



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 7 – Week Ending 30th August 2013

“Students of the Week” – Week 6

*Congratulations to our Week 6 **Students of the Week***



K/1 – Boston Petty-O’Brien ; 4/5/6 – Claire Lewis; 2/3 – Katelyn Judd (absent)

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Sascha and Brodie

2/3 – Blake and Bailey

4/5/6 – Brent and Kynan

Congratulations to these students!

District Athletics Carnival

Good luck to Katelyn, Jacob and Oliver who are competing at the Western Region Athletics Carnival in Dubbo tomorrow! The forecast looks good! We hope you enjoy your day!

Excursion Update... 66 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.

Student Council Movie Night

The Student Council Movie Night was a great success last Friday night. The children viewed the movie “Escape to Planet Earth” and enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle, drink and chocolate treat at intermission. Thank you to the Student Council and Mrs Kiely for organising the night and to Kerry and Georgia Lewis and Olivia Gregory who helped with the

BBQ. It was great to see ex-HPS students Georgia, Olivia and Billy return for the event as our “Special Guests”.



Everyone snuggled down for the movie night



The sausages were delicious – thanks Kerry, Georgia and Olivia!



Sascha enjoying intermission!



Kindergarten Orientation

It is that time of the year where we start organising our Transition Visits for our Kindergarten students attending HPS in 2014. At present we have 10 children on our enrolment list and these children will receive a letter from the school sometime NEXT WEEK inviting them to attend Kinder Orientation.

This year's Transition dates are as follows;

Tuesday 8th October 9:30-11:30am

Tuesday 15th October – 9:30-11:30am

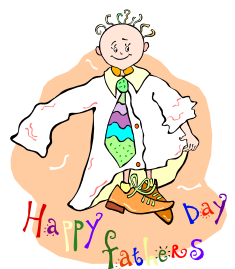
Tuesday 22nd October – 9:30-11:30am

Tuesday 29th October – 9:30am – 1:10pm

Mrs Lynch and the K/1 class are very excited to meet our new Kindergarten students!

Attendance Policy

The DRAFT Attendance Policy was sent home to parents in last week's Newsletter. Could all feedback please be sent in to school by tomorrow. Following that, the policy will be ratified and staff will implement accordingly.



Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and Grandfathers this Sunday! We hope you have a lovely day with your children and grandchildren!

Morning Drop Off Time



Just a reminder to parents that the morning drop off time is 9am. The time BEFORE school starts is teacher preparation time so that we can organise the day's lessons, photocopying and resources. Morning Duty and supervision start at 9am, therefore parents are kindly asked to keep drop off times until then. If an emergency arises and your child needs to be dropped off earlier, please call the school.

Library Week 8

Library Day for next Week will switch from Thursday to Friday 5th September. This is because Mrs Lynch and Miss Hyde will be having their RFF time on Friday instead. Don't forget!! The Class Library borrowing Challenge is VERY close this Term!

Book Club

Book Club orders and payment are due on Monday 2nd September.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 8	
Mon 2 nd Sept	Book Club orders due Mrs Lynch – Professional Learning Day at Cowra Public School (Mrs Webster K/1)
Tues 3 rd Sept	Di Watt School Counsellor will be at Holmwood PS
Wed 4 th Sept	Mrs Webster – “Developing Literacy Skills” course - Orange
Thurs 5 th Sept	Mrs Lynch and Mrs Webster – Autism Training Day (Mrs Nottingham K/1)
Fri 6 th Sept	LIBRARY DAY – SWAP!
Term 3 Week 9	
Fri 13 th Sept	Scripture Mrs Watt – OASIS Library Training Day
Term 3 Week 10	
Mon 16 th Sept	P&C Meeting 7pm at School
Tues 17 th Sept	T20 Milo Blast Cricket Cup – 4/5/6 attending with Mrs Watt and Mrs McFarland
Thurs 19 th Sept	School Assembly 1:45pm – all parents and community members welcome. BBQ and Book Sale - \$1 for 3 books!
Fri 20 th Sept	Last Day of School! MUFTI Day and STAR WARS!

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

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 16th September 2013 at 7pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom – all parents welcome!

