



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 4 Week 7 – Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

## **Students of the Week – Term 4 Week 6**



*Congratulations to our Week 6 Students of the Week!  
Jaydan Wright (K/1), Layla Hood (2/3/4) and Damien  
Harding (5/6)*

**MERIT AWARDS** were awarded to;

K/1 – Caleb Crowe and Chad Charnock

2/3/4 – Bella Cummings and Ilyssa Charnock

5/6 – Isobella Stevenson and Lisa Brien

**Congratulations to all of these students**

## **Archibull Prize Award!**

*Last Friday Mrs Lewis, Abbie and Claire travelled down to Sydney to attend the Archibull Prize Awards for 2014. It was a great opportunity to see many of the cows and calves on display. The standard of artwork from the finalists was amazing! Abbie accepted the “Highly Commended Award in Multimedia Presentation” on behalf of Holmwood PS and this Certificate is now on display in our foyer. The overall “Grand Champion” cow was from Hurlstone Ag College and it was spectacular! Watch out...Mrs Lewis has already got some great ideas for 2016!*



*Claire and Abbie at the Archibull Awards in Sydney.*

## **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 Photos**

*Attached with this week's Newsletter are School Photos! I am sure you will agree that the quality of photos from Cliff Dykes Photography is outstanding! If you have any enquiries regarding school photos please contact Cliff Dykes directly on 63423070. A reminder that the Whole School Photo of all students and staff on the play equipment is \$20. If you wish to order a whole school photo, please organise payment to the school directly.*



## **Book Club**

*A reminder that all orders and payments are due tomorrow -*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**



## **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.*

***Thank you to those families who have returned notes and payment. All notes and \$20 payment (pool entry for 10 days for non-season ticket holders) are due at school TOMORROW.***

*Students will need to be picked up from the pool at 2:50pm or will be walked up to Cowra Public by a staff member, to catch buses at the end of the day.*

**What to bring for SWIMMING:** PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Goggles (if required)
- Sunscreen
- Rash Shirt
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers

Students in the Lifesaving Groups will require clothing to swim in as part of their swim and survival skills tests. Students will be told what their requirements are after initial testing on Monday.

Please note – Swimming is a vital part of our PE/Sport Program in Term 4 and as such, all students are expected to attend. As all staff are involved in teaching swimming groups, no child will be permitted to stay at school during swimming time.

### **2014 School Magazine**

This year we will again be compiling a Holmwood Public School Magazine. Each student in the school will have their own page where they create a personal profile and submit a piece of writing which they are proud to have published in the magazine.

As well as student pages, we feature photo pages of some of the events we have participated in during the year, P&C, Student Leader and Principal reports and a special page to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2015.

The magazines are printed in colour and bound and as such are expensive to produce. To cover the costs of printing and paper, the school charges \$6.00 per copy. If you would like to pre-order a copy of this year's School Magazine, please complete the attached order form and return with \$6 payment to the school office by Friday 5th December. Magazines will be distributed on Presentation Night. There will be some copies for sale, however once we run out there will be no further copies available.



### **Holmwood "Helping Hand" Hamper**

This time each year, the Student Council collect non-perishable food items to make up a food hamper for a family, who is in need, at our school. Any items that you can donate will be greatly appreciated but please check use by dates, as these pop up on all of us before we know it. We hope that we can soon fill the empty basket, or maybe two, as has been the case over past years. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as always. As every act of kindness counts and is passed on for the good of others.

### **Year 6 Commemorative T-Shirts**

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a note for all Year 6 parents. If your child would like a Year 6 commemorative T-shirt which includes the HPS logo and the names of all Year 6 students, these can be arranged at a cost of \$10. Parents just need to provide a white polo shirt and send the shirt plus \$10 payment into the Office by next Friday and Anthea will organise this. Thanks Anthea!



### **Year 6 Farewell**

On Thursday 4th December we will be having the Year 6 Farewell Party at the Cowra Pool. All Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to attend. A permission note and invitation is attached to this week's Newsletter. Students will catch the Holmwood bus to Cowra Public where they will meet Mrs Lewis, and then walk down to the Cowra Pool. Students will need to bring all their swimming gear with them as well as \$2.50 pool entry or Season Ticket Card. A scrumptious afternoon tea and dinner will be provided (courtesy of the YEAR 6 "Wish List"! ). HPS Staff will be supervising this activity and parents are asked to collect their child from the pool at 7pm. It should be a great night!

### **Report Folders**

Could all parents please return the red HPS Student Report Folders which were sent home with Semester 1 Reports in June. This is so we can add your child's latest Report to the Folder to ensure it stays safe, ready to be handed out on Presentation Night. Thank you!

### **Presentation Night Visitor**

For those families who celebrate Christmas, we will be having a special visitor at Presentation Night, who likes to wear a red suit. This year the school will be providing a lolly bag for all students and younger siblings instead of parents being asked to provide a gift.

### **Staffing 2015**

At this stage, the class structures for 2015 will change slightly in that we will have a K/1 class, a 2/3 and a 4/5/6. Mrs Patten will also be taking some personal leave in Terms 1 and 2 and will be working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Fiona Skene will work alongside Mrs Patten on the 2/3 class and will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We are very excited to welcome Fiona to the HPS team!



