



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 Week 8 – Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

## **Harmony Day Celebrations!**

*On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we held our Harmony Day Celebrations at school with a magnificent three course meal which the children cooked and shared with their families. It was great to see so many HPS parents and community members join us as we celebrated the cultural diversity that is part of our Australian identity!*

*With over 100 mouths to feed, the students did a wonderful job in cooking and serving each dish. The menu was culturally diverse with Mexican Salsa and Middle Eastern Hummus on bread for entrée; Chinese Chicken Fried Rice for the main meal and Welsh Pikelets for dessert!*

*Special thanks to Cheri and the band of parent helpers who assisted in all classrooms with cooking the meal – Nadine Light, Karen Beaumont, Randall Crowe, Rhonda Lewis, Liz Russell, Nikita Beatty, Gemma Sears, Kelly Murphy and Tina Lunnon! Without your assistance we would not have been able to complete such a mammoth cooking task! We have included the Chinese Chicken Fried Rice recipe with this week's Newsletter. Below are some photos of the day.*



*Chinese 'Chicken Fried Rice' was served up by the 5/6 class...yum!*



*It was great to see so many parents enjoying the K/1's Hummus and Salsa Bread entrée!*



*Holmwood PS was a sea of Orange as everyone dressed up for Harmony Day!*



*Ilyssa and Will carefully serving up delicious pikelets with jam and maple syrup for dessert!*



*Mmmm – Salsa, Hummus, Fried Rice and Pikelets!! Everything tasted so good!*



## Students of the Week – Week 7

*Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!*



*Nigella Stevenson (5/6), Charlize Light (2/3/4) and Brodie Farley (K/1)*

*Merit Awards were awarded to;*

*K/1 – Liam Beaumont and Eloise Newell*

*2/3/4 – Lara Collins and Ilyssa Charnock*

*5/6 – Jarrod Hodgson and Charla Moorfoot*

***Congratulations to all of these students***

## 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.**



*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!**

## Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day

*Tomorrow our Stage 3 students will be attending a combined Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day at the Cowra Hockey fields. 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. Following the hockey day, students will walk from the Hockey Fields to the Cowra Pool to participate in Swimming for Sport.*

***A reminder that ALL students attending MUST have a mouthguard. I am sure that all students and teachers will have a wonderful day!***

## PSSA Rugby Union Trials

*Any students interested in trialling for the Cowra District Rugby Union Team to attend the Regional Trials in Dubbo are asked to see Mrs Lewis at school for an information note. District trials will be held in Cowra on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.*

## PSSA Girls Soccer Trials

*Any girls interested in trialling for the Western Region Girls Soccer Team are asked to see Mrs Lewis at school for an information note. Trials will be held in Bathurst on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.*

## Year 6 EOI Forms for High School in Year 7 2015

*ALL Year 6 students were given an Expression of Interest form a few weeks ago in their Newsletter Folders asking parents to indicate which High School their child will be attending in 2015. IT IS **URGENT** that these forms be returned to school by TOMORROW FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March. Julie needs to complete the next phase of the paperwork. If your child is not attending Cowra High School, the forms still need to be returned. To date we have only had one form returned (and are waiting on 9 to come in). Your assistance with this is appreciated.*

## Calendar

### **Term 1 Week 9**

Mon 24th Mar	Director Maree Angus visit - 10:30am Cowra Bus "Bus Safety" talks - 12pm P&C Meeting – 6pm in 5/6 Classroom
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Book Club Due
Fri 28th Mar	Scripture HPS Swimathon!! 1:45pm at the Pool – All parents welcome! Mrs Lewis-Principal's Meeting-Mudgee

### **Term 1 Week 10**

Tues 1st April	Mrs Webster – Autism Course in Canowindra
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term Assembly – 1:45pm

### **Term 1 Week 11**

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Ms Edgerton – L3 training – Mrs Webster K/1. Mrs Lewis – Long Service Leave – Mrs Watt 5/6
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Stage 2 and 3 Girls Netball Gala Day at Col Stinson Park
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Scripture - LAST DAY OF TERM!

*Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal*

## Attachments

- Book Club Catalogues - orders and payment due WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March

## K/1 Class News



What a fantastic day we had for Harmony Day. It was great to see so many parents and family members come to celebrate the day with us. A big thank you to the parent helpers! Without your help it would not have been possible to cook our food for such a large number of people.

This week in Science we made recycled paper as part of our subject "Back to Nature". We ripped up old newspaper and coloured cardboard, soaked it in water, made it into a pulp, drained and rolled the pulp between two pieces of cloth and waited for it to dry. We ended up with some very pretty coloured paper.



John, Micah, Lilly and Harry making paper.



Lilly inspects her finished product.

This week students were sent home their student passwords and login information for our online cross curriculum website that we use in the classroom called Studyladder. Studyladder is a K-6 web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy and 8 other subjects. Your child has been given a username and password which can be used to access Studyladder. Please see the attached letter with your child's information. Using this at home will improve your child's Literacy and Numeracy Skills. If you have any issues with using Studyladder please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a Happy Harmonious Weekend.

