



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 8 – Week Ending 22nd March 2013

Swimathon Tomorrow!

The day has finally arrived for this year's Swimathon! Students have been very busy collecting sponsorship for this important fundraiser for our school. The Swimathon starts at 1:45pm and goes until 2:45pm. Parents and family members are welcome to come along to the Cowra Pool on Friday to watch and cheer our swimmers on! Don't forget to pack....

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



This will be the final week of swimming for this Term. Thank you to Jordan Rowston and Della Toohey for their assistance in teaching the swimming groups and to Tony and Phil Dowd for transporting us to the Cowra pool each week on their bus.

"Students of the Week" – Week 7

Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!

K/1 – Bella Cummings

2/3 – Zsalea Mansley

4/5/6 – Claire Lewis



Bella, Zsalea and Claire with their Student of the Week Awards.

Week 7 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Shakira and Brodie

2/3 – Mackenzie and Lara

4/5/6 – Paige and Tailor

Congratulations to all these students!

Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day

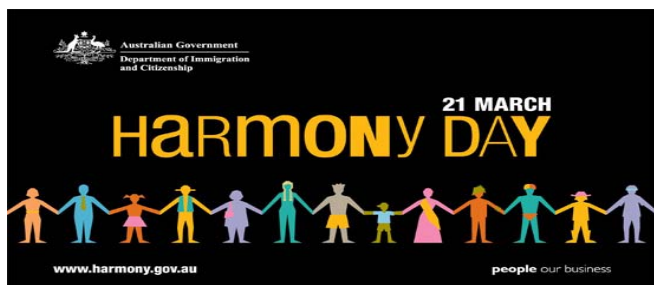
Congratulations to all the 3/4/5/6 students who participated in last week's Hockey Gala Day! It was a fantastic day with over 400 students from all the Cowra schools in attendance. Mrs Watt has done a terrific job in teaching our students the basics of hockey and it really showed during the days skills and games. Well done to Mitchell and Victoria who were selected as "Players with Potential" and received a hockey stick and a special Hockey shirt. Thank you to Cowra Hockey Club, in particular Ben Cooley, for their organisation of the day.



Some of the Primary students ready to go!!



Mitchell and Victoria with their prizes, pictured with Mrs Watt.



Harmony Day!

Today our school excitedly took part in "Harmony Day" celebrations. Harmony Day celebrates our rich cultural diversity and this year's theme is "Many Stories – One Australia". It was a fantastic celebration of Sri Lankan cuisine during lunch time today as the whole school PLUS staff PLUS parents came together to share a meal. Thank you to the parents who assisted with Harmony Day cooking activities in the classrooms this week – your help was greatly appreciated!! Recipes from Harmony Day are attached to this week's Newsletter. Photos from Harmony Day will appear in next week's Newsletter.



P&C Meeting

What a fantastic turn up for Monday's P&C Meeting! It was so exciting AND encouraging to see 15 parents at the AGM! The meeting was full of great ideas and suggestions for fund-raising and for future directions at Holmwood PS. Congratulations to the new P&C Executive –

President – Karen Beaumont

Vice President – Garth Collins

Secretary – Michelle Whitty

Treasurer – Priscilla Pettit

I look forward to working with the newly elected executive and new P&C committee this year. On behalf of the staff I would like to acknowledge and thank Laurie King and Karlene Amos, who after six years serving as the President and Secretary/Treasurer have decided to step down from their positions. I know that their efforts have been appreciated by all families, both past and present. I am sure they will enjoy their 'rest' and know that they will continue to assist the new committee throughout 2013. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 8th April.

Installation of Solar Panels



installation which was quite fascinating to watch as

This week the school had solar panels installed on the roof of the main building. Solgen workers were here on Monday and Tuesday to complete the

they used some very interesting lifting machines to put the panels onto the roof. Well done to the students who patiently coped with the noise and the disruption to their class routines without a fuss.

Expression of Interest in attending a NSW Government High School – Year 7 2014.

Most of these applications have not been returned. Please note: **All forms are due back on Friday 22nd March.** If you have any concerns or questions about the forms, please ring the school.

Calendar

Term 1 Week 8	
Fri 22nd March	HPS Annual Swimathon Scripture ICAS entry forms due EOI to attend a Government High School in 2014 due.
Term 1 Week 9	
Tues 26th March	Western Region PSSA Rugby Union Trials – Cowra Rugby Fields 9:30am
Fri 29th March	GOOD FRIDAY
Term 1 Week 10	
Mon 1st April	EASTER MONDAY
Tues 2nd April	World Autism Awareness Day Return Clearance Sale Book Club orders
Term 1 Week 11	
Mon 8th April	P&C Meeting – 7pm @ School
Thurs 11th April	End of Term Assembly – 1:45pm at School – all parents and friends welcome
Fri 12th April	Last Day of School Term 1

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- Cowra Netball Information Sheet
- Chicken Biryani and Roti recipes...yum!
- Bookclub Clearance Sale order form

K/1 Class News

New! K/1's Joke Juice: Q. Why did the orange stop rolling down the hill? *A. It ran out of juice!!*

...And K/1's serious side?

K/1 are Learners:

K/1 has developed an amazing love of learning! This week we have really progressed in our ability to work both independently and as a



team. We work very hard in our small groups during guided reading and are starting to recognise and write many sight words. Some of us can even use our knowledge of sounds to learn new words! Did you know that we love reading cool magazines that show the Wonky Donkey to be a fantastical celebrity?



