



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 8 – Week Ending 28th November 2014

Students of the Week – Term 4 Week 7



Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!
Lily Hood (K/1), Lara Collins (2/3/4) and Annelise Brown (5/6)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Alana Kiss and Sascha Pettit

2/3/4 – Matthew Russell and Akiko Beatty

5/6 – Claire Lewis and Brent Kiss

Congratulations to all of these students



School Swimming Scheme

This week we have had a terrific time undertaking our Annual Swimming Lessons and Lifesaving Program. The students have been beautifully behaved and well organised each day. Swimming will continue again next week, with Friday being a testing day.

Students who are participating in Mrs Lewis's Lifesaving Group will have the opportunity to be assessed by Mrs Corrie Bryant who is an Accredited Assessor from Royal Lifesaving Australia. If you wish for your child to be tested, a note will go home early next week with arrangements for the testing day. The Lifesaving Group are required to perform some swimming activities and rescues in clothing. Students on the following levels need to bring;

Level 4 – Shorts and T-shirt

Level 5 – Long pants and a long sleeved shirt

Level 6 – Long pants, long sleeved shirt and jumper

Dry Rescue and Wade Rescue students do not need any clothing to swim in.

Students in the Lifesaving Group know which Level they are on. They will need to bring their clothing every day along with their regular swimming equipment.

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

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Goggles (if required)
- Sunscreen
- Rash Shirt – **COMPULSORY PLEASE!**
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers

Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Boatwood family, who have recently moved from interstate and joined our wonderful school. We are sure that Katie (Year 1) and Taylah (Year 4) will enjoy being part of our Holmwood School community.

School Surveys

At this time of year all schools are preparing their Annual School Reports. As part of this Report, schools need to evaluate several areas of school policy and procedures. We do this by seeking the opinions of students, parents and staff. This year we will be evaluating the following areas;

- **School Satisfaction (mandatory)**
- **English**
- **Homework and Study Skills**

*Attached with this week's Newsletter is a gold envelope which has three surveys in it for parents to complete. All surveys remain anonymous and all parents' opinions are valued. Please complete each survey and return in the envelope provided. These can be put into the survey box located in the Office. We would like all surveys to be returned by **Friday 12th December**. Mrs Hubbard will have an icy cold zooper dooper for all students who remember to bring their surveys back! Thank you.*

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 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

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 **tomorrow**.

Year 6 Farewell – CHANGE OF DATE!!



The Year 6 Farewell party at the Cowra Pool which was scheduled for Thursday 4th December has now been changed to **Monday 9th December**.

All Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to attend. A permission note and invitation was sent home to all Year 5 and 6 students with last 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

Holmwood Public School's Annual Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 11th December 2014 starting at 7:00pm at the school. All students and families are encouraged to attend to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2014.

It is expected that the Awards Ceremony will conclude at around 8:00pm, with supper to follow.

ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BRING ALONG A PLATE FOR SUPPER.

At around 8:15pm, "Santa" will make an appearance and will present each child with a lolly bag (to HPS students, friends and siblings). Parents do not need to provide a gift for their child this year. Presentation Night will conclude after Santa's visit before it gets dark so that Staff can lock up. We look forward to seeing you there!

Calendar

Term 4 Week 9	
Mon 1 st Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING Ms Edgerton 2015 Planning Day (Mrs Kiely K/1)
Tues 2 nd Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING Anaphylaxis Training for all staff 3:30pm
Wed 3 rd Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING P&C Meeting/End of Year Get-together – Oxley Wine Bar @ 6pm.
Thurs 4 th Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Fri 5 th Dec	SCHOOL SWIMMING CANTEEN
Term 4 Week 10	
Mon 8 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell Pool Party!
Thurs 11 th Dec	PRESENTATION NIGHT – 7:00pm at the school! See you there!
Fri 12 th Dec	Scripture, CANTEEN ALL Surveys due back to school P&C XMAS NIGHT MARKETS! Snow Cones & Monster Raffle – helpers needed!

