



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 9 – Week Ending 12th September 2013

Welcome!

This week we welcomed a new student – Catie-Leigh Whicker to our school. Catie joins the Year 4 group and has settled in quickly making lots of new friends. We hope Catie enjoys her time at Holmwood!

“Students of the Week” – Week 8

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week



4/5/6 – Mitchell Amos; K/1 – Jaydan Wright; 2/3 – Lilly Whitty

Merit Awards went to;

K/1 – Jett and Leetisha

2/3 – Makayla and William

4/5/6 – Tailor and Oliver

Congratulations to these students!

Excursion Update...52 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

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!

State Cricketers Visit

Last Thursday afternoon we were treated to a special visit from two State Cricketers – Daniel Hughes and Chris Tremain. They were in the Cowra area for a short visit promoting Junior Cricket and HPS were one of the lucky schools on their list! The cricketers did a skills and drills session with the whole school and each student received a special Cricket “Show Bag” full of goodies. After signing autographs, Daniel and Chris left and ran another session at the Cricket nets in town, which some of our students also attended. What an exciting day!



The Whole School pictured with Daniel and Chris during the State Cricketers Visit last Thursday.

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.

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!



Milo T20 Blast Cricket Day

Next Tuesday 17th September the 4/5/6 Class will be attending the Milo T20 Blast Cricket Day at Edgell Park with Mrs Watt and Mrs McFarland. Permission notes for this were sent home last week.

There is no cost for this excursion and students attending are to meet Mrs Watt at Cowra PS at 9am SHARP, ready to walk to Edgell Park so that the activities can get underway by 9:20am. Students being dropped off at Edgell Park need to be there by 9:20am and picked up at 2:40pm. All other students catching buses home will walk back to Cowra PS. This is a great opportunity for our 4/5/6 students to put into practise some of the cricketing skills Mrs Watt has been teaching them during PE this Term.



School Photos

Attached to this week's Newsletter is an order form for School Photos. Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking

2014 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

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. 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
Thurs 10 th Oct	School Photos
Fri 11th October	Scripture
Term 4 Week 2	
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

- School Photo Orders

P&C News

The next Fundraiser on the P&C Calender 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 NEXT 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 it's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of yet another term, where has the term gone? This week in English we have been focusing on retelling stories, by listening to a children's book. We discussed the beginning, middle and ending of the story and devised our own sentences to retell the main points in the story. Then we wrote them down all by ourselves. It's fabulous to see the improvements in all students spelling, sentence structure and hand writing. Our literacy session activities are fun and exciting and after the holidays we will have some new games that the students will love. I'm so pleased with the progress of all students in their reading and writing over this term - all reading levels are improving. Keep up the great work and remember to keep reading every night - even in the holidays.



Boston and Layla working hard in literacy sessions.

Hopefully everyone that had a chance to get to the show had a fun and exciting time. I saw many students there and watched a few of them on some very thrilling rides. I was pleased to see many of the students' artworks on display and I hope that all students got to show their parents some of the beautiful artworks we have made this term. In art this week we captured the essence of the night show by painting a night scene of the fireworks. These look fantastic.

This week saw the completion of our integrated unit on the 'Weather and Wet and Dry Environments'. This week's task for the students was to identify the correct items of clothing to wear in certain types of weather for hot and dry seasons, and cold and wet seasons. We investigated cyclones and the damage it can cause for towns, houses, and cities.

In Maths we have been learning about graphs, data and area. Students had to create picture graphs to represent the weather, find out the most popular eye colour and number of cars parked in the school car park.

Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the sunshine and this beautiful weather.

Over the holidays if students could please collect milk bottle and juice bottle lids it would be greatly appreciated for some new games that I want to make for K/1.

In Term 4 if any parents or carers could spend some time helping out with our literacy sessions for 1 day per week, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Heidi Lynch
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

2/3 have been working very hard in English. We have been writing descriptions about a landscape picture from somewhere beautiful in Australia. We have also used our 5 senses to describe different

fruits and flowers thinking about how things smell, taste, feel, sound and look.

