



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 2 – Week Ending 26th July 2013

Gym Begins!

On Monday the students were very excited and eager to start their Gymnastics lessons for this term. All students and staff had a great time working on their strength and flexibility through a range of activities including the balance beam, parallel bars, mini-tramps, vault and floor. Kim Grinter from PCYC took all the students through a rigorous hour long lesson and they returned to school exhausted and happy!



Heading in to PCYC on the bus was an adventure for K/1/2!



Look how flexible Sascha and Layla are!



Annelise waits as Claire goes over the parallel bars.



Makayla is helped along the beam by Mrs Webster.

"Students of the Week" – Week 1

Congratulations to our Week 1 Students of the Week



K/1 – Layla Hood; 4/5/6 – Jacob Skinner; 2/3 – Bailey Redfern

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Charlize and Toby

2/3 – Blake and William

4/5/6 – Victoria and Ebon

Congratulations to these students!

Education Week

Next week is "Education Week"! To celebrate this HPS are planning a special day on Thursday 1st August to coincide with Jeans for Genes Day. This will be an out of uniform day and everyone is encouraged to wear their jeans and bring a gold coin donation for this worthy cause. The Student Council will be running a special canteen and Furry Friends Parade.

The day will run as follows;

11:30am – Special Recess “Canteen Day” (please bring in donations of food to sell – cupcakes, fruit platters, jelly cups, fairy bread, etc, etc). All food items will cost 20c so be sure to bring along your change and sample some delicious treats!

12:00pm – Furry Friends Parade – All students will need to bring along a soft toy which they can dress up.

12:30pm – Open Classrooms – Following the parade, parents are invited to go to their children’s classroom to have a look through some of their school books and see the displays in their classrooms.

1:00pm – Lunch – Parents are welcome to stay and share lunch with their child/ren

1:30pm – Finish

In addition, parents are also invited to attend Gymnastics lessons the FOLLOWING Monday 5th AUGUST to watch their child participate. Lessons are held at the PCYC building on Binni Creek Road – Kinder – Year 2 lessons are from 10:30-11:30am and Year 3-6 from 12:00-1:00pm.

Student Council

Last week a new Student Council for Term 3 was elected. Congratulations to the following students who were voted in by their peers;

President – Hayley Amos

Vice President – Lilly Whitty

Secretary – Jacob Skinner

Vice Secretary – Lara Collins & William Skinner

Treasurer – Abbie Lewis

Vice Treasurer – Victoria King



Thank you to the Term 2 Student Council Committee for an excellent effort in organising last term’s events – the Red Shield Appeal and the Billy Cart Derby. This Term’s Student Council already have their first event planned (Jeans for Genes Day) and are looking at organising a Movie Night to be held at school in August. Details to come!

Winter Warmth Appeal

We have reached a grand total of 979 scarves, beanies and socks and only need 21 more to reach our 1 000 target before the end of August. Please help us to help others.

“Spend Your Lunchtime Well!”

Some things seen at HPS this week during lunchtimes were;

😊 Bella lying on the lunch seats enjoying the winter sunshine

😊 Jaydan and Sascha picking up rubbish that they noticed in the playground

😊 The Primary Girls playing a fun game of soccer with LOTS of giggling!

😊 Jett and Liam picking yellow flowers to give to all the teachers

District Athletics

Congratulations to the following students – Jacob, Brittany, Kaylah, Ashleigh, Abbie, Claire, Oliver, Harry, Jarrod, Brent, Dylan, Tailor, Tom, Katelyn, Ebon, Lilly, and Lara who were successful in gaining selection for the Cowra District Athletics Carnival. This will be held on the 9th August at The Henry Lawson High School in Grenfell. Attached to this week’s Newsletter is a permission note with details about the day. Please complete and return to school by Friday 2nd August.

Library Term 3

As of next week, **LIBRARY day returns to THURSDAYS for all students.** The Borrowing Challenge is on again this Term with all classes trying hard to remember to bring their library books. The class with the highest percentage of books borrowed at the end of the term claims the Library Reward!



Pictured is the K/1 Class with Cheri – their chosen reward for winning the Term 2 Library Borrowing Challenge was again to “decorate” Cheri – this time as a Shining Star!! What a great sport Cheri is!

AECG Meeting

The next meeting of the Cowra AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) will meet at Holmwood PS on Monday 29th July at 2pm. The meeting will take place in the Multi-purpose room. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

Excursion Update...100 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.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 3 – EDUCATION WEEK	
Mon 29th July	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC AECG Meeting @ Holmwood PS – 2pm
Tues 30th July	Mrs Lynch returns
Thurs 1st August	Jeans for Genes Day – MUFTI Day – please bring along a gold coin donation. Student Council Canteen Furry Friends Parade at 12pm Open Classrooms 12:30-1:30pm
Fri 2nd August	Pie Drive Orders go out Orange Schools Director Ms Maree Angus visiting Holmwood at 10:30am
Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 5th August	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC Return Book Club Orders today
Fri 9th August	Scripture District Athletics Carnival @ Grenfell
Term 3 Week 5	
Mon 12th August	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC
Tues 13th August	Start Smart Financial Literacy sessions for all students K-6 (free of charge)

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis, Principal

Attachments

- District Athletics Carnival permission notes (selected students)
- Book Club Issue 5

P&C News

The P&C Pie Drive delivery date is NEXT Friday 2nd August. Thank you to all the families who sold pies – we have broken all records this year with approximately \$5,000 worth of pies sold! This means a very busy day for the P&C next Friday 2nd August as we sort them ready to be taken home!