Term 4 Week 11

Mon 15 th Dec	Mrs Skene and Mrs Patten 2015 Planning Day (Mrs Kiely 2/3/4)
Tues 16 th Dec	Class Parties and School Disco!
Wed 17 th Dec	Last Day of School!!
Thurs 18 th Dec	Staff Development Day
Fri 19 th Dec	Staff Development Day

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- School Surveys in gold envelope - PLEASE RETURN!
- Cowra Library Summer Reading Club and Opening Hours flier

K/1 News

Another week has gone by and we are fast approaching the end of the year. This week we have been trying to finish all the bits and pieces we have been working on over this last term.

In English the students are really focusing on story writing, using basic punctuation, full stops, and capital letters at the beginning of the sentence and using conjunctions and connectives in their writing. They are even publishing some of their work on the computers and illustrating with their own drawings.

Just a reminder to please return permission notes for the K/1 Excursion on Tuesday 2nd of December to watch the Cowra Ballet performance and our Science Food Expo day. Please note that all K/1 students are required to attend this day as it is part of the Science and English Curriculum. A reminder that students are to meet Mrs Webster, Cheri and I at Cowra Public School where the students would normally get on the bus at 9:00am. Students are required to have their recess and lunch in disposable bags, water bottles and their swimming items. These will be stored in my car so that students do not need to be carrying them around with us. We will be having lunch at the pool and will get changed before swimming. It will be a fun day and the K/1 students are looking forward to the Excursion.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about the fundamentals of measurement. On Monday the students discovered volume and capacity and the importance of measurement in a very exciting water play activity. While the children were in their swimmers they spent an hour exploring measurements with water.

The students had to determine the capacity of each container by measuring how many 'cups' of water it took to fill, and order them from the least amount to the most.



This week we also had a special visitor to school for news. Macey had her cute little puppy Ralph come to visit.

Swimming this week has been fun but also quite tiring for the students. With yet another week to go, we are seeing improvements in skills, confidence and abilities.

Kind Regards,

Ms Heidi Edgerton - K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News



This week in Literacy groups we have been continuing with Comprehension Strategies and have been busy as a beaver and a bee studying similes!

Our new netbooks are being used to type up stories and articles for our School Magazine pages and we are just starting a short unit on making a Pirate Map to cover the Mapping, Directions and Co-ordinates topics in Maths!

During Week 10, please be prepared to receive lots of great artwork and school work, as our shelves and tote trays are cleared. I have some large plastic shopping bags that each child shall receive. Please return them to be refilled; as I am mindful of the fact that most children catch the bus and will find it hard to transport their work all in one go!

My swimming group, the Jellyfish have been working hard in both the shallow pool and the

big pool. Yesterday we successfully practised safe entry to the big pool ~ by sliding down from the edge, facing the wall whilst keeping both hands on the side and feeling for the floor with our feet. Possibly more important was practising how to get out of the pool **without using the steps**. This means hanging on to the edge and using your arms to push up onto chest and tummy, then roll and climb out. My group will begin to spend more time in the big pool (shallow end, of course!) using flotation aids; with the ultimate aim of learning to float for at least 10 seconds, glide and blow bubbles underwater for at least 5 seconds. Any and all practise will help the Jellyfish achieve these goals!

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

5/6 Class News

Week 8 has been a busy one in the 5/6 classroom as we begin to finalise more of our units of work. Our English Studies unit on "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" is nearing completion as students finish off their Book Report Projects. These are looking spectacular on display in our classroom and I am so impressed with the effort that everyone has put into this task.



Our HSIE projects on an aspect of Japanese Culture are also progressing well. This week we watched presentations from two groups. Sophie and Abbie taught us how to make a delicious Japanese chicken and salad dish with fried apple in tempura batter for dessert...YUM!! Claire and Anna taught us how to make fortune cookies and even had a sample that they had made on the weekend, for us to taste! Both groups produced a home-made video of their cooking, which was both informative and highly entertaining!! Well done girls! We look forward to seeing more presentations next week. A reminder to all students that projects are due by **Week 10**.

Swimming has been lovely this week, as the weather has been warm, and the water cool! Well done to the 5/6 students for assisting the younger children in the change rooms at the pool. Please note the change of date for the Year 6 Farewell – it will now be held on MONDAY 8th December – same time, same place!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis – 5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News



The P&C will be at "Harvest in the Park" this Saturday 29th 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 to school TOMORROW!! Cupcakes, muffins, slices, cakes and biscuits are needed. Alternatively cakes can be 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

