



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1 – Week Ending 19th July 2013

Term 3 Begins!

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that all families had a great winter break and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. This term sees the beginning of the new DEC structure put in place. The new Executive Director of Education for our area is Ms Dail McGilchrist, who will be based in Dubbo. The new Directors, who will replace the current School Education Directors, were announced during the holidays. Mrs Maree Angus will be our new Director (relieving). HPS moves from the "Lachlan" group of schools to the "Orange" group and Mrs Angus's office is located in Orange. HPS is grouped with most of the small schools whom we currently work with.

Grounds Improvements

Mr Garry White, our wonderful GA was busy in the holidays putting together two corrugated iron garden beds – one for the vegetable patch and one which has been placed on the opposite side of the bubblers. He has also levelled the soil next to the garden bed and planted some runners – hopefully by the time spring arrives we will have some lovely new grass! Thanks Garry!

"Students of the Week" – Week 9

Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 9 **Students of the Week** – these students received their awards at our end of term assembly!



4/5/6 – Jarrod Hodgson; 2/3 – Thomas Seears; K/1 – Lexi Flidner

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Jett and Charli

2/3 – Lara and Gregory

4/5/6 – Brittany and Brent

Congratulations to these students!

Excursion Update...107 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.

Gymnastics Lessons!



Next week we start Gymnastics lessons! The students and staff are all keen as beans to get back to the PCYC and learn new skills under the guidance of PCYC Gym teacher Kim Grinter. Students will be divided into two groups - K-2

and 3-6 and will travel in to the PCYC every Monday for an hour lesson. **If you have not yet returned your permission note to attend Gymnastics lessons, this needs to be handed in to the Office first thing Monday morning.**

End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all the families who attended our end of term assembly last Term. It was wonderful to watch the musical performances from the Choir and see all classes perform their pieces on the marimbas.



Boston, Jett, Charlotte and Toby on the marimbas.



Oliver, Ebon, Kynan, Mitch, Paige and Annelise playing "Monday's Child" on the marimbas!

THANK YOU WOOLWORTHS!



Thanks to an extremely generous donation from Cowra Woolworths, all students and parents were treated to a delicious lunch of salad rolls, fruit and a drink at last term's Assembly. The Year 2/3 class did a magnificent job making ALL those rolls and with help from Cheri, Manager Daniel and the staff at Woolworths, catered for a very large crowd! Holmwood PS is thankful for the wonderful support!

Congratulations Jacob!

Congratulations to Jacob Skinner who has been offered a place at Yanco Agricultural High School based on his results from the Selective High Schools test which he sat for in March. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of his efforts!

Term 3 Staffing

Mrs Lynch will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term. Mrs Webster and Mrs Nottingham will be reliving on the K/1 class during Mrs Lynch's absence. We wish Mrs Lynch a speedy recovery and look forward to her return in Week 3.

Library Term 3

Due to staff changes for the first two weeks of this term, Mrs Watt will be teaching Library on **Fridays**. All

students are reminded to bring their Library bag for borrowing.

When you Child is Absent from School

During our Staff Development Day, all staff worked through Roll-marking procedures and a new Draft Attendance Policy for the school. It is important that parents note the following;

- If your child is absent from school, the school **must** be informed of the reason why – this can be via a note, phone call or email.
- Reasons for absences fall under several categories; **Sick** (when your child is too unwell to be at school – the nature of the illness must be specified), **Leave** (for things such as urgent appointments, funerals), **Suspension**, **Exemption** (this is only granted if the parent applies to the Principal prior to taking time off school; e.g. for a family holiday), **School Business** - such as excursions, or representing the school in sport.
- Any absence NOT accounted for via a note or phone call, or considered as a valid reason for being away from school, the teachers will mark in their rolls as UNEXPLAINED or UNACCEPTABLE. **It is the parent's responsibility to provide a reason for their child's absence within 7 days.**
- It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school.
- All notes and records of verbal notifications for absences are kept with the class rolls, which are considered a legal document.

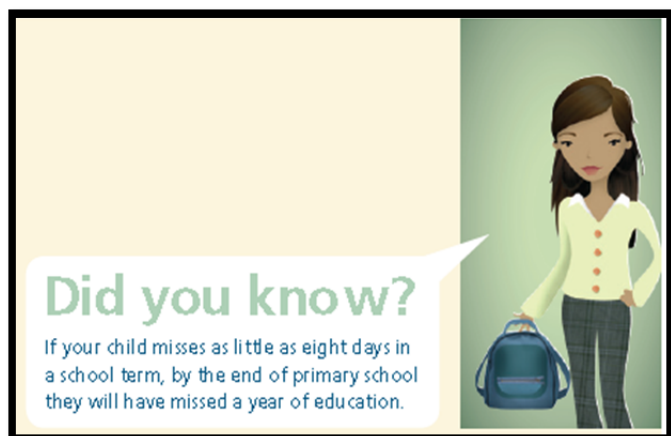
We are fortunate at HPS that most parents provide written notes when their children are away from school, however in order to keep our records up to date, any UNEXPLAINED absences will be followed up with a letter from the school. Your attention to this very important matter is appreciated.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 2	
Mon 22nd July	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC Miss Lucy Ryan begins Prac – 4/5/6 Class 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
Tues 30th July	Mrs Lynch returns

Thurs 1 st August	<i>Jeans for Genes Day</i>
Fri 2nd August	<i>Pie Drive Orders go out</i>
Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 5th August	<i>Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC</i>
Fri 9th August	<i>Scripture District Athletics Carnival @ Grenfell</i>

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal



P&C News



The P&C Pie Drive is nearing completion!! Please ask your family and friends to support the Pie Drive – the pies come from Roberts Bakery and are absolutely delicious! Orders needed to be back in to school next **MONDAY 22nd JULY** at the latest, with delivery date being Friday 2nd August.

