



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9 – Week Ending 27th March 2013

Swimathon Results!

What a great effort at last week's Swimathon! The children swam their hearts out and were encouraged by the parents who went along to cheer them on! Thanks must go to Mrs Kiely for her organisation of this year's Swimathon and also to the hard-working Student Council. Thank you very much to those families who have already completed the return of their sponsorship money. To date the total is around \$780.00 with more still to come. What a superb effort from the students and the Holmwood families!



"Students of the Week" – Week 8

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!



4/5/6 – Tom Cummings K/1 – Liam Beaumont and 2/3 – Miah Pettit

Week 8 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Jaydan and Lexi

2/3 – Thomas and Asher

4/5/6 – Lisa and Dylan

Congratulations to all these students!

Harmony Day!

What a fantastic celebration at school last Thursday for Harmony Day! Thank you to all the parents that assisted with the massive cooking efforts in each classroom – our three course Sri Lankan feast was absolutely delicious and it was great to see how proud each student was when they presented their dishes to the hungry diners!



The Kinder and Year One students tucking in to their salmon and rice balls.



A large crowd of parents and friends turned up to celebrate Harmony Day with the students and Staff at HPS.

School Choir

This week the Holmwood Public School Choir was established with a very keen and excited group of singers! Participation in the choir was offered as an extra-curricular activity to those students who have an interest in singing and performing. The Choir will be singing two songs in the upcoming Cowra Eisteddfod in the Small Schools Choir Section (10) on Friday 17th May. Currently Mrs Lewis is working with the students and they are very busy learning the first song "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious". The choir meets during lunch times and are already sounding magnificent! Next Term Mrs Hodges, (whom some of you will remember from last year as our marimba teacher), will come in to fine-tune the performances ready for the stage. The Choir Members include; Victoria, Ashleigh, Abbie, Sophie, Claire, Brittany, Damien, Miah, Maddie, Makayla, Zsalea, Boston, Toby, Sascha, Layla, Charli and Bella.

L-o-n-g Weekend!



I would like to wish all families a safe and Happy Easter/Long Weekend break. I hope that the Big Bunny finds you all and you enjoy spending the time with your families (and hopefully some of the predicted rain!). We look forward to seeing all students back at school next TUESDAY.

Calendar

| Term 1 Week 10 | |
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| Mon 1st April | EASTER MONDAY |
| Tues 2nd April | World Autism Awareness Day Interactive Whiteboard installed in 2/3 classroom |
| Wed 3rd April | Bus Safety talks for K-3 and 4-6 by Rex Tyndall (Cowra Bus) |
| Sun 7th April | Daylight Savings ENDS – clocks go BACK one hour! |
| 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 |
| School Holidays 15th April – 28th April | |
| Term 2 Week 1 | |
| Mon 29th April | PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Training in Aboriginal Pedagogies |
| Tues 30th April | PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Training in the new Australian Curriculum |
| Wed 1st May | All students return to school! Mrs Kiely – Interactive Whiteboard Training Day (Miss Benett 2/3) |

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| Thurs 2nd May | Mrs Reidy – Connected Learning Coach in to work with Mrs Kiely and 2/3. |
| Fri 3rd May | Mrs Kiely Road Safety Training Day (Miss Benett 2/3) |

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

K/1 Class News

Please refer to attachment.

Kind Regards,
Miss Vanessa Benett - K/1 Teacher

2/3 Class News

The children at Holmwood Public School deserve a very enthusiastic BRAVO, BRAVO, and BRAVO for their outstanding Swimathon efforts! It was so rewarding to see them complete their laps, half laps, swim across the pool and activities in the little pool with determination and a high level of achievement! Not only are the children very fit, they have also have the capacity to persevere which is an essential key to success at school and in life. So, WELL DONE TEAM!

We especially thank Mrs Della Toohey and Mr Jordan Rowston who came each week to teach their groups new swimming skills. We also thank Mrs Watt who extended her advanced swimming group and Miss Benett who encouraged our new Kinders to love swimming too!



Mrs Toohey and Jordan were fantastic teachers! In our town we are so fortunate to have such wonderful swimming facilities and the Cowra Aquatic Centre is a credit to Mr Lynch and his team.



Mr Lynch is thanked by Claire on behalf of the school.

It is always exciting to see so many parents at our Swimathon. Your presence is always welcome and is appreciated by your child and the staff. The Holmwood Student Council have set the 2013 Swimathon Target at \$1500 and it has already reached over \$800 from the children who have returned their sponsor money or donations. What an amazing effort! A BIG THANK YOU for your generosity! It would be appreciated if all funds, either sponsor money or a donation, could be returned by April 5th, as every child's contribution, whether large or small, is appreciated as it contributes to our Whole School Event!

The Student Council will use the funds to upgrade our Outdoor Playground Equipment and also to donate funds towards reducing the cost of the Canberra Excursion, which will benefit every child and every family.

