



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 3 – Week Ending 2nd August 2013

“Students of the Week” – Week 2

*Congratulations to our Week 2 **Students of the Week***



K/1 – Charlize Light; 4/5/6 – Damien Harding; 2/3 – Katelyn Judd

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Liam and Bella

2/3 – Zsalea and Gregory

4/5/6 – Tom and Lisa

Congratulations to these students!

Education Week

This week is “Education Week”! To celebrate this HPS held a special event today to coincide with Jeans for Genes Day. The Student Council organised a yummy canteen with families providing delicious plates of treats to buy! All money raised from the canteen went towards “The Children’s Medical Research Institute”. The Student Council also ran a very entertaining “Furry Friends Parade.” Furry friends of all shapes, colours and sizes arrived at school, dressed up and ready for the occasion! Well done to the Student Council on their organisation of this event and thank you to Mrs Kiely who assisted them in their preparations.

Following the Furry Friends Parade parents were invited to come in to their child’s classroom to have a look at their work books and classroom displays. Thank you to all those families who attended. Photos will appear in next week’s Newsletter.

“Watching Day” for Gymnastics!

Parents are invited to attend Gymnastics lessons next 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.

This week the students enjoyed their gym lessons with Nicole Fliedner (Lexi’s mum). Thank you Nicole – the children had a fantastic time and we appreciate your enthusiasm and skills!



Ebon racing through the hoops agility course.

“Spend Your Lunchtime Well!”

Some things seen at HPS this week during lunchtimes were;

- 😊 *William assisting the Kinder boys – Liam, Brodie and Jett - to dig up some of the weeds that have appeared on the back oval after all the rain.*
- 😊 *Blake and Makayla enjoying their homemade soup at lunchtime (made by their grand-dad).*
- 😊 *The Year 2’s showing leadership skills in playing tips with the Year 1 and Kinder children.*
- 😊 *A close football game between the Primary boys on Wednesday – the final score was 21-19*

District Athletics

District Athletics Carnival is on next Friday 9th August. Good luck to all Holmwood students who are competing!

Excursion Update... **94** 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.

Winter Warmth Appeal

We have reached a grand total of 981 scarves, beanies and socks and only need 19 more to reach our 1 000 target before the end of August. Please help us to help others.

"Healthy Harold"



On Tuesday 20th August, the Life Education Van will visit Holmwood PS. All the students look forward to this event each year and Harold the Giraffe is always popular with students of all ages. This year the students will have the opportunity to spend a session in the Life Ed Van with Harold, where they will participate in hands-on activities to do with staying healthy. K-2 will go together with Mrs Lynch; Year 3 and 4 will go with Mrs Kiely and Years 5 and 6 will be with Mrs Lewis. The cost for each child to visit the Van is \$9.00. This includes a workbook which students get to keep. The school will subsidise part of each student's entry fee, therefore the total amount payable for each student will be **\$7.00**.

Further information and an order form for merchandise will be sent home with next week's Newsletter.

Interesting Information from B.T.N!



Each week the Primary Class watch *Behind The News*, which is a current affairs program designed specifically for Primary aged students. This week there was an interesting story about "Kids Sleep" and how using electronic devices such as Ipods, I pads and laptops before bed can drastically affect your ability to fall asleep. It has to do with the chemical melatonin, which is released into your body when your brain recognises that it is dark. The melatonin is what helps you to fall asleep.

By using electronic devices with brightly lit screens before bed, means that the melatonin is not released until much later. Doctors and sleep specialists recommend that all electronic devices be turned off at least **one hour** before bedtime.

And we all know that lack of sleep can cause us to be

cranky, lose concentration and affect our memory. If you would like to watch the full clip, go to the following link;

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s3809197.htm>

4/5/6 had an interesting discussion about this and we found that many students (and teachers!) use their ipods and other electronic devices before going to sleep. So, this habit is something that we are all going to try and change!

Calendar

Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 5th August	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC
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)
Term 3 Week 6	
Mon 19th August	Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC P&C Meeting – 7pm @ School
Tues 20th August	Life Education Van – "Healthy Harold" @ HPS! (\$7.00 per student)
Fri 23rd August	Scripture Miss Ryan's last day at HPS

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

P&C News

The P&C Pie Drive delivery date is TOMORROW Friday 2nd August.

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)

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.

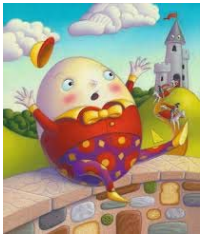
The Wood Raffle was drawn on the 26th July. The winning ticket belonged to Darrell Cole. Thank you to all who purchased and sold tickets.

Following the Pie Drive, the next Fundraiser on the P&C Calender is a Holmwood School Market Day to be held in October. 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

Well it's great to be back to deck again. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Webster and Mrs Nottingham for relieving in my position while I was on sick leave. What a fantastic job they have done decorating the classroom with all the students Nursery Rhyme and weather art work and activities. It appears that they have all had a very exciting and productive two weeks.



This term we will continue with the Nursery Rhyme unit for the first 5- 6 weeks, where we will be learning two new rhymes a week. The rhythms present in nursery rhymes help children to

remember the words, exercising their auditory memory skills. Nursery rhymes paint colourful images of characters and situations that expand a child's imagination. Imagination is the basis of make believe play and storytelling, skills that become important as your child learns to write narratives. The repetition of rhymes and stories teach children how language works, and assists with their development of word family endings when learning to spell. It also builds memory capabilities that can be applied to all sorts of activities.



