



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 4 Week 1 – Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

## **Term 4 Begins!**

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents! I trust that you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the time spent with family and friends. It was great to see all the students return on Tuesday, full of news about their holidays. Term 4 is traditionally our busiest term and this year is no exception with Kinder Transition days, Year 6 orientation to High School, our Jenolan Caves Excursion and School Swimming Program just to name a few! Please ensure you stay updated on all the coming events via the Newsletter and School website.



Mrs Kiely with her 30 Year Service Award

## **Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 10**

Congratulations to our Week 10 Students of the Week!



Lara Collins (2/3/4)

and Isobella Stevenson (5/6)

**MERIT AWARDS** were awarded to;

K/1 – Alana Kiss, Addison Skinner

2/3/4 – Miah Pettit, Mackenzie Nestor

5/6 – Damien Harding and Tom Cummings

Sports Awards – Tyler Charnock, Claire Lewis, Micah Murphy, Sophie Light and Katelyn Judd

**Congratulations to all of these students**



Year 2/3/4 presented their "Buildings" they created in Science at our Term 3 School Assembly

## **Kindergarten 2015 Transition Visits**

This year's Transition dates are as follows;

**Tuesday 14th October - 9:30-11:30am**

**Tuesday 21st October – 9:30-11:30am**

**Tuesday 28th October – 9:30-11:30am**

**Tuesday 4th November – 9:30am – 11:30**

**Tuesday 11th November 9:30-1:10pm**

We are all looking forward to meeting our new Kinders for 2015!

## **Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School**

The Year 6 Transition Visits to Cowra High School have been set down for

**Tuesday 14th October – 2:15-3:15pm**

## **Thank you**

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended our end of Term 3 Assembly. The students performed some excellent items and it was great to see such a large audience! Congratulations to Mrs Kiely who was awarded a 30 Year Service Certificate – a wonderful achievement!

**Tuesday 21st October – 2:15-3:15pm**  
**Tuesday 28th October – 2:15-3:15pm**  
**Tuesday 4th November – 2:15-3:15pm**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 9:00am-3:00pm**

The Year 6/7 Social will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Mrs Di St Clair will be the Year 7 Advisor for 2015. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for Year 6 students attending CHS in 2015 to attend the transition dates. Cheri and I will transport and accompany the students NEXT WEEK. However, we require one parent to assist Cheri with transport for subsequent weeks. Please indicate on the permission note if you are able to assist. Transport is only required TO the High School as students will need to catch buses or be picked up by a parent following the transition visit.

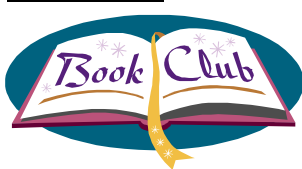
### **School Driveway Reminder**

Just a reminder to parent's dropping or picking students up from school that the school driveway that leads to the teacher's car park **is not to be used as a drop-off or pick-up zone**. This is to ensure the safety of all students. Parents are required to pick up and drop off their children at the front of the school. Your co-operation is appreciated.

### **School Canteen – Term 4!**

The School Canteen will be operating in Term 4 on Fridays only. All students received a new menu yesterday with new prices. Please ensure orders are written clearly on a paper bag or envelope with your child's name and class. Thank you to Carol Lynch, Tina Lunnon and Liz Russell who have put together a scrumptious menu for this term's canteen. I'm sure that the children and staff will greatly enjoy it! If you are able to spare a few hours one week to assist in the canteen, please contact the school as helpers are always needed.

### **Book Club**



Please find attached the latest Scholastic Book Club catalogues. All orders and payment are due to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### **School Photos**



Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking School Photos on THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER. Order Forms are attached to this week's Newsletter. Please note all orders and payments are due on Photo Day. If you have any

questions or concerns regarding school photos, please contact Cliff Dykes directly on 63423070.

## **Jenolan Caves School Excursion – 20 sleeps to go !**



The Excursion dates are Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October! Payments are as follows;

**Years 4/5/6 - \$197.40**

**Year 3 – \$154.40**

**Years K/1/2 - \$135.00**

**Parents – \$314.00**

Please note that all students going on the Excursion will have already paid a \$30 deposit, so please deduct this from the amounts owing above.

**FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT IS  
FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

### **Calendar**

<b>Term 4 Week 2</b>	
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	P&C Meeting – 6pm in 5/6 Classroom
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Kinder Transition – 9:30-11:30am Year 6-7 Transition to Cowra HS – 2:15-3:15pm
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Mrs Lewis – OCA Meeting at Holmwood (Mrs Knight 5/6)
<b>Term 4 Week 3</b>	
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	AECG Meeting – 2pm at Mulyan PS
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Kinder Transition 9:30-11:30am Year 6-7 Transition to Cowra HS - 2:15-3:15pm
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	SCHOOL PHOTOS
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Scripture All Excursion Fees DUE Book Club Orders due
<b>Term 4 Week 4</b>	
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Mrs Lewis Growth Coaching Bathurst (Mrs Skene 5/6) Mrs Kiely – Live Life Well Training Kinder Transition 9:30-11:30am Year 6-7 Transition to Cowra HS - 2:15-3:15pm
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	K-6 Excursion to JENOLAN CAVES
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	K-6 Excursion to JENOLAN CAVES
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	K-6 Excursion to JENOLAN CAVES

Kind Regards,  
 Jenny Lewis  
 Principal



## Attachments

- Year 6-7 Orientation to Cowra High School Permission Note
- Book Club Catalogues
- School Photo Envelopes

