



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 3 Week 5 – Week Ending 23rd August 2013**

## **“Students of the Week” – Week 5**

*Congratulations to our Week 5 **Students of the Week***



4/5/6 – Victoria King; K/1 – Charlotte Collins; 2/3 –  
Zsalea Mansley

**Merit Awards went to;**

K/1 – Leetisha and Tarni

2/3 – Makayla and Thomas

4/5/6 – Dylan and Abbie

***Congratulations to these students!***

## **“Spend Your Lunchtime Well!”**

*Spotted at HPS this week during lunchtimes were;*

😊 Toby, Liam and Jaydan playing with the lego during wet weather “inside play” on Monday

😊 Some of the 4/5/6 students using their lunch time to complete their Balinese PowerPoint Projects

😊 Charlotte, Leetisha, Boston, Lexi and Jaydan playing “Horses” with the skipping ropes!

## **District Athletics Carnival**

*Congratulations to all HPS students who competed at the Cowra District Athletics Carnival last Friday. I am pleased to announce that three students have been successful in going through to the Western Region Carnival in Dubbo next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August.*

**Katelyn Judd – 8 years 100m**

**Jacob Skinner – Senior Boys Discus**

**Oliver Beaumont – Small Schools Junior Boys Relay**

*Congratulations and good luck to these students!!*



*Oliver, Katelyn and Jacob – 2013 Western Region Athletics Representatives.*

## **Excursion Update... 73 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.*

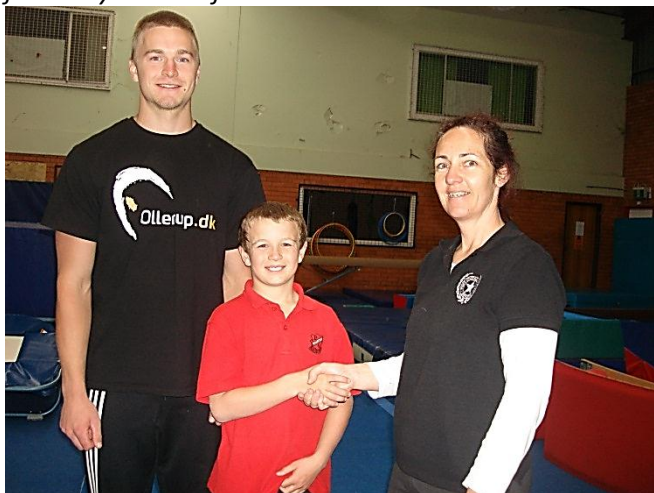
## **Life Ed Van Visit - “Healthy Harold”**

*On Tuesday all students thoroughly enjoyed their session in the Life Education Van with presenter Rae and Harold the Giraffe! Rae commented on the wonderful behaviour of our students and the friendly hospitality at Holmwood. For our Year 6 students, this was their last visit to the Life Education Van – I believe they even got to have a look at Harold’s Lamborghini at the end of their session! The Life Ed Van will return again in 2014.*



## Gymnastics

On Monday we attended our final gymnastics session for this Term. Both classes enjoyed Kim and visiting Coach Christian (who has come all the way from Denmark), teach them some new moves! We are very grateful to Kim, Nicole and Christian for their efforts and encouragement of our students during gym lessons. All students have made tremendous improvements in their co-ordination, strength, flexibility and confidence!



Gymnastics Coaches Christian and Kim are thanked by Ebon during our final gymnastics lessons for this Term.

## Student Council Movie Night

The Student Council have an exciting Movie Night planned for TOMORROW NIGHT - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. This will be held at school starting at 6:30pm. 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. Parents are requested to collect their child at 8:30pm. Could all children please bring a water bottle with them.

## Attendance Policy

At the beginning of this Term, the Staff worked on developing our School Attendance Policy. A DRAFT copy is attached to this week's newsletter. I would invite parents to read through this and jot down any additional comments or questions they have regarding attendance procedures. The DRAFT Attendance Policy was tabled at this week's P&C Meeting. Could all feedback please be sent in to school by the end of Week 7. Following that, the policy will be ratified and staff will implement accordingly.

## Book Club



Attached to this week's Newsletter is the latest Scholastic Book Club order forms. These are due with payment by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Calendar

Term 3 Week 7	
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
Term 3 Week 8	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Book Club orders due
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Di Watt School Counsellor will be at Holmwood PS
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mrs Lynch and Mrs Webster – Autism Training Day (Mrs Nottingham K/1)
Term 3 Week 9	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Scripture Mrs Watt – OASIS Library Training Day

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

## Attachments

- Colouring in Competition from Japanese Gardens
- Book Club
- Attendance Policy
- Digi Ed Mind Matters Flier
- P&C Market Day Invitation and registration form

## P&C News

The next Fundraiser on the P&C Calendar is a Holmwood School Market Day to be held on the 26th 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 or know of someone who is, please pass on the attached registration form and return to the school.

Thank you to all families who have sent in Mobile Phones for the P&C "PhoneRaiser" fundraising venture. This will conclude at the end of this Term.

The next P&C Meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom – all parents welcome!

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

## K/1 Class News

Well yet another week has flown by and it's hard to believe that we are at the end of Week 6. Goodness me how time flies when we are having fun, and that's just what we have been doing in K/1 this week!



Last Friday we finished off our Nursery Rhyme theme. The last nursery rhyme we learnt was "Hey Diddle Diddle". On completion of this unit all the students are beginning to understand rhyming words, can recite most of the rhymes in front of an audience and are searching for rhyming words in our literacy units and spelling words.