Thank you to the Beaumont, Whitty, Collins, Lewis, Rowley and Pettit children who sold raffle tickets outside Coles during the holidays for the P&C's second wood raffle! The children sold almost \$460 worth of tickets! The second wood raffle will be drawn next Friday 26th July.

The next P&C Meeting is on next Monday 22nd July starting at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom. All parents welcome!

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

It has been a lovely start to the Term in the K/1 classroom. This Term the children are studying Nursery Rhymes as part of their Literacy focus and this week we focused on Humpty Dumpty. Nursery Rhymes assist children to learn spelling patterns through rhyming words and are excellent examples

of narrative texts. Our nursery rhyme unit will cover all curriculum areas from English, Maths, Visual Arts and even Science. On Wednesday during Science we had a fantastic time designing and making "egg-suits" to protect Humpty (in this case, a real egg) from falling off a two metre high wall. Each child used a variety of materials to construct a safety suit and then we all went outside to test it! Unfortunately only 4 out of the 10 eggs survived the drop! Thanks to the 4/5/6 children who assisted with this experiment!



Constructing the egg suit - Jarrod, Liam and Brent



Mrs Lewis and Mrs Webster dropping each "Humpty" from a 2 metre height.



Bella, Charlotte, Toby and Jett were the successful egg designers with their "Humpty's" landing safe and sound!

Kind regards,
Mrs Joy Webster
Relieving K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

This week has been a wonderful start to the new term in our classroom with all the children returning happy, relaxed and excited to be back at school. The children have eagerly commenced our next term topics and their enthusiasm creates a real BUZZ in the AIR!!

Our Term 3 Units include-

1. English- Aussie Adventure Stories and Narratives
2. Maths- Space and Geometry
3. Science- Wings and Wheels
4. HSIE- Our Local Community Helpers
5. Health- Getting Along With Others
6. PE/Sport- Premier's Sporting Challenge, Gymnastics, Team Skills and Sports

Thank you for encouraging your child to enjoy reading to you each night and to swap their readers each day. The growth in reading confidence and fluency is exciting.

Home spelling lists will commence this week to be returned before Thursday please. The exciting Spelling News is that our class will be having an In Class Premier Spelling Challenge...so get ready to be a spelling whiz!!!

Thank you for your wonderful support as it greatly appreciated!

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

Welcome back to all students! This week has seen a great start to Term 3 with all children settling into routines again quickly. It has been interesting to hear how the 4/5/6 children spent their holidays with lots of children visiting relatives and friends, participating in rugby and swimming camps, going to Luna Park and having fun motorbike riding!

Next week we welcome Miss Lucy Ryan to our class. Miss Ryan is studying teaching at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst and is completing her final teaching practicum. Miss Ryan will be at HPS for five weeks and we look forward to her working in our class!

This Term our new units of study are as follows;
English – Our Reading texts for this Term are "Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case" and

"From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs Basil E. Frankweiler". In writing we are working on Narratives for the first few weeks, followed by Procedures and Responses. This week we started our Oral Reading Fluency program with all children working on individual reading targets – our Week 1 results have been VERY exciting and this program will continue throughout the term.

Maths – This week we looked at the concept of "rounding" to the nearest 10, nearest 100 and nearest 1000. Stage 3 also learned about Roman Numerals and everyone enjoyed playing Roman Numerals Bingo! The remainder of the term will be spent focusing on addition and subtraction, angles, decimals and fractions, 3D shapes, data and division. Our Times Tables challenges will continue with daily practice.

HSIE – Our topic for this term is "Bali".

Science and Technology – "Transport"

PD/H/PE – "Playing My Part" – which looks at our role in developing positive relationships, Gymnastics, Premier's Sporting Challenge,

Creative Arts – Visual Arts and Drama

It is sure to be a busy and productive term! A reminder that Homework for 4/5/6 starts next week. Homework sheets go out on Mondays, to be returned on Fridays.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher



Jeans for Genes Day!

Holmwood PS will be celebrating "Jeans for Genes Day" this year on Thursday 1st August. This will be a MUFTI Day so put on your blue jeans and bring a "best-dressed teddy bear" to school (or any stuffed toy) for the Furry Friend Parade!

At 11:30am the Student Council will be holding a fund raising canteen so we need lots of yummy goodies to sell. All proceeds will go towards "Jeans for Genes" fundraiser to help find a cure for genetically inherited diseases in children.

Thank you,
HPS School Council

