



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

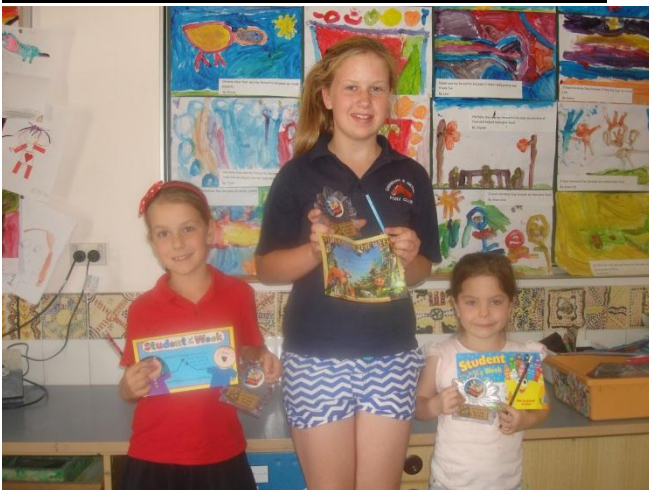
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**Term 4 Week 6 – Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

## **Students of the Week – Term 4 Week 5**



**Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!**  
Zslea Mansley (2/3/4), Tori Boland (5/6) and  
Makayla Toohey (K/1)

**MERIT AWARDS** were awarded to;  
K/1 – Liam Beaumont and Addison Skinner  
2/3/4 – Thomas Seears and Tarni Sheen  
5/6 – Sophie Light and Tom Cummings

**Congratulations to all of these students**

## **Archibull Prize Awarded to HPS!!**

Exciting News! Holmwood Public School has been awarded a **Highly Commended Award in the Multimedia Category** for our Archibull Prize entry. Our Award will be presented to us at the Archibull Presentations on Friday at the Sydney Showground! Congratulations to all 5/6 students – a job well done!!

## **Bush to Beach Lifesaving Talk!**

On Monday our school were fortunate to receive a visit from members from the Royal Lifesaving Organisation for a “Bush to Beach” Safety Talk, with all students K-6. This was a very informative session and students learnt how to recognise a rip in the ocean, understand the importance of swimming between the flags and other ways to stay safe when holidaying at the beach. Thank you to Mrs Patten for organising the Bush to Beach Incursion!



*All students K-6 enjoyed participating in the Bush to Beach talk.*



*Claire, Damien, Kara and Harry performing a “rescue”!*

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

On Wednesday the 5/6 class went on an excursion to the Cowra Japanese Gardens as part of our studies in HSIE on Japan. We had a fantastic day exploring different aspects of Japanese culture, including kite flying and feeding the Koi Fish! Thank you to Cheri for accompanying us on our excursion and the Cowra PCYC for the loan of their bus.







*The ducks were so tame...they even ate out of our hands!*



*Tom and Brent feeding the Koi Fish.*



*Sophie and Abbie check out the interesting sculptures.*



*It was great fun flying the kites.*



*What a great place for "Fruit Break"!*



*Claire, Lisa, Damien and Tailor enjoyed the Japanese Gardens.*

### **School Canteen**

*Don't forget Canteen is on again tomorrow! A reminder that treats have been limited to one item per student. Your co-operation with this is appreciated.*

### **School Photo Catch Up**

*For any students who missed having their school photo taken when Cliff Dykes Photography visited school on October 24<sup>th</sup>, there is a catch up photo day to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Yalbinga (near the Golf Club) at **8:30am**. We would really like ALL students to have a professional school photo as we use these in our School Magazine. Please ensure children are dressed in school uniform.*

*When Cliff Dykes visited HPS he took a **WHOLE SCHOOL** photo of all students and staff on the play equipment. If any parents wish to order this additional photo, the cost is \$20. Orders and payment can to be sent in to the School Office.*

### **Book Club**



*Attached to this week's newsletter is the latest Scholastic Book Club Brochure. All orders and payment are due by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**.*



## 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.



## School Swimming Scheme

In weeks 8 and 9 of this Term our school will be participating in the annual School Swimming Scheme. This scheme is targeted at those students who are developing water confidence, beginning swimming skills and who are not yet able to swim 50m unaided. As a small school, however we are fortunate to be able to offer swimming to all students, with the more capable students working through their Lifesaving Levels.

**Thanks to a VERY GENEROUS donation from the P&C, there will be NO BUS COSTS for Students this year. The P&C will cover all Bus fees for ALL Students!**

**This means that for students with Season Tickets, there will be NO COST this year for swimming.**

**For all other students, the cost is now \$20 (\$2 pool entry per day for 10 days).**

We thank the P&C again for their kind donation towards our Swimming School. Please sign the attached permission note and returned to school with payment by Friday 21st November.

## Calendar

Term 4 Week 7	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Extra School Photo Day at Yalbilanga Pre-School – 8:30am
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	CANTEEN Book Club orders and payment due.
Term 4 Week 8	
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 CANTEEN
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P&C Fundraiser – “Harvest in the Park”

	– Cake Stall, Snow Cones & Monster Raffle – helpers needed!
Term 4 Week 9	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING Anaphylaxis Training for all staff 3:30pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING Year 6 Farewell Pool Party!
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING CANTEEN

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

## Attachments

- Swimming permission note
- Book Club
- Bullying Flier

## K/1 News

We have had a very busy week this week, finishing off Maths Assessments and revising Maths concepts ready for the reports to be finalised.

On Friday the K/1/2 students had a fantastic game of Newcomb-ball and the 3,4,5 and 6 students had a challenging game of softball. This Friday we hope to continue the challenge as it was a lot of fun.

On Monday we got back into the swing of L3 activities after having a little break while we were on the excursion and completing our Literacy Assessments last week. This is a good time to remind parents that leading up to the end of term and even during school holidays, students need to continue to revise their sight words. It is also really important that parents continue to read to their children as they model the correct reading behaviours and expose their children to a wider range of words, than those they are reading in their Home Readers.

This week we have also been looking at Fractured Fairy Tales such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Koalas', the 'Three Kangaroos Gruff', and the 'Old Lady who swallowed a Mozzie'. Following this, our task was to create our own Fractured Fairy Tale. So as a combined group the K/1 class came up with 'The Three Little Clown Fish and the Great White Shark'. We are having such fun making up the events in the story and illustrating the pictures.

I have noticed that with the hot weather and long term all students are getting tired. Please ensure that they are getting to bed early and having a good

night sleep, that they have cold water in their drink bottles for the hot days. Please also ensure that they are putting sunscreen on of a morning to reduce the chance of getting sunburnt. We have swimming coming up in weeks 8 and 9 and we look forward to enjoying the cool water as the days are getting hotter. We will look at bringing sport time on Fridays to the earlier time of 10:30am to keep out of the heat of the day.

This week we had our last week of Kinder Orientation, we have enjoyed having the new Kindergarten students and look forward to them joining us next year. They have participated in a variety of activities, over the 5 weeks and are truly ready for big school.



*Portia, Maddison and Jay working on their  
Gingerbread Men.*

Ms Heidi Edgerton  
K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3/4 Class News

Another busy week has flown past! Currently we are revising Addition, Subtraction and Angles, as well as working with Decimals. Our Reading focus continues on with Strategies for Success in Comprehension. **Pronouns** featured in Grammar this week ~ so, **we** are feeling confident about recognising **them** in **our** work!

**A BIG Notepad thank you** to Mrs Lewis for allocating the new technology to our class; and to Mrs Hubbard for spending all those hours getting them imaged and ready to use!

**K-6 HEALTH/PD.** As previously mentioned, this term is made up of smaller units of work. So far, we have looked at Cyber Safety, Nutrition and Beach Safety. The next couple of lessons will revisit "Bullying". As part of this Unit, we shall "jog memories" from previous lessons on Resilience to define and identify what "Bullying" **actually means**; as opposed to children being thoughtless, careless, tactless, impulsive, boisterous, cranky; bossy or feeling like they're not getting their own way. I am using the Australian Government's website "**BULLYING. NO WAY!**" as a lesson resource, as it contains some great information that all families can access/download from the internet.

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

## 5/6 Class News

Week 6 has zoomed by with lots of extra-curricular activities! We had the Bush to Beach talk on Monday, our Year 6 students had their Orientation Day at Cowra HS on Tuesday, Remembrance Day activities also took up most of Tuesday morning and on Wednesday we had the Japanese Gardens Excursion! Our Year 6's also had their Year 6/7 Social at Cowra High on Wednesday night, which they thoroughly enjoyed! Phew...no wonder we are all feeling a bit tired!

This is our final week of Homework for the year, as well as the conclusion of our formal spelling program, so next week will be our end of year spelling test, and we will follow up with revision for the remaining weeks of term. We also finished reading our Term 4 novel "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" and are working on completing all written tasks before we start a special project on Japan.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jenny Lewis  
5/6 Class Teacher

## Mrs Kiely's News

Wow! It certainly was an outstanding response to our Student Council Bandanna/Canteen/Mufti Day last Thursday! The school looked like a wave of springtime colours with students in their colourful casual clothes. The outdoor tables were covered with scrumptious morning tea food and the purchase of bandannas and pens plus gold coin donations meant that the Student Council had a busy time at morning tea serving all the generous students and staff.

This kind response enabled the Student Council to sell all the bandannas and almost all the pens. The total amount raised by the Student Council from our Bandanna Day, which supports teenagers with cancer, was \$260. This is an outstanding response and comes with a heartfelt thank you to our students, families and staff, plus 3 Big Cheers to our Student Council for organising this fabulous event.

In the Library, the shelves are starting to bulge with most overdue books being returned, thank you. Unfortunately there are still some books missing that have been borrowed and not returned.

So please check your child's hidey holes, as it adds a huge burden to the work load when reminders have to be checked, printed and sent home again. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Deirdre Kiley  
RFF/Library Teacher

## **P&C News**

Thank you to the hard-working P&C members who worked like mad selling snow cones and raffle tickets at the Cowra Picnic Races on the weekend – Karlene Amos, Michelle Whitty, Kirsten Stevenson, Rachel Newell, Wayne Saunders, Karen Beaumont, Jenny Lewis, Kelly Murphy and Phil Rowley. Thank you also to Dylan Whitty and Kynan Rowley who helped in the stall as well and designed a fantastic new sign on a SURF BOARD to advertise our snow cones! With our brand new, custom-designed Ice Grinding Table and Mobile Cool Room (thanks to the awesome efforts of Phil Rowley), the P&C was able to make over 600 snow cones! The total amount raised was just short of \$2000.00!! What a fantastic effort!!



Our next big fundraiser will be "Harvest on the Park" on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November. We will be selling Snow Cones, Raffle Tickets in our Monster Raffle and also holding our Annual Cake Stall. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please assist us by sending in baked goods for the cake stall. Cupcakes, muffins, slices, cakes and

biscuits are needed. All cakes can be sent in to the school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, or dropped off at Riverside Fruit Markets. Please attach a label with ingredients used on the outside packaging. The more cakes we have, the more funds we can raise to support your child at school.

Also, if you are able to assist by manning the cake stall, we would LOVE to have you! Just let Karen Beaumont know – ph: 0419229755

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