



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 9 – Week Ending 28th June 2013

End of Term

Congratulations to all students on a wonderful term of learning at Holmwood Public School. It is hard to believe how quickly this term has gone by, although we have certainly fit a lot in! The Athletics Carnival, Eisteddfod, NAPLAN, Book Fair, P&C Fundraisers, Marimbas and Interviews have kept us very busy...but we wouldn't have it any other way! I hope all families enjoy the two week vacation and come back to school rested and ready for a fantastic Term 3!

"Students of the Week" – Week 8

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!



4/5/6 – Dylan Whitty; K/1 – Brodie Rye; 2/3 – Harry Beaumont

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Leetisha and Sascha

2/3 – Thomas and Blake

4/5/6 – Claire and Hayley

Congratulations to these students!

Excursion Update... 128 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.

NAIDOC Week Activities

This week is NAIDOC Week where we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our school celebrated NAIDOC week 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 rotated through three different Aboriginal-themed activities throughout the morning session.*
- *Visiting Cowra High School tomorrow; Friday 28th June for a community cultural event with other Cowra Schools. This will include listening to music, face painting, boomerang painting and games.*

Below are some photos taken during our Wednesday morning cultural activities.



Ebon & Layla dot painting their sections of the Rainbow Serpent



Charli and Leetisha working on their boomerangs.

Billy Cart Derby

Last Friday the HPS oval was turned into a Billy Cart Derby track with all manner of Billy Carts lined up and ready to race! It was a wonderful day for all students and the dads, grandads and uncles who came along to share their fantastic recycled creations!

Thank you to Mrs Kiely and the Student Leadership Team for their excellent organisation of the day. Thank you to all the families who came along on Friday and assisted with the creation of the Billy Carts. Thanks also to Mr Garry White (our multi-talented G.A) who was a whiz on the BBQ and all the guests enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle, generously provided by Coles.

There were so many photos taken on the day and Mrs Lewis will do her best to get these up on the school website during the holidays. Here is a small selection...



Alan and Jarrod with their masterpiece!



Charli, Jaydan and Jaydan's dad Lindsay test driving the Billy Carts!



Mrs Watt gets a push from Victoria, Abbie and Sophie.

Gymnastics Lessons!



Gymnastics lessons are on again next Term! We have been fortunate to secure the services of Kim Grinter 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! **ALL permission notes and PCYC membership need to be returned to school ASAP.***

End of Term Assembly

Today we celebrated the end of Term by having our special assembly. Thank you to the parents and friends who came to watch our students perform! The marimbas and choir items were a highlight- thank you again to Mrs Kristie Hodges for her expertise in this area! Congratulations to the Year 6 students who did such a great job in running the assembly. Photos from assembly will appear in the next newsletter and be sure to check them out on the school website.

THANK YOU WOOLWORTHS!



Thanks to an extremely generous donation from Cowra Woolworths, all students and parents were treated to a delicious lunch of sandwiches, fruit and a drink at today's assembly! The Year 2/3 class did a magnificent job making ALL those sandwiches and with help from Cheri, Manager Daniel and the staff at Woolworths, catered for a very large crowd! Holmwood PS are thankful for the wonderful support Woolworths has provided to our school – photos will appear in our next Newsletter.

THANK YOU COLES



A BIG Thank you also to Cowra Coles Supermarket for their generous donation of sausages for last week's Billy Cart Derby! Pictured above is Coles Manager Daniel Weber, with a certificate of appreciation from Holmwood Public School.



To the wonderful staff, students and families of Holmwood Public School, Wow, what a great prac! It has been a very busy time for both myself and the students. During my five week visit with 4/5/6 we have explored the wonders of tropical rainforests, investigated 3D shapes and designed

unique dwellings, written information reports and created virtual cupcakes. They have taught me how to comment on a blog and how to make the most of every learning opportunity.

I feel very fortunate to have been a part of Holmwood Public School during my teaching placement. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all and I look forward to visiting with you again.

Thank you!

Mrs McFarland

Scripture

Tomorrow - 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.

Calendar

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 29.6.2013 – 15.7.2013	
Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 15th July	Staff Development Day (Pupil-free Day)
Tues 16th July	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL!
Thurs 18th July	Mrs Webster away (Mrs Nottingham K/1)
Fri 19th July	LIBRARY DAY for all K-6 PIE DRIVE ORDERS DUE!
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

Term 3 Week 3 – EDUCATION WEEK

Mon 29th July	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC AECG Meeting @ Holmwood PS – 2pm
Fri 2nd August	Pie Drive Orders go out

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Absentee notes - please complete & return to school ASAP
- Information sheet re Helmut Safety
- Coles Market Day Flier

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

K/1 Class News

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the term. We have covered a lot of ground this term and all students are to be commended on their efforts and achievements.