Sadly our last week of gymnastics was this week; however it has been great to see the improvement in skills and confidence in all our 'little budding gymnasts'. Our strength, balance, movement and gross motor skills have all developed considerably. A big thank you to Kim Grinter, Nicole Fliedner and the PCYC for allowing us the opportunity to complete our gymnastics unit. This week we were lucky enough to meet Christian a coach from Denmark who has come out to assist Kim with the coaching for the team that is competing in Adelaide at 'Gymfest'.

In science and HSIE this week we have been learning about the Great Barrier Reef and coral. We discovered that Australia has the largest of all coral reefs and it can be seen from outer space. We determined that this is a wet environment and is located in the tropics off the east of Queensland.



We discovered many animals that live under the ocean.

On Tuesday we had Healthy Harold visit our school and K/1/2 enjoyed their session on healthy eating, the dangers of smoking and the importance of keeping medicines out of reach of young children. We got to meet the Super Heroes and role play some important scenes of what to do in an emergency.

We have been fortunate to have the year two children in our class during gymnastics time and when Healthy Harold visited. It has been lots of fun and it is great to see them being responsible leaders helping out the younger children, particularly in reading and literacy rotational games.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Heidi Lynch  
K/1 Class Teacher

### 2/3 Class News

WOW, this has been a wonderful week in the Year 2/3 class. The children are excited about reading our class narrative "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." They are keen to then compare it to the movie, which is G rated. Please read your favourite childhood narrative to your child and encourage relaxed shared reading together.



*Katelyn and Blake with the novel and movie of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang".*

In Maths the children are revising the skills needed to count money and to give and receive the correct change. Children of all ages love playing shops which can be encouraged at home. Parents can also assist their child's understanding of currency by encouraging awareness when grocery shopping with you.

In HSIE, we have been fortunate to have numerous Community Workers visit our class and share their roles and responsibilities with the class. We especially wish to thank Mrs Britton, Sen. Constable Janine Robinson and to our surprise

visitors, who are coming next Tuesday. So watch out for a big vehicle and people in uniforms!



*Mackenzie and Gregory with Mrs Britton*

In Science, the children are putting on their THINKING HATS and designing a new method of transport that is better for our environment. At home they are to construct their object using Lego, play dough, plastic bottles or cans and have a short speech prepared about its advantages, etc.  
Both DUE: FRI 13/9 please.

Thank you for your wonderful support and for encouraging your child to achieve their goals, to be responsible and love learning!

Mrs Deirdre Kiely  
2/3 Class Teacher

### **4/5/6 Class News**

With many of our class attending the District Carnival last Friday and the Life Education Van on Tuesday, it has been a very busy week in our classroom! Students have all been working hard to complete their Balinese PowerPoint projects which are due to Miss Ryan this FRIDAY. We have also worked hard to complete our short stories and poems as part of the Peace Bell Writing Competitions. This year's topic is "Peace in Our Community". These are also due tomorrow.

Next week we begin our Science topic for this term on "Sounds Great" which looks at the different properties of sounds.

Tomorrow is Miss Lucy Ryan's last day of her teaching prac at HPS. The 4/5/6 class have really enjoyed having her teach them for the last five weeks and have especially loved all the interesting work they have done on Bali! Miss Ryan

continues the second half of her prac at the Cowra Mobile Children's Service. We hope that after she graduates, we might see her back at HPS to do some casual work next year!



Miss Ryan working with Tailor, Tom and Claire.

**News Topic- Week 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

### **News from Mrs Watt**

On the 17th September, Class 4/5/6 will be participating, along with teams from Cowra Public, Mulyan and St Raphael's, in the MILO T20 Blast School Cup that is being organised by Cricket NSW. It will take place at Edgell Park, Cowra and it will involve the whole day. Games will be 8 a side and the students will not only be exposed to cricket in a fun way, they will also receive a giveaway pack plus other information on how they can continue a healthy and active lifestyle. Details on how the students will arrive and depart on that day, as well as permission notes will be in a newsletter closer to the date.

Class 4/5/6 will be spending Sport and PE time between now and the Blast Day polishing up on their cricket skills. We are fortunate to have Terry Johns, the President of Cowra Junior Cricket and some high school students coming out to Holmwood Public School to help the students with their cricket skills during Sport time in weeks 7 and 8. In the meantime I would encourage any cricket bats and balls to be dusted off and used at home so the students can get some extra practice in.

### **BOOK WEEK**

This week is Book Week throughout Australia. Public Libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and

illustrators. Last week Lisa Brien heard a talk by Alan Robinson, an Australian author and illustrator at the Cowra Library and was so impressed she purchased a couple of his books! I have included the names of the 2013 Book of the Year Winners below.

### **2013 Book of the Year:**

#### **Younger Readers**

##### **Winner**

*The Children of the King* Sonia Harnett

##### **Honour Books**

*Pennies for Hitler* Jackie French

*The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk* Glenda Millard

#### **Early Childhood**

##### **Winner**

*The Terrible Suitcase* Emma Allen, Freya Blackwood

##### **Honour Books**

*With Nan* Tania Cox

*Too Many Elephants in This House* Ursula Dudosarsky

**Picture Book of the Year** (Some of these books may be for mature readers )

##### **Winner**

*The Coat* Ron Brooks

##### **Honour Books**

*Herman and Rosie* Gus Gordon

*Sophie Scott Goes South* Alison Lester

### **Canteen News**

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

### **Community News**



# **DANCE PARTY!**

**Friday 30 August 2013**

**ENTRY: \$5**

6pm to 8pm - K to Yr 6



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PCYC POLICE & STAFF

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\*Children must be PCYC members to attend\*