This term for HSIE and Science we will be completing an integrated unit on the Weather in "Wet and Dry Environments". During this topic the students will

explore different habitats and environments, studying the weather patterns in each area, locating the different environments within Australia and around the world and identifying the plant and animal life that are commonly associated with each habitat. We also look forward to hearing all about Charlize's adventures and photographs of the different environments, animals and plant life that she will discover on her family holiday.

In Maths this term we are focussing on sharing in division and multiplication, place value and whole numbers, 3 dimensional shapes, money and fractions.

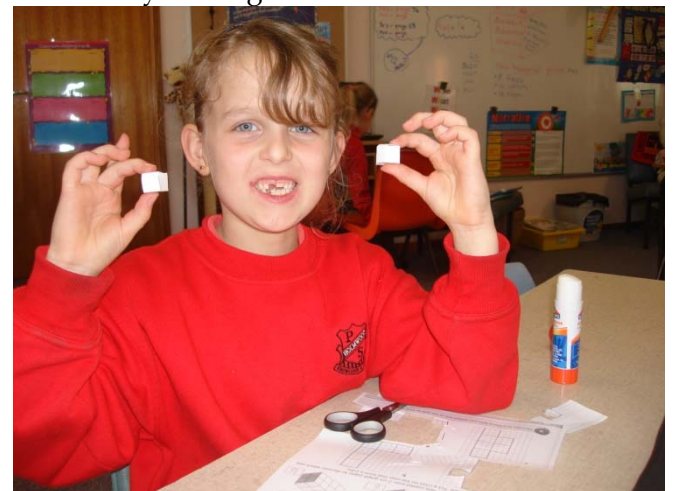
The students are thoroughly enjoying Gymnastics at the PCYC and I look forward to next Monday where the K/1 class can show me some of their skills. Although I'm not quite ready for hip hop dancing or Gymnastics just yet, I will certainly enjoy watching from the side, secretly wishing I could have a go on the mini trampoline!

It's great to be back and I have a very full and fun filled term three planned ahead.

Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

It has been a very exciting week in the Year 2-3 class. All the children love the humorous adventure of Mulga Bill on his bicycle and are enjoying learning this funny poem. They are able to compare the poem with the ballad version and identify variations. Also in English, we are learning the features of a narrative and the processes that are necessary to write interesting narratives. The more exposure that children have to books, the more ideas that they will have and the greater language skills to utilise when writing their own stories. Hence the more that you read to your child and encourage your child to read to you, the greater advantage he/she will have when story writing.



Katelyn constructing some 3D shapes.

In Maths the Year 2-3 are learning to identify tricky 3D shapes and count the number of faces, which is an involved process and requires

perception and understanding. They are becoming aware of 3D shapes in our community. So, Spot the 3D Shape is a wonderful car game to play.

In Fitness and Sport the children are demonstrating increasing independence in playing team sports. At recess and lunch, the Year3 girls are versing the Year3 boys. Team games require problem solving skills to keep the game fair and enjoyable. These social skills are essential for successful friendships. As children play more team sports they learn to win or lose, with grace!

Thank you for your wonderful support and reading each night!

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

It has been another busy week in 4/5/6. Gymnastics is always a highlight and this week Mrs Watt got to take the Primary children to the PCYC and see how clever they are!

We have continued with our English novels and narrative writing in English, with the magician "Dynamo" providing us with our writing stimulus this week. We watched a few short clips about Dynamo on YouTube and used this information to assist us with developing our description of his character. Then we had to write a narrative based on the idea that Dynamo was due to perform at our end of term assembly, but had mysteriously disappeared. All students enjoyed typing their narratives in the form of a Newspaper report, which we will publish using a Newspaper generator website. Hopefully we will have these ready to print by the end of this week.

This week in Maths our focus has been on solving addition algorithms (sums) and addition word problems. Our 5 minute Addition Challenge warm up which we do each day, has helped us to increase our speed and accuracy and we are all becoming much quicker at working simple addition sums out in our heads. Currently Tailor holds the class record with 100 addition questions answered in 3 minutes and 26 seconds! However there are several students hot on his heels!

Miss Ryan has continued to teach us about Bali and this week we looked at the positive and negative aspects of life in Bali. Our Balinese masks were completed on Wednesday and they look amazing! Each group has done a wonderful job in designing their masks and incorporating facets

of Balinese art into their designs. These are now on display in our room.



Annelise, Brent, Jarrod, Hayley and Brittany working on their Balinese Mask



Claire, Victoria, Lisa, Tailor and Tom show great teamwork skills as they complete their mask.

Next week's News Topic – please come prepared to talk for 2 – 2 ½ minutes about your favourite Apps or Websites.

One of our classmates – Sophie – is soon to head off on an amazing adventure with her family. We wish Sophie a safe trip and know she will be in contact with us regularly via our Class Blog. I'm sure she will send us some postcards along the way as she heads from one side of Australia to the other! Have a great time Soph – we will miss you!!

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

Community News

If you have a spare hour or so this weekend, head down to the Cowra Regional Art Gallery and take a look at the Buddhist's Sand Mandala. Millions of grains of sand are painstakingly laid in an incredible and beautiful design! They are there until Sunday afternoon – well worth a visit!

