



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 Week 2 – Week Ending 7th February 2014**

## Parent/Teacher Information Evening

*I would like to remind all families that our parent information evening is on tonight at the school. The individual class times are as follows;*

**5:30pm – Ms Edgerton**

**6:00pm – Mrs Kiely**

**6:30pm – Mrs Lewis**

*Class meetings will be held in each teacher's classroom. During this time we will briefly discuss how our classes will operate this year, including homework expectations, opportunities for parental involvement, class routines and timetables. It is also a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have about how your child's class will operate in 2014. We look forward to seeing you there!*

## Students of the Week!

*Congratulations to our Week 1 **Students of the Week***



*2/3/4 – Leetisha Nestor; 5/6 – Oliver Beaumont and*

*K/1 – Liam Beaumont*

**Merit Awards went to;**

*K/1 – John Hill and Brodie Farley*

*2/3/4 – Akiko and Matthew Russell*

*5/6 – Kara Lunnon and Dylan Whitty*

**Congratulations to these students!**



## Cowra Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

*This year's Cowra Small Schools' Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. It is hoped that all*

*children are able to attend the carnival! Please note that parents will be required to transport their children directly to and from Cowra Pool. We will have the large Holmwood PS shade tent set up for families to sit under and cheer on our students as they compete. There will be events and activities for children of all swimming abilities, including plenty of games for our non-swimmers. A Carnival Program will be sent home with next week's Newsletter. See you there!*

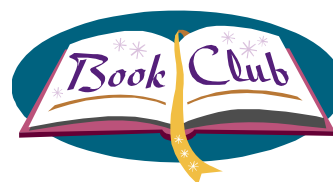
**GO HOLMWOOD!!**

## School Fees

*Voluntary School Fees are an essential source of funds for our school, which does not receive any 'extra' funding through Departmental grants. School fees directly cover the costs of student Text Books (Maths, and Handwriting) which the school purchases at the beginning of the year so that we are ready to go from Day 1. As you can appreciate, this is a substantial outlay (around \$2,000), which we need to recoup as soon as possible.*

***The cost of school fees is \$35 per child for the year.***

*It would be greatly appreciated if parents could arrange for school fees to be paid to the Office as soon as possible. Thank you.*



## Book Club

*Attached to this week's newsletter are this month's Book Club catalogues from Scholastic. All orders are due with payment to the office by **Monday 17th February.***



## School Website

Our website is up and running again this year. Be sure to check it out at

<http://www.holmwood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Our weekly Newsletters are uploaded each week and our photo gallery is always great to have a click through!

## Going Home Arrangements

Just a reminder that if your child has a change to their normal going home arrangements, the school needs to be notified. This can be via a note from home or a phone call. Your assistance with this is appreciated.



## Library

Could parents please ensure their child/children have a Library Bag for borrowing. Library day for K/1 is every **THURSDAY** and for 2/3/4 and 5/6, Library Day is on **FRIDAYS**.

## 2013 School Magazines

There are a small number of 2013 School Magazines left over from last year. If you missed out and would like a copy, please send in \$6 to the Office.

## Message from Mrs Lewis to K/1 Families

As part of our Term 1 HSIE unit on "Celebrations" I would like all students in K/1 to bring in **a photo of them attending a family celebration**. This could be a birthday party, wedding, Christmas, anniversary, New Year's Eve, etc etc. All photos will be carefully looked after and photocopied and the originals returned. Alternatively, photos can be emailed to the school email address – [holmwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:holmwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) These need to be brought to school to use in HSIE lessons by **THURSDAY 13th February**. Thank you!

## Calendar

<b>Term 1 Week 3</b>	
<b>Thurs 13th Feb</b>	Mrs Watt FACS leave – Mrs Skene RFF
<b>Fri 14th Feb</b>	Cowra Small Schools' Swimming Carnival – Cowra Pool (K-6) Valentine's Day! ❤️
<b>Term 1 Week 4</b>	
<b>Mon 17th Feb</b>	Alternate date for Small Schools Swimming carnival Book Club orders due back at school
<b>Term 1 Week 5</b>	
<b>Mon 24th Feb</b>	Cowra PSSA District Swimming carnival – Mrs Lewis attending; Mrs Watt 5/6
<b>Tues 25th Feb</b>	Mrs Lewis – Orange Schools Meeting – Orange; Mrs Watt – 5/6
<b>Fri 28th Feb</b>	Scripture Swimming for Sport 1:30-2:50pm

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

## Attachments

- Book Club catalogues

## K/1 Class News



We have had a great week in K/1. Our ten new Kinder students are settling in very well and are quickly making new friends. Yesterday all Kindergarten students were assessed as part of "Best Start", which allows us to track and monitor their progression in their first year of school in areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Best Start results will be sent to parents later in the term. Thank you to Mrs Webster for taking the K/1 class while I conducted the testing.

A reminder to all parents of K/1 – could all students please bring in a family photo of them



attending a celebration - this could be a wedding, birthday party, Christmas or any other type of celebration. Mrs Lewis needs these for her HSIE unit on "Celebrations" by Thursday 13th February. All photos will be photocopied and returned home.

