



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 3 Week 4 – Week Ending 9th August 2013**

## **“Students of the Week” – Week 3**

*Congratulations to our Week 3 **Students of the Week***



*2/3 – Blake; 4/5/6 – Ashleigh; K/1 – Bella*

**Merit Awards went to;**

*K/1 – Jaydan and Charlotte*

*2/3 – Mackenzie and Miah*

*4/5/6 – Jarrod and Mitchell*

**Congratulations to these students!**



## **Welcome**

*This week we welcomed two new students to Holmwood Public School. Tarni and Luke Sheen have moved to Cowra from Sandy Hollow and we are delighted to have them at our school. Tarni joins the Year One group and Luke joins Year 6. We hope that they enjoy being part of Holmwood Public School!*

## **Education Week**

*Last week's Education Week celebrations were well attended by parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. On Thursday the Student Council organised a terrific Canteen and Furry Friends Parade in order to raise money for the Jeans for Genes appeal. Thank you to all families who supported this event. \$118.00 was raised-a great result from a small school! Following the parade, visitors were invited to the classrooms to watch “normal” lessons in progress and*

*have a look at their children's work books. Thank you to all those families who attended.*



*The Student Council ran a super canteen last week!*



*Thomas with his mum Gemma, brother Harry and sister Willa at HPS's Education Week celebrations.*



*The Furry Friends Parade was very cute!*

## **"Watching Day" for Gymnastics!**

On Monday a large groups of parents attended the "Watching Day" for Gymnastics at the PCYC. The children were excited to show their parents what they have been learning this Term in gym, and I'm sure that the parents were very impressed with their skills and behaviour. Several students have expressed an interest in participating in gym lessons at the PCYC as an after school activity. Attached to this week's Newsletter is information about the range of programs the PCYC has on offer. Next week we look forward to Nicole Fliedner teaching us again!



K/1/2 practising their flexibility at Gym last week.

## **"Spend Your Lunchtime Well!"**

Spotted at HPS this week during lunchtimes were;

- 😊 Hayley playing some super-slick touch football (moves apparently taught to her by brother Mitchell!)
- 😊 Oliver and Harry enjoying Chicken Biryani for lunch, cooked by Oliver!
- 😊 Luke, Tarni, Paige and Toby digging to China in the sandpit at lunch time!
- 😊 Jarrod and Damien practising Long Jump. Abbie, Oliver and Lilly practising High Jump ready for District Carnival on Friday.
- 😊 Katelyn revising a swift baton change for the relay

## **District Athletics**

We received notification late Wednesday afternoon that the DISTRICT CARNIVAL set down for this FRIDAY has been **postponed** until NEXT **FRIDAY 16th AUGUST** due to the grounds at Henry Lawson High School being too wet and unsafe for track events.

## **Absence Notes**

Thank you to all parents who have returned absence notes to school so promptly. All notes need to be handed in to the Office so that Mrs Bayl and Mrs

Hubbard can log these on the computer. They will then be passed on to the teaching staff for manual recording in the class rolls.

**EVERY DAY at school is important and unless sick or on approved leave, students must attend school from 9:20am-3:00pm daily.**

## **Excursion Update...87 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.

## **"Start Smart" Financial Literacy**

Next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, the school will be visited by presenters from "Start Smart". Start Smart is a financial literacy program for all students K-6 and is run as an initiative by the Commonwealth Bank. All classes will have a trained Start Smart presenter speak to them about issues such as the importance of saving (for the younger students), up to things such as credit cards and setting financial goals for the older students. These visits are free of charge.

## **"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. 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**. Payments for the Life Education Van are due next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August – payment slip is attached. In addition, children can purchase a variety of merchandise from the Life Ed Van. Money for this can be brought on the day.

**A price list for merchandise is attached to this week's Newsletter.**

## **Mrs Kiely – Long Service Leave**

Mrs Kiely will be taking Long Service Leave from Thursday 29th August until the end of term. Miss Michelle Hyde will be relieving on the 2/3 Class in Mrs Kiely's absence. Miss Hyde has taught in many of the Cowra schools as well as teaching overseas and is very



*much looking forward to working with the 2/3 class this term. Miss Hyde will spend a day with Mrs Kiely and the 2/3 class in Week 6 before taking the class at the end of Week 7. We look forward to having Miss Hyde join the HPS team and hope that Mrs Kiely enjoys her time on leave.*

## **Student Council Movie Night**

*The Student Council have an exciting Movie Night planned for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. This will be held at school starting at 6:30pm. Students who have had excellent behaviour this term will be issued with invitations for the movie night over the coming week. A free sausage sizzle will be run on the night and children will have this at "intermission". HPS Staff will supervise this event. A gold coin donation is requested, with all funds going towards the school excursion. Sounds like a fun night!*

## **Calendar**

| <b>Term 3 Week 5</b>          |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Mon 12th August               | Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC<br>Mrs Webster – Training Day at Forbes PS                               |
| Tues 13th August              | Start Smart Financial Literacy sessions for all students K-6 (free of charge)                      |
| Fri 16th August               | District Athletics Carnival - Grenfell   |
| <b>Term 3 Week 6</b>          |  |
| Mon 19th August               | Gymnastics Classes @ PCYC<br>P&C Meeting – 7pm @ School  |
| Tues 20th August              | Life Education Van – "Healthy Harold" @ HPS! (\$7.00 per student)                                  |
| Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> August  | Miss Hyde – orientation day with Mrs Kiely and 2/3   |
| Fri 23rd August               | Scripture. Miss Ryan's last day at HPS<br>Student Council Movie Night 6:30pm – gold coin donation! |
| <b>Term 3 Week 7</b>          |  |
| Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> August | Mrs Kiely – Long Service Leave – Miss Hyde 2/3 Class   |
| Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> August   | Regional Athletics Carnival @ Dubbo  |

*Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal*

## **Attachments**

- PCYC flier
- Healthy Harold Price List for merchandise

## **P&C News**

The P&C Pie Drive was a HUGE success with funds raised from the drive totalling a MASSIVE \$1,760.22. Thank you so much to all the parents and grandparents who assisted with sorting the pies last Friday – Julie Collins, Gail Webster, Karlene Amos,

Kerry Lewis, Sharee Robson, Margaret Whitty, Karen Beaumont, Dave Kiss. It was a huge job!!

