



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 10 – Week Ending 20th September 2013

Happy Holidays!

As this is our last Newsletter before we break for our two week holiday, I would like to congratulate all students on a terrific Term of learning! Each child has made great progress this Term and is very deserving of a break and a chance to relax and recharge the batteries! Thank you also to Mrs Lynch, Mrs Kiely, Miss Hyde, Mrs Watt, Cheri, Mrs Webster, Mrs Bayl, Mrs Hubbard and Mr White – all of the Staff have worked very hard over the last 10 weeks and I'm sure are all looking forward to some rest and relaxation as well!

Next Term we have lots of things happening both in-school and out of school so be sure to keep up to date by reading the weekly newsletter, which is also on-line. Next term, in an attempt to cut down on our paper and photocopying costs we will be offering families the opportunity to receive the school newsletter via email. If you would like to receive Newsletters this way, please complete the attached slip and return to school as soon as possible. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday – see you all back at school on **TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER**.

"Students of the Week" – Week 9

Congratulations to our Week 9 **Students of the Week**



2/3 – Zsalea Mansley; K/1 – Liam Beaumont; 4/5/6 – Tom Cummings

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Lexi and Boston

2/3 – Katelyn and Lara

4/5/6 – Abbie and Annelise

Congratulations to these students!

Milo T20 Blast Cup

On Tuesday 17th September the 4/5/6 students participated in the Milo T20 Cricket Blast at Edgell Park. Our Girls and Boys Teams contested 5 games of cricket, with several wins against Mulyan PS, Cowra PS, St Raphael's and St Edwards School from Canowindra. The wet weather didn't dampen Holmwood's spirits as all students gave it their all. Thank you to Mrs Watt for organising our students to attend the day and to both Mrs Watt and Mrs McFarland for accompanying the students to the event. The cricket coaching the students received from Terry Johns and the Cowra HS students certainly paid off!



Taylor coming in to bowl during the T20 Blast!



Claire takes a shot at the Cricket Day on Tuesday.

Peace Day Writing Awards

Congratulations to Blake Bridgett and Ashleigh Harding on receiving awards in the recent Peace Bell Writing Competition. Blake placed first in the Yr 3/4 category and Ashleigh was awarded a Highly Commended in the Yr 5/6 section. Students were presented with their Awards at the Peace Bell Ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.



Mrs Lewis congratulates Blake on winning the Peace Bell Writing Competition.

Cowra Show Artists

Congratulations to all students who had their art works on display at the recent Cowra Show. Special congratulations to Thomas Seears and Abbie Lewis on receiving first place in their respective sections and to the following students who received a Highly Commended – Zsalea Mansley, Gregory Hynes-Brien, Tom Cummings, Kynan Rowley, Katelyn Judd, Makayla Bridget, Bailey Redfern and Bella Cummings. Thank you to Mrs Nottingham who organised our show entries this year – what creative students we have!



Cowra Show Art Competition Prize winners with their entries!

Wednesday FUN DAY

To celebrate the end of Term, the teachers decided to have a FUN DAY on Wednesday this week! Students were organised into four groups and rotated through four 45 minute "FUN" activities throughout the day. Mrs Lynch's group made delicious chocolate and marshmallow crackles, Cheri's group made eye-

catching "sun-catchers", Miss Hyde made amazing edible slime and Mrs Lewis's group made yummy Ice Cream in a bag! All students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and the break from regular classroom routines. What a FUN way to end a great Term! As requested by the students, attached to the Newsletter are the Slime and Ice cream recipes – they could be a FUN holiday activity to do at home as well!



THANK YOU!



their support!

Thank you to Gail and Bill Webster who kindly offered to cover a large number of new readers the school has purchased for the K/1 students. Gail and Bill do so much for our school – we are very grateful for

Kindergarten 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

We are all looking forward to meeting our new Kinders for 2014!

Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School

The Year 6 Transition Visits to Cowra High School have been set down for Wednesday 16th October, Wednesday 23rd October, Wednesday 30th October,

Wednesday 6th November (we will be in Canberra on this date) and Wednesday 13th November. Mr Brian Edmunds will be the Year 7 Advisor next year.

