



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 Week 1 – Week Ending 3rd May 2013**

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents! I trust that everyone had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the glorious autumn weather! I would like to extend a special welcome to Mrs Heidi Lynch who started at HPS this week. Mrs Lynch was very busy in the holidays getting her classroom organised for the excited K/1 children and has lots of wonderful learning experiences already planned. Thank you to those students who attended the ANZAC Day service last Thursday. The students laid a wreath during the Community Service at the cenotaph and were excellent ambassadors for our school during this important occasion. Term 2 is going to be very busy with lots of extra-curricular events happening, so please ensure you keep up to date by reading the Newsletter each week or checking the school website for the latest information.

## "Students of the Week" – Week 11

*Congratulations to our Week 11 Students of the Week!*



4/5/6 – Brent Kiss; K/1 – Charlize Light and 2/3 – Kadan Woolley

Week 11 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Toby and Leetisha

2/3 – Asher and Katelyn

4/5/6 – Josephine and Abbie

**Congratulations to all these students!**

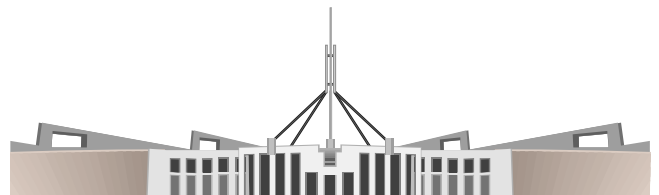
## Last Day of Term – "Star Wars"!

We had a fantastic game of star Wars on the last day of Term 1. The students all played with great

determination and sportsmanship, with Hayley's Comets being the overall winners this time!



Star wars – "Kangaroo Court" with special guest; "The Princess of Funk"!



## Whole School Excursion 2013

This year our whole school excursion will be to Canberra in Term 4. The dates are **Monday 6th Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November**. This excursion is for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and should be a fantastic experience for everyone! While in Canberra, some of the places we will be visiting include the War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, the National Botanical Gardens (Night Tour), the Mint, National Exhibition Centre, National Zoo and Aquarium, Laser tag, Mount Ainslie Lookout, Parliament House (Yr 4,5,6) and Cockington Green (Kinder, Yr 1,2,3). We have booked two nights' accommodation at the popular Bush Capital Lodge and are at the point where we need to have some idea of numbers attending.

**The anticipated cost for this year's excursion is approximately \$220 per child.** This includes bus fare, accommodation, all meals, as well as entry to all attractions. **Please note this price is NOT taking into account any fundraising done by the P&C, who have**

indicated that they are very willing to support the excursion in an effort to reduce costs for all families.

To help us to confirm numbers and proceed with our bookings, we require a \$30 deposit for all students attending. **Please complete the Canberra Excursion Expression of Interest form and return to school with \$30 deposit by the end of Week 3 (Friday 17th May).**

Parents of Kindergarten children are welcome to attend our excursion as "helpers" and are required to pay for their accommodation, food and entry to the attractions. These costs run similar to the student price. Last year we were fortunate to have Craig and Jo Gregory and Amanda Brooke attend as our helpers and I believe they had just as much fun as the children!! If you would like further information about attending as a Kinder parent helper, please feel free to contact me at school.

### Cowra Eisteddfod



The School Choir will be performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod on Friday 17th May. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note with details about the day. We

will require some assistance from parents of choir members in transporting our students back to school following the performance. Please return signed permission notes by next Friday 10th May.

### Winter Uniforms

This Term we move into our Winter Uniforms which are long black pants and red jumpers. Julie has a limited supply of winter uniforms in stock, so please ring to confirm she has current sizes in stock. 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

The Staff have had two very full days of professional development this week. On Monday we worked through a training package called "Aboriginal Pedagogies" which allows all staff (both teaching and non-teaching) to develop a deeper understanding of the cultural significance of Aboriginal learning styles, and how these can have a positive impact in our classrooms and schools. On Tuesday, the teaching staff attended a training day at Eugowra where we explored different elements of the new Australian English Curriculum, which is due to be implemented in

2014. Both days allowed us the opportunity to develop our knowledge and understandings in these key areas and also the chance to 'network' with the other small schools.

### NAPLAN – 2013

In Week 3 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 over the next few weeks to get children familiarised with the testing format and to try and make them feel as comfortable as possible when sitting the assessments.



### Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths are running their popular "Earn and Learn" rewards for schools promotion again this year and Holmwood PS has registered for 2013. If you shop at Woolworths, please collect your stickers and send them in to school, or place them in the collection box at Woolworths.



### Book Club

Attached to this week's Newsletter is the latest Book Club Catalogue.

