grateful for their wonderful commitment to learning. I am amazed and impressed by how much we have achieved as a cooperative team. Not only do we look after ourselves, but we are mindful of being safe, respectful and responsible towards each other.

Thankyou always goes out to parents and caregivers who also ensure that high standards are maintained and an interest and support for their child's education is obvious. It can become quite tedious when keeping up and juggling things like homework, news requests, bus runs and basic everyday needs. So again, an ever-ready supply of thankyou's to you!

So, what has been happening in our week?

Digital Literacy:

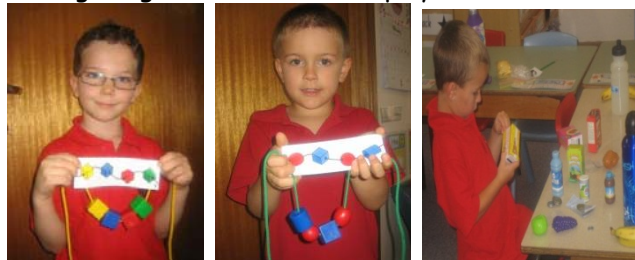
We are in an era where our children are immersed instantly into an environment rich with digital technologies and media. It is important that amongst the frenzy of stimulation that our children are exposed to, we select, guide and nurture a purpose and respect for the technologies we encounter.

K/1 frequently access educational resources that enable them to extend their opportunities for achieving success and understanding in their learning.



Numeracy:

K/1 students participate in regular Math group activities and learn about topics such as position, money, patterns and time. Here the students are also developing vital cooperative learning skills through organised structured play.



OUR NEWS! This week saw the beginning of K/1's **OUR NEWS!** We heard a number of students inform us about their precious baby photographs. We had some very optimistic claims of coming into the world 'laughing' and remembering that it felt 'very weird'... Next week we talk about childhood memories...this too could be filled with great entertainment!

Below is a timetable of **OUR NEWS!** roster.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sascha	Bella	Layla	Charlize	Leetisha
Toby	Brodie	Liam	Igloo	Jett
Charlotte	Boston	Lexi	Shakira	Jaydan

Website of the Week: Count Me In Too

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/countmein/index.htm>

Fifteen activities use animations to reinforce mathematics concepts.

Thankyou!

Miss Vanessa Benett

K/1 Teacher

2/3 Class News

The children in Year 2 and 3 deserve THREE GIGANTIC CHEERS for their outstanding efforts at our recent swimming carnival. The high level of enthusiasm, participation and behaviour was OUTSTANDING! The children are a true delight and it is so rewarding to see them flourishing into Primary students, both academically and socially. WELL DONE TEAM! We especially send our positive vibes and best wishes to Lilly Whitty and Lara Collins who will be representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival.

This week in Numeracy we learnt about 2D and 3D Shapes, both as Maths shapes and identifying these objects in our classroom and home. Using Net Design the Year 2 children were able to construct a cube and the Year 3 children constructed a rectangular prism. Both learning tasks required concentration and the use of precise fine motor skills.



As a Home Project the children are to construct a 3D Human Being using recycled products and lots of imagination. The details will be in this week's home book. Parents, Grandparents and Siblings are welcome to assist. The size, design and materials used can be decided by the child/team.



The projects will be on display at THE 3D EXPO, Term 1 School Assembly.

In HSIE, we are learning about Our Ancestors and how people from all over the world have migrated to Australia to form Our Multi Cultural Society. Our Guest Nation for the Cowra Festival of International Understanding is Sri Lanka and the children are enjoying researching this fascinating country. Our school display will be in the Browse Awhile Bookshop window, early March.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read and return their nightly readers. Not only does it assist with reading development, confidence and knowledge it gives a MEGA BOOST to spelling skills and story writing ideas. So hence, the benefits are immeasurable for your child.

The weekly Home Spelling List and Times Tables Teasers once completed can be returned to school prior to Thursday please. Thank you for taking this important time to enjoy some one on one time with your child and supporting his/ her learning.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

It is hard to believe another week has gone by – our days are so busy and we are all working so productively, that it feels like we have been at school for months!

This week we continued our work in HSIE on British Colonisation and learned about the voyage of the First Fleet and the story of Pemulwuy; an Aboriginal warrior who was a member of the Eora tribe. Next week we are starting our team projects and are looking forward to creating a PowerPoint presentation of our interpretation of the words from the Bruce Woodley song "I am, You are, We are Australian". We are also hoping to complete a special project using Photoshop with Mrs Reidy in a few weeks' time. Watch this space....!

Speaking of utilising our technology skills, we have started practising our typing skills, in an effort to improve our speed and accuracy. We are using a web-based program called BBC Dance Mat. This is the same program Year 2/3 and K/1 have been trying out with Mrs Lewis in technology lessons on Thursdays. The web address is;

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>



Kynan working hard on improving his typing skills using the web-based program BBC Dance Mat.

In Art we are really enjoying our "masks" theme and this week finally got up to the painting stage! Our task has been to look at how masks can be stylised to represent different forms (in our case, we have focused on animals). To begin, we all chose an animal that we liked and then searched for an image of our animals face on Google that was symmetrical. We sketched this, adding as much detail as possible, then transferred this image to a template of a human head. This was quite challenging! The next step was to paint our masks after which we will add the embellishments to make them look as much like our chosen animals as possible. The level of detail and patience shown by the class is quite remarkable. Hopefully these will be ready to show off at our end of Term assembly!

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

VEGETABLE GARDEN REPORT

Last year we started planting tiny tomatoes and they have been growing rapidly through the holidays. Also we planted zucchini but the bugs have been attacking them.

We also planted basil because basil and tomatoes go together but you can hardly see it. We also used the tomatoes for snacks before lunch and recess.

We would like to say a Big Thank You to Mr White for watering the garden throughout the holidays

Report written by Kaylah and Brittany



Ashleigh, Mr White, Brittany, Lisa and Damien with the huge crop of cherry tomatoes!

P&C News

The AGM of the Holmwood P&C will be held next **MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY** at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom. We need as many parents and citizens to come along to this meeting as we will be electing new office bearers for 2013. Being involved in the P&C is a fantastic way to have an input into your child's education. The meetings are held once a month and usually go for about an hour. The P&C organisation works hard to fund-raise for the school so that ALL children benefit, particularly when it comes to reducing costs for the whole school excursion. Please feel free to give me a call if you would like to know more about the P&C or just turn up on Monday 25th – all parents are very welcome!

Karlene Amos
P&C Secretary

Community News



Communities
Sport & Recreation

Is your sporting club looking for funding to improve its facilities?

Does your club want to increase opportunities for people to play sport? Do your sporting clubs volunteers need training/ accreditation?

Funding available NOW through Sport and Recreation's Participation and Facility Grant program

Go to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au for more details

Applications close 26 February.

Relay For Life - Cowra & District

Date: 11th & 12th May 2013

Venue: Sid Kallas Oval

Start Time: 3.45pm

Finish Time: 10am Sunday

Teams Consist of 20 people max

Cost: \$15.00 per person (pay by the 26/4/13)

Registration via internet:

www.relayforlife.org.au<<http://www.relayforlife.org.au>>

Trivia Night

Date: 19th March 2013

Venue: Cowra Services Club

Cost: \$15 per person includes nibbles

Tables of 8 max

Places Limited

Call Nikiya Moss - 0416398695

Sponsor Coordinator - Cowra Relay for Life Committee