



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 2 – Week Ending 17th October 2014

Students of the Week – Term 4 Week 1

Congratulations to our Week 1 Students of the Week!



*Katelyn Judd (2/3/4), Makayla Toohey (K/1)
and Mitchell Amos (5/6)*

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Harry Seears and Liam Beaumont

2/3/4 – Boston Petty-O'Brien and Miah Pettit

5/6 – Annelise Brown and Dylan Whitty

Congratulations to all of these students

Kindergarten 2015 Transition Visits

On Tuesday we welcomed our new 2015 Kindergarten students for their very first transition visit! Ms Edgerton was very impressed by their eagerness to get involved in all classroom activities! We look forward to seeing them again next week! A reminder that the dates for this year's Kinder transition are;

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

Year 6 Transition to Cowra High School

Year 6 also enjoyed their first transition visit to Cowra High on Tuesday afternoon. Our students joined with the Cowra PS students and participated in a HSIE class on Wiradjuri language. It was lots of fun and I'm sure they are keen to go back again next week. Thank you

to the parents of our Year 6's who have volunteered to transport students to the High School. Please see the transport roster below. Pick up from HPS is at 2pm.

21st October	28th October	4th November
Bec Kiss	Alan Saxby	Bec Kiss

School Canteen – Term 4!

Last Friday the students and staff were treated to some delicious recess and lunch meals as the HPS canteen kicked off a new menu for this term. Carol and Liz worked very hard all day in the kitchen and delivered a huge number of orders during the day. All the students gave the new menu a big thumbs up!



A reminder that canteen is on again this Friday so be sure to get your orders in!



Good Luck Lisa!

HPS Staff and students would like to wish Lisa Brien GOOD LUCK as she competes at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival in Homebush this week! Lisa qualified in the 13 years Girls 100m event! GO LISA!!!!

School Photos



*Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking School Photos on **Thursday 23rd October**. Order Forms were sent home with last 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



There is now LESS than 2 weeks to go until our excursion to Jenolan Caves!

The excursion dates are Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st October!

Costs 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.

**THE FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT IS
FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER**

A FINAL EXCURSION NOTE with a list of what to pack, contact numbers and detailed itinerary for our 3 Day excursion will be sent home with students next MONDAY.

Absence Notes

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a copy of our Absence Note form. It is a legal requirement that when your child is absent, a reason must be given to the school. These reasons are recorded in the class rolls and are subject to regular reviews by our Home-School Liaison Officer. Julie and Anthea also record absences electronically so it is critical that we have all the information listed on the note below. This includes date of absence(s), reason for absence and signature.

Partial absences also MUST be recorded. A partial absence is when your child arrives late to school, is picked up early or is sent home in the case of illness. Times for partial absences MUST also be noted.

We are grateful to parents who return absence notes in a timely manner as it makes Julie and Anthea's job so much easier. If you require further absence notes, please let Julie or Anthea know and they will send more sheets home. It is not essential that absence notes are returned on the attached form – a written note, phone call or email is fine, as long as the

required information is given. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL ABSENCE NOTE

Date:

Dear:
(Teachers Name)

..... in was absent
(Students Name) (Class)
from School from/on until
for the following reason: (please tick one)

- ☐ Illness
☐ Medical Appointment
☐ Funeral
☐ Family Event (please state reason)
☐ Partial Absence from until
(time) (time)

Reason:
Yours Sincerely

.....
(Parent/Caregiver Signature)

PLEASE NOTE: If your child will be absent from School for an extended period of time (eg holiday), an APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL FORM must be completed PRIOR TO LEAVING. A copy of this Form is available from the School Office.

Calendar

Term 4 Week 3	
Mon 20 th Oct	AECG Meeting – 2pm at Mulyan PS
Tues 21 st Oct	Kinder Transition 9:30-11:30am Year 6-7 Transition to Cowra HS - 2:15-3:15pm
Thurs 23 rd Oct	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 24 th Oct	Scripture All Excursion Fees DUE Book Club Orders due CANTEEN
Term 4 Week 4	
Mon 27 th Oct	Cyber Safety Video-conference for all students in Yr 2-6
Tues 28 th Oct	Mrs Lewis Growth Coaching Bathurst (Mrs McFarland - 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
Wed 29 th Oct	K-6 Excursion to JENOLAN CAVES
Thurs 30 th Oct	K-6 Excursion to JENOLAN CAVES
Fri 31 st Oct	K-6 Excursion to JENOLAN CAVES NO CANTEEN
Term 4 Week 5	
Mon 3 rd Nov	P&C Meeting

	<i>Archibull Judging Day!</i>
Tues 4th Nov	<i>Kinder Transition – 9:30-11:30am Year 6-7 Transition to Cowra HS – 2:15-3:15pm Di Watt – School Counsellor visit</i>
Thurs 6th Nov	<i>Student Council “Bandana Day”+ Canteen!</i>

*Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal*

Attachments

- Positive Partnerships Workshop
Information for parents of children
with Autism flier

K/1 Class News

Well we are back into the swing of things for our last term for 2014. On Friday last week all students had a great afternoon in K-6 sport learning new tricks with our fabulous range of circus equipment. Mrs Kiely did a great job of organising all the circus equipment for the students to use.

All the students in K/1 are enjoying our Fairytale Unit. Each day we read a different fairy tale. This week we have studied "Pinocchio", "Little Red Riding Hood" with the new Kindergarten students during orientation on Tuesday, "The Hare and the Tortoise" and "The Princess and the Pea". We are enjoying comparing different versions of each story and critiquing some short films of each fairy tale. In art this week students made their very own Pinocchio puppet.



Alana, Sascha, Makayla, Addison and Chad displaying their clever work on Pinocchio!

This week during Science we will be planting some seedlings and seeds to grow in our garden for our 'Food' theme across all classes. **If any families have empty large coffee tins, baby formula or milo tins, it would be appreciated.** We would like to create

garden art by planting vegetables in the tins and hanging them from the old clothes line, featuring such plants as upside down tomatoes and cucumbers!

On Tuesday we welcomed the new Kinder students for 2015 for their first orientation day and each Grade enjoyed moving up to the next year for a taste of what school will be like in 2015. The Kindergarten children joined in with L3 activities and developed their fine motor skills by completing some threading, acted out a scene in an Italian Restaurant, demonstrated their sharing and turn taking skills in a number of different games and had some fun with playdough. We look forward to seeing them again next Tuesday.

*Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher*

2/3/4 Class News

2015 Year Two Transition

On Tuesday we welcomed Year One students into our room for their first Year Two transition session. Our theme and activities were based around Spring. Just a reminder that Year Ones will need to bring their pencil cases into our room next Tuesday ~ with scissors, a glue stick, some coloured pencils, an eraser and a lead pencil ~ all ready to get to work!

Study Ladder Apologises! I have been made aware that there have been problems accessing the free Study Ladder site. I have managed to fix them (fingers crossed!!) and have re-issued usernames and passwords to the 2/3/4 students. Their login details are on two cards ~ one for school and one for home. I have also updated Maths, Spelling and Reading activities so please visit Study Ladder.



Times Tables Ten Minute Challenges have begun. Please make sure that Times Tables are learnt, as mentioned in last week's newsletter. The more you remember the quicker and easier it becomes!!

"Time for Talk" Topic. **Name one thing you would change or introduce to make a positive difference to the way our schools work in Australia.** Please think carefully and sensibly about the topic. No silly suggestions ~ just well thought out ideas. Maybe you might think about starting and finishing times, uniforms, equipment, holidays, subjects etc



Health/PD Video Conference ~ For Yrs 2 to 6 on Monday 27th October @ 11am
" # Game On" is a new resource from Cybersmart. Cybersmart is a national cyber safety and cyber security education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of its target audiences of children, young people, parents, teachers and library staff. Please sign the attached permission note and return before Monday 27th Oct.

Circus Skills for Sport – Last week we started learning some circus skills during Friday sport times. The students in 2/3/4 are becoming very clever at balancing, spinning and twirling!



Akiko concentrating very hard on balancing a spinning plate during sport last Friday!

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

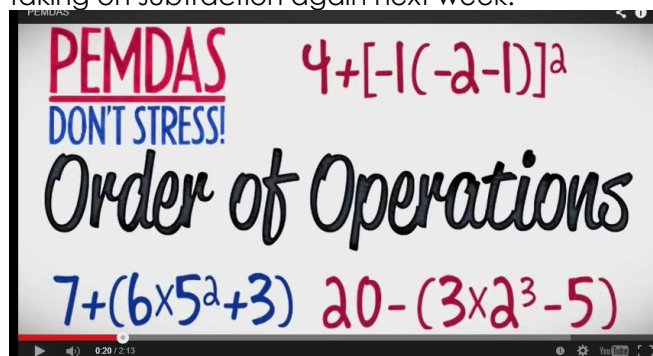
5/6 Class News

We have enjoyed another busy week in the 5/6 classroom! On Monday we started our English novel for this term called "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" by Eleanor Coerr. Many of our parents will know of this true story about the life of Sadako Sasaki, a young Japanese girl who developed leukaemia from the radiation emitted after an atom bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima in 1945. We will be completing a range of Literacy based activities relating to this book over the course of the term.

Inspired by this novel, we have created some stunning Japanese artworks this week using the cherry blossom as our topic. The students used a range of materials and techniques to create beautiful paintings, even down to including a red Japanese ink seal (which is used as the artist's signature). These look fantastic displayed in our classroom.



Our focus area in Maths this week has been on Order of Operations and we used the PEMDAS Rap song on YouTube to help us to remember the order – Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication, Division, Addition and Subtraction. Our timed addition challenges are still producing some P.B's amongst the 5/6 students and we look forward to taking on subtraction again next week.



Year 6's enjoyed assisting the new Kindergarten students on Tuesday during transition, and then followed up with their first visit to Cowra HS on Tuesday afternoon. It is sad to think we only have 8 more weeks with our amazing Year 6's! Year 5's enjoyed having the Year 3 and Year 4 students visit our classroom on Tuesday for their transition to the BIG class!! We had great fun playing "The Chocolate Game" and writing a procedure about to play it! We look forward to their visit again next week.

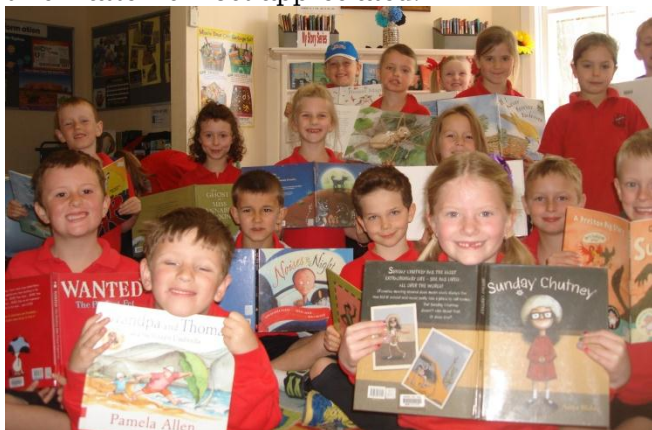
Kind Regards,
 Mrs Jenny Lewis
 5/6 Class Teacher

Mrs Kiely's News

It's already Term 4 and with lots of exciting learning happening for K-6 in the Library and on the Oval, this term is going to be action packed!