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.

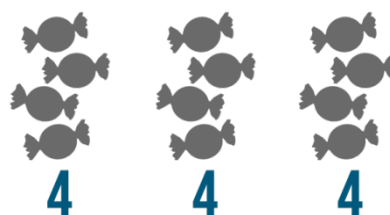
Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

## **K/1 Class News**

This week we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new family in the school. We are delighted to have Tarni Sheen in Year 1.

We have had a very busy week yet again, completing many exciting art and craft activities, learning about habitats and the importance of friends.

This week in Literacy and English studies we have learnt some new single sounds and blended sounds such as , v, oo, y , ch, sh and th - a very productive week for sounds! We have also started our formal spelling program. On Mondays we learn new words with a focus on consonants, vowels sounds or blended sounds. We then use these spelling words in a variety of activities in our literacy games session. All students have been practicing their reading skills. It is important for children to practice reading aloud each day to build their knowledge of sight words and reading fluency.



In maths we have been discussing equal groups, multiplication and repeated addition of equal groups. We have been

learning to skip count by 2's, 5's and 10's to replicate multiplication. The students love the game 'Buzz off Please' to help remember the patterns.

In our integrated HSIE and Science topic, we are well underway with identifying wet and dry environments. We are looking at "DESERTS" and the many different animals found not only in the Australian deserts, but also in deserts around the world. This week we started discussing Rainforests, and are examining the different areas around the world that have famous rainforests. We are studying the types of animals, temperatures and weather patterns of tropical rainforests.

In PD/Health we are discussing the importance of friends. Friendships are important in helping children develop emotionally and socially. They provide a training ground for trying out different ways of relating to others. Through interacting with friends, children learn the give and take of social behaviour in general. They learn how to set up rules, how to weigh alternatives and make decisions when faced with dilemmas. We created a friendship rainbow that identifies the qualities of friends.



*Lexi, Jaydan, Bella, Jett and Sascha with our Friendship Rainbow!*

In art this week we made some very cute ducks to complement our Nursery Rhyme theme. This week our nursery rhyme we were learning was 'Five Little Ducks'. The students thoroughly enjoyed cutting, gluing and painting their ducks.



*Jett, Bella and Charlotte with their crafty ducks!*

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.  
Mrs Heidi Lynch  
K/1 Class Teacher

### 2/3 Class News

It has been a wonderful week in the Year 2-3 class. Both the children and I enjoyed having parents, grandparents, a great grandmother, an

uncle and younger siblings join our class in Education Week, to see the exciting way that we learn at school each day! Each child, with increasing confidence recited some of the verses from "Mulga Bill's Bicycle." We now know up to verse three, so please ask your child to recite the poem to you with actions, for a pleasant surprise! In Narrative Writing we are learning about the setting, characters, complications and resolutions, which make reading and writing narratives so very exciting! The children have a wonderful imagination so story writing comes easy. Please encourage your child to talk to you about the books that they read and how the story could be changed to make a different story. Also, share with your child the narratives that you enjoy reading and why, as this generates conversation and new story lines. We have budding authors who are eager to bloom.



*Zsalea and Miah writing their narratives.*

In Maths the Year 2-3 are learning how shapes can turn, slide and flip. This requires conceptual thinking and mental visualisation skills which grows brain neurons and brain potential ie brain power. So yes you can help your child's brain to be smarter by playing these shape games at home.

Four children from our class represented our school at the District Carnival, which was an outstanding achievement in Year 2/3!

Mrs Deirdre Kiely  
2/3 Class Teacher

### 4/5/6 Class News

This week we welcomed Luke Sheen to our class. Luke joins the Year 6 group and has quickly settled in to the 4/5/6 class at Holmwood, making lots of new friends! We have had another busy week and it is great to see everyone applying themselves so well during class times. We



completed our final narrative writing task on Tuesday and have all improved so much with our writing in this text style. Everybody has written a wide range of humorous, suspenseful and imaginative narratives and some of these have already been ear-marked for publication in our end of year School Magazine! Next week we move onto "Procedures".

Our maths topic this week was multiplication. Both Stage 2 and Stage 3 worked on extended and contracted multiplication using 2 and 3 digits. We have worked on these as algorithms (sums) and also in solving word problems. There will be further revision of this in next week's homework.

Miss Ryan has continued to teach us about Bali in HSIE and this week we looked at the differences between Bali and Australia in relation to tourist attractions, endangered animals, flags, symbolisation, etc. On Wednesday we started a fabric design task where each of us got a square of calico and had to design a Balinese style pattern to paint or draw onto the fabric. When these are completed Miss Ryan is going to sew them all together to make a wall hanging for our room which will look fantastic!



Jacob and Luke working on their Balinese pattern designs.

**News Topic- Week 5** – please come prepared to talk for 2 – 2 ½ minutes about your favourite Apps or Websites.

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

## Community News



### Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the 'Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

**Act now!**  
Time is running out fast!

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

If your child was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email [childoffset@twelve.com.au](mailto:childoffset@twelve.com.au) to receive more information.

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**PCYC** - Attached to the Newsletter is a list of the range of activities provided by PCYC. Many students have requested more information about gymnastics lessons. Please contact the PCYC for further information.

