



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 5 – Week Ending 28th February 2014

Students of the Week – Week 4

Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!



Harry Beaumont (2/3/4), Macey Rowley (K/1) and Tom Cummings (5/6)

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Jett Cummings and Lilly Hood

2/3/4 – Bella Cummings and Miah Pettit

5/6 – Isobella Stevenson and Kynan Rowley

Congratulations to all of these students

Congratulations Regional Swimmers!

It was a terrific day on Monday at the Cowra PSSA District Swimming Carnival, with perfect weather! 19 HPS students turned up ready to swim their hardest as they competed for a place in the Cowra District Swimming Team to represent at the Western Region Swimming Championships in Dubbo next Friday 7th March. Congratulations to the following students who progress to the next level of swimming;

Thomas Seears	8 years Boys 50m Freestyle
Kynan Rowley	13 years Boys 50m Freestyle
Lisa Brien	13 years Girls 50m Freestyle
Sophie Light	4 x 50m Senior Girls Relay
Annelise Brown	4 x 50m Senior Girls Relay, 12 years Girls 50m Freestyle, Open Girls 100m Freestyle
Claire Lewis	11 years 50m Freestyle, 11 years Girls 50m Butterfly, 11 years Girls

	50m Backstroke, 4 x 50m Senior Girls Relay
Abbie Lewis	Open Girls 100m Freestyle, 12 years Girls 50m Freestyle, Senior Girls 50m Butterfly, Senior Girls 50m Backstroke, Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke, Senior Girls 200m Individual Medley, 4 x 50m Senior Girls Relay

We wish you good luck and fast times in Dubbo next week!

Netball Day for Primary Girls



Today our Primary girls (Year 3-6) attended a Netball Skills morning run by coaches from Cowra Netball Association. Girls enjoyed learning and practising many netball skills and drills with girls from other Cowra schools and for many of them, enjoyed the opportunity to try something new. Thank you to Mrs Watt and Cheri for accompanying the girls on the day and special thanks to the coaches from Cowra Netball Association, in particular Kristen Ryan, for organising such a fun-filled morning. Photos to appear in next week's Newsletter.

School Staffing Changes


Last Friday I was notified by School Staffing that we are to receive a transferred teacher from a nearby small school. Mrs Kerry Patten will be taking on a full-time teaching role, teaching the 2/3/4 class at HPS from Monday 10th March 2014, and will continue until the end of the year. Mrs Patten is a very experienced small school teacher and has worked as both a teacher and Relieving Principal at Koorawatha PS and more recently as a teacher at Gooloogong PS. We are fortunate to have Mrs Patten join our team and I know that all the students, staff and parents will warmly welcome her to our school.

Mrs Kiely will continue to be an integral part of our teaching team and will resume her permanent two days per week role, teaching Library and PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Watt will continue to

work as a valued day-to-day casual teacher within our school. Mrs Kiely has planned to take Long Service Leave from 17th March until the end of Term 1, to travel to the USA to visit her son. Therefore, in her absence, Mrs Watt will continue to teach Library and PE until the end of Term 1. All parents of children in the 2/3/4 class were notified of these changes yesterday via a letter home.

Swimming for Sport

With a forecast temperature of 28 degrees tomorrow, it should be a wonderful afternoon at the pool! Don't forget to pack....

• Swimmers	
• Towel	
• Rash shirt	
• Sunscreen	
• Goggles (if required)	
• Plastic bag for wet swimmers to go in.	

Please note, NO students will be permitted to go to the pool kiosk during swimming. Swimming is part of our school Sport Program and ALL students will participate. As all staff will be at the pool, no students will be able to stay at school. If your child is not swimming for medical reasons, please arrange to collect them from school at 1:20pm.

A reminder to all students that the Holmwood Swimathon is only a few weeks away – all students should be busily collecting sponsorships!

If you have yet to return your permission note PLEASE ensure this is brought to school TOMORROW.

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. We will be having a special canteen "Lunch Deal" on this day 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. There will be no cost to the students for participating in the day's activities – this will be covered by the school. Lunch order forms were sent home last week – if you require a form, please contact the office.

A reminder to all families that there will be NO REGULAR Canteen on this day.

Expression of Interest in attending a NSW Government High School – Year 7 2015.

Attached to this week's Newsletter is an Expression of Interest form for students attending a Government High School in Year 7, 2015. Could all parents of Year 6 students please complete and return this form to school by Monday 17th March 2014. If your child is NOT attending a Government High School next year, please contact the school and let Julie know.



Best Start Letters

Kinder parents will find an envelope in their Newsletter folders today with their child's individual Best Start results. These results were collected from some basic Literacy and Numeracy Assessments Ms Edgerton did with each student a few weeks ago. Please take the time to read these letters and if you have any concerns or questions, please ring the school to speak with Ms Edgerton.

Calendar

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
Thurs 6th Mar	Mrs Lewis FACS Leave – Mrs Skene (5/6)
Fri 7th March	Western Region Swimming Carnival – Dubbo – Mrs Lewis attending Swimming for Sport
Term 1 Week 7	
Mon 10th Mar	Mrs Patten starts at HPS
Thurs 13th Mar	Selective High Schools Test
Fri 14th March	Scripture ICAS Test Forms due Swimming for Sport
Term 1 Week 8	
Mon 17th Mar	P&C Meeting – 6pm Mrs Kiely begins Long Service Leave
Wed 19th Mar	HARMONY DAY Celebrations @ HPS
Fri 21st Mar	Scripture Hockey Gala Day – 5/6 students Swimming for Sport

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Expression of Interest Forms for Students attending a Government High School in 2014 (all Year 6 students)
- Best Start Letters (Kinder parents only)
- Movie Night Flier - Hannah Nobes Youth Ambassador fund raiser

K/1 Class News

Well it has been yet another busy week in our class. This week we had Mrs Webster on Monday while I was in Forbes training for L3. I received lots of valuable information in regards to early reading and writing skills and I am very excited to put these ideas into practice. I also received lots of new and exciting games and activities to use in our Rotational Literacy Groups.

