



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Term 1 Week 6 – Week Ending 7th March 2014

### Students of the Week – Week 5

*Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!*



Lisa Brien (5/6), Brodie Rye (K/1) and Miah Pettit (2/3/4)

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Alana Hill and Makayla Toohey

2/3/4 – Tarni Sheen and Zsalea Mansley

5/6 – Claire Lewis and Mitchell Amos

**Congratulations to all of these students**

### Good Luck Regional Swimmers!

Good luck to Thomas Sears, Claire Lewis, Annelise Brown, Abbie Lewis, Sophie Light, Kynan Rowley and Lisa Brien who are off to compete in the Western Region PSSA Swimming Carnival in Dubbo tomorrow!

### Netball Day for Primary Girls



Last Thursday 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. Below are some photos from the day!



Lisa and Annelise go for the ball during the Netball Skills morning.



Miah and Katelyn take a break during the Netball activities.

### Swimming for Sport

Don't forget our second swimming sports session is on tomorrow afternoon at the Cowra Pool! Remember to pack...

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



Please note, 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 phone the school and 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!

### **Resilience Day at HPS**

Yesterday Holmwood PS hosted a “Resilience Day” for all Holmwood and Koorawatha students. This was an all-day event with sessions run by the teaching staff and staff from Relationships Australia and Cowra Family Support. Students participated in a number of fun, hands-on games and activities to teach them about resilience and enjoyed socialising with the students from KPS. Thank you to Mrs Kiely for organising such a fun and worthwhile event for our students.



Harry and Thomas with the “feelings” ball during Resilience Day.



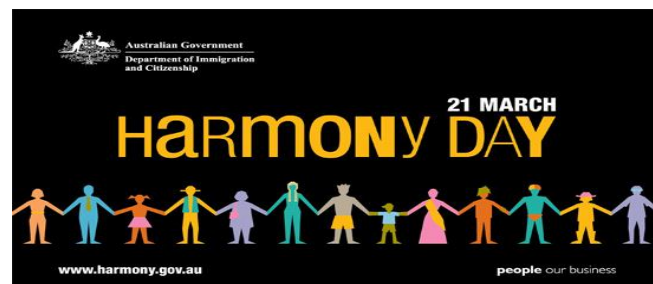
Sascha and Addison with some new Koorawatha friends during Resilience Day activities.



Damien, Oliver, John (KPS), Tailor and Jarrod working on a group task.

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

Could all parents of Year 6 students please complete and return this form to school by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014. If your child is NOT attending a Government High School next year, the forms still need to be returned to the school so that Julie and Anthea can complete all the paperwork.



### **Harmony Day!**

This year our school will again be taking part in “Harmony Day” celebrations. Harmony Day celebrates our rich cultural diversity and this year’s theme is “Everyone Belongs”. At HPS we will be celebrating Harmony Day by...

- Coming to school dressed in **ORANGE** (the ‘official’ Harmony Day colour) – if you don’t have orange clothing – pink, red or yellow are all OK!
- Cooking a FABULOUS cultural feast for lunch. K/1 will be preparing entrée, 5/6 will be making the main meal and 2/3/4 will be cooking dessert!
- Sharing a meal together in celebration of our cultural diversity!

**To cover the food costs for Harmony Day, each child is asked to contribute \$5 for their three course lunch.**

**Parents are also invited to attend the lunch with the students and staff at a cost of just \$5 per person.**

If parents would like to assist with cooking activities in any class, please let the school know...the more the merrier!

Please find a HARMONY DAY Lunch Form attached to this week’s Newsletter – forms and payment are due to the school by MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March – this is to assist with catering quantities.

### **Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day**

Our Stage 3 students have been invited to attend a combined Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day to be held on Friday 21st March. This will involve ALL students in Years 5 and 6 and will be run similar to last year’s event.



Students will be met by Mrs Watt and Cheri at Cowra Public in the morning, and will walk over to the Cowra Hockey Fields for a 10am start. Children will mix with other Stage 3 students from the other Cowra Primary Schools and Small Schools in fun, skills-based activities throughout the day, with games to follow in the afternoon. The day will conclude at 1:20pm after which students will walk from the Hockey fields to the Cowra Pool to participate in Swimming for Sport.

