



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 Week 2 – Week Ending 10th May 2013**

## Miss Benett's Baby News!



Congratulations to Miss Benett and Toby on the birth of their beautiful baby boy last Friday 3rd May! At the time of writing, Baby Benett's name was still undecided but Justin,

Cooper and Nash were all strong possibilities! "Junior" was born at 9am weighing in at 1.42kg...and while he is still quite tiny, Miss Benett has assured me that he is full of energy and even a little bit feisty! Miss Benett will look after "Junior" in hospital for a few more weeks before returning home to Cowra. I know we are all excited to meet him!

## "Students of the Week" – Week 1

Congratulations to our Week 1 Students of the Week!



4/5/6 – Brittany; K/1 – Charli and 2/3 – Lara

Week 11 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Lexi and Boston

2/3 – Thomas and Bailey

4/5/6 – Kynan and Lisa

**Congratulations to all these students!**

## 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!

**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 next week (Friday 17th May).**

## Cowra Eisteddfod



The School Choir will be performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod on Friday 17th May. Thank you to those children who have already returned notes. Mrs Hodges worked with the choir last week to put the finishing touches on their performance and they are sounding fantastic!

## Home Reading Workshop



On Thursday 23rd May Mrs Lynch will be running a Home Reading Workshop for all interested parents of students in Kinder and Year 1. This will run from 3:30-4:30pm and all parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Lynch will explain and demonstrate ways in which you can help your child with their home reading as well as some handy tips and hints! Tea and coffee will be provided and supervision for children will be available while parents attend the workshop. If you are interested in attending please return the attached note – we hope to see you there!

## **NAPLAN – 2013**

Next week 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. Students are encouraged to stay relaxed and get plenty of sleep.

If your child is **SICK** on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week, please ring the school. Friday is set aside as a catch up day for any students absent on the test days.



## **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.

## **Athletics Carnival Lunch Order Forms**

The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and is always a terrific day where children get to compete and mix with students from the other small schools. This year Holmwood P&C are catering for the Carnival and will be selling delicious Kids Lunch Packs. These packs consist of a Sausage in a Hotdog Bun with/without tomato sauce, a Juice Popper and a yummy Freddo Frog treat.

To ensure the P&C order the correct amount, Kids Lunch Packs must be pre-ordered. If your child would like to purchase a lunch pack, please complete the attached Order Form and return to school with \$5 payment. All orders need to be by **Friday 24th MAY**. Please read the P&C section in this week's Newsletter for other information related to the catering for the carnival as the P&C require lots of helpers on the day.

## **District Cross Country**



District Cross Country is also coming up soon with the date set down for Friday 24th May. This will be held at the Grenfell Race Course at 10am sharp. For students aged 8, 9, 10 years – the distance is 2000m (2km); for 11, 12, 13 years, the

distance is 3000m (3km). If your child is interested in competing in this year's Cross Country Carnival, please complete the attached form. Parents must be willing to transport their child to Grenfell and their child must be competitive in the event. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Lynch at school.

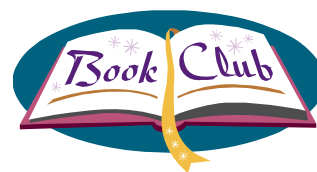


## **Mother's Day**

We would like to wish all our Mums, Grandmas and Nans a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. We hope you enjoy your special day with loved ones.

## **Book Club**

Don't forget all orders with payment are **DUE Friday 17th May**.



## **Calendar**

<b>Term 2 Week 3</b>	
<b>Tues 14th May</b>	NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing
<b>Wed 15th May</b>	NAPLAN - Reading
<b>Thurs 16th May</b>	NAPLAN - Numeracy
<b>Fri 17th May</b>	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 orders due
<b>Term 2 Week 4</b>	
<b>Tues 21st May</b>	Year 6 Grip Leadership Day at Bathurst with Mrs Lewis and Mrs McFarland.
<b>Thurs 23rd May</b>	Home reading Workshop with Mrs Lynch – 3:30-4:30pm – All Infants parents welcome!
<b>Fri 24th May</b>	District Cross Country @ Grenfell (Mrs Lynch attending – K/1 – TBA) Scripture
<b>Term 2 Week 5</b>	
<b>Wed 29th May</b>	Mrs Lewis – SEG Meeting (Mrs Watt 4/5/6)
<b>Thurs 30th May</b>	Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival
<b>Fri 31st May</b>	Musical Marimbas with Mrs Hodges

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

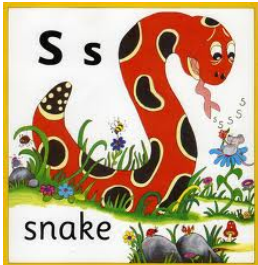
## **Attachments**

- "Kids Lunch Pack" Order Form for Athletics Carnival
- P&C Flier re Helpers for Athletics Carnival
- District Cross Country EOI form



## K/1 Class News

We have had a very busy week settling into the new routine in our classroom, and we are well underway with our learning. All students have been tested and benchmarked in reading and have been placed into reading groups. During reading groups we have been playing some very exciting literacy games and next week we will begin guided reading.



We have started to revise our "Jolly Phonics" sounds and are using the single sounds to blend together to learn simple words, and put them into sentences. Sight words went home this week and it is asked that you cut these cards up to make flash cards and work with your child at home to assist their learning of these words. Students will also complete activities at school based on the sight words for the week. When they confidently know the majority of each set, a new card will be sent home.