Have a Safe and Happy Easter Holiday Break with your family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

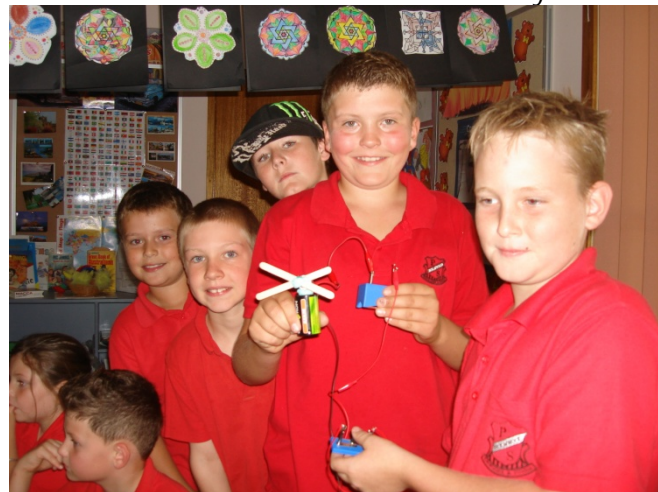
4/5/6 Class News

This week in Science and Technology the 4/5/6 class really excelled themselves with the "Grand Design Challenge" on Tuesday afternoon. Students were put into four groups and were given the task of designing and making an electrical device. Using their newfound knowledge of electrical circuits the students came up with four different devices including a motorised fan, a torch, a kid's merry-go-round and a toy aeroplane!



A fabulous aeroplane with spinning propellers! Each group gathered the necessary equipment which included batteries, alligator clips, light bulbs, switches, motors, buzzers, battery cell holders and an assortment of

cardboard, plastic milk bottles, glad wrap and wooden blocks and set to work. The results were AMAZING!!! Each group successfully completed their design task and worked co-operatively together as a team. The 4/5/6 students will be showcasing their creations at the end of term assembly!



A motorised fan – just the thing you need on a hot day!

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we had the Year 3 students join us for writing as we now focus on "Persuasive Writing", in preparation for the NAPLAN assessments next Term. This week we looked at the STRUCTURE of an exposition and used a "Hand-y" clue to help us to remember the three components of this text type!



Our thumb is the **Statement of Position** (thumbs up or thumbs down as to whether we agree with the statement).

Our middle three fingers are our **Arguments**.

Our little finger is our **Re-statement of Position** (or conclusion).

We need to remember that each finger needs a new paragraph in our writing! We had fun this week coming up with arguments to persuade our classmates about given topics such as; "Ipods should be allowed in the classroom", "Dogs are better than cats" and even "Mrs Lewis should put a pool in our school!" Students are working very well at using persuasive language when discussing their arguments for or against.

This week our Class Blog has gone ballistic! We now have over 250 visits and our aim is to reach the 300 mark before the holidays. Recently we have had visitors from Ghana, Thailand, Argentina and the USA, as well as many hits from Australia. If you haven't yet been on to the blog, check us out by

googling "MRS LEWIS'S 4/5/6 Class Blog". Our latest post about Harmony Day has some wonderful photos and lots of comments! I wonder who will be our FIRST K/1 or 2/3 commenter?

[Mrs Lewis's 4/5/6 Class Blog](#)



Welcome to Our Blog!

Thank you for visiting our Class Blog!

We are a Primary Class made up of 23 amazingly talented students! Our school is in rural New South Wales, Australia and we are in Grades 4, 5 and 6.

We are hoping to make some connections with bloggers from all over the world so please feel free to leave us a comment!

Recent Posts

[Harmony Day!](#)

[Hockey Rocks!](#)

Harmony Day!

Posted by [Mrs Lewis](#) on Sunday, March 24th 2013 [edit](#)

This week we celebrated "Harmony Day"! Harmony Day is where we acknowledge the **cultural diversity** of our country - Australia. This year Harmony Day's message was "**Many Stories-One Australia**" and we focused on the **Sri Lankan** culture as this was our Guest Nation in Cowra's Festival of International Understanding. Our school celebrated Harmony Day by coming dressed in **orange**, the official Harmony Day colour, and sharing in a Sri Lankan meal by **cooking and eating together**. The Year 2/3 Class cooked **Salmon and Rice balls** for entree, our class - Year 4/5/6 cooked the main meal of **Chicken Biryani** with **Roti** bread and the Kinder/Year 1 Class cooked dessert which was a **Mango Lassi** (or Mango Smoothie)! Our parents were invited to help out with the cooking, or just come along and share in the delicious meal! It was a **wonderful celebration** and we would like to **thank everyone** for coming along!



Community News

Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find Out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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Week 10 and 11 News Topic – "Someone I admire". Students need to speak for two minutes about a person they admire – this could be a sportsperson, entertainer, a family member or someone in the community. Props such as posters, books or pictures on a USB are all OK to use.

Have a great L-O-N-G weekend!

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