Year 6 Transition to St Raphaels Catholic High School

There will be a Parent Information Evening held on the 29th October starting at 6:30pm at St Raphael's School for students entering into Year 7 in 2014. The Orientation Day for students will be held on the 31st October. Parents have been requested to ring St Raphael's on 63422940 with contact details and to let the school know if your child is attending the Orientation day ASAP.

NAPLAN RESULTS DELAYED

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

Excursion Update...45 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.

**ALL EXCURSION PAYMENTS ARE DUE
FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**

End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all our parents and community members who attended our end of term Assembly today. The students always enjoy putting on items for their families and your support is appreciated. Photos from the assembly will be put on the school's website during the holidays.



School Photos

Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking 2013 School Photos

on **Thursday 10th October**, which is the first week back after the holidays. If you have any questions regarding school photos please contact Cliff Dykes directly on 63 423070. All order forms with payment are due back to school on PHOTO DAY.

Calendar

| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 21.09.2013 to 07.10.2013 | |
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| Term 4 Week 1 | |
| Mon 7th October | LONG WEEKEND |
| Tues 8th October | All students return to school. Kinder Orientation 9:30-11:30am |
| Thurs 10 th Oct | School Photos |
| Fri 11th October | Scripture |
| Term 4 Week 2 | |
| Mon 14th Oct | P&C Meeting 7pm |
| Tues 15th Oct | Kinder Orientation 9:30-11:30am |
| Wed 16th Oct | Year 6 Transition Visit – Cowra High |
| Thur 17th Oct | Aboriginal Pedagogies Training – all Staff 4-5:30pm Cowra PS. |

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- "Request for Newsletter via Email" slip
- Slime Recipe from Miss Hyde's FUN DAY activity
- Ice Cream in a Bag recipe from Mrs Lewis's FUN DAY activity
- PCYC Information Flier

P&C News

Due to lack of interest and a number of other community events being on around the same time, the P&C have decided to cancel the Holmwood Market Day set down for the 26th October.

Thank you to all families who sent in Mobile phones for the P&C "PhoneRaiser" fundraising venture. We received \$162.00 from all the phones that were collected for recycling!

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 14th October at 7pm. See you there!
Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

K/1 Class News

Well we are now at the end of yet another term, and hasn't the time has flown by? We are already for some rest as next term is going to be a busy one.

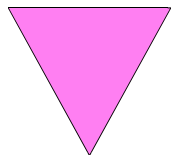
What a fantastic fun day we had on Wednesday. The students and the teachers had a great time

making slime and eating it, creating sun catchers, mixing ice cream and making yummy chocolate crackles.

This term we have completed so many things, we have learnt all about wet and dry environments, the weather conditions, and seasons. We learnt that in our surroundings we can have multiple types of environments.

In literacy we were able to buy a number of new PM readers for our L3 literacy groups. A huge thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Webster for donating their time this week to cover all the books in plastic for protection. They are now ready to use first week back in Term 4.

Just a quick reminder for everyone to collect milk bottle lids over the holidays so I can make some new literacy games. Again if there are any parents or carers that can donate half an hour of their time any morning it would be greatly appreciated, to help with our literacy groups.



In maths this term we have covered many concepts. From the number strand we have learnt about addition and subtraction, equal groups and place value. In the Space and

Geometry Strand we have learnt about the attributes of 2D and 3D shapes. In Measurement the concepts covered were Area, Length and Mass, and in the Data strand we have mastered picture graphs and column graphs. So we have had a very busy time.



In Visual Arts we have been amazingly busy designing, creating and experimenting with a variety of different mediums. We made rainforest collages, desert scenes, a coral reef collage, Nursery Rhyme artworks, a spring theme painting and a fireworks painting from the show.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students this term for your consideration and help with my recovery from my hip surgery, I'm feeling fantastic now - the best I have felt in a long time - so next term I will be ready for hip hop dancing, swimming, Canberra excursion and concert!

Have a restful and safe holiday and see you all in Term 4

Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

Wow! What a great end of term! We've had our Fun Day, Special Assembly and we are having Star Wars and Kangaroo Court tomorrow!

