



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 10 – Week Ending 5th April 2013

Swimathon Results!

This week the swimathon total went over the **\$1000.00** mark!! What a superb effort from the students and the Holmwood families! There are still a few more sponsorship forms to come in and the Student Council would really appreciate these by Friday 5th April (tomorrow).

"Students of the Week" – Week 9

Congratulations to our Week 9 Students of the Week!



4/5/6 – Taylor Hampton; K/1 – Layla Hood and 2/3 – Mackenzie Nestor

Week 9 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Igloo and Lexi

2/3 – Kadan and Mackayla

4/5/6 – Hayley and Sophie

Congratulations to all these students!

End of Term School Assembly

Our end of Term Assembly is fast approaching and classes are busy organising items to show to our parents, family and community members. Assembly will start at 1:45pm and will be run by the Year 6 students. All classes will be presenting a short item along with our regular weekly awards and reports. Assembly will conclude at 2:50pm in time for students to catch the bus home, or for parents in attendance to take their child/ren home from school. The 4/5/6 class

will be selling tasty "Frogs in a Pond" Jelly cups for 50c each. All money raised will go towards the school excursion. Mrs Heidi Lynch, our new K/1 teacher for next Term will also be attending our assembly and is looking forward to meeting the students and parents. See you there!



Daylight Savings Ends!

Don't forget, Daylight Savings ends this Sunday 7th April at 3:00am. All clocks go back one hour!

New Interactive Whiteboard

This week the 2/3 class and Mrs Kiely were very excited to have their new Interactive Whiteboard installed in their classroom. This now means that all classrooms at HPS have this technology for all students to access. Mrs Kiely will be having Mrs Reidy visit early next Term for some specialised IWB training and the 2/3 class will love having this wonderful, interactive tool at their fingertips!

Last Day of Term – "Star Wars"!

As is now becoming the Holmwood tradition, the last day of school next week is an "out of school uniform" day for students. However, as we will be playing a whole school game of Star Wars, children need to wear their joggers as they will be involved in lots of running activities in the morning. I believe the "Princess of Funk" will be in attendance at "Kangaroo Court" following the Star Wars game, so I am sure all students will be keen to impress her once again!!

Winter Uniforms



Next Term we move into our Winter Uniforms which are long black pants and red jumpers. Julie has a good supply of winter uniforms in stock, so please ring to

arrange an appointment if you need to organise this before Term 2. A reminder to all students and parents that hats are a uniform requirement ALL YEAR round. Students without hats are only allowed to play in the shaded area under the COLA.

Staff Development Days – Week 1 Term 2

Please be aware that next Term BOTH Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April will be Staff Development (pupil-free) days. This year the Department of Education has allocated an additional day for staff to become familiarised with the new Australian curriculum which comes into effect next year with the English syllabus being the first mandatory document all staff must comply with. Holmwood PS will host 35 staff from the Cowra Small Schools on Monday 29th April for a professional development day on Aboriginal Pedagogies. On Tuesday 30th April all teaching staff at Holmwood PS will be attending the English curriculum day at Eugowra PS.

**All students return to school on
Wednesday 1st May.**

NAPLAN – 2013

Next Term students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The dates for this year's NAPLAN tests are;

Tuesday 14th May – Language Conventions (Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday 15th May – Reading

Thursday 16th May – Numeracy

Mrs Lewis will be supervising both Year 3 and 5 students during the testing period. NAPLAN gives both parents and the school a 'snapshot' of where each child is sitting in areas of literacy and numeracy and is a valuable diagnostic tool for teachers. Friday 17th May is allocated as a catch up day if students are absent. We will be doing practice papers next Term to get children familiarised with the testing format and to try and make them feel as comfortable as possible when sitting the assessments.

School Fees

Thank you to all those families who have paid their 2013 school fees. Last week Julie sent home invoices to those families yet to pay. It would be greatly appreciated if these could be finalised by the end of Term. If you have any concerns regarding school fee payments, please contact Mrs Lewis directly.



Woolworths are running their popular "Earn and Learn" rewards for schools promotion again this year and Holmwood PS has registered for 2013. Earn & Learn points will begin on Monday 8th April, so if you shop at Woolworths, please collect your stickers and

send them in to school, or place them in the collection box at Woolworths. Last year the school benefitted greatly from products purchased through Earn and Learn including new puzzles for the K/1 class, all the electrical motors and buzzers the 4/5/6 class have been using this Term in Science, Aboriginal teaching resources, microphones to use which can be hooked into a USB outlet, a huge inflatable solar system and a wide range of craft and stationary supplies.

