



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4 – Week Ending 21st February 2014

Swimming Carnival Success!

What a fabulous day we had at the Cowra Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Friday! The cooler temperatures were a welcome relief and the HPS students were fired up and ready to compete in all manner of swimming events...from the fun novelty events in the little pool, to the 12.5m kickboard races and longer 50m events for the older children! Thank you to all the Holmwood students who turned up and swam and cheered all day! Congratulations to the following students who received the Age Champion!

Claire Lewis – 11 yrs Girls Champion

Mitchell Amos - 11 yrs Boys Champion

Abbie Lewis – Senior Girls Champion



Mitchell, Claire and Abbie – 2014 Age Champions

Congratulations as well to the Holmwood PS "A" Relay team of Annelise Brown, Abbie Lewis, Lara Collins and Lilly Whitty who won this year's Relay Trophy. Well done to ALL students who participated in events and gained points for our school – we were successful in winning the Highest Aggregate trophy and the Cheering Trophy!! What an achievement!!



Following are some photos taken during the Swimming Carnival by Cheri.



Addison, Makayla and Boston had a great day at the Swimming Carnival!



Kynan and Tailor accept the Highest Aggregate Trophy on behalf of all HPS swimmers!



It was great to have so many parents supporting our students.....and well done HPS on winning the Cheering Trophy!



Liam, Caleb, Micah, Miah, Leetisha, Layla, Zsaea and Roman enjoying a picnic lunch!



"Turn on the radio, what do you hear? Holmwood's going to win this year...!!" Our loud and proud cheer squad were vocal throughout the entire day!



Action in the little pool with Mrs Kiely, and Charlotte, Charli and Layla getting ready to race in the 8 years girls 50m freestyle!



Annelise, Abbie, Lilly and Lara – "A" Relay Team Winners!

District Swimming Carnival

Following such a successful Carnival on Friday, I am so proud to announce that this year we have 19 students who have progressed to the District Swimming

Carnival! Congratulations to Annelise, Abbie, Lisa, Sophie, Dylan, Kynan, Claire, Mitchell, Kara, Isobella, Lara, Lilly, Miah, Thomas, Matthew, Harry, Layla, Charlotte, Catie

The District Carnival will be held next Monday 24th February at the Cowra Pool. All students have received Permission Notes and a Program for the day. Parents are required to transport and supervise their children at the Carnival as all staff attending will be busy doing Carnival jobs. Please ensure permission notes are returned to school by tomorrow, Friday 21st February.

Students of the Week – Week 3

Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!



Katelyn Judd (2/3/4); Lexi Fliedner (K/1) and Brent Kiss (5/6).

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Sascha Pettit and Harry Sears

2/3/4 – Layla Hood and Charlotte Collins

5/6 – Damien Harding and Abbie Lewis

Congratulations to all of these students

Swimming for Sport

We will start school Swimming for Sport **NEXT** Friday 28th February and will continue through until the end of Week 9 with our Annual Swimathon. Swimming for Sport will be held on Fridays from 1:45-2:45pm.



Children will be organised into swimming groups based on their swimming ability and will be taught by HPS staff and qualified Swimming Instructors. The cost for swimming each week is just \$1 for the bus trip into town and \$2 pool entry (free if your child has a season ticket). 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

Thank you to those families who have already returned permission notes. Please ensure all notes are back by next Wednesday 26th February.

Netball Day for Primary Girls



Next Thursday 27th February, our Primary girls (Year 3-6) have been invited, along with girls from all the other Cowra Schools, to take part in a netball fun morning run by coaches from Cowra Netball Association. The morning session will be held at Col Stinson Park and will start at 9:45am, concluding at 11:30am. Girls will walk from Cowra PS after the morning buses drop students off, up to the netball courts and return back to school by bus in time for recess. You do not need to know anything about netball to participate in the fun day. Mrs Watt and Cheri will be accompanying the girls for the day. There is no cost for this excursion. Please find a Permission Note attached to this week's Newsletter.

Resilience Day at HPS

On Wednesday 5th March, Holmwood PS will be hosting a "Resilience Day" for all Holmwood and Koorawatha students. This will be an all-day event with sessions run by the teaching staff and staff from Relationships Australia and Cowra Family Support. Students will be grouped according to their age and will participate in a number of fun, hands-on games and activities to teach them about resilience. There will be no cost to the students for participating in the day's activities – this will be covered by the school. Mrs Kiely has been busily organising this event and it is sure to be a great day!