All orders with payment are DUE **Friday 17th May**.

### Calendar

Term 2 Week 2	
Mon 6th May	P&C Meeting – 7pm @ School in the 4/5/6 Classroom – all welcome!
Tues 7th May	Mrs Lewis – Maths Matters Training Day (Miss Watt 4/5/6)
Wed 8th May	Mrs Lewis – Maths Matters Training Day (Miss Watt 4/5/6)
Thurs 9th May	Mrs Reidy (Connected Learning Coach) at HPS to work with Mrs Lynch and the K/1 Class.
Fri 10th May	Scripture Musical Marimbas with Mrs Hodges
Sun 12th May	MOTHER'S DAY!

<b>Term 2 Week 3</b>	
Tues 14th May	NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing
Wed 15th May	NAPLAN – Reading
Thurs 16th May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Fri 17th May	Cowra Eisteddfod - Choir Musical Marimbas with Mrs Hodges Deposits due for Canberra Excursion (\$30 per child) Mrs Tracey McFarland's first day of Prac (4/5/6 class) Book Club and Stewart House Donations orders due
<b>Term 2 Week 4</b>	
Tues 21st May	Year 6 Grip Leadership Day at Bathurst with Mrs Lewis and Mrs McFarland.
Fri 24th May	District Cross Country @ Grenfell Scripture

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

### Attachments

- Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference Permission Note
- Book Club catalogue
- Eisteddfod Permission note (Choir members only)
- Stewart House Donation envelopes

### K/1 Class News

Welcome back everyone to what will be a very busy Term 2. I hope that you all had a restful and safe holiday. I am very excited to join the team here at Holmwood and look forward to establishing a fantastic working relationship with the staff, students and families.

This term in the K/1 classroom, I have planned many exciting activities and lessons.

English and Literacy tasks and games will be completed Monday-Thursday in the morning sessions. Maths activities and games will be completed Monday-Wednesday and Friday during the middle sessions. On Thursdays Mrs Lewis will continue to take the K/1 Class for Computer studies and Mrs Watt will implement Library and Fundamental Movement Skills (P.E.) while I take my release time.



On Fridays we will be cooking which will incorporate the maths strand of measurement and learning about Personal Development and healthy eating. After cooking we will be learning new games from the Live Life Well program to practise fundamental movement skills and activities for the Athletics Carnival in Week 5.

HSIE, Science, Music and Visual arts will be completed during the afternoon sessions.

In Literacy we will be focusing on Jolly Phonics for the Kindergarten children and blends and endings for Year One students. Each child will be grouped into spelling and reading groups depending on their ability and movement between groups is expected as their skills develop. Students are asked to return their home reading folders every day for changing. We will continue to use the same folder and record sheet that Miss Benett had set up in Term 1.

I like to have an "open door" policy in my classroom and parents and carers are welcome to come in and be helpers. If any parents wish to help it would be great to have your assistance with reading activities during the mornings, or during our cooking and health time on Fridays. If you are interested, please contact me at school (63422172) with regards to times as this can be flexible.

I look forward to getting to know all the students and families at Holmwood Public School.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Heidi Lynch  
K-1 Class Teacher

### 2/3 Class News

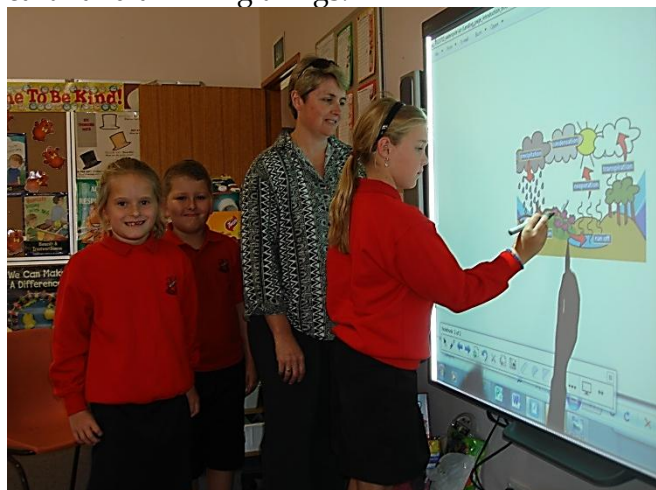
This has been a very exciting start to our term! The Staff Development Days were both informative and relevant to our classroom and created a wealth of new and exciting learning



ideas for both teachers and students. On Wednesday, Mrs Jillian Reidy, our Connected Learning Coach worked with me in our classroom using our new smart board. Then, on Thursday she joined our class for the day on our new supersonic SMARTBOARD !