Calendar

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 Out of School Uniform Day
School Holidays 15th April – 28th April	
Term 2 Week 1	
Mon 29th April	PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Training in Aboriginal Pedagogies (Holmwood PS)
Tues 30th April	PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Training in the new Australian Curriculum (Eugowra PS)
Wed 1st May	All students return to school! Mrs Kiely – Interactive Whiteboard Training Day (Miss Benett 2/3)
Thurs 2nd May	Mrs Reidy – Connected Learning Coach in to work with Mrs Kiely and 2/3.
Term 2 Week 2	
Mon 6th May	Mrs Kiely Road Safety Training Day (Miss Benett 2/3)
Tues 7th May	Mrs Lewis – Maths Matters Training Day (Miss Benett 4/5/6)
Wed 8th May	Mrs Lewis – Maths Matters Training Day (Miss Benett 4/5/6)
Fri 10th May	Scripture
Sun 12th May	MOTHER'S DAY!

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- Cowra Youth Week Flier

2/3 Class News

There has been EXCITEMENT PLUS in our classroom this week as we received our own brand new, flash, whiz bang supersonic SMARTBOARD ! We were smart before BUT we are even smarter now! So be prepared because here we come with thumb drives in hand ready to research and learn! Do you know all the flora and fauna emblems for the States of Australia?



We were really excited to see our long-time friend and retired Teacher's Aide, Rex Tindall, on Wednesday. Rex came to teach us how to always keep safe on and off the bus. Sometimes it is the simple things that trick us and can cause an accident. Rex reminded all the children of the need to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK. This also applies to teenagers and adults to prevent traffic accidents, injuries and tragedies. Let's all keep safe.

Your child brought home an information letter for Parents to read



Rex from Cowra Bus is thanked by Thomas after the whole school participated in Bus Safety talks this week.

Our Recycled Robots are looking very interesting and are really imaginative creation! Please remember that the Recycled Robot Project is DUE TOMORROW, Thursday 4.4.13. Each child will need to have his/ her robot ready for our School Assembly. A BIG thank you to the organised students who have learnt that an important KEY to SUCCESS at SCHOOL is being organised and not leaving projects until the last day.

Thank you for another wonderful week and your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

K/1 Class News



Miss Benett has unfortunately been unwell this past week and would like to thank Mrs Webster for taking the beautiful K/1 children in her absence. We wish Miss Benett a speedy recovery and look forward to her return to school very soon. Mrs Webster has had a lovely few days with the K/1 children. They have enjoyed reading lots of interesting books and especially loved doing the "animal" activities with Mrs Webster's special toys! The K/1 class are very excited about next week's assembly and have been practising their item in readiness for their big performance!

4/5/6 Class News

This week we welcomed Josephine to our class. Josephine joins our Year 6 group and has already made lots of new friends!

The 4/5/6 class spent this week finishing off most of their units of work they have been working on during the term. In Science we finished our topic on Electricity; in Visual Arts we were absolutely thrilled with our completed masks and are very keen to show these off at next week's assembly and next week we will view the last few episodes of "My Place" which has been our English studies focus for this term.

On Wednesday we enjoyed a visit from Rex Tindall from Cowra Bus Service who gave us a bus safety talk. We understand that as the



senior students in the school, our class has a responsibility as role models, to demonstrate the correct and safe behaviours on the bus at all times.

Week 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.

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

“Watt’s happening” with Mrs Watt!

What's Happening in the Vegetable Garden?



A couple of weeks ago, the 4/5/6 class discussed what vegetables could be grown over the winter months and which of these they would like to grow. Broccoli, cauliflower, silverbeet, carrots

and peas were the popular ones and kindly some students volunteered to bring in seedlings or seeds to start the winter garden. Thank you to those students! We are hoping these can start coming in soon. Donations of mature cow, horse or sheep manure would also be gladly accepted. We would also invite any interested parents to be involved in the planting of these vegetables. When the vegetables start arriving at school, a planting time can be set, so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

We are hoping that the produce from the garden can be used to prepare healthy meals or be shared amongst the students to take home.

What’s happening with the Premier Reading Challenge?



Our Premier Reading Challenge has begun! Some of the students already have 7 books on their list. These are books that have been read to them in class or that they have borrowed from our school library. A

reminder that any books that are read at home and sourced from the town library or home need to be recorded on the reading log that was sent home in the newsletter.

The Easter Holidays coming up may be a great time to read and add to your reading tally. As the Challenge finishes on 1st September, there is still a lot of reading time ahead.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Watt
Librarian

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 8th April starting at 7pm in Mrs Lewis’s Classroom. All welcome!

Community News

Tom’s Manure!



Cow manure – delivered to Cowra and Holmwood School

\$5.00 for a 30kg bag

\$25.00 for a trailer load

Contact 63429450 or see Tom

Also available on Gum Tree

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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