In Maths this week we have been learning about 'Whole Numbers', counting by 10's in a new game called "Buzz Off Please". Kindergarten children have been focusing on reading and writing numbers to 20, especially the teen numbers. Year One have been learning about the 100's chart.



Leetisha, Layla, Lexi, Sascha, Brodie and Igloo working together to make biscuits as part of our work in Maths.

On Friday Last week we had an enjoyable time cooking ANZAC biscuits, which were really yummy. We focussed on measuring and counting the number of biscuits made. Then we had a wonderful afternoon singing and playing the Marimbas with Mrs Hodges.



Hands up who likes Anzac biscuits?

In Science we started a new unit called 'A sense of Direction' where we are learning about the five senses and how we use each sense to learn about the world and environment around us.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Heidi Lynch  
K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3 Class News

The children have returned from their holiday break both refreshed and excited about our new learning topics for this term. In Literacy we will be reading two famous Australian Stories "Simpson and his Donkey" and "Ned Kelly." We will be debating whether these famous and infamous characters are a Hero or a Villain.

In Science, we are learning about Cycles in Nature and the children have displayed a high level of enthusiasm and participation. They have commenced making soil for their veggie patch and researching how the Water Cycle works and how this impacts on the growth of plants.

In Visual Arts, we commenced learning about the many and varied paintings done by Sidney Nolan, a famous Australian Artist, of which his artworks of Ned Kelly are the most famous.

THANK YOU again for ensuring that your child reads to you each night and completes his/her Tricky Words list. Positive learning habits are established early in life and parents play a vital role by showing interest and by encouraging the child to accept responsibility.

In Yr2-3 PD/Health lessons we will learning about what is needed for a Healthy Body and the importance of fresh, healthy food to fuel our body and daily exercise to keep our body fit and strong. Sleep is more important than often realised as it is when the body is restored and refreshed. Lack of sleep causes long term harm on how the body functions and moods. To establish

a healthy sleep cycle it is important for children and adults to get enough sleep and have a regular sleep routine. This year we will be taking part in the Premier's Sporting Challenge, which is a great way the whole family can keep fit during the cooler months. In Music we are excited to be learning the marimbas with Mrs Hodges on Fridays.



Makayla, Kadan, Harry and Zsalea playing the marimbas.

The Billy Cart Recycling Project has been extended until the end of May. The completed Billy Carts are the most amazing creations! There are so many clever and creative families in our school as each Billy Cart is unique and built by using only recycled products. The special factor is the pleasure parents have had being a kid again!



Dylan and Lilly's Billy Cart – more photos next week!

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

### **4/5/6 Class News**

This week has again been a busy one as students settle back into school routines. Thank you to Mrs Watt who taught the 4/5/6 Class on Tuesday and Wednesday while I attended two days of training on "Maths

Matters". This is a professional development course which I started last year and am now in the final Phase. Mrs Watt continued on with our regular class program and assisted the students to make some lovely Mother's Day gifts (or gifts for a loved one). For those families that celebrate Mother's Day I hope all the mum's have a lovely day on Sunday!

Next week there will be no set Homework for 4/5/6 due to NAPLAN tests. While our year 5's are sitting the assessments, the Year 4 and Year 6 students will be assisting Mrs Lynch and Mrs Kiely with a variety of activities in the K/1 and Year 2 Classrooms. NAPLAN will only alter our morning sessions, with the middle and afternoon sessions being "business as usual"!

All students in 4/5/6 received their novels for this Term on Monday. I have encouraged each student to take these books home, with the goal to have them read by the beginning of Week 5. We will be completing work based on these novels – "Boss of the Pool" and "The Silver Sword" during our Literacy sessions each morning.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jenny Lewis  
4/5/6 Class Teacher

### **Student Council News**

Congratulations to the new Student Council for Term 2 – Brittany, Oliver, Tom, Mitchell, Dylan and Jacob.



### **P&C News**

Thank you to the parents who turned up to the P&C Meeting on Monday night. A lot of discussion was based around the catering for the Athletics Carnival coming up on Thursday 30th May. This is a great



fundraising opportunity for the P&C and we will be running the canteen, selling cakes and also selling raffle tickets for the trailer load of wood. All funds raised will go towards the excursion so we need as many helpers as possible!! Please see the attached flier as to how you can help out. The saying “Many hands makes light work” is true especially when we are working to help ALL students attend the excursion...so even if you can’t help out on the Carnival day, you might be able to help by making some cupcakes to sell!

### **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 –**

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.

Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary

## **Community News**

**Cowra Baptist Church**

# Kids Club

**School years 2-6**  
**School Term Fridays**  
**4-5:30pm**

Cowra Baptist Church  
Corner Nangar Street and Bourke Street Cowra

Games  
Bible  
Friends  
Food  
Fun

Contact	Details
Andrew Morrison	0402 910 530
Carolyn Austin	0427 150 277

## **Cowra High School P&C Quiz Night**

Come along and test your general knowledge, win a prize, have some fun and support your local High School.

Saturday 25th May.

7 for 7:30pm

Tickets \$10 pp, Tables of 8.

BYO Drinks and Basket Supper

Book your table at Cowra High School Front

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