There is no cost for this excursion, however ALL students attending MUST have a mouthguard. We have a supply of these available at school for sale at \$5.00 each. Shin pads are also encouraged, but not essential.

Please find attached to this week's Newsletter, a permission note for Years 5 and 6 students to attend.

### **"Angels Goals" – Charity Raffle**

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a raffle ticket booklet for each family. This is a charity fundraiser to raise funds for the Anti-Bullying organisation called "Angels Goals" to present their campaign to local Cowra Schools. Lisa Hoppe from the Lachlan Valley Hotel is behind this very worthwhile community project and it would be appreciated if all families could support it by selling tickets. The prizes are fantastic – including a Trip to Tasmania – so the tickets shouldn't be too hard to sell. Please contact the school if you require further information.

### **Calendar**

<b>Term 1 Week 7</b>	
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Mrs Patten starts at HPS
<b>Thurs 13th Mar</b>	Selective High Schools Test
<b>Fri 14th March</b>	Scripture ICAS Test Forms due Swimming for Sport
<b>Term 1 Week 8</b>	
<b>Mon 17th Mar</b>	P&C Meeting – 6pm Mrs Kiely begins Long Service Leave Year 7 2015 High School EOI's due
<b>Wed 19th Mar</b>	HARMONY DAY Celebrations @ HPS Don't forget to wear <b>ORANGE!</b>
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	Hockey Gala Day – 5/6 students Swimming for Sport
<b>Term 1 Week 9</b>	
<b>Mon 24th Mar</b>	Cowra Bus "Bus Safety" talks 12pm P&C Meeting – 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom – All welcome!
<b>Fri 28th March</b>	Scripture HPS Swimathon!! 1:45pm at the Pool – All parents welcome! Mrs Lewis – Primary Principal's Meeting – Mudgee

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

### **Attachments**

- Hockey Gala Day permission note – 5/6 students only
- Harmony Day Lunch forms
- Harmony Day Parent Helpers note
- "Angels Goals" Raffle Ticket booklet

### **K/1 Class News**

Wow the weeks are flying by! We are now half way through our first term and have been very busy little bees! We had a fantastic day in the pool on Friday and despite the rain it was very nice in the water. All students completed a pre swim test and were grouped according to their abilities. Some of the areas of focus in the water for the different groups include water confidence, breathing correctly, safe entry and exit of the water, back floating, pushing and gliding, stroke correction and life-saving activities, all leading up to our SWIMATHON.

Students are enjoying the rotational activities in Literacy groups. Some of the activities include Phonics on the Interactive White Board, Phonics matching games, sight word activities, fine motor development games, puzzles and more. We cannot do these activities without the help of our parents and we thank them very much for giving up their time to help out. Just a reminder to parents and carers that reading with your child every night is so beneficial to your child's early learning. Please help them with their sounds and sight words to assist them in their learning.



*Lily, Makayla, Alana H and Eloise during L3 activities.*

In Maths Kindergarten are consolidating their whole numbers from 1 to 10 by ordering, writing and counting. Year 1 have been learning about

subtraction this week and playing games to master this skill.

In Science we have been sorting and classifying objects and materials according to their composition such as plastic, metal, glass and wood. We have been identifying the many items used in our homes and at school that are made from these products.

Many of our activities require cutting and pasting into our books. A quick reminder for parents to please purchase your child another glue stick before it runs out - this would be very helpful, and remember to put their name on it.

We had a fantastic day on Wednesday's Resilience day with Koorawatha School. It was a great opportunity for our students to mix with their fellow peers. We learnt many skills on becoming resilient and how to look after one another and help out in difficult situations. Well done Mrs Kiely on organising a fantastic day!

Kind Regards,  
Ms Heidi Edgerton  
K/1 Class Teacher

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

This has been an industrious and productive mid-term week. The children have been enthusiastic in all aspects of their learning and are a very settled and responsible class group. It has been a pleasure to teach this delightful class of children! It is very rewarding to see the amazing progress that each child has made, whether this has been since Kinder, Year1, Year 2 or new this year. Each child has incredible potential and has made exciting progress in just five weeks! I know that they will continue their wonderful learning habits and continue to thrive at school and in life, at whatever aspiration they choose.

