



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 5 – Week Ending 1st March 2013

Cowra District PSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Cowra District PSSA Swimming Carnival last week in Grenfell! It was great to see so many family members come along and support the Cowra Small Schools team. All students swam extremely well and there were lots of "P.B's" recorded on the night. Congratulations to Claire Lewis who was awarded joint Junior Girls Champion. Claire, along with Abbie, Brittany and Annelise were successful in gaining selection to compete at the Regional Carnival in Dubbo next Friday. We wish them lots of luck!

Swimming for Sport

What a great first week of swimming we had last Friday! Well done to the students who remembered all their swimming gear and changed quickly and sensibly in the pool change rooms at the end of the day. Swimming will be held again this Friday. Don't forget to pack....

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



Please note, NO students will be permitted to go to the pool kiosk during swimming. Swimming is part of our school sport program and ALL students will participate. As all 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.



Student Council Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who supported the Student Council Fundraiser today. There were lots of delicious goodies available for purchase at lunch time, and lots of very full tummies!

"Students of the Week" – Week 4

Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!

K/1 – Sascha Pettit

2/3 – Lilly Whitty

4/5/6 – Sophie Light



Week 4 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Shakira and Toby

2/3 – Kadan and Bailey

4/5/6 – Tom and Hayley

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.

Netball Coaching Visit



On Tuesday 12th March, coaches from Cowra Netball Club will be visiting Holmwood PS to run a 30 minute netball skills session with each class. This will be supervised by the class teachers and will involve all students K-6. The idea is for those children who have never experienced netball, to have a "taste" of this team sport, in a fun and encouraging way.

School Mobile Phone

The school has purchased a new mobile phone. The number is;

0458 422 000

Please be aware this is for emergencies only.



Calendar

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
Sat 9th March	COWRA'S FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING
Term 1 Week 7	
Mon 11th March	Mrs Lewis, Mrs Kiely Interviews - (Mrs Watt 4/5/6; Mr Kiely 2/3) P & C Meeting 7pm @ School
Tue 12th March	Mrs Lewis –Principal's Conference – Dubbo (Mrs Nottingham 4/5/6) Netball Coaching Visit – K-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)
Term 1 Week 8	
Fri 22 nd March	Holmwood 's Annual SWIMATHON

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

K/1 Class News

This week K/1 has been very busy preparing artwork for Cowra's upcoming Festival of International Understanding. For 2013 we celebrate Sri Lanka, a small neighboring country of India. Be sure to keep an eye out for the new Sri Lankan cricket team all decked out in their blue and gold striped uniform! Hint: you can't bypass the window display in "Browse Awhile".

So, what else has been happening in our week?

Literacy:

K/1 is becoming very apt at writing diary entries about their weekends and can now write sentences that are easily read. While most of us missed out on a weekend trip to the jungle, we have not missed out on reading about Mowgli's adventures and can even write and describe many jungle animals. Did you know that many jungle birds have *beautiful* plumage?



Numeracy:

This term K/1 has been sharing with each other background information about their lives. Like their age, their favourite family games and who they live with at home. This week in Maths, students shared what type of pets they have at home and how many. Did you know that K/1 families share 9 dogs, 4 horses and even 1 alpaca to name a few? Students could even record their information in a picture graph in their Maths books!

OUR NEWS! This week I was astonished at how quickly K/1 and their ever reliant and supportive families prepared for *OUR NEWS!* With our brand new timetable to refer to, students brought in artefacts (photos and drawings) of their family. Students reported on their news and even held a microphone when talking about their topic. This week we had an ideal audience, who were once again entertained as we were familiarised with important people in each other's lives. There were some students who had family and friendship groups that were as big as our whole school! What will next week bring?

Website of the Week:

Skwirk – www.skwirk.com.au

Skwirk has provided Holmwood Public a free trial access to Skwirk Online Education website.

They have set up some free access for Holmwood Public School until the **27/03/2013**. This is full site access to Stages 1-5 (Yrs 1-10), with unlimited parallel log-ins for teachers and students to use in the classroom, at home and on mobile devices.

Year Level	Username	Password
Stage1 (K-2)	skwirk.nsw.1	duck
Stage2 (3-4)	skwirk.nsw.2	duck
Stage3 (5-6)	skwirk.nsw.3	duck
Stage4 (7-8)	skwirk.nsw.4	duck
Stage5 (9-10)	skwirk.nsw.5	duck

Kind Regards,
Miss Vanessa Benett
K/1 Teacher

2/3 Class News

This has been a very productive week as the children are thriving in their new Year 2/3 classroom and learning groups. Each child is making evident academic progress and social development as they mature into magnificent Middle Primary students. It is a beautiful class and we thrive off each other's enthusiasm!

