



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 7 – Week Ending 14th March 2014

HPS Scoops the Pool at Regional Carnival!

Congratulations to Thomas Seears, Claire Lewis, Annelise Brown, Abbie Lewis, Sophie Light, Kynan Rowley and Lisa Brien who competed in the Western Region PSSA Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last week! It was a terrific day and all the Cowra District swimmers performed extremely well with lots of PB's recorded! For our Holmwood students, the day was SPECTACULAR! I am so excited to announce that we have six students progressing to the State Carnival at Homebush in April!

Congratulations to Lisa Brien (3rd in 13 years Girls 50m Freestyle), Kynan Rowley (2nd in 13 years Boys 50m Freestyle), Abbie Lewis (3rd in Senior Girls 50m Backstroke) and to Annelise Brown, Claire Lewis, Sophie Light and Abbie Lewis who came 3rd in the Cowra Small Schools Senior Girls Relay!! This is a remarkable achievement from our small school!



Claire, Sophie, Abbie and Annelise – State PSSA Swimming Representatives in the Senior Girls Relay!



Lisa and Kynan – 13 years 50m freestyle State qualifiers!

Students of the Week – Week 6

Congratulations to our Week 6 Students of the Week!



Sophie Light (5/6), Jaydan Wright (K/1) and Thomas Seears (2/3/4)

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Brodie Farley and Alana Kiss

2/3/4 – Kaleb Moorfoot and Mackenzie Nestor

5/6 – Anna Russell, Catie Whicker

Congratulations to all of these students

Welcome Mrs Patten!

On behalf of the students and staff I would like to warmly welcome Mrs Kerry Patten to the Holmwood PS teaching team! Mrs Patten started with her 2/3/4 class on Monday is enjoying being part of our vibrant school! The 2/3/4 students have greatly assisted Mrs Patten with settling in to her new classroom.

I would also like to welcome the Charnock family to HPS! Ilyssa (Year 3), Chad (Year 1) and Tyler (Kinder), have settled into their new classrooms and have already made lots of new friends!

Swimming for Sport

Don't forget swimming tomorrow! Please remember -

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



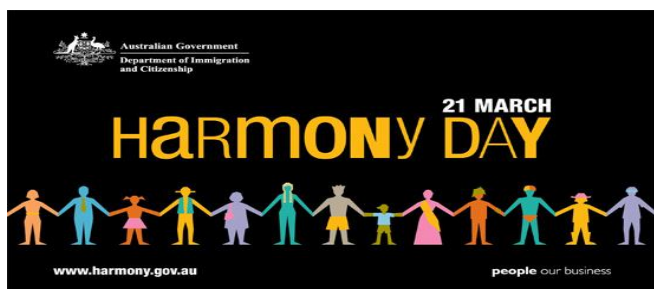
Please note, Swimming is part of our School Sport Program and ALL students will participate. As all staff will be at the pool, no students will be able to stay at school. If your child is not swimming for medical reasons, please phone the school and arrange to collect them from school at 1:20pm. A reminder to all students that the Holmwood Swimathon is only a few weeks away – all students should be busily collecting sponsorships!

Happy Travels Mrs Kiely!



Tomorrow will be Mrs Kiely's last day before she and Mr Kiely jet off to the United States of America!

We wish Mr and Mrs K a wonderful holiday and hope that they enjoy spending time with their son Grant. Mrs Kiely will return to HPS in Term 2 and will be working on Thursdays and Fridays teaching Library and PE. Mrs Watt will continue her PE/Library Program until the end of the Term.



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!

HARMONY DAY Lunch Forms and payment are due to the school by MONDAY 17th 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 ensure permission notes and \$5 for a mouthguard (if required), are returned to the Office before next Friday.

Calendar

Term 1 Week 8	
Mon 17th Mar	P&C Meeting – 6pm Mrs Kiely begins Long Service Leave Year 7 2015 High School EOI's due
Wed 19th Mar	HARMONY DAY Celebrations @ HPS Don't forget to wear ORANGE!
Fri 21 st Mar	Hockey Gala Day – 5/6 students Swimming for Sport
Term 1 Week 9	
Mon 24th Mar	Cowra Bus "Bus Safety" talks - 12pm P&C Meeting – 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom – All welcome!
Fri 28th March	Scripture HPS Swimathon!! 1:45pm at the Pool – All parents welcome! Mrs Lewis – Primary Principal's Meeting – Mudgee
Term 1 Week 10	
Tues 1st April	Mrs Webster – Autism Course in Canowindra

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

K/1 Class News

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are now at the end of Week 7! At the beginning of this week we welcomed two new students into our class - Chad in Year One and Tyler in Kindergarten. We now have a very full class of 20. We also welcomed Mrs Patten to the 2/3/4 room; we are delighted to have Kerry join our teaching staff.

This week we were very excited to see a new arrival of PM readers for the L3 reading groups that we run four mornings a week, so it won't be long until our Kindergarten students will be ready to borrow take home readers each night. All Kindergarten students are completing homework three nights a week. The sound that they learnt during the day is followed up at home with a simple sound sheet to reinforce their learning. The sound sheet can be completed in conjunction with their sound book and sight words. This week has been a revision week so no new sounds have been learnt as we are consolidating the 12 sounds that we have learnt so far. Year 1 students are continuing to complete their spelling, reading and sight words each night.

In maths this week we have been studying 2D and 3D shapes. We are learning the attributes of 2D shapes and how these form 3D shapes, with faces, corners and edges. We built houses and castles using blocks and boxes to understand how shapes are used in our environment.

This weekend will see Cowra host the Festival of International Understanding. A street parade will take place on Saturday morning. Please make sure you look in "Browse Awhile's" shop window to see our fantastic display.



Our school's United Nations window display at "Browse Awhile"!!

For Science, Year 5 and 6 have been studying and building planets. Students are working in small groups to complete a research project and an information report on a planet of their choice. Some students have chosen to research stars, the moon, the sun and comets. We are looking forward to presenting our information. All projects are due Friday 4th April, Week 10.

This week we say Bon Voyage to Mrs Kiely, who is jet-setting off overseas. We hope you have a fantastic holiday and come back refreshed ready for PE and Library. The students are looking forward to the wonderful activities that you will have planned.

Have a safe enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

Thank you for my warm welcome back to Holmwood School. I must congratulate my 2/3/4 class for dealing with the challenges that always accompany "Change" ~ a new face, new routines, some new ways of doing things and generally getting to know someone else. I know Mrs Kiely is proud of the efforts the children have made, to make this change work. Thank you Mrs Kiely for allowing me to share your wonderful 2/3/4 students with you!



The 2/3/4 Class pictured with Mrs Patten.

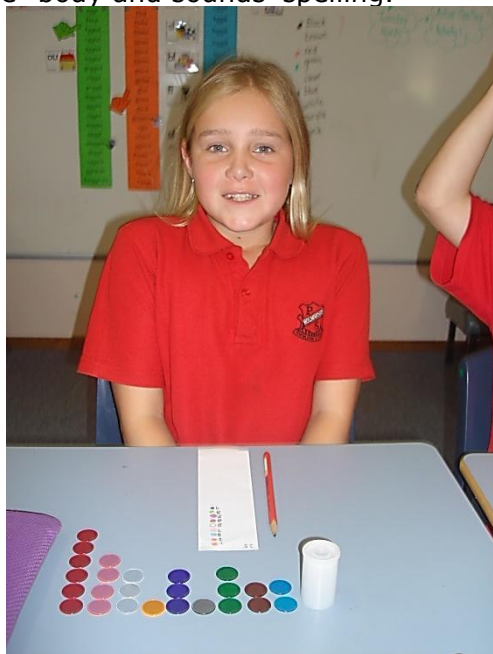
Just a reminder to all students, that you need a pencil case stocked with some coloured pencils, a couple of lead pencils, a glue stick, a pair of scissors and a sharpener. Textas are totally optional. Please make sure that your school supplies are labelled. We have baskets for the pencil cases, if you have a separate supply at home, for Homework.

Speaking of Homework, please expect to **receive** a Spelling sheet and a Maths sheet

each Monday. You will have the whole week to complete your tasks, ready to **come back** to school on **Friday**. Please keep your Homework book **at home during the week**, to learn your words for Friday's test.

Home Readers should be inside a large pencil case and **brought to school each day**. I would appreciate any parents or relatives that are able to regularly volunteer their time to hear our class read on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:20am to 10:20am. Please contact the school or myself to assist our class.

We have been busy this week with the Narrative text "What the Ladybird Heard". Ask and see if you know just what it was that she heard! In numbers we were collecting data, using our names, as well as starting some really "active" body and sounds' spelling.



Lara working on representing data during Maths.

Kind Regards
Mrs Kerry Patten
2/3/4 Teacher

5/6 Class News

We have had a great week in the 5/6 class! We have all finished reading our Term 1 novel "Holes" and are busily getting stuck into our Activities Matrix! Students are allowed to work on elements of this at home and will have until the end of the Term to complete all activities required.

Our last in-class "Genius Hour" was held on Monday afternoon. Presentations will begin NEXT MONDAY so all students need to be prepared and ready to show us their projects! I am really looking forward to seeing what the students have produced. Remember you will be marked 50% on your project and 50% on your oral presentation so please ensure you are prepared!

Our art this week was inspired by the artist Kandinsky, who frequently uses concentric circles. Students have created some very eye-catching spring-time trees which will appear in next week's Newsletter. We love completing art activities and this term's theme on "seasons" has been lots of fun! Next week we will be creating some autumn inspired artworks!

Congratulations to the 5/6 class on their high Homework return rate this Term. Homework goes home every Monday and is due back to school on Friday. Students receive 2 Dojo points if they bring in their homework, and every 10 Dojo points earns them a special scratch "Prize Card"! Keep it up everyone!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Watt

In our PE lessons this term, all students have been very active and enthusiastic. Each lesson starts with core body exercises, stretches and an endurance run. All students are showing great determination to improve their fitness each week by making it around the course more times than the previous week.

At the beginning of the term, in our Netball unit, all classes had an opportunity to practice and consolidate their ball catching and throwing skills. The 2/3/4 and 5/6 classes also learnt positional play and the basic rules of netball, whilst the K/1 class played lots of exciting modified ball games. The Netball Skills morning last fortnight was a wonderful opportunity to further practice these skills and play a game with students from St Raphaels and Cowra Public.

Last week we started our Hockey Unit. All students are showing great skill with the hockey stick and ball, especially those left handed students! It will be great for the Stage 3 students to put these skills into action at the Hockey Gala Day next Friday.

Whole School Sport has been very successful with the senior students displaying leadership and role model qualities, helping the younger students in the game situations and displaying great encouragement. The younger students have also thoroughly enjoyed playing with the 'big kids'.



In the Library



The United Nations is being celebrated in this year's Cowra Festival of Understanding. In Library we have been learning about the role the United Nations plays in our world.

Hopefully everyone will be able to see our wonderful United Nations display in the window of Browse Awhile. Those in K1 can try to find their hand print, if in 2/3/4, their Peace Dove, and 5/6, their Flag. Thank you to Lisa and

Annelise who helped create the United Nations Emblem, which is the centre piece. A great school effort!

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

Community News

Speech Pathology - Helping All Children to Succeed!

Is your child having difficulty in learning how to spell and read?

Is your child's speech still unclear at times or does your child have difficulty with comprehension?

Perhaps your child struggles to tell you information and stories in well-formed sentences?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, your child may have a speech and/or language disorder. These difficulties significantly impact upon a child's ability to make and keep friends as well to access all areas of the school curriculum. Speech and language difficulties can persist well into high school and adulthood if children do not receive therapy. Speech Pathology can make a difference for these children. Children can be helped to succeed and feel good about themselves with their peers and in the classroom. Karen Trengove is now providing speech pathology services in Cowra and Young as part of her Learn2Communicate Speech Pathology consultancy. Parents are encouraged to contact Karen via phone 0458 413051 or email

info@learn2communicate.com.au

for a free phone consultation. There are no waiting lists and Speech Pathology services are recognised by all major private health funds. Most children are now also eligible for limited Medicare rebates for services.



Saturday Competition

Where: Col Stinson Park

When: Competition runs each Saturday commencing on the 29th March 2014

5 -7 Years 11:00am-12:00noon

8- 10 Years 10:30am-12:00noon

11-12 Years 10:30am-12:00noon

12-14 Years/ Division 1 and 2 timeslots rotate weekly between 1:00pm and 2:30pm

Uniform: Cowra netball shirt – free to registered players

Black netball skirt

Cost:

5 – 10 Years \$50 (Net Set Go)

11 – 17 Years \$100 (Juniors)

\$125 (Seniors)

Player with a disability \$30

5 -10 Year olds will be part of our NetSetGo Program and will also receive a participant pack consisting of Gilbert netball, ANZ NetSetGO t-shirt and participant medal.

Registrations will be taken on Saturday 15 March at River Park following the festival parade.

For more information please contact Kristen Ryan on 0409813802 or email Kristen-r@hotmail.com