To assist with this we need;

- Plastic shopping bags (to put pie orders in)
- Volunteers to help sort out the pies (please contact Karen Beaumont if you can help – 0419 229 755)

PIE ORDERS NEED TO BE PICKED UP FROM SCHOOL BETWEEN 2:30PM – 5:30PM.

Any orders not collected on this date will be taken to Riverside Markets Fruit Shop in the Coles complex and parents will need to collect from there.

The Wood Raffle has raised approximately \$800 and will be drawn on the 26th July. The winning ticket will be published in the Cowra Guardian and in next week's Newsletter – thank you to all who purchased and sold tickets.

Following the Pie Drive, the next Fundraiser on the P&C Calendar is a Holmwood School Market Day to be held on October 19th. The P&C are looking for any local families or businesses who would like to set up a stall (\$30 fee per stall). Please contact Karen Beaumont – 0419 229 755 - if you are interested.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

The K/1 Class has had another wonderful week! During Maths lessons this week we focused on Volume and Capacity, with lots of hands-on experimentation and exploring! This really helps children to learn the 'language' of Maths through play; including full, empty, measure, pour, half-full and so on. The children really love to get involved and including your child in these sorts of activities at home (for example, when you are cooking dinner) really assists them to develop their Maths vocabulary.



Bella explores the concepts of full, half-full and empty using coloured water.

On Thursday the students in K/1 had a lovely day with Mrs Nottingham creating some amazing symmetrical paper shapes. This was

great fun as they had to fold coloured squares of paper and cut interesting patterns into the paper. It was really interesting to see what each shape looked like when the paper was opened up! The classroom looked a bit like a confetti shop when they all finished but the results are beautiful! These are now hanging in our classroom and look amazing!

Next week the children are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Lynch on Tuesday!

Mrs Joy Webster

Relieving K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

This week has been very productive in all learning areas with the children happily embracing their new learning topics.

In English we are studying the ballad of "Mulga Bill's Bicycle" and in Science we are learning about the design of these unusual bikes. We are also comparing the designs from the past to designs of today. This term we have been following the events of the Tour de France whilst expanding our knowledge of France and our French vocab. Merci, ma bon petits!!

The children have been enthusiastically learning about 3D shapes and designs in Maths. They are becoming very capable architects and are learning the tricky skills of 3 Dimensional drawing!



Harry, Lara and Miah with their 3 Dimensional Artworks.

In Fitness and Sport the children are demonstrating increasing fitness, stamina and skill development in Gymnastics, Soccer and Cricket. We are aiming for each child in the class to bring three pieces fruit or vegies please, for Fruit Break, Recess and Lunch. Our class aim this term is for everyone to stay healthy and well by eating lots of foods that are loaded with vitamins and minerals and keep Gerry the Germ away!

Thank you for encouraging your child to revise his/her Tricky Spelling Words each night and

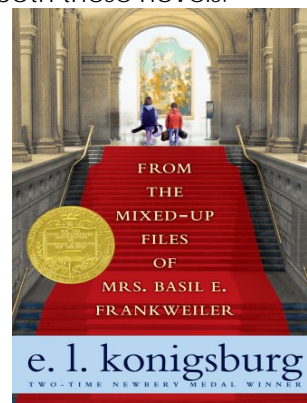
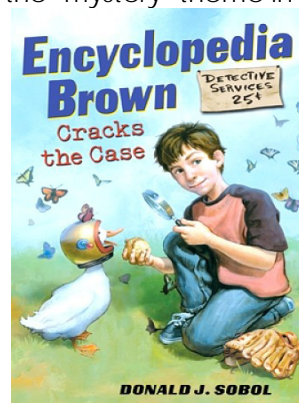
return Home books before Thursday ready for Friday's Quiz.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

It has been a very productive week in the 4/5/6 classroom! Our new Term 3 novels have arrived and we are already enjoying reading "Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case" by Donald J. Sobol and "From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E. Frankweiler" by E. L. Konigsburg. The students have already completed character profiles of the main characters and are enjoying the 'mystery' theme in both these novels.



In writing we have worked hard to complete our narratives and these are sounding fantastic! Stage 2 students are working on including an orientation, complication and resolution in their writing while Stage 3 are focusing on developing interesting descriptions about their main characters and setting. No doubt about it, 4/5/6 have a wonderful imagination!

Maths this week has seen us exploring angles and 4/5/6 went on an "Angle Hunt" around the school on Wednesday to locate as many acute, obtuse and right angles as they could. Stage 3 students learnt how to use protractors to measure the size of angles in degrees. All students continue to improve on their times tables challenge.

Miss Ryan has been teaching us about Bali in HSIE and this week we completed some research tasks where we had to find out some interesting facts about this island. We also completed a mapping task – did you know the entire Island of Bali is only 40km wide and 60km long? On Wednesday we worked in groups to reproduce a traditional Balinese mask – these will be on display in our room when they are completed!

If anyone has any old NEWSPAPERS please send them in to school - we desperately need to re-stock our art supply cupboard – thanks!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