Kind Regards,

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

## **2/3/4 Class News**

It has been an exciting week in our classroom as we have commenced our new topics for the term and the children are enthusiastic and keen to learn. The group work activities are running smoothly and all children are displaying a higher level of responsibility towards their own learning with focused application and enjoyment. This makes learning productive, rewarding and easy for everyone. Thank you children and also parents for encouraging your child to do his/her best and always try. "We never, never will know, until we have a go!"



A very special thank you to parents for encouraging your child to read each night, as this important habit is necessary for reading skills to develop. It is well documented that Reading Success and Learning Success are directly related and foster each other.

It will be an exciting year in the 2/3/4 classroom as we are entering the "Paws for Reading" Challenge which is our Classroom Cares project. The children choose a team, either Cats or Dogs. The books read are then recorded on a Reading Log, which will be in your child's reading folder next week. Then, during Term 1 and 2, every time your child reads a book, Scholastic Books, ie Book Club, will donate a book to a child in need....enriching lives by giving books as healthier kids means a healthier future.



This week we commenced our Public Speaking classes and each child was keen to talk about his/her interest topic. It's a great way for us to improve our oral speaking skills, learn more about a wide range of topics and maybe develop a new interest after being informed by a friend. We enjoyed learning about Hamilton Island from Will and Kiwis from Zsalea. Please encourage your child to practice a short speech on an interest topic for news each week and be ready for questions as our class is inquisitive plus! Class days are Year 2 - WEDNESDAY, Year 3 - THURSDAY, Year 4- FRIDAY.



If I can assist you with your child's learning and development please contact me after school to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Thank you for your continued support in our Three Way Learning Team, as the more we row together the stronger our team will be!

Please enjoy 2014 with us, as we are happy to be back at school, learning and succeeding.

Kind Regards

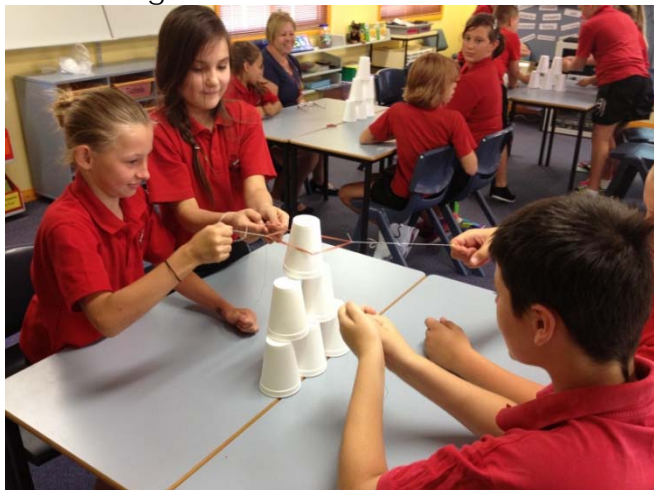
Mrs Deirdre Kiely

2/3/4 Class Teacher

## **5/6 Class News**

We have had a very productive start to the year in the 5/6 class. All students have returned to school enthusiastic and ready for

a big year of learning! It is exciting to see how well the students in 5/6 are working together and striving to do their best.



*Anna, Charla, Kynan and Taylor showed great teamwork skills as they work together to build a pyramid of cups using only a rubber band with 4 pieces of string attached.*

We have now started all of our Units for this term and are really getting our teeth stuck into our writing unit on Poetry. This week students experimented with writing Biography Poems and Haikus and the results have been very impressive!

Everyone has worked hard in Maths lessons all week with our focus concept being addition. All students are enjoying the timed Monster Maths Challenge, with lots of "P.B's" already recorded! We have also been completing our "Problem of the Day" where we are given a word problem and have to focus on key elements including; reading the question carefully, working out what the question is asking; choosing a strategy and trying to solve it.

This week we also started "Genius Hour". Genius Hour is where we choose a topic we are passionate about and develop an inquiry based research question. Students can pick any topic that they are interested in and will spend one "Genius Hour" a week creating a presentation which they will show to the class later in the Term. I am thrilled with the range and diversity of topics the 5/6 students have chosen including; spiral galaxies, horses, the LA Lakers basketball team; street graffiti art, skateboarding, netball, robots, old coins, cats, how to become a book illustrator; dancing and friendship! I can't wait to see what everyone creates for their presentation! Don't forget the Small Schools Swimming Carnival is on next Friday 14th February so

homework is due on Thursday 13th. Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
5/6 Class Teacher

### **P&C News**

On behalf of the P&C I would like to encourage all new parents to our school to come along to our monthly P&C Meetings. The meetings are held on a Monday night and only go for about an hour. The P&C works hard to raise additional funds which benefit all HPS students and we would appreciate any support you can give. If you have any questions or would like to know more about how you can become involved please call President Karen Beaumont - 0419 229 755. Our first meeting of the year will be held in the next few weeks and will be advertised in the School Newsletter so watch this space ☺

Regards,  
Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary

### **Canteen News**



Any parents who can spend an hour or two a week assisting with the Canteen would be very welcome! Please contact Gail on 63 411595.