In Maths we used new skills to introduce our Term 2 topic on Measurement. The children learnt how to record their learning using an interactive recording tool and then replay back to the class. This is a very exciting learning tool which we will utilise in our room across many subject areas.

In our Term 2 Science unit the children used many new interactive skills to construct individual diagrams of the Water Cycle and to understand the important role it plays in life on earth and all living things.



*Miah, Bailey and Lara working with Mrs Reidy.*  
The whole school was really excited to see the Gregory Family Billy Cart. What an amazing construction!! Toby eagerly gave it a test run with Asher and Ebon's assistance. This certainly was a wonderful holiday project. We look forward to seeing other billy cart ideas using recycled products, which is a lot of family fun and cost free.



*Toby, Asher and Ebon with their amazing billy cart!*

Keep posted for more exciting class news next week.

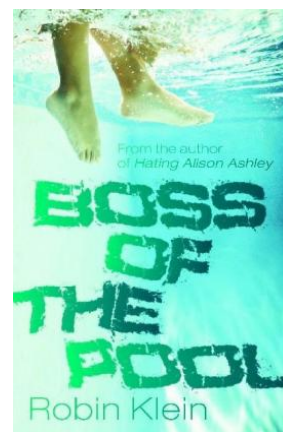
Mrs Deirdre Kiely  
2/3 Class Teacher

### 4/5/6 Class News

Welcome back to all students in the 4/5/6 classroom! It was great to hear about everyone's holidays and wonderful to see so many eager students on Wednesday morning, ready to get stuck into an exciting and busy Term 2!

This Term our areas of study include;

**English** – Text studies on “Boss of the Pool” by Robin Klein and “The Silver Sword” by Ian Serrailier. We will continue our focus on Persuasive Writing until Week 3, moving into Information Reports and Descriptions later in the term.



**Maths** – Whole numbers, Subtraction, Fractions and Decimals, 2D and 3D shapes and Algebra.

**Science and Technology** – Our unit is called “Moving Pictures” and explores the technologies involved in animations.

**HSIE** – This Term we will be looking at “Rainforests” tying in lots of **Visual Arts** activities relating to this topic.

**PD/H/PE** – our focus in PE will be on Athletics skills in preparation for the Athletics Carnival in the 30th May.

**Music** – Marimbas are back with Mrs Hodges, starting this Friday!

Homework will resume for all students in the 4/5/6 classroom in Week 2 (next Monday). Our News Topic for Week 1 and 2 is Free Choice (children can choose any topic to speak on for two and a half minutes).

Could all students please ensure they have the required stationary items for use at school each day. Glue sticks are an item which

does run out, and students need to replace these when they are used up. Students need to have a lead pencil, eraser, sharpener, glue stick, ruler, blue and red pens (for students with pen licences), coloured pencils, highlighter and a USB stick. All these items are required for daily class work.

Attached is the Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference permission note – it is hoped all Year 6's can attend this fantastic day in Bathurst in Week 4. I am really looking forward to another fabulous term with the 4/5/6 class!

Have a lovely weekend!

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

### **“Watt’s happening” with Mrs Watt!**

Library Days are the same as Term 1 – THURSDAY for ALL students! I wonder which class will be the BEST Borrowers in Term 2?



Cheri, pictured after being “decorated” by the K/1 Class as part of their chosen reward for being the most consistent library book borrowing class in Term 1. Thanks Cheri – you are a great sport!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Watt  
Librarian

## **P&C News**

### **WANTED – OLD MOBILE PHONES (WORKING or NON\_WORKING!)**

The P&C are registering to be part of a fund-raising program called “Foneraiser”. This is an organisation which pays \$3.00 for every mobile phone that is sent in for recycling. If you have any old mobile phones (working or non-working), please send them into school and we will send them on to Foneraiser to be refurbished and distributed to developing countries.



### **Raffle Tickets –**

Thank you to those families who have been busy selling raffle tickets during the school holidays. The P&C Major raffle of a trailer load of wood will be drawn on Thursday 30th May at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. If you require more raffle ticket books, please see Julie in the office. All funds raised go towards the school excursion to Canberra.

Don't forget the next P&C Meeting will be held next Monday 6th May at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary

## **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 Cummings.

Also available on Gum Tree.

### **Canberra Excursion 2013 - Expression of Interest Form**

☐ YES! My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ WILL be attending the whole school excursion to Canberra on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November.

I enclose ☐ as deposit (\$30 per child)

☐ NO - My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ WILL NOT be attending this year's whole school excursion to Canberra.

☐ YES! I am a Kindergarten parent and would like to attend the Canberra excursion as a parent helper (deposit not required for parent helpers at this stage).

Parent Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Signed - \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_