On this day the canteen will be having a special Canteen "Lunch Deal" where children can purchase a Lunch Pack for \$5.00. This will include a sausage in a hotdog bun with tomato sauce, a drink and a piece of fruit. Attached to this week's Newsletter is an order form for the Resilience Day Lunch Deal. If you would like to place an order, please return the Order Form along with \$5. We need to have all lunch orders in by MONDAY 3RD MARCH so that we can order the required amount of sausages, buns and drinks.

ICAS Tests

The International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) Tests are run each year through the University of NSW and are available to students in Years 2-6. These are external tests which the school administers. Tests are marked independently and students are

given a Report and Certificate detailing their achievements. ICAS Tests are OPTIONAL and parents are required to pay a fee if they wish their child to sit the Tests. The Tests and prices are listed as follows;

ICAS Subject	Year Levels	ICAS Sitting Date	Cost
Computer Skills	Yr 3 - 6	Tues 20 May	\$8.80
Science	Yr 2 - 6	Wed 4 June	\$8.80
Writing	Yr 3 - 6	Mon 16 June	\$18.70
Spelling	Yr 3 - 6	Tues 17 June	\$12.10
English	Yr 2 - 6	Tues 29 July	\$8.80
Mathematics	Yr 2 - 6	Tues 12 August	\$8.80

Attached to this week's Newsletter is an ICAS entry form. If you would like your child to participate, please indicate which Tests they are going to sit and enclose payment for each. Please return form with payment to school by Friday 14th March

Swimathon



The Annual Holmwood PS Swimathon will be held on Friday 28th March. This is always a HUGE fund-raiser run by our Student Council, and all students participate in swimming as many laps (or across the pool...or across the little pool) as they can! Students are also encouraged to ask their family, friends and neighbours to sponsor them. Last year's total of \$1440.00 is our benchmark and everyone is determined that we are going to beat it this year! Attached to this week's Newsletter are details regarding sponsorship. If you have any questions about the Swimathon, please speak with Mrs Kiely.

Calendar

Term 1 Week 5	
Mon 24th Feb	Mrs Lewis – District Swimming Carnival – Cowra (Mrs Watt 5/6) Ms Edgerton – L3 training - Forbes (Mrs Webster K/1) AECG Meeting – Mulyan PS 2pm
Tues 25th Feb	Mrs Lewis – Orange Principals Meeting – Mrs Watt 5/6
Thurs 27th Feb	Netball Morning at Col Stinson Park for Primary girls in Yrs 3-6 – 9:45-11:30am
Fri 28th Feb	Scripture Swimming for Sport
Term 1 Week 6	
Tues 4th March	Mrs Webster –Autism Course at Canowindra
Wed 5th March	Resilience Day at Holmwood PS – Koorawatha PS attending \$5 Lunch Deal available at Canteen

Fri 7th March	Western Region Swimming Carnival – Dubbo – Mrs Lewis attending Swimming for Sport
Term 1 Week 7	
Thurs 13th Mar	Selective High Schools test
Fri 14th March	Scripture ICAS Test Forms due Swimming for Sport

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- ICAS Entry Forms
- Netball Morning at Col Stinson Park
Permission note – Primary girls only
- Lunch Order Form – Resilience Day at HPS – 5th March.
- Swimathon Sponsorship Form and Information Sheet

K/1 Class News

Yet another week has flown by, and we have had another busy week in the K/1 classroom. Congratulations to all students who attended the Swimming Carnival on Friday - what a fantastic effort from everyone. Well done to Mrs Lewis for organising such a successful Carnival and good luck to all our students who will be participating in the District Carnival on Monday.

In English this week the Kindergarten students are well into their learning of the Jolly Phonics Sounds. So far they have learnt 6 new sounds and been introduced to 10 sight words. On Wednesday they were introduced to their first in-class guided readers. L3 rotation groups are going very well - thank you to the mothers who have given up their time to help in the class room. It is very much appreciated. Year 1 have also learnt 10 new sight words and their reading skills are improving every day.

In maths this week kindergarten students are focusing on a new number each day. They complete hands on activities and games to learn about numbers 1 to 10, develop one to one correspondence and order numbers in a sequence. Year 1 students are learning about addition, revising whole numbers and being responsible classroom role models by helping the Kindergarten students to follow rotational mathematics activities and games.

In science this week we have been exploring the production of wool from sheep and alpacas. We have

looked at the process from the alpaca and sheep's back, to shearing, cleaning of the wool and spinning the wool into yarn ready to be used as a textile product. We even got to explore some of the properties of Alpaca wool and used this in our craft this week.

