



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 8 – Week Ending 21st June 2013

“Students of the Week” – Week 7

Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!



4/5/6 – Oliver Beaumont; K/1 – Boston Petty-O’Brien;

2/3 – Asher Gregory

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Charlotte and Jaydan

2/3 – Lilly and Harry

4/5/6 – Ebon and Damien

Congratulations to these students!

Excursion Update...135 days to go!

Payments for the excursion can be made to the Office any time from now onwards. The cost per child for our Canberra Excursion is \$120 (less the \$30 deposit) = \$90 owing.



Three-Way Interviews and School Reports

Thank you to those parents who attended our 3 Way Interviews this week. The Staff are grateful for the opportunity to speak with each parent and child. For those parents unable to attend interviews, your child’s report will be posted to you next week. Thank you to Mrs Watt, Mr Kiely and Mrs Webster who relieved on the classes whilst Mrs Lynch, Mrs Kiely and I could speak with parents.



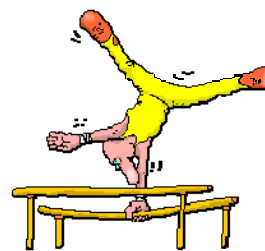
NAIDOC Week Activities

Next week is NAIDOC Week where we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our school will be celebrating NAIDOC by;

- Learning significant historical, cultural and artistic elements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in regular classes.
- Participating in a NAIDOC activity morning on Wednesday. Children will be divided into 3 x K-6 groups and will rotate through three different Aboriginal-themed activities throughout the morning session.
- Visiting Cowra High School on Friday 28th June for a community cultural event with other Cowra Schools. This will include listening to music, face painting, boomerang painting and games.

We are all looking forward to this week and would like to invite interested parents along to our Wednesday activity morning. Attached to this week’s Newsletter is a permission note to attend the NAIDOC excursion to Cowra High. The cost is \$2 per person for the bus. Please return permission note and payment by Wednesday next week.

Gymnastics Lessons!



Gymnastics lessons are on again next Term! We have been fortunate to secure the services of Kim Ginter from Cowra PCYC to teach a series of 5 x 1 hour lessons to K-2 and 3-6 every Monday starting in Week 2.

Gymnastics is a compulsory element of our PD.H/PE curriculum and last year ALL children thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

Thanks to a Premier’s Sporting Challenge grant and a generous donation of \$500 from the Holmwood P&C,

gymnastics lessons will be FREE for all children. All students who participated in gymnastics lessons last year still have current PCYC membership. For any new students to our school (including Kinders), a PCYC membership form and \$5.00 fee is required for students to use the facilities.

Please find attached a permission note for Gymnastics lessons attached to this week's Newsletter. PCYC Membership forms have also been enclosed for any students requiring them. ALL permission notes and PCYC membership need to be returned to school ASAP.

End of Term Assembly

Next Thursday 27th June we will be having our end of Term Assembly. Assembly will start at 1:45pm and conclude at around 2:50pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. All classes will be putting on a MUSICAL extravaganza with each class playing some marimba songs and the School Choir will be performing their eisteddfod pieces. This Term Year 2 and 3 will be catering for the assembly and will have sandwiches and a drink available for everyone to have for lunch. These will be FREE OF CHARGE thanks to a very generous donation from Cowra Woolworths. Attached to this week's newsletter is a lunch order form for all students, siblings and parents attending the assembly. Please complete these and return to the school office by next Monday 24th June. Hope to see you there!

Farewell Mrs McFarland!



Next Thursday is Mrs Tracey McFarland's last day at Holmwood PS. Mrs McFarland has almost completed her 5 week teaching prac at H.P.S and has been working with the 4/5/6 class during her time here. All the 4/5/6 students have really enjoyed her teaching them and will miss her when she goes back to her university studies at CSU in Bathurst. I'm sure we might be able to persuade her to come for a visit for 'special' events next Term and hope that when she graduates she will be able to come and work at our school again in the future.

THANK YOU Mrs McFarland!

Scripture

Next Friday 28th June will be the last Scripture lesson for the Term. Scripture lessons will resume again in Term 3 on Friday 26th July (Week 2). I would like to thank Angela Gillard and Austen Griffiths for their support of our students and school in their delivery of scripture lessons every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. They do this on a voluntary basis and the staff are grateful for their efforts.

Term 3 Staffing

Next Term Mrs Lynch will be absent for the first few weeks of term as she undergoes a hip operation during the holidays. Mrs Webster will be relieving on the K/1 Class on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays with Mrs Nottingham teaching on Thursdays. We wish Mrs Lynch a speedy recovery and are looking forward to having her back after her recovery period. Who knows, with her new hip, Mrs Lynch might be able to start up some HIP hop dance lessons!!

Library Term 3

*Due to staff changes for the first few weeks of next term, Mrs Watt will be teaching Library on **Fridays for Weeks 1 and 2**. We will remind students about this again after the holidays.*

**Earn & Learn
2013**



Thank you to all the families who collected Earn & Learn stickers this year! The total number of stickers we collected was 7080!