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

Yet another week has flown by and we have been very busy on the learning front, with many activities and games being played for literacy sessions. We are currently taking a strong focus on sentence structure and using

our spelling words in sentence form. We are also trying hard to form our letters correctly with guided handwriting lessons three times a week.

In English we complete spelling activities, learn new phonics sounds and blends, learn high frequency and sight words and read aloud to a buddy or teacher. Each morning we engage in these activities on rotational basis.

It would be greatly appreciated if any parents or carers could spare 40 minutes of their time first thing of a morning to help with these activities. Please contact me at school if you can help - 63422172

I encourage parents to be willing helpers in the class room at any time; it's a great way to see your child's progress and experience the wonderful activities that your children participate in.

In Maths this week we have been learning about subtraction, differences, the number line, take away and minus. We have incorporated many early learning songs to help remember the rules of subtraction. Some of the songs we have been singing are "Ten Green Bottles", "Ten Grey Elephants" and a nonsense song just for fun - "Mr Clicketty Cane". Today we enjoyed rotational maths games to help learn our subtraction facts to ten.

We are powering through our unit for HSIE and Science, this week completed learning about the different environments. Our art works look fantastic for the coral reef and the desert.



Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

What an exciting week this has been. We had a wonderful Movie Night and we thank the Student Council for their super organisation and a relaxing evening. The excitement of the children was contagious. We especially thank Mr Lewis and 2012 Yr6 for coming and cooking a delicious barbeque tea for us.

Our Year 2-3 class were pleased to meet Miss Hyde, who will be relieving me whilst I am on long service leave. Miss Hyde is a lovely natured person and a very experienced teacher. Miss Hyde did her final prac at Holmwood School several years ago and was very happy to be back at our wonderful school. I feel confident that my class are in capable hands whilst I am holidaying with my family and Mr K.

Miss Hyde is looking forward to seeing your super science project, so please give her a pleasant surprise, before 13.9.13. Like me, Miss Hyde loves reading and she will be keen to see your readers being returned each day please. The Home Spelling and Tables page will continue to come home each Friday, to be returned before each Thursday please.



Miss Hyde with Gregory and Mackenzie

I hope that each of you stays happy, healthy and safe and I will see you when I return at the commencement of Term 4. I will look forward to hearing all the news from while I was away but no broken arms please! Thank you for your wonderful support and for sending a healthy, happy child to school each day, so that we can utilise their potential to learn and to succeed at school and in life.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

This week has flown by in the 4/5/6 room! We completed our writing focus on Procedures with a fun procedure on how to make a chatter box (some of our parents will remember making these as kids too!). Next week we move our writing focus onto "Discussions".

On Monday we started our Science topic for the term called "Sounds Great". This unit looks at lots of different aspects of sound. So far we have come up with a definition of what sound is, brainstormed ways in which we make sounds; gone on a sound hunt around our school and classified sounds into man-made and environmental. We have really enjoyed playing "Secret Sound" to finish off our lessons with Ashleigh proving to have very good hearing!

This week in Maths we have looked at "Order of Operations" and learned a funky rap song on YouTube called PEMDAS to help us remember this. The letters all stand for a word – Parentheses; Exponents; Multiplication; Division; Addition and Subtraction. This helps us to remember the order in which we do each operation.

For example;

$$4 + 5 \times 3 = 19 \text{ (NOT 27!)}$$

We do the 5×3 first; then add it to the 4 because multiplication always comes before addition. We

have also looked at the Memory Function on the Calculator (M+, M- and MR).

News Topic- Week 8/9 – please come prepared to talk for 2 – 2 ½ minutes about your Favourite Book!

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

OFFICE NEWS

Found! We have 3 Size 8 red jumpers found without names. These are almost new and have been handed in to the Office. Please check if your child wears Size 8 and contact the school if you think they are yours.

Library Book Sale – We have a large collection of old library books which we have culled and are offering for sale at the end of Term Assembly. 3 Books for \$1! Come along to the Assembly and take home a bag of books – what a bargain!

Community News



DANCE PARTY!

Friday 30 August 2013

ENTRY: \$5

6pm to 8pm - K to Yr 6



CANTEEN & SAUSAGE
SIZZLE AVAILABLE.

PCYC POLICE & STAFF

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Children must be PCYC members to attend