K/1 learners enjoy the social aspect of reading their new magazines

Learning about Space and Geometry through Visual Arts:

A school day just wouldn't be right if it wasn't finished without getting messy! What more could a kid ask for? You wouldn't believe how awesome K/1 is at caring for their learning environment, while still allowing their hands to indulge in the 'ooooo' and 'goooo' of paper mache glue! Please remind Miss Benett of this when she shakes a bottle of blue paint in the air - not checking for holes in the lid...



A picture tells a thousand words!

What about Channel K/1?

OUR NEWS! Our local infants broadcast station spoke about and listened to reports of music and plants. A very strange kumara was sighted growing on our station table...with strange twisted roots sprouting everywhere! We are not sure if we may encounter a visit from a certain beanstalk GIANT - who may even be able to moon walk! Talk to K/1 for more details!

Website of the Week: K5 Learning

<http://www.k5learning.com>

A reading and mathematics enrichment website catering for Kindergarten to Year 5.

!THANKYOU!:

It will now be post-Harmony Day celebrations and K/1 would love to thank Jo Gregory and assisting parents for their insurmountable efforts in providing our school a fantastic Sri Lankan style mango lassi and cinnamon cookie dessert!

Kind Regards,
Miss Vanessa Benett
K/1 Teacher

2/3 Class News

There has been a BUZZ in the AIR as our class prepared for our School Harmony Day, held today. The Kids in the Kitchen demonstrated their clever cooking skills as they followed a procedure to create delicious Sri Lankan Fish Cakes!

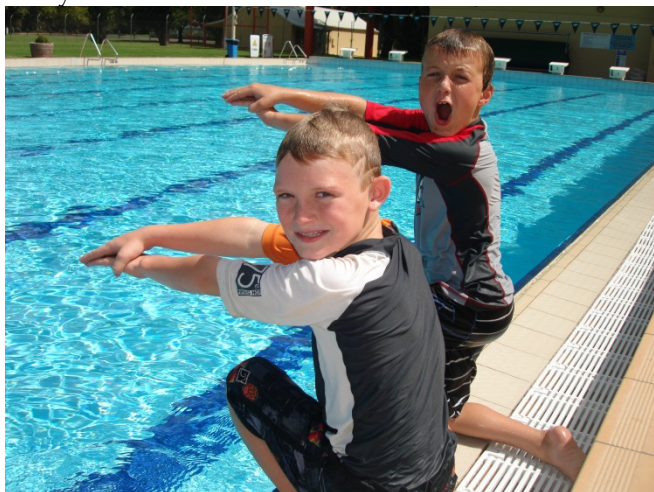
Our entrée was a very tasty treat that can be served hot or cold...It can easily become a main meal if served with salad or vegies! The best part is that your child can now cook dinner for you.

A special thank you to all the helpful fairies who assisted us on Wednesday and Thursday to make it such a Harmonious celebration!!!!



We are SUPER EXCITED about our Annual Swimathon and have been busy organising sponsors and have asked our family and friends to come along to cheer us and our wonderful swimming efforts!

We want to make this a bigger and better event than ever before so ask everyone to become involved to overshoot our target of \$1440 from last year!!!!



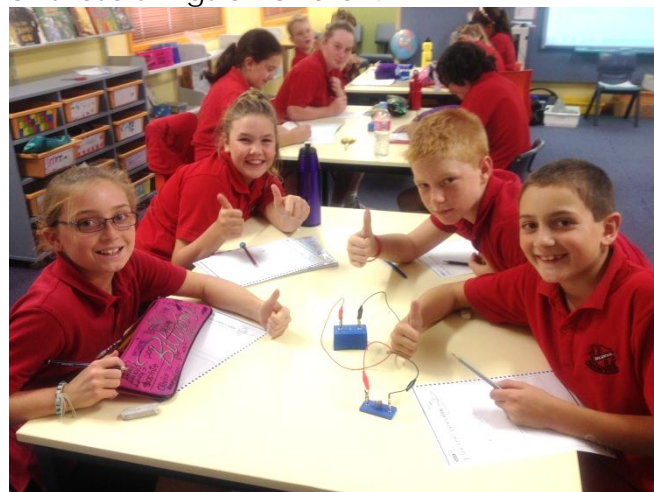
Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

It has been another busy week in the 4/5/6 classroom. This week in Maths we looked at the topic of Chance – which is the likelihood of an event occurring – and enjoyed predicting different outcomes from rolling dice, to selecting coloured counters from the mystery bag. Using information given we were able to predict the outcomes of events using a scale from 0 to 1, with 0.5 being a 50/50 chance. We also looked at the topic of Data and explored column and picture graphs. We have had some hot contenders for the prestigious title of “Times Table King and Queen” in our daily times tables challenge. To date Mitchell, Ebon and Tailor are vying for the position of “King” and Hayley has been crowned “Queen”....for now!!

Science and Technology has been so exciting this Term as we are learning all about electricity! We experimented with static electricity and enjoyed doing some experiments with balloons, tissues and our own hair - talk about a “hair-raising experience!” On Tuesday we investigated current electricity and had the task of working out how to create an electrical circuit that lit up a light bulb, set off a buzzer and made a motor move! This was great fun and challenging too...especially when we

also had to design a switch that would turn all these things off and on!



Thumbs up from Sophie, Abbie, Dylan and Tom as their group successfully lit up their light bulb!

Thank you to Nadine, Paula, Alan, Karlene and Cheri for their assistance on Wednesday and Thursday with our Harmony Day cooking preparations. We whipped up a delicious Chicken Biryani with Roti bread for Harmony Day lunch and couldn't have done it without such enthusiastic parent support!



Nadine, Ebon and Victoria getting messy with chicken curry paste!



Paula, Damien, Ashleigh and Jarrod with their delicious Chicken Biryani

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