## Calendar

<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 CANTEEN
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P&C Fundraiser – “Harvest in the Park” – Cake Stall, Snow Cones & Monster Raffle – helpers needed!
<b>Term 4 Week 9</b>	
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 P&C Meeting/End of Year Get-together – Oxley Wine Bar @ 6pm.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING Year 6 Farewell Pool Party!
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING CANTEEN
<b>Term 4 Week 10</b>	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PRESENTATION NIGHT – 6:30pm at the school! See you there!
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Scripture CANTEEN P&C XMAS NIGHT MARKETS! Snow Cones & Monster Raffle – helpers needed!

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

## Attachments

- School Photos
- School Magazine Order Form
- Bullying Flier
- Year 6 Farewell invitation & permission note (Year 5 and 6 students)
- PCYC Flier

## K/1 News

This week seems to have settled somewhat and the K/1 class have been finishing off activities and preparing for the end of the year.

In Literacy we have now finished our rotational groups for L3. The students have made a fantastic effort and have achieved great results. We have also finished our official weekly spelling program, so no more Spelling and Maths homework for the rest of the year. In English studies for the remainder of the term we will be focusing on our handwriting

ensuring that we are forming our letters correctly each time we write them.

Our Fairy Tales Theme will continue. Together we have written a joint fractured fairy tale based on the 'Three Little Pigs'. The title of our book is the 'Three Little Clown Fish and the Great White Shark'.

In Art we are illustrating each page of the book. The students have all started to write their own fairy tale story and some of these will be published in the School Magazine, so watch out for these fantastic and amazing stories.

During the two weeks of swimming K/1 will be viewing some 'G' rated fairy tale movies, such as Shrek, Tangled, and Frozen. If you do not wish for your child to watch a certain movie can you please let me know.

In the second week of swimming we will be heading to the Cowra Civic Centre to watch the Cowra Ballet perform 'The Day We went to Never Land'. The permission note is attached to this week's newsletter.

In Maths this week we have been having a wonderful time learning about Measurement. So far we have learnt about measuring length, volume and capacity and weighing objects. We had a great time discovering the properties of volume and capacity by playing with water, and deciphering which containers hold the most or the least and which object is the best to use to fill a larger container.



*Tyler, Alana and Jaydan working with the scales in Maths.*



*Caleb, Liam and Eloise work out how many counters are needed to balance the box.*

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

## 2/3/4 Class News

# I You A Question

I( Must Ask) You if You're Ready for Next Year?  
As part of Our Year in Review Writing Theme, our 2014 class donned moustaches to think about some words of advice they would give to the new class of 2015!



*Charlotte looking very different in her moustache!*



*Thomas looking very distinguished!*

The most popular clue was to have your own well stocked pencil cases, followed by keep up with Homework, as the work becomes harder and the output of written work increases! I must admit that the moustache does make 2/3/4 look more studious and credible!!

Speaking of Homework! My class has led me to believe they were disappointed that I forgot to give out this week's Spelling Homework (which, by the way, was on top of the Homework box!) So, Homework will go out tomorrow to be returned next Friday ~ 28<sup>th</sup> November.



Due to the overuse of **thick black marker pens** they are no longer welcome to be used at school, in our classroom!

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

## 5/6 Class News

We have had great fun in our learning activities this week. In English we started our Lap Book Reports on our novel "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes". Everyone is enjoying this creative way to complete a book report and it is a great way to demonstrate our in-depth understanding and knowledge of the text. We should have this completed next week and will put some photos in the Newsletter of our finished reports.

We also started our HSIE project on one aspect of Japanese Culture. The topics we could choose from include cooking, art, language, fun facts, sport, tourism, festivals and traditions. Students have chosen a partner to work with and have already come up with some excellent ideas on how to present their projects to the class. All projects are due in Week 10.

This week in Maths we explored 3D shapes and focused our learning on 'nets'. Mrs Lewis found a great website which has nets of the characters, from the well-known App "Angry Birds", so we used these as the basis of our learning this week. Firstly, students worked in pairs to make the Angry Birds and Pigs. This meant working with nets of cubes, trapezoid prisms and triangular based pyramids.



Then we had to build our own 'level'. We could only use 5 different structural elements in our design. Each pairs design was unique, original and challenging!!



*Claire and Anna*





Kynan and Tom



Kara and Nigella



Dylan takes aim at 'King Pig'!

Then it was time to take aim and fire! We made 'bombs' by measuring 5cm x 2.5cm rectangles and folding them in a specific way. Using a rubber band we were able to shoot them at the angry birds' targets. This was tricky as we had to consider the angle, trajectory and force required. The overall winners were Tori and Annelise, with Dylan and Brent and Damien and Tailor coming equal second. This was a great integrated Maths lesson and we had heaps of fun!

Don't forget swimming is on next week...please ensure you have all your swimming gear labelled and packed ready for Monday!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis – 5/6 Class Teacher

## P&C News



Our next big fundraiser will be "Harvest in 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