Thank you to each and every parent for your greatly appreciated support. This has made our three way team effort a successful combination.

It is with mixed emotions that I write this newsletter. I soon commence my Long Service Leave and will be travelling to California with Mr K, to visit our son Grant, who is working in the USA for 12 months. This will be a very exciting family time for us but I will miss my class and the Holmwoodites, who are like my extended family.

But never fear, as I will return after the Easter Holidays. I will be fit and lively and ready to take on a new and exciting role in

the school, on a part time basis, on a Thursday and Friday.

I have planned an exciting Term 2 for K-6 in the Library and for K-6 PE/Sport. So over the holiday children might like to plan their Book Fair Character and Presentation, which will be happening mid-term 2. Also, Autumn is a great time to start training for the Athletics Carnival and the Cross Country, both happening early in Term 2. Winter town sports commence Term 2, so please keep an eye out for registration dates and tell your team buddies. This is a great way to extend your sporting potential and make new friends.

So please keep happy, healthy and safe. Always do your best and the rest will follow, ensuring your success!

Our Resilience Day was on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March with Koorawatha School joining our School for the day. The two presenters from Relationships Australia taught the children valuable resilience skills for every day circumstances and life. So please share these ideas by talking about the day with your child. The parents who attended the Parenting Evening learnt new and valuable skills too. I thank our HPS staff and Koorawatha staff who were so enthusiastic and supportive of this day. I appreciated the way our Super Canteen Staff provided a delicious barbeque lunch deal for the hungry tummies. Thank you to Cheri for all the happy snaps! Please watch out for more photos in the Cowra Guardian.



*Layla and a new Koorawatha friend enjoyed making glasses during Resilience Day!*

Our Student Council are busy organising the Annual Swimathon and need each student to commence collecting sponsors, as there will be events for all children, K-6. Sponsorship Forms will need to be returned on the day of



the Swimathon to be signed by the teachers. The forms will be returned on the same day so that all sponsor money can be collected and returned to school before the holidays please. We send a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Britton who donated \$50 to start off our Excursion and Fitness Circuit Appeal. Our 2014 Swimathon Target is \$2000, which I'm sure we can reach with all the clever swimmers and generous families in our school.

Thank you for your greatly appreciated support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

2/3/4 Teacher

## **5/6 Class News**

This week we have completed some wonderful work in our narrative writing unit. Students have been working very hard on writing interesting and detailed descriptions of character and settings. We enjoyed a "pass the pencil" activity where we got into small groups. One person started the narrative off by writing the orientation. We then handed our story onto the next person who wrote the complication and the third person finished off the story by writing the resolution. Some of the stories produced were very funny!

During Maths this week we have focused on 3 Dimensional Shapes and their properties. We had a great time on Tuesday afternoon completing a "Spaghetti and Marshmallow Tower Challenge". We got into two teams and using a packet of spaghetti pasta and a bag of mini-marshmallows, our task was to construct the tallest tower. We had to make lots of square based pyramids, cubes, rectangular and triangular prisms and learnt that to make our 3D shapes stronger we needed to make them rigid. The results were quite spectacular and everyone worked so well together.



The Girls with their Spaghetti and Marshmallow tower – winners of the "Most Co-operative Group" challenge.



The Boys Spaghetti and Marshmallow Tower was the winner for the "Best Design"!

All of the 5/6 students really enjoyed Wednesday's Resilience Day with the Koorawatha students. Thank you to Mrs Kiely for organising such a great day.

A reminder to all students that next Monday (10<sup>th</sup> March) is the last in-class "Genius Hour" lesson. All presentations need to be ready to go on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March so students may need to complete working on these at home.

Next week's News Topic is "Favourite Sports" and students are required to speak in front of the class for two minutes on their chosen sport.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Jenny Lewis  
5/6 Class Teacher

## **P&C News**

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

Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary

## **Canteen News**

WOW! The fruit bags for Fruit Break have been very popular over the last few weeks! Just a reminder that 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