Kind Regards,

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3/4 Class News

Gosh, a week has just zipped by. I am so thrilled with the way 2/3/4 class has settled straight into new routines and has made such a big effort to make me feel welcome. Thank you.

What's been happening? Well, we have started new Reading Groups this week. The call is still out there for volunteers to help with hearing our Reading groups read aloud and practise their sight words. Mon, Tues or Wed mornings first up on the timetable. Please consider helping as "Practise Makes Progress"!

I have decided to extend the spelling lists into next week as we were busy preparing a veritable dessert feast on Wednesday. So the bonus for our class will be postponing the spelling test until next Friday 28/03! However, this week's homework is still due this Friday!

We have been looking for nouns! They are everywhere! Please see if your child can remember the clues to find a noun. The



students have made some great models of insects. Quite a few new species have been found.



Kaleb and Bella with their 3D 'Crafty' Insects!

The class has been introduced to Studyladder ~an internet site with lots of activities across all Learning Areas. They have their own user name and password and are able to access activities from home, using their login details.

The 2/3/4 students have been enjoying learning hockey skills with Mrs Watt on Thursday during PE. Below are Layla and Bella showing how to hold the hockey stick correctly.



Finally, another thank you to Liz, Gemma and Nikita for your assistance today as we made pikelets to feed the nation~ (well it certainly felt like we did!)

Kind Regards  
Mrs Kerry Patten  
2/3/4 Teacher

## **5/6 Class News**

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of Week 8! This week has been lots of fun as we celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday and have our Hockey Gala Day on tomorrow!

This week also saw the first of our "Genius Hour" presentations. Congratulations to Charla, Mitchell, Kynan and Abbie who were the first to have their names drawn out of the hat - these students have certainly set the standard for the rest of the class! We learnt about Horses, Benji Marshall, Wyangala Dam Fishing Spots and Dogs from our first four presenters. I can't wait until next Monday when our next presenters will have a turn!



Abbie used her dog Marley in her presentation about Golden Retrievers during Monday's Genius Hour presentation.

This week in Maths we have been learning about Prime and Composite Numbers and Roman Numerals. These are quite tricky and we enjoyed playing 'Roman Numerals Bingo' to assist with our understanding of these concepts. We have moved onto Division in our timed challenges and already are seeing big improvements in speed and accuracy from everyone in the class.

Our English Studies activities are in full swing and students have been very busy this week completing their chosen tasks from their "Holes" Activity Matrix. I am so impressed with the high standard of work the 5/6 class are producing and look forward to marking their completed tasks at the end of this term.

We have continued with Narratives in our writing again this week and all students were given the challenge to write a narrative titled "The Box". We are working hard at creating vivid descriptions of our characters and setting and are now including multiple complications in our writing. We have lots of budding authors in our class!

Thank you to Nadine, Liz, Karen, Rhonda and Randall who assisted with cooking for

Harmony Day this week! Our classroom smelled delicious on Tuesday afternoon as the aroma of fried rice filled the room!



Nadine pictured with Jarrod, Tom and Sophie...cooking up a storm!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

### **P&C News**

The next P&C Meeting will be held NEXT Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Kristen-r@hotmail.com)



## **PCYC Cowra**

### **Junior Disco**

The next Junior Disco for Kinder to Year 6 children will be held on Friday 28 March from 6pm to 8pm. Entry is \$5 and there will be a canteen and sausage sizzle in operation. A sausage sandwich will cost \$2. Music and lights provided by Laurie's Disco.

Supervision provided by PCYC Police, staff and volunteers.

### **Mixed Basketball and Mixed Netball**

With the end of school term 1 approaching and the Touch Footy season nearing completion, it is time to start organising your Basketball and Netball teams for competitions to start in school term 2.

Basketball will be played on Monday nights and Netball on Tuesday nights, with both sports being played at the PCYC's Young Road complex.

The first games will commence at 6pm in each competition and finishing times will depend on the number of teams nominated. Cost for each competition will be \$60 per player aged 18 and older, \$45 per player aged under 18. Nomination forms are available from PCYC.

### **PCYC Membership**

You must be a PCYC member to participate in any of the PCYC activities, yearly membership is \$5.00 for under 18's and \$10 for ages 18 and older.

Hey mums & dads,

Are you looking for some great fun activities for your children to be involved in these April School holidays? AFL NSW/ACT will be running a school holiday clinic for boys and girls aged 4-12.

Cowra: Tue Apr 15 – River Park, Vaux Street – 2:00-4:00pm

COST: \$30 includes a NAB AFL Auskick School Auskick bag with synthetic Sherrin football PLUS a drink/snack

Register by April 7, but pay on the day. To register, go to: [www.aflcentralwest.com.au](http://www.aflcentralwest.com.au) and complete the short online registration. It's that easy!

No previous AFL experience required – just the willingness to have heaps and heaps of fun.

For more information, contact Kelsey Smith on 0417 808 646 or [kelsey.smith.aflcentralwest@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.smith.aflcentralwest@gmail.com).