We have continued our 'Pop Art' theme in art and have been making something delicious. We can't share too much because we are planning to trick people with them.

This week in Maths we have been competing in a Maths Challenge! We are having a lot of fun competing against ourselves and are improving each day. Multiplication and division have been our topics this week and we have taken on every challenge thrown at us. Year 3 have been working on some very hard multiplication problems with x9 and x6 times tables. Year 2 have been looking at different strategies for counting and have taken them all on board.

We are budding scientists and can find simple machines in larger machines. We know about pulleys, screws, wedges, inclined planes, levers and the wheel and axle. Ask us what simple machine is part of a toaster or maybe we could show you a simple machine around the house.

I can't wait to see all of the projects tomorrow! I know Mrs K will be excited to see a picture of them all so make sure you've got yours ready to come in. Remember you need to have prepared a short speech to accompany your project. Four will be chosen to show and share at assembly next week along with a surprise from the whole class.

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

4/5/6 Class News

This week we welcomed a new student – Catie to our class. Catie joins the Year 4 group, and is already making lots of new friends in our class. This week the 4/5/6 class began their final task in our English Studies units – designing and creating a Board Game that is themed according to their novel! Students are working in small groups and have been hard at work creating eye-catching game boards, colourful game pieces and interesting "Chance" cards. These are due for completion by next Thursday. It is hoped we will have some time on Friday to give them a test-run!

In our Science unit "Sounds Great", this week we experimented with making a musical instrument. We managed to get an unusual sound from a simple drinking straw and when we experimented with the length of the straw, found that it varied in pitch. It was certainly a noisy, but fun classroom activity!

In Maths we have continued working on fractions, this week focusing on decimals. Next week is our "revision" week so we will revise some of the areas of Maths covered this Term. Our times Tables Challenge has kicked off again this week and we already have a new class record. Mitchell can now do 100 Times Tables in 1 minute and 45 seconds!! There are a number of students who are hot on his heels, so watch out Mitch! It is pleasing to see that EVERY single student has improved in their mental addition, subtraction, multiplication and division this term – well done!

This week is also the final week of homework for Term 3 – homework is due tomorrow. Our spelling next week will also be revision.

News Topic- Week 10 – 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

Mrs Watt's News

Library News

Congratulations to Liam, Toby, Sascha, Brodie, Charlize, Jaydan, Miah and Jacob who successfully completed the Premier Reading Challenge. These students read the required number of books from the PRC booklist from April to September. Well Done! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature.



Congratulations to Charlotte, Jacob, Sascha, Jaydan, Miah, Liam, Toby (absent) and Brodie (absent)

The winners of the Class Book Borrowing Challenge will be decided this Thursday and announced at today's assembly. Will it be K/1 for the 3rd term or will 4/5/6 or 2/3 finish strongly??

Cricket Blast Day

Permission notes were due back today for those students in 4/5/6 attending the Cricket Day at Edgell Park next Tuesday. The students have been working hard to develop their cricket skills and soon they will be able to put them into practice when they will have an opportunity to play at least 4 modified games against other Cowra and Canowindra schools. Parents are welcome to come along during the day to watch their child in action.

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

Little Athletics!

Registration will take place on the following dates:

Saturday 14th September 10am – 12pm
and

Saturday 21st September 10am – 12pm
in the canteen at Twigg Oval.

Orientation Day will be:

Thursday 10th October at 4.45pm for 5.00pm.
Come down and experience "Family, Fun and Fitness".

Round 1 will commence on:

Thursday 17th October at 4.45pm for a
5.00pm start at Twigg Oval.

Fees: \$75 (1st and 2nd athlete)

\$65 (3rd and subsequent athletes) and Tiny
Tots

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

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.