On Friday we had a fantastic day with the Billy Cart Derby. A big congratulations to the student council team and Mrs Kiely for organising a very fun and safe day. There was a fantastic variety of billy carts. I'm sure that many of you will have lots of fun in the holidays with them.

Over the last two weeks of term the students in K/1 have been revising all the sounds they have learnt during the term and using these to blend them together to make CVC words and CVCC words. They have been playing a variety of literacy games and activities to help with their spelling, reading and writing. We have also started the trickier sounds, and are venturing in to long vowel sounds. Next term

Mrs Webster will be teaching the K/1 class for the first two weeks while I will be recovering from my hip operation. Mrs Webster will continue to introduce two new sounds a week.



During writing we have been trying hard to use the sounds we have learnt to blend them together to form words and are using these in

sentences to create stories, and write simple narratives. We are learning that narratives have a beginning, middle and an ending. We have been using character cards and setting cards to help us write some interesting stories.



In Maths this week K/1 have been collecting data and representing this in picture and column graphs. We have discovered favourite animals, pets, colours and graphed the different types of dinosaur counters.

On Wednesday we have a fantastic morning celebrating NAIDOC week. The school was split into three groups and rotated around the three classrooms to complete a different Aboriginal based activity. In the infants classroom each group took it in turns to discover the dreamtime story of 'Tiddalik the Frog'. Students had to act out the story of Tiddalik, and tell the story via dance and listening to Aboriginal music and instruments. Each student was able to complete a dot painting or a finger puppet of the great frog himself.

I hope that you all have a very safe and relaxing mid-year break and I will see you all in week 3 ready for some hip-hop dancing!

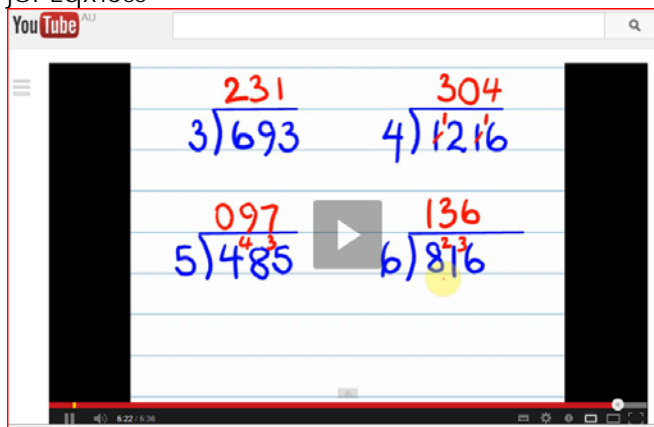
Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

It has been a busy week of finishing off activities in the 4/5/6 room. All students worked hard during literacy sessions to have their English studies activities completed. These will be marked during the school holidays and returned to students Week 1 next term.

In Maths this week we have been revising short division with remainders. This has been a good refresher for all students! Remember that YouTube often has excellent instructional videos for some of our mathematics explanations, particularly as some of these are taught differently to how our parents may have learnt them when they were in school. You can access the short division clip we used this week at;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jePLqxTJss>



We all really enjoyed the range of Aboriginal activities completed on Wednesday. The Rainbow Serpent and Tiddalik the frog were popular Aboriginal dreamtime stories and we all got to create artworks and participate in some drama with all the teachers. It was also fun working with the students in the younger classes!

Next Term we have lots happening! I know that everyone is looking forward to the holidays and I would like to congratulate the 4/5/6 class on another fabulous term. It would be appreciated if all children could check their stationary supplies and restock if needed before school returns – items such as glue sticks and white-out often need replacing at the end of each term!

Have a great holiday – see you in 2 weeks!!
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

Watts Happening in the Library

CONGRATULATIONS to Class K/1! K/1 have once again won the Class Borrowing Challenge for the Term 2. They have been terrific borrowers and have also been keen to share what they have read with Cherie, myself and the others in the class. As their 'prize', K1 have decided they would like the Library restaurant to reopen and to once again decorate Cherie. I am wondering how they will decorate Cherie this time?? Due to the Woolworth's visit and lunch being provided by Class 2/3 today, K1 will enjoy their special Library day first Thursday in Term 3.

Thank you to all those parents who have been sharing the books your child has borrowed and encouraging them to enjoy the wonderful world of books.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.
Mrs Watt

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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