Each week both Kindergarten and Year 1 students receive a new set of sight words. While word work is completed at school each day, it is very important to help your child learn these new words on a daily basis. Sight words are high frequency words and are the most common words the children use in their daily reading and writing. When students learn these words by sight their reading fluency develops more quickly and this in turn assists with their writing.



This week in Maths the Kindergarten students have been consolidating their numbers 1 to 10 and completing a variety of different craft

activities to accompany their learning. Craft activities develop fine motor control, which develops finger control to enable good pencil grip and control when writing. Year 1 students have been learning about time by identifying numbers on the clock, telling the time on the hour and learning about half past the hour. They are also learning about months of the year and the four different seasons.

Two favourite stories we read this week were 'Rosie's Walk' read by Mrs Webster and 'The Little Red Hen'. Both stories featured chickens!! Chickens were the theme this week in our art activities. On Wednesday afternoon the students had an enjoyable afternoon constructing paper plate hens.



Alana H cutting out her paper plate hen very carefully!



Lexi's finished paper plate chicken!

The story 'The Little Red Hen' was part of our Science Unit, 'Back to Nature' where students were identifying the process of bread making and followed the sequence of planting a grain of wheat, to the making of flour and processing flour into bread. Next week we plan to make some bread at school and see the process ourselves.

We are also very excited to start our whole school swimming for sport on Friday and momentum is building for the SWIMATHON towards the end of term. The Student Council is doing a great job in promoting the event. So let's start getting those sponsors.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

This has been another exciting week with eight of the children from our class representing Holmwood School at the District Carnival on Monday, which is an enormous achievement! Go Year 2-3-4!! This also means the future years are looking good with so many young, strong swimmers. Also

on Monday, with the clever ideas from Year 2-3-4, combined with lots of energy and the help of Cheri, we were able to convert the Technology-Music Room into a Multi - Purpose Room which will provide a functional Open Space/Indoor Area for all the school to utilise. Please stop and have a look as you go past, as it's great to see how the original Holmwood classroom from the 1880s is a functional room in our modern and progressive school. The Year 2-3-4 loved the room so much that they want to change rooms!!

In Maths, the children have become super quick at their Maths Mentals and your assistance with the weekly homework revision sheet is supporting this and is appreciated, thank you. The children love Maths which is fantastic as it is a subject that boosts Neurons and Brain Power.

With the help of some furry friends, soft toys and a clever imagination, the children have commenced writing and publishing their own Narratives this week. We look forward to sharing this next week. Using a home computer to type short stories is a valuable home activity, as it encourages new ideas and improves computer typing skills.

In our Public Speaking classes Akiko Beatty gave a very interesting speech on the Darwin Car Races, as she lived in Darwin before moving to Cowra with her family at the end of last year. We were fascinated to learn that she actually met Mark Winterbottom and Mark Skafe and Akiko had her photo to show to us. Her speech was well prepared and clearly presented to a captive audience. A SUPER CAR effort Akiko and again the standard has been raised, so please children, be well prepared for your speech next week.



This weekend is Clean Up Australia Day and we all like to contribute in some way to improve our neighbourhood and town. The K-6 classes have chosen a specific area in our school to improve as

part of our Live Life Well lessons and making a positive difference in our school environment. We greatly appreciated Garry White's valuable assistance in loading up the wheel barrow with loads of mulch.



Boston helps Garry with loading the mulch!



Charli, Miah, Charlotte, Katelyn and Lara participating in "Clean Up Australia" activities.

Our Resilience Day is on Wednesday 5th March at HPS and Koorawatha School will be joining our school for the day. Relationships Australia will be running workshops and the teachers have planned special resilience activities for the classes. It will be a very valuable day and there is a Parents Evening planned so please see the attached brochure. Lunch orders are due Monday and please note that there will NOT be a morning tea canteen on that day. Thank you for your support which is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
2/3/4 Teacher

5/6 Class News

This has been a very busy week in the 5/6 classroom with several changes to our regular routines. Thank you to Mrs Watt and Mrs Skene who took the 5/6 class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week while I

attended the Cowra District Swimming Carnival, Principals Meeting in Orange and had a catch up Office Day during the week. The students have continued to apply themselves to all tasks and it is wonderful to hear other teachers commenting on their excellent behaviour and attitude towards their work.



This week in Maths Mrs Watt has been working with the students on Data and graphs. Our "Problem of the Day" has kept us guessing as we continue to look at a variety of problem solving strategies to work out tricky word problems. Next week our timed challenge moves to Multiplication and I know there are many students who are looking forward to improving on their speed and score in this area.

Last week we started some Kandinsky inspired artworks of spring-time trees and can't wait to complete our mixed media creations....watch this space!

Our room is really starting to come alive with lots of student artwork and writing on display. We completed our Poetry Unit last week by selecting our favourite poem, we had written and publishing this on our "Poet-tree". It looks terrific!



Our 5/6 Class "Poet-tree"!

"Genius Hour" is proving to be a highlight of our week and some students are nearing completion of their projects. The due date will be the end of Week 8, following which we will move on to the "presentation" phase.



Annelise working hard on her "Genius Hour" project – researching the different colours and breeds of horses.

Congratulations to Lisa, Kynan, Sophie, Claire, Annelise and Abbie on gaining selection for the Western Regional Swimming Carnival...a tremendous effort – we are very proud of you all!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 24th March at 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom. **ALL PARENTS WELCOME!**

Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

Canteen News

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.



Gail Webster
Canteen manager