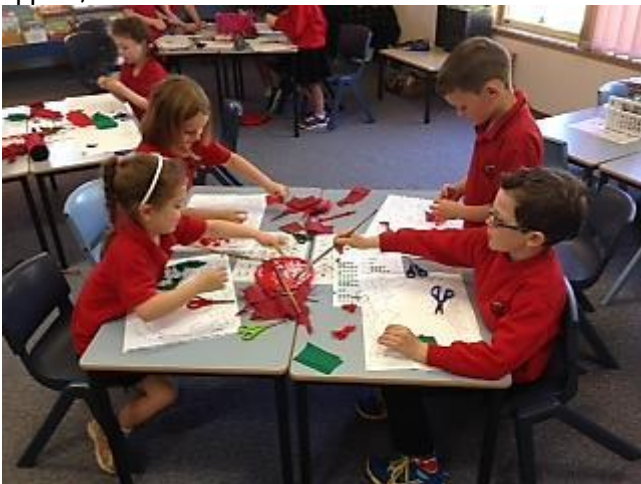
## K/1 Class News

Welcome back to what will be a very busy Term 4. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and that you are all ready for the term ahead.

This term we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned across the key learning areas for all stages. In English this term we will be focussing on Fairy Tales and Traditional Stories. We will be studying stories like, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', "The Three Little Pigs", and "Little Red Riding Hood". We will be retelling the stories and completing comprehension worksheets on each of the stories we read.

In Science across all stages we will be focusing on 'Food, Glorious Food"! In each stage we will be identifying foods that come from plants and animals, how food is produced and how it is consumed. We will endeavour to grow our own vegetables and items to make salads such as tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber and capsicum. We will be cooking in many of our classes and making such things as yoghurt, ice-cream, fruit salad, pizza, bread, garlic bread, and spaghetti bolognaise. It should be a great topic across all years. Mrs Patten will follow up in Health the benefits of eating healthy and demonstrating healthy food choices for lunches.

In Visual Arts we will use the Science topic of food as our inspiration to produce "Food Art". Today we started making apples from crepe paper. As the term progresses we will be making a wide variety of artworks including printing foods such as potatoes, apples, and onions.



Next Tuesday we look forward to welcoming the 2015 Kindergarten students to Holmwood for their transition to school. During the morning session each class will move up to the next year level for taster activities that they will experience in 2015.

Kind Regards,  
Ms Heidi Edgerton  
K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3/4 Class News

It's great to be back at school! The good news is that we have started straight back into learning new things ~ the bad news is that we only have one more term to get the work done! So it's heads down, pens and pencils turbo-charged and brains in gear ~ ready to learn and work!!

**WHAT'S DOING?** In **Maths**, the first topic we're looking at is **Division and Multiplication**. **Sharing and grouping objects** and **using times tables** to solve number sentences, algorithms and problems. In **Spelling** ~ new lists will be **introduced** and **tested weekly**; in **Reading** ~ new stories will be **studied** over a **fortnight**; in **Handwriting** ~ Year 3 and 4 will be concentrating on **Cursive Writing** (joining letters/"running writing"); in **Writing**, our Text Type will be "**descriptions**". For **English Grammar** we will be undertaking a **new topic each week** ~ first one is looking at the **tense of Verbs**.



### **TERM 4 HEALTH/PD TOPICS**

. During our weekly lessons K-6 classes will complete a range of topics ~ **Cyber Safety**; **Nutrition** and **Healthy Food Choices** and **Safety**.

### **2/3/4 REMINDERS**



- Homework due on Fridays
- Home Readers regularly borrowed and read
- New replacement A4 exercise/ note books please
- New glue sticks, scissors pencils when needed.

Welcome back to a great term of learning!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Kerry Patten  
2/3/4 Class Teacher

## 5/6 Class News

Welcome back to all 5/6 students! This term is shaping up to be a busy one and we are looking forward to our new units of study.

In **English** we will be reading the text "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" and completing a

range of writing, comprehension and research activities based around this novel. We are linking this text to our learning in **HSIE** which is a study of a cultural group – Japan. We are looking forward to exploring aspects of Japanese culture including cooking, art and origami. We are hoping to organise a day trip to the Japanese Gardens as part of this topic.

In **Science** Ms Edgerton is teaching us all about “Food, Glorious Food!” and Mrs Patten will be planning lots of healthy food activities in **PD/Health** to tie in with this topic. Mrs Kiely also has some fun **PE** activities lined up for this term, and of course we have our annual swimming and lifesaving program operating in Weeks 8 and 9.

Our **Maths** continues as it has all year, with a focus topic each week. This week we have been learning all about algebra and number sentences and next week we are focusing on order of operations. Our timed challenge for this fortnight is on addition and we are also continuing with our “Problem of the Day” which encourages us to explore problem solving strategies.

**Creative Arts** activities will be linked to our Japanese theme and we are excited to explore some of the techniques used in Japanese artwork, particularly the anime and manga styles.

Year 6 start their Transition visits to Cowra High School next Tuesday. We require one parent helper each week to assist with transport so if you are able to help out, it would be greatly appreciated!

Homework resumed this week as well. A reminder to all families that Homework goes out each MONDAY and is to be returned by FRIDAY.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jenny Lewis  
5/6 Class Teacher

## **P&C News**

The P&C are collecting donations for a MONSTER RAFFLE to be drawn at the Christmas Markets at the end of the year. The P&C has already received some generous donations from local businesses and would like to ask any parents if they have any items for donation. These must be NEW and preferably in the box or packet. Items can be anything....so if you have any NEW unwanted items, please consider sending them in to school for the P&C to use.

Please note – the next P&C Meeting will be held next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom. All welcome.

Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary