



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal: Jenny Lewis

✉ Cowra-Carcoar Road, Cowra NSW 2794 ☎ 63422172 0458 422 000 🖨 63411247

@ [holmwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:holmwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) 💻 [www.holmwood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.holmwood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**Term 4 Week 5 – Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

## **Jenolan Caves School Excursion**

*What a fantastic time we had last week on our annual Whole School Excursion to Jenolan Caves! 40 super-excited children, 4 staff and 5 parents boarded the bus on Wednesday morning and set off for three days of adventure! The children had a terrific time exploring numerous caves, having delicious meals in the very fancy restaurant, attempting new challenges and having a great time with their friends! I was very impressed with the behaviour and willingness of ALL students to give everything a go. Yes, there were A LOT of steps, YES the children were exhausted at the end of each day, YES they ALL developed more independent skills and YES, they had an absolute ball! All-in-all, it was a hugely enjoyable and successful excursion!*

*Thank you to the parents who accompanied us on the excursion – Tina, Amanda, Gemma, Matt and Phil, were great sports and were so helpful throughout the three days.*

*Thank you also to Mrs Patten, Ms Edgerton and Cheri who were enthusiastic and encouraging to all students, despite lack of sleep and sore muscles from all the walking!!*

*Thank you to Danny from Cowra Bus who safely drove us to and from the Caves (and the road was a very windy one at that!!).*

*Thank you to Mrs Hubbard for all the 'behind the scenes' work with organising bookings, accounts and permission notes.*

*Lastly, a special thank you to the Holmwood PS P&C for the generous donation of \$4000.00 towards the cost of our excursion. This made it affordable for all families and ensured no-one missed out on such a terrific experience.*

*Following is a small selection of photos which were taken during the excursion. If you would like a copy of all photos taken, please send a USB stick into school and we will make a copy for you. I wonder where the 2015 excursion will be???? ☺*



*Jenolan Caves...here we come!!*



*K/1/2/3 on the "Nettle Cave" tour*



*Surprise! WOW! Their gorgeous faces say it all!*

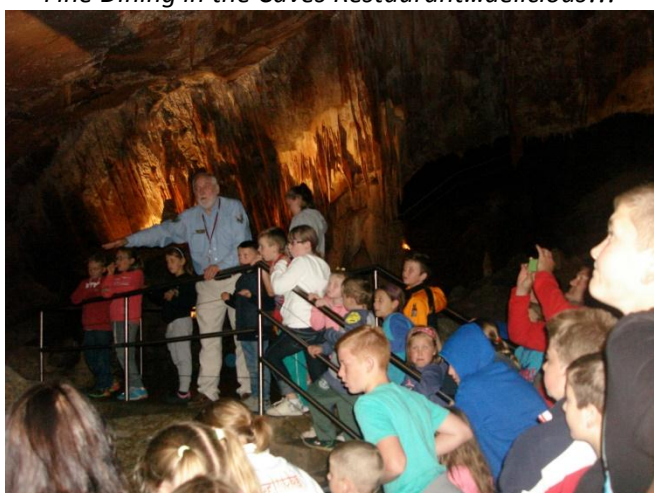




*Fine Dining in the Caves Restaurant...delicious!!!*



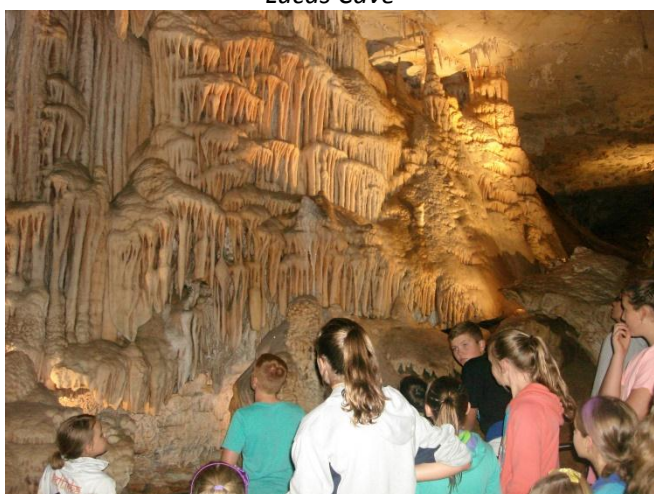
*Anna ready to abseil down the 10m cliff, the entry to the Plughole!*



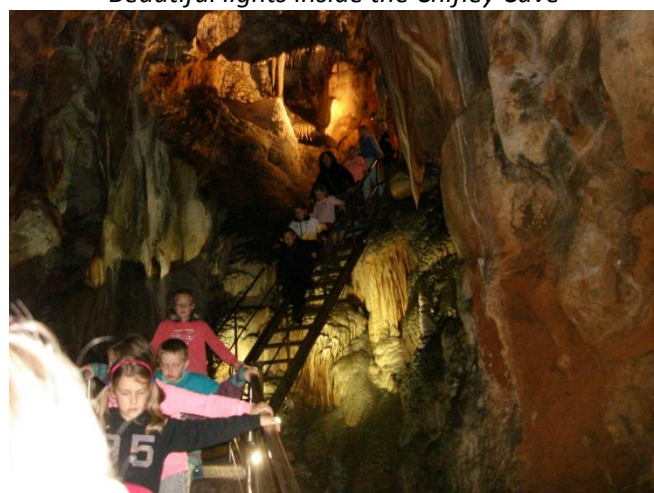
*Each cave had its own special features! Inside the Lucas Cave*



*Beautiful lights inside the Chifley Cave*



*All the formations were mind-blowing!*



*More steps! 1298 in the River Cave!*



*Year 4/5/6 Girls about to tackle "The Plughole" Adventure Cave.*



*Enjoying a relaxing hay ride at the Bathurst Sheep and Cattle Drome*





*Liam and Brodie with a new friend!*



*Having fun at the park in Bathurst!*



*Guiding our way through the "Nettle Cave"*



*K/1/2 enjoying the "Stones and Bones" Tour!*



*Tyler and Tom go deep underground.*



*K/1/2 on a Platypus Adventure!*



*It was an awesome three days!!*



*Having fun at the Sheep & Cattle Drome!*



## **Students of the Week – Term 4 Week 3**



*Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!  
Anna Russell (5/6), Ilyssa Charnock (2/3/4) and Jett Cummings (K/1)*

**MERIT AWARDS** were awarded to;

*K/1 – Micah Murphy and Tyler Charnock*

*2/3/4 – Matthew Russell and Lilly Whitty*

*5/6 – Kara Lunnon and Kynan Rowley*

**Congratulations to all of these students**

## **Kindergarten 2015 Transition Visits**

*Our final transition visit for our 2015 Kindergarten students is on next **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. This time the Kinder students will be staying until 1:10 pm and will enjoy spending recess AND lunch with the HPS students. We have really enjoyed getting to know our new Kinder students and look forward to them coming EVERY day in 2015!*

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

*Year 6 will also spend their final transition day at Cowra High School next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a full day visit from 9am-3pm. Students will be required to wear sports uniform and will experience activities including Drama, English, Peer Support, Team Building and Sport. A free sausage sizzle and drink will be provided for lunch. Students need to take their own recess, hat and water bottle. Students will need to make their own way to and from CHS for the day. Cheri will be accompanying HPS students on this day. Attached is an invitation with further details and permission note for those students attending CHS in 2015. Special thanks to Cheri, Bec Kiss and Alan Saxby for assisting with transporting our Year 6 students throughout this year's transition visits*

## **Year 6 – 7 Social**

*Year 6 students attending CHS in 2015 have been invited to attend a School Social on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm-9pm at Cowra High School Hall**. Bring a gold coin for entry and come dressed in "anything goes". A canteen will also be in operation. This social is only for current Year 6 and Year 7 students. For further information, contact Cowra High School – 63 421766*

## **School Canteen**

*Don't forget Canteen is on again tomorrow! Due to the large quantities of "treats" being ordered, we have*

*decided to limit the treats to one item per student. The time taken by students to eat their 'treats' is cutting into our Friday afternoon sport sessions and some students are ordering more than they can fit in, which is resulting in wastage. Your co-operation with this is appreciated.*

## **Year 5/6 Excursion to Japanese Gardens**

*What's this? Another excursion? Yes, the Year 5/6 class are off to the Japanese Gardens next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November as part of their studies this term in HSIE. We will depart from Holmwood via PCYC bus at around 10am and return at approximately 2:30pm. Students will experience some special aspects of Japanese culture as well as take a tour of the gardens. The school will heavily subsidise this excursion – we only ask that each child pay \$1.50 towards costs for the day. Attached is a permission note for the excursion – please sign and return with \$1.50 to school asap.*

## **Archibull Prize Judging Day!**



*On Monday afternoon Lynne Strong and Wendy Taylor, judges for the Art4Agriculture "Archibull Prize" were in Cowra to meet Dr Moos-a lot and talk to the students about our Archibull project. The judges have been on the road for the last three weeks, from Far North Queensland, all the way down to Victoria! They were very impressed by the artwork on our calf and the students' knowledge of the wool industry. Students enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea which was kindly organised by Lisa Robertson from the Cowra Council. Dr Moos-a lot has been on display at the Council Chambers for the last two months and we are very grateful for Council's support. We were also interviewed by Belinda from the Guardian and a photo and story appeared on the front page of Wednesday's edition.*

## **Selective High Schools Test for Yr 7 2016**

*If your child is in Year 7 in 2016 and you wish for them to take part in the Selective High Schools Test, applications are now due.*

Go to [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) for application details. **Applications close on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014.** If you require further information, [please contact the school for an information booklet.

## Calendar

| <b>Term 4 Week 6</b>       |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | "Beach to Bush" Safety Talk – K-6<br>Mrs Lewis – OCA Meeting – Leura (Mrs Kiely 5/6)                  |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Kinder Transition 9:30-1:30am<br>Year 6 "Getting to Know You Day" at Cowra HS 9am-3pm                 |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | Yr 5/6 Excursion to Japanese Gardens<br>Yr 6/7 Social @ Cowra HS 7-9pm                                |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | Scripture, CANTEEN  |
| <b>Term 4 Week 7</b>       |   |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov   | CANTEEN   |
| <b>Term 4 Week 8</b>       |   |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | SCHOOL SWIMMING   |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | SCHOOL SWIMMING   |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | SCHOOL SWIMMING   |
| Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov | SCHOOL SWIMMING   |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | SCHOOL SWIMMING, Scripture<br>CANTEEN   |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | P&C Fundraiser – "Harvest in the Park"<br>– Cake Stall, Snow Cones & Monster Raffle – helpers needed! |

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

## Attachments

- Year 6/7 Getting to Know Cowra High Day Invitation and Permission Note
- Year 5/6 Excursion to Japanese Gardens Permission Note

## K/1 News

Well what a fantastic School excursion we had! All students are to be commended on their behaviour and attitude while on camp. We had such a fabulous time away. A huge big thank you to Mrs Lewis for organising such a terrific, fun filled, adventurous School excursion, and a big thank you to the Holmwood P&C for contributing to the funds to make it possible for all students to attend.

This week we are very busy in the K/1 room. We are undertaking spelling tests, reading assessments, sight words knowledge, single sounds, vowel sounds and blends testing. We will be completing some Math tests and reflecting on all the work that we have covered this year in readiness for the school

reports to be written in the coming weeks. So we have had a busy week getting through all our work! In English we are also continuing on with our Fairy Tale theme. We have been sequencing the events in the story, answering comprehension questions and making craft characters for each book. This week our fairy tale was 'The Three Little Pigs'.

The new Kindergarten students for 2015 are settling in very well at the school and are completing tasks with lots of enthusiasm. Next week the Kindergarten children will be here for an extended play and will go home at 1:10pm.

In Science we discussed the food that we ate on our excursion in the fancy restaurant! We discovered that most of us had now visited a nice restaurant and have experienced fine dining. We discussed good healthy food choices and designed our own meals that we would like to eat for dinner based on the five food groups for healthy eating. In 2/3/4 Science we used the left over fruit from the excursion to make fruit salad smoothies, and they were yummy.

Have a great weekend,

Ms Heidi Edgerton - K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3/4 Class News

I really must say a special thank you to the Staff, parents and especially the students for an EXCELLENT ADVENTURE!! I had great fun and felt so well looked after with constant checks from my group that I was still upright (only just, at times) and fully aware of the challenges ahead (Duck, Mrs Patten!!; Stairs, Mrs Patten!!; Wet floor, Mrs Patten!!; Are you OK, Mrs Patten?? I was so proud of the way the children looked after themselves and others and am looking forward to the next level-ground, not a hill or staircase in sight, excursion. (Hint, hint! Mrs Lewis!)

### WHAT'S ON THIS TERM?

Our current Maths Topic for Stage 2 is Decimals whilst Stage One is continuing with Money activities, concentrating on giving Change. Our next topic will be incorporating the four number operations into problem solving.

This week we have begun to concentrate on looking at Comprehension Strategies, with clues and guidelines to follow to ensure success! Please check out what we have been doing by quizzing your child!!

In amongst our usual workload will be assessment tasks, as reports are soon to be underway! Homework is just one spelling sheet this week. Please keep learning times tables!!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kerry Patten – 2/3/4 Class Teacher

## 5/6 Class News

Another week down! This week we have been busy working on our English novel - "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes", our HSIE Unit on



"Japan" and learning all about the topic of Mass in Mathematics. We had an interesting HSIE lesson on Wednesday where we cooked Sushi, as part of exploring the popular cultural dishes from Japan. The students were great chefs and there were plenty of clean plates by the end! Some students are looking forward to cooking and sharing our recipe with their families. Thank you to Cheri for assisting us with this lesson! Next week we are off to the Japanese Gardens where we will explore more aspects of Japanese Culture. The cost is just \$1.50 per student so please ensure you return permission notes asap.



Making Sushi on Wednesday as part of our HSIE study on Japan!



Thumbs up all round!

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

## Mrs Kiely's News

Last week I attended a Live Life Well Networking Day in Orange with teachers from other schools in the Orange-Bathurst District. The day was a follow up to the LLWell Program, designed to operate across all classes in all schools, aiming at improving each student's health and fitness levels and skills. Holmwood PS has been successfully implementing the Programs, as a Crunch and Sip School, following the Health

Promotion School Guidelines and Live Life Well@ School Programs.

We were successful in receiving two special grants which enabled us to get a HUGE gardening kit, loaded with all the equipment that we need for our Kitchen Garden and Science Lessons. This was much to the delight of Ms Edgerton, who has been teaching the K-6 students the valuable life skills of growing your own fresh vegetables.

We also received an additional Crunch and Sip Grant to supplement our Kitchen Garden Program. To receive these grants HPS must have children bringing water bottles to school, crunchy fruit and vegetables for snacks and nutritious choices for recess and lunch. Thank you for supporting the school and for assisting your child to learn the importance of eating nutritious food and having a balanced and healthy lifestyle, as children learn what they live and as adults we all play an important role in encouraging wise lifestyle choices.

The Student Council held their Annual Bandanna Day today, with lots of colourful Bandannas on parade, together with a morning tea canteen, to raise funds to support teenagers with cancer. A heart felt Thank You to all the families who were able to support this worthy cause.

Over the next two weeks the Library will be closed for borrowing due to the stocktake. I wish to personally thank Mrs Hubbard and Mrs Bayl for their invaluable assistance in this huge task. If you find any stray books in any nooks or corners please return them as we need all strays to return to the Library please. Thank you for your continued support as it is always appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Deirdre Kiley

RFF/Library Teacher

## P&C News

Thank you to the P&C members who turned up to Monday night's meeting. We are all set and organised for this weekend's Cowra Picnic Races, where we will be selling tickets in our **MONSTER RAFFLE** and also running our **SNOW CONE STALL!!** The **MONSTER RAFFLE** prize is **ENORMOUS** and worth **OVER \$2000!!!**

Please assist the P&C to sell your family's raffle ticket book as all proceeds go directly to benefitting all HPS students. Extra raffle ticket books are available from the school office. It's a great prize, so please support our school by selling as many tickets as possible!

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary