



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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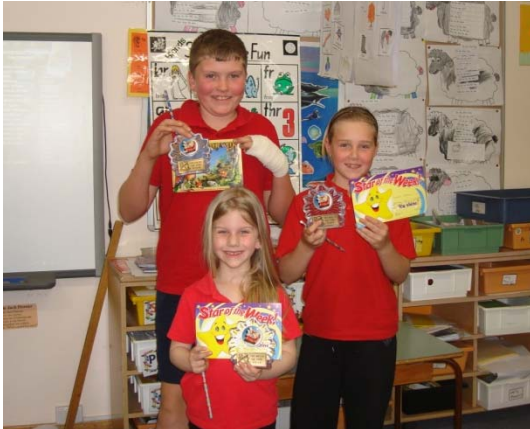
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Term 3 Week 8 – Week Ending 5th September 2013

“Students of the Week” – Week 7

*Congratulations to our Week 7 **Students of the Week***



4/5/6 – Kynan Rowley; K/1 – Lexi Fliedner; 2/3 – Lara Collins

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – John and Liam

2/3 – Gregory and Lilly

4/5/6 – Paige, Ashleigh and Hayley

Congratulations to these students!

Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Katelyn, Oliver and Jacob who competed in the Western Region Athletics Carnival last Friday in Dubbo. Katelyn came 7th in her 100m heat; Oliver came 5th as part of the Junior Boys Relay team and Jacob finished 5th in the Senior Boys Discus. What a wonderful experience for our students!

Excursion Update... 59 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.



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!

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. At this stage we will require parent helpers to assist with transporting our Year 6's to and from Cowra High. If you are able to assist, please complete the attached note and return to school.

End of Term Assembly

All parents and community members are invited to attend our End of Term Assembly on Thursday 19th September. The Assembly will start at 1:45pm. All classes will be performing a short item and weekly awards will also be presented. K/1 will be catering for this assembly and will have a delicious treat for sale! More details to come! See you there!

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.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 9	
Mon 9th Sept	AECG Meeting – Yalbilanga 2pm
Fri 13 th Sept	Scripture Mrs Watt – OASIS Library Training Day
Term 3 Week 10	
Mon 16th Sept	P&C Meeting 7pm at School
Tues 17th Sept	T20 Milo Blast Cricket Cup – 4/5/6 attending with Mrs Watt and Mrs McFarland
Thurs 19th Sept	School Assembly 1:45pm – all parents and community members welcome. BBQ and Book Sale - \$1 for 3 books!
Fri 20th Sept	Last Day of School! MUFTI Day and STAR WARS!
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 21.09.2013 to 07.10.2013	
Term 4 Week 1	
Mon 7th October	LONG WEEKEND
Tues 8th October	All students return to school. Kinder Orientation 9:30-11:30am
Fri 11th October	Scripture

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School Transport note
- Survey information from Di Watt (School Counsellor)
- 4/5/6 T20 Blast Cricket permission note

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

Well spring has sprung and what beautiful weather we have been having. It's lovely to see the students enjoying the sun when playing at recess and lunch. This week in the classroom our literacy sessions are in full swing. On Monday I visited Cowra Public School for some professional learning and watched the Kindergarten classes implementing L3 learning centres. I am very enthused and have some great ideas for fun and stimulating activities. Again I am asking for parent and carer help for 40 minutes any morning to help your children get the most out of these learning centres. I would also like to request any milk bottle lids please. It doesn't matter what colour - they are needed to make literacy resources. Thank you.

Thank you to Mrs Webster for relieving for me on Monday. I know the students had a fantastic time constructing animals from plasticine.

This week in Maths we have been learning the names and attributes of 3 Dimensional shapes and identifying them in everyday objects. We used recycled materials to make cylinders, cones, cubes, spheres and rectangular prisms. We explored how 2D shapes make up 3D shapes.



Liam with some 3D shapes he made.

On Tuesday K/1 was lucky enough to have the 4/5/6 class join us for PE. We had a lovely time playing with balls to help improve our catching, passing and throwing skills. Thanks Primary's - we love having you model good sportsmanship skills to us. In visual arts this week, spring was in full bloom today as the students created some fantastic Cherry Blossom and Wattle trees. This artwork linked nicely with identifying the weather patterns and seasons in wet and dry environments for our unit in HSIE and Science.



Layla and Bella creating spring time pictures in Art.

Thank you to Mrs Nottingham who taught K/1 today while I was in Bathurst for training. I'm sure you have created some wonderful artworks that we may even put in the Cowra show. Have a great weekend, and enjoy the sunshine. Good luck to all sporting children in the grand finals of sport this Saturday.

Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

My first Week at Holmwood with 2/3 has flown by. It must be because of all the beautiful children and the fun we have been having.

