



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 5 – Week Ending 16th August 2013

“Students of the Week” – Week 4

*Congratulations to our Week 4 **Students of the Week***



K/1 - Toby Gregory; 4/5/6 – Kaylah Rust; 2/3 – Miah Pettit

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Layla and Jett

2/3 – Katelyn and Harry

4/5/6 – Luke and Annelise

Congratulations to these students!

“Spend Your Lunchtime Well!”

Spotted at HPS this week during lunchtimes were;

😊 Miah and Harry enjoying a delicious healthy lunch of salad and soup! YUMMO!

😊 The 4/5/6 Class ALL playing a huge game of “Cops and Robbers” on Wednesday

😊 K/1 students joining in with 4/5/6 in a game of “Cops and Robbers” too!

😊 Students from all classes trying out the new netball posts Mr White put in last Friday!

District Athletics

District Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow **FRIDAY 16th AUGUST** at Twigg Oval in Cowra. Competitors received a program and canteen order on Wednesday afternoon. Good luck to all HPS competitors!

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...80 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.

“Start Smart” Financial Literacy

This week we had Katrina from Start Smart attend our school on Tuesday. All classes thoroughly enjoyed their Start Smart sessions with Katrina and took home a strong message about the importance of saving and setting goals.



Year 6 students with Katrina from Start Smart!

Life Ed Van Visit - “Healthy Harold”

Next 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. Payments for the Life Education Van are now DUE – please send these in

to the Office. In addition, children can purchase a variety of merchandise from the Life Ed Van. Money for this can be brought on the day.

Gymnastics

We had another fun and energetic session at PCYC for Gym on Monday – thanks Nicole for taking us through our session again this week. Next week is the last week of gymnastics for this term.



Katelyn concentrating hard on the balance beam



Abbie on the mini tramp



Brittany goes over the vault

Bus Behaviour

This week there have been several students who have been misbehaving on the bus. This is disappointing to hear as our school works very closely with Cowra Bus to ensure that all students who travel to and from school on the bus do so safely and respectfully. Any

incidents of misbehaviour occurring on the Bus will be handled by Cowra Bus Management with support from the School. Students not following bus rules will be reported to Cowra Bus Management and could face a suspension from the bus. This means that they will be suspended from all travel on all buses and may not be permitted to travel to other activities such as school excursions. Please discuss this with your child.

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 next Thursday 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 23rd August. This will be held at school starting at 6:30pm. Students who have had excellent behaviour this term (i.e no yellow cards or bus behaviour concerns) have been issued with invitation tickets for the movie night today. 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

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)
Thur 22 nd August	Miss Hyde – orientation day with Mrs Kiely and 2/3
Fri 23rd August	Scripture. Miss Ryan's last day at HPS Student Council Movie Night 6:30pm – gold coin donation!
Term 3 Week 7	
Thurs 29 th August	Mrs Kiely – Long Service Leave – Miss Hyde 2/3 Class
Fri 30 th August	Regional Athletics Carnival @ Dubbo
Term 3 Week 8	
Tues 3 rd Sept	Di Watt School Counsellor will be at Holmwood PS
Thurs 5 th Sept	Mrs Lynch and Mrs Webster – Autism Training Day – Bathurst (Mrs Nottingham K/1)

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Free Pass for a Boxing Lesson for Mums or Nans to use at PCYC!

P&C News

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.

The next P&C Meeting is on NEXT MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2013 at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom – all parents welcome!

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

We have had a very busy week again! In PD/health we have been very busy learning about interpersonal relationships and the importance of being good friends. We have discussed how friends deal with problems and how they can support each other in troubled times. We also created a big hands friendship rainbow that listed many of the qualities friends exhibit.



This week we also completed a book study on 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister, which emphasised the importance of being kind and sharing as a friendship quality.

After dodging the rain on Friday afternoon the K/1 class had a fantastic time building on their friendship qualities by playing games with the giant parachute.



On Tuesday we had a special guest from Start Smart came to our class room - "Captain Super Cents" - to talk to us about money. During the financial literacy session the students went on an adventure to Shopville to spend their money using giant Australian play money and learnt about credit cards. 'Rebecca' aka Layla had to decide on how best to spend her money, deciding on wants or needs. It was a fantastic session and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

In science this week we have been very busy learning about rainforests, the animals that live in different rain forests around the world and the type of climate. We produced some fantastic collage artworks to complement our learning.



Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

This has been another great week in the Year 2-3 class. The children are enjoying reading and writing their narratives, at school and at home. Please encourage your child's efforts and maybe write a story with them! They will be able to show you how easy and enjoyable story writing is when you know how. Also, in class we are focusing on Oral Reading Fluency. This skill enables your child to be able to read with increasing speed

but maintaining accuracy, comprehension and expression. Please encourage this skill development when your child reads to you each night. A few minutes each night can give your child a gift for life!

In Maths the Year 2-3 had an exciting visit from 'Coach Cash' who taught the children how to save, to be a wise shopper and how we have to work to earn an income. She also explained the high cost of interest and to choose wisely between a need and a want. Your child took home a special page to share with you on Tuesday. Some great tips for adults too.



Coach Cash and Harry learning all about saving during Start Smart.

In HSIE the children have loved the Wheels and Wings unit. They are excited about their Home Project and the details are in their Weekly Home Book. This is part of the term assessment and needs to be completed before the due date. Please encourage your child not to leave things to the last minute but to plan, prepare and enjoy this project - a valuable life skill for success.

Thank you for your wonderful support and for encouraging your child to do his/ her best.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

Week 5 has come and almost gone and 4/5/6 have been very busy each day. Our literacy sessions are jam-packed with Oral Reading Fluency (ORF), Spelling, Grammar, Reading, Comprehension, Writing and BTN. The students are enjoying their Term 3 novels and are working very hard at answering their comprehension questions, showing a greater level of detail and presentation.

This week Miss Ryan has been teaching us about Procedure Writing – this text type is commonly seen in recipes, instructions on how to play games and directions. We have written procedures on "How to Play Silent Ball" (a popular game we sometimes play in our classroom) and how to play a sport or game of our own choice. To check whether our procedures have all the steps and information included, we thought we could pass on our writing to the 2/3 class and see whether they were able to follow and play our games.

We enjoyed the Start Smart Session on Tuesday with Katrina and learned all about the importance of setting savings goals. Thanks to Start Smart for our free fridge magnets!



Listening to Start Smart Financial Literacy Session on Tuesday

Our Bali display in our classroom looks incredible, thanks to a parcel of goodies which Brent's Uncle Wayne and Aunty Peggy sent over from Bali. A huge Balinese mask, bamboo placemats, photos and heaps of other souvenirs arrived all the way from Bali last week – thank you so much to Bec Kiss and Brent for organising this so that we could add to our class display!



Damien, Brent and Jacob in front of our BALI display in our classroom.

Next week is Miss Ryan's last week at HPS. We have really enjoyed having her teach at our school this Term. Miss Ryan's Bali projects are due

on Friday next week so make sure everyone has these ready to be handed in for marking!

Good luck to all the 4/5/6 students competing tomorrow at the District Carnival!! We hope you enjoy your day – the forecast is for sunny skies so fingers crossed! Students successful in progressing to the Regional Carnival will compete in Dubbo on Friday 30th August.

News Topic- Week 6 and 7

Please come prepared to talk for 2 – 2 ½ minutes about a free choice topic.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

Library News

There are only 2 more weeks left in the Premier Reading Challenge! We have 6 students who have already reached the required amount of books read and many more that are very close! All students entering the Premier's Reading Challenge and successfully completing the Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll. If parents do not want their child's name to be published on the Premier Reading Challenge website please let the school know before the 30th August.

At the end of Week 5, Class 4/5/6 are leading the Class Borrowing Challenge. The other 2 classes are very close behind. This has been our closest Challenge yet.

On Fridays, in PDH we have been learning about what constitutes Healthy Relationships and have come up with a very comprehensive list, such as kindness, love, sharing, having fun together, and being aware of the other person's feelings. The students have been recognising what they can do to enhance positive relationships by 'Playing their Part'. We will also explore what may cause problems within relationships.

During sport we have been playing volleyball. I have been very impressed with the volleyball skills on display. Each week we see a longer rally and a higher percentage of serves going over the net. Next week we will be moving on to Cricket. It would be good to see the students in their leisure time having a bash of cricket in the backyard to further practise their skills.

Regards,
Lynne Watt
PD/H Teacher/Librarian

Canteen News

From next Monday the Canteen will be selling Honey Sandwiches, Baked Bean Sandwiches and Vegemite Sandwiches for \$1.00. These can be ordered for BOTH recess and lunch.

Gail Webster

Canteen Manager

