



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 6 – Week Ending 7th June 2013

“Students of the Week” – Week 5

Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!



4/5/6 – Kaylah Rust; K/1 – Layla Hood; 2/3 – Lilly Whitty

Week 5 Merit Awards went to the following students;

K/1 – Brodie and Toby

2/3 – Blake and Bailey

4/5/6 – Ashleigh and Ebon

Congratulations to all these students!

prepared and Wish Lists completed. All parents and family members are most welcome to attend the Book Parade which will run from 12pm-1pm. The Book Fair is supplied by Scholastic and all items are of an excellent quality....it is like having our very own book shop in our school! Parents are welcome to purchase books from the Book Fair on Friday, following the parade. For every book sold during the Book Fair the school receives a small commission (to be taken in books) which will boost our library stocks significantly. Payments can be made via cheque, cash or credit card.

Three-Way Interviews and Reports

*All teachers are very busy at the moment writing half-yearly reports and these will be distributed to parents in Week 8 during our 3 Way Interviews. 3 Way Interviews are conducted with the teacher, parent and child and are a valuable component of our school's reporting system. We will try and arrange interviews for parents who have children in more than one class to follow each other where possible. Could timetable sheets please be returned to school **TOMORROW** Friday 7th June. Once all forms are returned we will notify parents of their interview time.*

Excursion Update



Thanks to the VERY generous donation from the P&C, the final cost per student for our Canberra excursion will be \$120 per child. This is a HUGE \$100 off the original price per student. As all students have paid their

\$30 deposit, the amount owing for each student is \$90. Payments can be made to the Office from next week onwards. I am sure I speak on behalf of all the parents when I say that our P&C is amazing!! This assistance with funding will hopefully ensure that ALL students are able to attend.

Book Fair

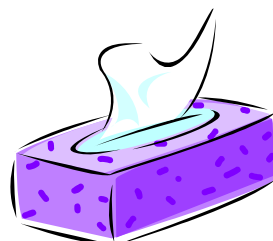
A HUGE “THANK YOU” to Mrs Watt for her excellent organisation and efforts with this year's Book Fair. We are all excited about Book Fair tomorrow and ready to go, with costumes organised, speeches

**Earn & Learn
2013**



**Don't forget to keep collecting your Earn
& Learn Stickers from Woolworths!
Earn & Learn finishes on June 9th!**

Conductive Hearing Loss Visit



has on our ability to hear. Cathy will spend about 30 minutes with each class on Tuesday morning.

Next Tuesday Cathy Cooper will be at school to speak with each class about the importance of breathing, blowing, coughing and hand washing and the impact this

Calendar

Term 2 Week 7	
Mon 10th June	Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 11th June	Conductive Hearing Loss Visit – all classes
Fri 14th June	Scripture
Term 2 Week 8	
Mon 17th June	Mrs Lynch – Leave (Mrs Webster K/1) Mrs Lewis – 3 Way Interview Day (Mrs Watt 4/5/6)
Tues 18th June	Mrs Kiely – 3 Way Interview Day (Mr Kiely 2/3)
Wed 19th June	Mrs Lynch – 3 Way Interview Day (Mrs Webster K/1)
Term 2 Week 9 – NAIDOC WEEK	
Mon 24th June	Di Watt (School Counsellor) will be at HPS Flag Raising Ceremony at Mulyan PS – 10am (NAIDOC celebrations).
Tues 25th June	Mrs Lewis – PARS
Thurs 27th June	End of Term Assembly – Start time 1:45pm
Fri 28th June	Scripture Mrs Kiely – FACS Leave Last Day of Term 2

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- "Parent-Teacher Interview" Information Sheet

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who came along to the P&C Meeting on Monday night. It was a very positive meeting again, with lots of discussion about future fundraising ventures. The P&C raised in excess of \$2,600.00 from the Huge Wood raffle and catering for the Athletics Carnival. This means that the P&C are able to subsidise each child attending the excursion a huge \$100 off the costs!