On Monday we started our Science mini topic 'Machines'. This unit looks at machines from the simple through to the technical. So far we have investigated the 6 simple machines, finding out what they do and how they make our lives easier. We have also been spotting machines in our classroom and thought about them in our homes.



We have been busy writing descriptions about different scenes. The tricky part is making sure that they are super clear so that one of our friends can draw the scene that we have described. We have also been listening carefully to "The Owl and The Pussycat", answering questions and putting the nonsense poem back together.

On Tuesday we looked at 'Pop Art' and started our own pop art creations. They are coming along nicely and will be worthy of an art gallery!

This week in Maths we have looked at fractions and division – two very tricky topics. We have

been busy with hands on activities, games and hard work to help us with these topics. Maybe you could work out some fractions at home when cooking – half a cup? $\frac{1}{4}$ packet of biscuits etc.

We have been enjoying the glorious sunshine in our play times and during sport. Touch footy, tennis and other games have been played at lunch and we have been getting along with each other and showing good sportsmanship.



Gregory with his echidna he made out of a pinecone, during lunch time this week!

I can't wait for next week's adventures in 2/3!

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

4/5/6 Class News

Another week down and just two short weeks left until the holidays! 4/5/6 has been working very hard this week completing our English Studies novels for the term. We are hoping to spend the next two weeks working on designing and creating our own Board Game based on each of the novels we have been studying – "Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the case" and "From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs Basil E. Frankweiler".

Our writing focus has been on "Discussions" and we looked at a wide range of topics including "Should children get paid to come to school?", "Should trampolines be compulsory in schools?" and "Should we change our Australian Flag?" The students came up with some very mature and well thought out reasons for both sides of each argument.

Maths this week was very challenging as we, like the 2/3 class, worked on fractions. Our main focus this week was looking at adding and subtracting fractions, how to work out fractions of a collection

e.g. $\frac{2}{3}$ of 36, and how to change Improper Fractions into Mixed Numerals – e.g. – $\frac{7}{4}$ is the same as 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$. Next week we will continue working on fractions as decimals.

Our science unit "Sounds Great" has been very interesting and this week we enjoyed completing an experiment where we got to "Make Sounds"! We used heaps of glass jars and varying levels of water to try and create different sounds that went from a low pitch to a high pitch. Then each group had to try and compose a song...which was then performed in front of the class...very entertaining!



Ebon and Tom investigating how to make sound in Science.

News Topic- Week 9 – please come prepared to talk for 2 – 2 ½ minutes about your Favourite Book or Author! This week's News people have spoken about a wide range of favourite books!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Watt

PE and SPORT

This Thursday Matthew Tabbernor, Development Officer from Western Area Cricket and a couple of State representative cricketers will come to our school and deliver a short clinic to all of the students at the school. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity, as our school is the only small school that they will be visiting whilst in Cowra.

On Friday, the students from Cowra Junior Cricket and some talented cricketers from Cowra High School will come out for the second of our three sessions together. Last week saw the the students in the Primary class participating in drills that involved catching, throwing, fielding, bowling and batting. There was no shortage of talent and much fun was had!

PD/H

In PD/H the class have been identifying a variety of situations and behaviours that can be harmful in relationships. We talked about how it is normal to

experience a range of emotions and feelings, what might trigger these and how these might feel in the body. The class identified situations which made them feel angry and listed positive ways to deal with this feeling. In the coming weeks we will be looking at the influence of personal values and communication in relationships.

In the LIBRARY

Last week saw the completion of the Premier Reading Challenge. Thank you to all those students who regularly borrowed library books and enjoyed reading these at home either independently or by sharing them at home in an attempt to reach their Challenge quota. Those that successfully completed the challenge will be listed in next week's newsletter. In Library, K/1 continue to explore the wonderful selection of junior fiction books in our library, class 2/3 have been looking at non-fiction books and how they are organised using the Dewey System and Class 4/5/6 have been exploring Australian Poetry. The Library Borrowing Challenge is tight, with K/1 just in front of class 4/5/6 and 2/3 not far behind them. We will soon know if K1 can hold their lead and take the title for a third time in a row!

Community News

COWRA EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

invites you to the CECS 2013 Quiz Night

6.30pm for 7pm

Saturday 14th September 2013

@ the Cowra Services Club

Tickets \$20/person (includes a platter of hot nibbles per table), tables of 10

Our services rely on fundraising to support the children's programs, providing learning opportunities and a safe environment for children to play and learn.

Funds raised at the CECS Quiz Night will go towards the following projects;

- A blind for the Sam's Room sleep room at Carinya
- An 8 seater vehicle for Family Day Care, to assist in the transportation of children to playgroups and community events
- Upgrade kitchen facilities in OOSH and Carinya. This will support art and craft, cooking and science programs.
- Purchase of Ipad's for the mobile service, to support technology & inquisitive minds in the children's programs and also to assist educators in their documentation