As a part of our HSIE unit we have learnt how Australia is a Multi-Cultural Nation which brings new and exciting customs, foods and learning opportunities. Our class has been fascinated to learn about our Guest Festival Nation for 2013, Sri Lanka. It is such an interesting and diverse nation. Our researching skills and co-operative learning activities have made learning about this interesting country a most enjoyable opportunity for everyone!



Miah, Thomas and Makayla with some Sri Lankan information posters.

Please ask your child to share with you the Sri Lankan Folktale about the elephant and the mouse. ...a great message and life skill for children and adults.

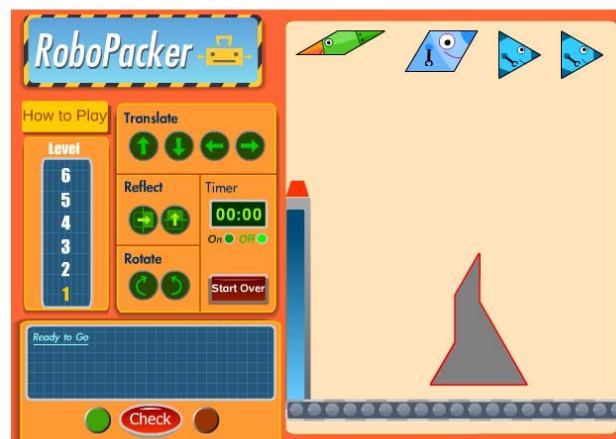


Kadan and Harry finding Sri Lanka on the globe.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

This week in Maths we have been looking at the properties of 2 Dimensional shapes. We have explored lots of different shapes including parallelograms, quadrilaterals, trapeziums and triangles to name just a few! We enjoyed using geoboards and rubber bands to make some of these shapes and found the website "Robopacker" both fun and challenging as we had to rotate, flip and turn shapes to fit inside a box.



The web address is;
www.eduplace.com/kids/mw/swfs/robopacker_grade5.html

In English our unit "My Place" is creating lots of interest and everyone is really enjoying watching the different episodes. We have gone back in time to 1938 and have been fascinated by some of the events in Australia's history.

In writing we have continued working on recounts and this week wrote a "literary recount" about a convict, coming to Australia on the First Fleet. This

was challenging as we had to write our recount as if we were the character, while also including facts relevant to this period in history. I am very impressed with the quality of writing that the Yr 4/5/6 class are producing! Well done everyone!



Our recounts tied in nicely with our HSIE unit on British Colonisation and this week we started our Powerpoint projects! Each pair of students have the task of creating a presentation of THEIR interpretation of the first two verses from Bruce Woodley's song "I am, You are, We are Australian". So far we have been busy researching images on-line that match with the song verses and working on what we think each line means. Mrs Reidy will be coming out next Tuesday to help us with some Photoshop activities which will also go in our presentations.....I can't wait to see the finished product!

Our Class Blog is proving very popular! We have installed a Cluster map 'widget' which tracks where the visitors to our blog come from. So far we have had 98 visitors in total, from all the states in Australia and even a few from the USA. Sophie is leading the way with a total of 12 comments on different posts – well done Sophie! Don't forget...to access the Blog just Google "Mrs Lewis 4/5/6 Class Blog". I wonder who our first parent commenter will be?

Mrs Lewis's 4/5/6 Class Blog



Don't forget permission notes for the Hockey Gala Day!

Have a great weekend!

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

P&C News

Thank you to the parents who turned up to Monday night's meeting. Lots of terrific ideas were discussed regarding fund raising for this year's excursion.

The AGM did not go ahead as originally planned as we still require more parents to assist as members of the P&C. As such, the AGM has been postponed until later this Term – a date will be advised in the Newsletter. Please consider nominating yourself or a friend to be on the Holmwood P&C. After many years of service Laurie King will be stepping down as President this year and I will also be relinquishing my position as Secretary/Treasurer. This is a great opportunity for new parents to become involved.

Without a P&C, the school will not be able to offer things such as the annual whole school excursion as the cost to parents will be too great. The P&C supports the school by raising funds so that ALL children benefit. If you would like to know more about what's involved, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Karlene Amos
P&C Secretary

Community News

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