2/3 or 'Mathematics Superstars' as I should call them, have been working hard with addition, multiplication and division this week. We have continued our maths challenge and looked at sneaky little hints to help us with our maths. Year 2 have loved working on the whiteboards learning some new addition strategies.

We presented our projects on Monday and they were a great success! We had blimps, hovercrafts, hairdryers, rocket cars, clown cars, boats, horse floats and many more. Everyone who brought their projects in did a wonderful job at creating their transport as well as speaking about it. Mrs K will be very impressed!

We have been practicing hard for our special assembly and have done a really great job. Blake told us that we had memorised 229 words! That's a lot! We all tried out for different roles and then voted to see who should be the characters. Congratulations to all of the children as you all have done a wonderful job.



Our donuts are finished and ready to be eaten... or maybe not!! We have had a lot of fun creating with papier mache and have enjoyed getting our hands

dirty. Maybe you could make something out of papier mache (like a piñata) over the holidays – you only need flour and water for the glue and lots of newspaper. If you are making a piñata blow up a balloon tie it off and cover with strips of newspaper and your glue mixture. Remember to leave a gap at the top in case you want to fill it with something.

It is very bittersweet writing this as it means this is my last week with 2/3. I have absolutely loved my time at Holmwood and can't wait to come back and see you all. But it does mean that it is holidays and I know how you are all looking forward to them (I must admit that I am too). Mrs K will be very excited to see you all and hear of all your adventures. I'm sure you are all looking forward to hearing about her adventures too!

I hope you all enjoy your holidays and have a safe and happy time.

Kind Regards,
Miss Michelle Hyde
Relieving 2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

What a BIG Term we have had! Congratulations to the 4/5/6 for all their hard work and enthusiasm shown during all units this Term – you all deserve a nice long holiday!

Next Term we have lots happening again with Year 6 Orientation to High School, our Canberra excursion, Swimming/Lifesaving, preparation for the HPS School Concert as well as the usual classroom activities.

Well done to all the students who participated in the Milo Cricket Day on Tuesday. I was fortunate enough to have a bit of time out of the Office on Tuesday to go over and watch a few overs in both the Boys and Girls games. The improvement in our cricketing skills this Term has been remarkable!

I hope all students and families have a lovely holiday and look forward to an exciting Term 4.

Have a wonderful holiday!
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

Mrs Watt's News



Congratulations **AGAIN** to K/1 on taking out this Term's Library Borrowing Award! This is the 3rd Term in a row that K/1 have come out on top, closely followed by 4/5/6 and 2/3.

K/1 celebrated their Library Award with Mrs Watt today.

LIBRARY BOOKS - We are in need of some parents who are able to spare some time to cover new library books. If you can help out please contact the school - 63422172. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Community News

COWRA TENNIS CLUB

Cowra Tennis Club is holding Junior Tennis lessons every Friday afternoon from 3.30pm until 5.30pm at a cost of \$2.00 per lesson. These lessons continue right through the holidays. Parents are most welcome to stay and watch their children.

COWRA SWIMMING CLUB

Cowra Stingrays Swimming Club is now taking registrations for the 2013/2014 season.

All registrations must be completed online through the Swimming New South Wales website.

New and renewing members are invited to attend the 3 allocated Registration Dates at the Cowra Aquatic Centre.; Wednesday 18th September between 4:00pm and 5:30pm

Saturday 21st September between 10:00am and 12:00pm

Thursday 3rd October between 4:00pm and 5:30pm.

Stingrays committee members will be available to answer questions and assist with the registration process for anyone unsure of the online system.

Costs for registering for Cowra Stingrays for the 2013 -2014 season :

Each swimmer costs \$95.00 with a \$35.00 family levy (recouped from raffle ticket sales) attached to each family registration.

Total registration costs;

One swimmer - \$130.00

Two swimmers - \$225.00

Three swimmers - \$320.00

Four swimmers - \$415.00

Five swimmers - \$510.00

We invite all new and renewing members to keep up to date via our website

www.cowra.nswswimming.com.au, where you will also find our contact details.