Our next fundraising activity is the annual PIE DRIVE. Please ask your family and friends to support the Pie Drive – the pies come from Roberts

Bakery and are absolutely delicious! Orders need to be back in to school by 19th July (not 26th July as indicated on the order forms) with delivery date being Friday 2nd August.

After the success of the last wood raffle, the P&C have decided to run another wood raffle with wood again being generously donated by Phil Rowley. The P&C are very grateful for Phil's support.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 News

Well another busy week has flown by. It is pleasing to say that with the assessments that have been completed over the last week, all students have made good progress in their Jolly phonics sounds, their sight words and their oral reading fluency. Well done everyone.

This week in Guided Reading we have started a new Big Book titled 'Smarty Pants', which was the inspiration this week for our Visual arts theme. We created a giant clown and used primary coloured paints to transform him into a brightly coloured character.



"Smarty Pants" - The finished product!

In maths we have been learning about the attributes of 2 dimensional shapes, and how shapes are used in buildings, constructions and the surrounding environment. The students had fun using shape blocks to create their own pictures.



Charli and Charlotte with their clever shape pictures.

This week we have started a new topic in HSIE 'Our Needs'. We brain stormed all the elements that people need in order to live. We will be focusing on needs and wants in this topic to understand the important elements of survival.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs Lynch

K/1 Teacher

2/3 Class News

The children certainly excelled themselves at the Athletics Carnival last week. It was exciting to see each child participating in a variety of events and displaying skill and sportsmanship. I was a marshal at the track events and it was great to see the involvement of our students in each race, whether short or long distance races. Our daily fitness program has increased the strength and the stamina levels of all students in Year 2-3. Well Done children. Three Cheers for Lilly Whitty, who competed in the 8,9 and 10 year events, and became the Junior Girls Champion. This is a major achievement in Year 3!

In Literacy we researched the history of the ANZAC biscuits and compared it with the recipes used today. Following a procedure, ie a recipe, the children then made our own biscuits, which certainly passed the taste test. The children could now make these for the family for afternoon tea.



In Science, we enjoyed working in our veggie garden in our Outdoor Science Lessons and planting our snow peas. We have also raked the gorgeous autumn leaves into huge piles, ready to for making the compost. Children love gardening and it is a great skill and hobby to foster, at school and at home.



In PD/Health we are setting our Winter Goals for Good Health and planning our Winter Fitness and Eating Plan for optimum health and sense of well-being, to stay healthy and strong all winter long! Children will be encouraging their families to join up and draw up their own plans too.

THANK YOU again for the amazing response to the Recycled Billy Cart Project. Each week more incredible billy carts appear at school. Each billy cart reflects the delight that children, Dads and Grandads have had working together to create a real masterpiece. The details and date of the Billy Cart Derby will be on week 7 school newsletter.



Lisa, Jarrod and Gregory with their amazing "Ford" Billy Cart.



Brittany and Brent testing out their billy cart, made with assistance from their Pop Dave Kiss!

The Student Council ran a very successful RED day for the Red Shield Appeal and raised \$130 towards this worthy cause. Thank you for your generous support which assisted the town appeal. Again this year the Student Council are collecting scarves, beanies and bed socks for homeless people, as our community project. We aim to collect 250 this winter to reach our target of 1000.

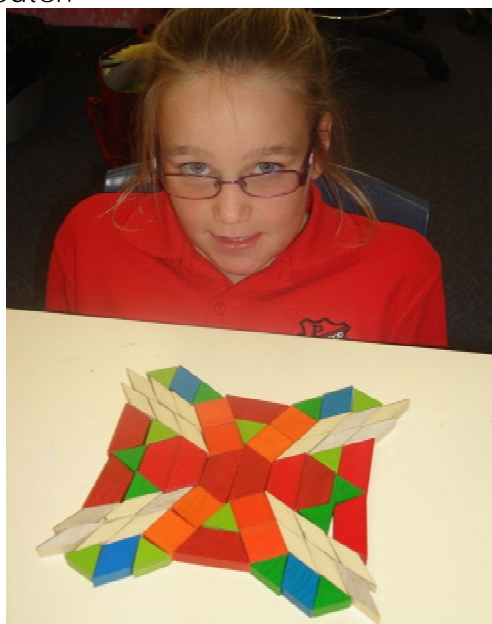
We hope that you can assist with a donation of a knitted or purchased scarf or beanie or bed socks. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, counts and is appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
Year 2/3 Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

What a great week in the Primary Class! Mrs McFarland has been teaching lots of HSIE, Visual Arts, Writing and Maths lessons. Our classroom is slowly transforming into a rainforest habitat with a terrific group mural coming to life on our back wall, vines and leaves appearing across the centre of the room and frogs, butterflies, snakes and even chameleons popping up everywhere!

We are also focusing on our English novel matrixes this week with our task being to complete at least 6 activities off the Matrix Sheet by the end of the term. Some students have decided to do some work on these at home which is a great idea!

This week in Maths we have focused on symmetry (both line and rotational), tessellations and graphing. Both Stage 2 and 3 created some terrific tessellating patterns using pattern blocks, grid paper and the computer.



Claire with her tessellated pattern she made this week during Maths

Our Blog has had a recent surge of interest with over 560 visitors! Our aim is to try and get over 600 by the end of the Term. Just google

"Mrs Lewis 4/5/6 Class Blog" and it will come up as your number 1 search.

Congratulations to Annelise who completed a personal interest project about endangered species. Annelise brought this in for News this week – a wonderful effort!



Annelise with her personal project she completed about Endangered Species.

News Topic for Week 7 and Week 8 – "My Best Holiday Ever" – students can bring in photos or souvenirs to share, but must be prepared to speak for 2 ½ minutes on their topic.

Have a lovely L-O-N-G weekend!
Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

Mrs Watt's News

Excitement is building! A great selection of books has arrived for the Book Fair. I am sure all of the students have been busily preparing their 'Book Star' costumes. The Holmwood student's creativity and enthusiasm never cease to amaze, so I am sure we are going to be treated to a variety of characters (and perhaps creatures) on Friday.

We are hoping that family and friends can join us on Friday (feel free to come dressed up yourselves). Book Fair starts at 12 pm at which time the children will 'present' their characters.

Looking forward to seeing a wonderful Book Fair crowd.

Library News

There has been a wonderful number of books being borrowed this term. In our class

challenge, where each class tries to be the class who have borrowed the most books for the term, K/1 are once again in front, but 2/3 are so so close behind. With only 3 weeks to go, any class can still win (that includes 4/5/6 as well- a long shot but anything is possible if you put your minds to it). For those participating in the Premier Reading Challenge, keep reading!! Three months to go.

Mrs Watt
Librarian

Community News



Do you have plans once school has finished? Are you working during the July school holidays? Have you organised care for your child? Perhaps we can help. Vacation care offers fully supervised care in a safe, nurturing environment where the focus is on your child. Were

open 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday except public holidays.

We currently have enrolments open for vacation care during July School holidays. These spots fill quickly. Vacation care helps working families alleviate the stress of 'where is my child' while you're still at work. All vacation care is CCB rebated and if applicable CCR rebated.

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Jackaroo Ranch – Winter School Holiday

Horse Riding Camps

Jackaroo Ranch located at Bingletree Station at Upper Turon are running their horse riding camps in the winter vacation.

1st Week – Sat 29th June – Sat 6th July

2nd Week – Sat 6th July – Sun 14th July

Shorter stays possible if camps not fully booked.

These camps are for horse mad children aged from 6-16 yrs. 5-6 hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a one hour lesson and three hours trail riding in the beautiful Turon Valley. As well campers are taught grooming, saddler, haltering and safety aspects.

Previous experience not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for.

Other activities include god panning, cattle feeding, mustering, campfires and wildlife spotting.

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