



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3 – Week Ending 17th May 2013



Winter Weather!

This week has seen much cooler temperatures after several weeks of beautiful mild autumn weather. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the change of seasons as the school only has a limited supply of spare jumpers in our clothing pool. With the cooler weather, children love to bring leftovers to school...this is a great idea however please be aware that staff are not able to reheat leftovers due to OH&S policy. A simple thermos is a great idea and keeps your child's lunch warm all day.

"Students of the Week" – Week 2

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week!



K/1 – Sascha Pettit; 4/5/6 – Abbie Lewis; and 2/3 – Katelyn Judd.

Week 2 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Igloo and Layla

2/3 – Lilly and Miah

4/5/6 – Damien and Kaylah

Congratulations to all these students!

Cowra Eisteddfod



Tomorrow the School Choir will be performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod! Notes regarding transport arrangements are attached to this week's Newsletter.

Thank you to those parents who are able to assist with transport. We are all looking forward to performing tomorrow and also for the chance to watch some of the other school choirs perform.

Welcome Mrs McFarland!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Tracey McFarland who begins her five week teaching practicum at HPS tomorrow. Mrs McFarland will be working with Mrs Lewis and the 4/5/6 Class and is really looking forward to her time at HPS.

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 contact the school if you haven't already done so.



Grip Leadership Conference

Next Tuesday Year 6 will be heading to Bathurst to participate in the Grip Leadership Conference. This will be a terrific day for our Senior Students as they listen to guest speakers and participate in games and fun activities all related to the theme of leadership. Just a

reminder that we will be leaving at **7:15am** from Holmwood PS and returning at **4:15pm**. Children will need to bring their recess, lunch, water bottle and \$5 for a stop at Annie's Ice Cream Parlour on the way home! Thank you to Mrs Lewis and Mrs McFarland for transporting the children to Bathurst in their cars.

District Cross Country



District Cross Country will be held next Friday 24th May 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). Parents must be willing to transport their child to Grenfell and their child must be competitive in the event. Permission notes for those children attending are in Newsletter folders this week.

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**.

Latest pics - Justin Cooper Benett!



Miss Benett sent us this beautiful photo of baby Justin last week....how cute!

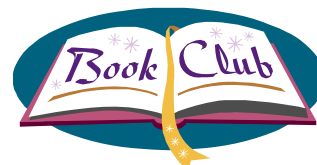


Woolworths Earn & Learn

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

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



Calendar

Term 2 Week 4	
Tues 21st May	Year 6 Grip Leadership Day at Bathurst with Mrs Lewis and Mrs McFarland. (Mrs Watt Yr 4/5)
Thurs 23rd May	Home Reading Workshop with Mrs Lynch – 3:30-4:30pm – All Infants parents welcome!
Fri 24th May	District Cross Country @ Grenfell (Mrs Lynch; K/1 – Mrs Lewis) Scripture Athletics Carnival Lunch Orders due
Term 2 Week 5	
Wed 29th May	Mrs Lewis – SEG Meeting (Mrs Watt 4/5/6)
Thurs 30th May	Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Fri 31st May	Musical Marimbas with Mrs Hodges
Term 2 Week 6	
Mon 3rd June	P&C Meeting – 7pm
Thurs 6th June	Alternate date for Athletics Carnival
Fri 7th June	Book Fair

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- "Kids Lunch Pack" Order Form for Athletics Carnival
- Eisteddfod Transport Note (Choir members only)
- P&C Cupcake packets and note

K/1 Class News

Well we have had another busy week, with lots of learning happening in the classroom. In Literacy groups we have been lucky enough to have the year 4 and year 6 students helping us with our literacy games. Our

games include sight word bingo, sight word matching, CVC word pictures, story writing from picture cards and a very exciting interactive white board game that reinforces our jolly phonics skills for reading.



Kynan from Year 6 helps Charlotte, Leetisha and Lexi play a sight word matching game.

A reminder that students maths and spelling homework is sent home on Mondays and returned on Fridays. With home reading students have five books sent home with them on Monday. Please encourage your child to read at least one each night and if time permits by the end of the week they can read all of the books to develop fluency and familiarisation of sight words in readers.



Layla practising her sentence writing.

Our book study this week is "Meanies". The focus on this book was sight words, repetition and the sequencing of events. In visual arts the students created a fantastic art work based on the book. This week we have started buddy reading in class, students read to their buddy to develop their fluency and knowledge of sight words. If any parents,

grandparents or community volunteers would like to assist with reading activities in class for the first 15 minutes of the morning it would be greatly appreciated (9:30-9:45am). Please ring me at school – 63422172 if you are able to help out!

In Maths we have been focusing on the concept of 'Friends of Ten' looking at the many different combinations of adding two, three and four numbers to equal ten. We have also been focusing on addition and counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. Our "Buzz Off Please" game is a big help with this concept!

In Science we have been learning about our hearing and sight. We have looked at the importance of looking after our hearing by not having our ear phones too loud in our ears when listening to music. Next week we will be learning about taste and will get to taste some yummy foods.

We started a new unit in PD/Health this week titled "A Healthy Me". We will be discussing ways to stay fit and healthy especially in the colder months, how to keep the germs away and looking at good foods to eat.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind Regards,
Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

This has been a very busy week in our classroom. The Year 3 students completed their NAPLAN tests and each child attempted to do his or her best in each section of the test. Well Done Team!

During this time the Year 2 were able to work with a Year 4 and a Year 6 buddy to learn new technology skills, using the primary Netbooks. Both groups enjoyed working together and sharing learning and friendship skills.



Kaylah assists Mackenzie with computer work.

In PE and Sport the children are training for the Athletics Carnival and preparing for the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Both activities encourage fitness, skill development and team cooperation.



Zslea and Thomas ready to race!

In Maths have been learning about digital time and this skill can be revised at home by telling the time on the microwave, bedside clock and video player, please. This makes it an easy but essential life skill to learn.

In our Science unit our vegie patch has been prepared and now the rain has come we will be ready to plant our winter vegies. Is your home vegie patch ready yet?

The whole school was really excited to see the Beaumont Family and Petty Family Billy Carts. Again, these are incredible ideas. We look forward to seeing your billy cart ideas. Keep posted for more exciting class news next week.



Liam, Harry and Oliver with the Beaumont Family Billy cart!



Boston with his Billy Cart – another fantastic use of recycled items!

Thank you for another wonderful week.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

What a huge week! With NAPLAN on for our Year 5 students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings we have still managed to get lots of work covered in Maths and Science during the afternoons.

During Maths this week we have been tackling some investigations involving 3D shapes. During one lesson Mrs Lewis gave us some click-shapes and asked us to make a cube. We then had to pull our cube apart to show what the 'net' looked like. We discovered that most of us had the same net but 2 groups had a different net. Mrs Lewis then asked us "How many different nets are there?" We started experimenting and eventually found 9 different nets! Did you know that there are actually 11 different nets for a cube? These are pictured below;



This activity involved us working like mathematicians to **solve a problem** – we used trial and error, worked with a friend,

talked about our problem, tested different options, asked questions and linked to our prior knowledge about cubes. It was also a lot of fun!

This week in our science unit "Moving Pictures" we focused on animations and used a great website called Zimmertwins. Working in pairs, our task was to create a short cartoon animation that flowed like a narrative or story. We had to ensure we had a beginning, middle and an end and that the story was well-sequenced. We will be showing our animations to our classmates next Monday as we hold the inaugural "Holmwood PS Film Festival"!



Don't forget to keep reading your novels at home - all novels need to be read by the beginning of Week 5. Also next week's News Topic is "My Favourite Movie" so come prepared ready to speak for 2 ½ minutes on your news day!

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

P&C News

The Athletics carnival day fundraising efforts are starting to come together and we need parent help! You can help the P&C by;

1. Donations of Lollies – We will be making up lolly bags to sell at the Carnival – any donations of bags of lollies can be sent in to school... THANK YOU!

2. Donations of Cakes – for the Cake Stall – this will also be held at the Athletics Carnival. Please find 4x plastic cupcake containers for muffins/cupcakes sent home with your newsletter. It would be appreciated if these could be filled with yummy cupcakes or muffins and returned to school by Wednesday 29th May or brought to the Carnival on Thursday 30th May.

3. Donation of time – to assist with serving on the canteen at the Carnival (rosters were sent home last week). It is only an hour or so...and the more helpers we have, the merrier!

We need as much help as possible as all money raised goes towards the school excursion to Canberra. If you require further information, please call Karen Beaumont – 0419 229 755.

WANTED – OLD MOBILE PHONES (WORKING or NON-WORKING!)

The P&C have registered 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 Office ph - 63421766