How nice was it to see the rain this week and even see a change in our playground with lots of green grass coming through, making play outside very refreshing.

Have a great relaxing weekend, and get ready for another full week

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

WOW, what an exciting week it has been in our classroom! Our Super Slick Swimming Fish have certainly made their mark with so many from our Junior Primary class going on to represent our school at the Cowra District Carnival! Well done to everyone who participated and with 98% participation in the swimming carnival, we are now aiming for 100% participation at the Athletics Carnival next term. It was lovely to see so many parents there to support their child and to enjoy the social interaction with other parents. Three Cheers!

Our "Paws for Reading" Challenge has been very popular and once again a special thank you to the parents who are filling in the record sheet each night, encouraging their child to read each night and return folders each day. The effort now, will be a lifetime gift for your child.

In our Public Speaking Sessions the children still have a free choice of topics based on their hobbies and interests. It isn't News of the Day but a short speech that will teach the class something new about the topics chosen. This week Will Skinner presented an informative speech on new Apps and maintained every ones interest and attention. He has set a new class standard! So please encourage your child to prepare his/her short speech for each week and to practice it with you. This is an important part of our English assessments.

Our Resilience Workshop Day will be held at HPS on Wednesday 5th March. Koorawatha School will be joining our school for the day. Our kind Canteen staff will be running a \$5 Lunch Deal on that day which will include a barbecue sausage on a roll, fruit and a drink. Orders and money will be due on Monday 3rd March please. Please note that there will not be a fruit break or

recess Canteen on Wednesday 5th March so children will need to provide their own fruit break and recess.

Our new Student Council Committee are busy organising the 2014 Annual Swimathon. This is their major fundraiser for the year so every child's support is needed to make it a great success again this year please. Last year the Swimathon raised an amazing \$1440 and donated \$1000 to the Annual Excursion Fund. With more children at the school this year we hope to reach a new target. The information is attached to your newsletter.

Kind Regards

Deirdre Kiely

2/3/4 Class Teacher

5/6 Class News

It's hard to believe we are at the end of Week 4 already! Congratulations to all 5/6 students on a super Swimming Carnival last week, and good luck to all 5/6 swimmers competing at District next Monday!

This week we have focused on Length in Maths and have been learning about perimeter. We have improved in our measuring skills and can calculate perimeters of irregular shapes using millimetres with a high degree of accuracy. We have moved on to Subtraction as our "timed challenge" operation this week and already we are seeing lots of P.B's recorded – well done everyone!

Our Poetry Writing Unit has come to a close this week. Over the last three weeks we have studied six different types of poems – Haikus, Quatrains, Shape Poems, Biography Poems, Emotion Poems and Free Verse. On Wednesday we selected our "best" poem to publish and these will be on display on our huge class "Poet-tree" – photos to come next week! Next week our writing focus moves to narratives.

It is great to see all students reading at home in order to get their novel "Holes" completed. So far we have three students who have finished the whole book and are now moving onto their matrix of activities. We are aiming to have it finished by the end of next week.

Don't forget Homework is due TOMORROW – 2 Dojo points if it comes in completed and on time!

Kind regards

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News

The Holmwood P&C AGM was held on Monday 17th February and a new P&C Committee has been elected for 2014. Thank you to Garth

Collins who has stepped down this year as Vice President – your support of the P&C last year was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the new Executive Committee –

President – Karen Beaumont

Vice President – Priscilla Pettit

Secretary – Michelle Whitty

Treasurer – Nikita Beatty

It was great to see lots of new faces at Monday's meeting. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy your time as a member of our P&C.

We have a few fundraisers already planned for 2014, with our first major fundraiser being the Canowindra Balloon Glow in April. We will be discussing lots of ideas about what we are going to do at this event at our next meeting on Monday 17th March and would love more parents to come along and join in the discussions. The meetings only go for about an hour and babysitting is available.

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Canteen News

!!!! NEWS FLASH !!!!

Fruit is available for "fruit break" from the canteen and can be ordered the same as lunches are. Fruit is seasonal e.g apples, bananas, pears, watermelon, grapes, strawberries and only costs 50c a piece. For \$1 you



can order a variety fruit bag which has a little bit of everything chopped up (a bit like a fruit salad!). Please mark "For Fruit Break" on your order bag

and we will ensure that it is delivered to the classrooms at 10:30am.

Don't forget icy cold bottles of water can be ordered for recess and lunch for just 50c each.

When ordering recess and lunch, we would really appreciate the orders being in two separate bags as it makes it much easier to sort and organise individual orders.

Thank you!

Gail Webster – Canteen Manager