In the Library we will be exploring Picture Books which are a wonderful way to encourage discussions, language development, imagination, creativity and an appreciation of different environments, landscapes and cultures. The Library will be closing in week 5 for the Library Stocktake so please ensure that all books are returned each Thursday to ensure that your child

doesn't have an overdue book. Your assistance in this matter is most appreciated.



K/ I love the Library!

On the Oval the students and the Staff are enjoying learning new Circus Skills. These skills improve concentration, flexibility, fitness, stamina and strength. The 4 Way Tug-of-War has proven to be exceptionally popular and a real test of strength and fitness skills, as well as lots of fun and laughs. The children particularly enjoy challenging me, as I do them.



Year 5/6 playing the 4-Way Tug-of-War!

Three Cheers to our Term 4 Student Council Committee-

President- Jarrod Hodgson
Vice President -Dylan Whitty
Secretary- Will Skinner
Vice Secretary - Harry Beaumont
Treasurer - Annelise Brown
Vice Treasurer - Tailor Hampton

A Special Thank You goes to Charla, Brent, Dylan, Harry, Kara and Nigella for doing an amazing job as the Term 3 Committee!

Thursday 6th November will be Holmwood School's Bandana Day with bandanas for sale and an "Anything Goes" Canteen. So all donations will be greatly appreciated and the proceeds will go to assist teenagers with cancer. I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather whilst being outdoors with your family!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
Library/RFF 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.

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Monday 3rd November.

Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

Community News

PCYC NEWS

PCYC DISCO!!



A Junior Disco for Kinder to Year 6 kids will be held on Friday 31 October with a Halloween theme. Disco starts at 6pm, finishes at 8pm.

Dress up in your Halloween best as there will be prizes for the best Halloween costumes

and dance competitions to tunes such as Thriller, Ghost Busters and The Time Warp!

As always, a sausage sizzle and canteen will be in operation, with supervision provided by PCYC staff and volunteers. Music and lights by Laurie's Disco.

Cost of entry is \$5.00 per person.

Junior Basketball!



'Learn to Play Basketball' for 5 – 11yr olds resumed last week.

The Junior Basketball will run on Wednesday afternoons at 4pm and consists of a coaching session first to develop and improve the skills of the younger players, and finishes with a game to put the new skills in to practice. All players must attend the coaching session first before taking part in the game. 'Learn to Play' is conducted on the lowered baskets.

Come along and bring a friend. The cost for Junior Basketball is \$30 per player per term.

Gymnastics and Kindergym

Gymnastics gets under way again in Term 4 at PCYC's Binni Creek Road complex with classes available at 4pm and 5.15pm Tuesday and Thursday and 3.30pm

on Wednesday. Children must be aged 5 years or older to register for Gymnastics.

Kindergym is for the 0 to 5 age group and runs at 10am Tuesday mornings. This consists of group games, free play and structured exercise to help with physical development, balance, coordination and social skills. Children must be accompanied by an adult for Kindergym.

Class fees for both Gymnastics and Kindergym is \$65.00 per person for one lesson per week for the school term. Children must also be registered with Gymnastics NSW to participate. Cost for Gym NSW registration is \$37.00 for 2014. Discounts on class fees apply for families with more than one child or with a child or children attending multiple classes.

Keeping informed

Please contact PCYC on 63412035 for further information about any of the activities on offer or check out the "Cowra PCYC" Facebook page or the website www.pcy NSW.org.au/cowra. You must be a PCYC member to participate in any of the PCYC activities. Yearly membership is \$5.00 for under 18's and \$10 for ages 18 and older.

COWRA JUNIOR CRICKET

Cowra Junior Cricket commences this Saturday 18th October .

Haven't signed up yet? Not sure if cricket is for you? Want to give it a try first?

Come along and join in a game this Saturday morning free of charge.

New registrations can be made on the day.

Competitive Cricket @ Edgell Park Grounds @ 8.30am

Under 10s Milo cricket @ Sid Kallas Oval @ 8.45am

Details in Friday's Cowra Guardian!