Now we have to wait and see what we are able to purchase for our school from this program! THANK YOU!

Calendar

Term 2 Week 9 – NAIDOC WEEK

Mon 24th June	Flag Raising Ceremony at Mulyan PS – 10am (NAIDOC celebrations).
Tues 25th June	Mrs Lewis – PARS
Wed 26th June	NAIDOC Activity morning – all classes
Thurs 27th June	End of Term Assembly – Start time 1:45pm 2/3 Catering for Assembly
Fri 28th June	Scripture Mrs Kiely – FACS Leave Last Day of Term 2

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

29.6.2013 – 15.7.2013

Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 15th July	Staff Development Day (Pupil-free Day)
Thurs 18th July	Mrs Webster away (Mrs Nottingham K/1)
Fri 19th July	LIBRARY DAY for all K-6
Term 3 Week 2	
Mon 22nd July	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC P&C Meeting – 7pm
Thurs 25th July	Mrs Webster away (Mrs Nottingham K/1)
Fri 26th July	LIBRARY DAY for all K-6 Scripture

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- NAIDOC Excursion to CHS
- Gymnastics Permission Note
- Lunch Order and Information sheet regarding Assembly next week

P&C News

PIE DRIVE !!



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.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

2/3 Class News

It is always wonderful to talk to parents and share with them the progress of their child. At our Three Way Interviews on Tuesday, I greatly appreciated the valuable opportunity to discuss with parents the achievements of this semester and any concerns that need discussion and planning for Semester 2. This is a unique situation at Holmwood School for all children, K-6, to personally receive their Semester 1 Report and have individual time with their parents and their teacher to discuss the report. Respectful discussions between the child, parent and the school is essential for successful learning and achievement. Your presence is always welcome and is appreciated by your child and the school, as your child gets so excited to see you! Thank you as it is time well spent.



Karen and Kris Beaumont pictured with Harry and Liam during 3 Way Interviews this week.

The Holmwood Student Council have collected another 40 scarves and beanies and I took these to Sydney last weekend. The Parramatta City Mission sincerely thank you for your support, as the needs of the homeless are urgent in the cold winter months. We have set the 2013 Winter Warmth Target at 1000 and it has already reached over 890! So, any donations, either new or clean and recycled, knitted or purchased, from our school and the community, will help us to achieve our goal to assist 1000 homeless people! Every act of kindness counts and is appreciated. So please help us refill the box next term.



Makayla, Victoria and Blake with some of the Winter Warmth Appeal donations.

The Student Council are busy planning the Billy Cart Derby for tomorrow. Please make sure that permission notes are returned, bike helmets come to school in a recycling bag for ease of carrying and RSVP for Gents Barbie was due today, for catering purposes. This will avoid disappointment, as no note/helmet will be "No Go Joe!" Billycarts will be shared and the Derby will involve team events so that all children can participate. Please make arrangements for your

child's Billy Cart to go home on Friday after the Derby, ready for lots of safe holiday fun. The high level of design, originality and creativity is to the credit of each family and I thank you again for making this such a successful recycling community project. It is a wonderful memory your child will always cherish, as I still remember the wonderful times I had as a child building and racing a billy cart.

Thank you for your wonderful support. Have a safe and happy holiday and enjoy a relaxing time with your beautiful child, children. Please remember to Rest and Read, enjoying your favourite books each day, to keep your neurons growing and glowing and not getting floppy and dull! The Cowra Library has a wonderful supply of fascinating books and tapes to borrow and is well worth a visit.

Stay happy and safe.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

This has been a big week in the Primary Class as everyone has been working hard to get their English Studies activities and Rainforest projects completed. The students all need to have their 6 activities for English completed and handed in to Mrs Lewis for marking by the last day of Term. Mrs McFarland's Rainforest projects are due tomorrow (Friday 21st June). Children have been working on these over the last few weeks in class; however some have used extra time at home to complete all activities. This has been a great exercise in time management for all students!

This week in Maths we have explored 3D shapes. The children were involved in a range of activities taught by Mrs McFarland including a "Grand Design" building challenge, using Google Earth to look at aerial views of Cowra and in particular Holmwood School. The class sketched aerial, side and front views of the school. It was interesting to see how our school has changed since the images were uploaded onto Google Earth in 2010.

"Descriptive Writing" has been our text type focus this week again, with children exploring similes and metaphors and using these in their writing to create a more detailed and specific picture for the reader – "He was as

smart as Google"; "She cried a river of tears" and "My muscles are like a mountain" were three good ones that come to mind!

In Visual Arts the class enjoyed using charcoal as a medium to sketch an endangered animal from the rainforest. The attention to detail and skills involved with using this tricky (and messy!) material were outstanding and these are on display in our classroom.



Ashleigh pictured drawing her endangered 'lemur' during Visual Arts this week.

We look forward to seeing all our parents at next Thursday's end of term assembly.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

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. We're 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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