



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9 – Week Ending 28th March 2014

Students of the Week – Week 8

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!



Kara Lunnon (5/6), Zsalea Mansley (2/3/4) and Alana Hill (K/1)

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Lexi Flidner and Micah Murphy

2/3/4 – Lilly Whitty and Leetisha Nestor

5/6 – Annelise Brown and Oliver Beaumont

Congratulations to all of these students

Swimathon is on TOMORROW!

Don't forget the annual HPS SWIMATHON is on tomorrow! Please remember -

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



Parents are encouraged to come along and support their children during the swimathon. The swimathon will start at 1:45pm at the pool. See you there!

A reminder to all students that SWIMATHON SPONSORSHIP FORMS need to be returned to school on FRIDAY!

Teachers will record the number of laps swum during the Swimathon and return sponsorship forms to students who will then need to collect the money. **ALL SPONSORSHIP MONEY is due by the end of TERM!**

Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day

Last Friday the 5/6 students had a fantastic time at the Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day held at the Cowra Hockey fields. Thank you to Mrs Watt and Cheri for supervising the students on the day. Congratulations to Tailor Hampton who was selected as the 'Best and Fairest' player from Holmwood PS. Tailor received a hockey kit as his prize. For those students who are thinking about taking up Hockey as a weekend sport, keep an eye out in the Cowra Guardian for Registration details.

NAPLAN – 2014

Next Term students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The dates for this year's NAPLAN tests are;

Tuesday 13th May – Language Conventions

(Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday 14th May – Reading

Thursday 15th May – Numeracy

Mrs Lewis will be supervising both Year 3 and 5 students during the testing period. NAPLAN gives both parents and the school a 'snapshot' of where each child is sitting in areas of Literacy and Numeracy and is a valuable diagnostic tool for teachers. Friday 16th May is allocated as a catch up day if students are absent. We will be doing practice papers next Term to get children familiarised with the testing format and to try and make them feel as comfortable as possible when sitting the assessments. An information note for parents is attached to this week's Newsletter.



Netball Gala Day

Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 girls have been invited to take part in a Netball Gala Day to be held on Tuesday 8th April 2014. Mrs Johnson from Mulyan PS is organising this event. Girls will play as a HPS team in a fun round-robin style competition. Mrs Watt and Cheri will accompany the girls on this day. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for all girls to attend. Please return to school by Monday 7th April. There is no cost for this fun day.

Mrs Lewis – Long Service Leave

I will be taking the last week of Term as Long Service Leave so I can attend the CHS and PSSA Swimming Championships in Sydney during the week with my children. Ms Edgerton will be relieving as Principal during this week and Mrs Watt and Mrs Skene will be teaching the 5/6 class in my absence.

End of Term Assembly

Next Thursday 3rd April will be our end of term assembly. Assembly starts at 1:45pm and all parents, friends and community members are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

News from Mrs Kiely from the USA!

Hello everyone!

We are having a wonderful time exploring this beautiful part of the world. The walks called trails are so peaceful, almost like being the only person in the forest. The trees are so thick and never ending as the Sierra Nevada Range is huge. We have seen the famous giant trees from dinosaur times that are thousands of years old plus the tallest trees on the planet.

You can see I do love my trees!

Hope all is well at HPS. I am thinking of you as I see amazing things that you too would love to see.

From Mrs Kiely



Can you spot Mrs Kiely in this picture?

Calendar

Term 1 Week 10	
Tues 1st April	Mrs Webster – Autism Course in Canowindra
Thurs 3rd April	End of Term Assembly – 1:45pm
Term 1 Week 11	
Mon 7th April	Ms Edgerton – L3 training – Mrs Webster K/1. Mrs Lewis – Long Service Leave – Mrs Watt 5/6
Tues 8th April	Stage 2 and 3 Girls Netball Gala Day at Col Stinson Park Mrs Lewis – Long Service Leave – Mrs Watt 5/6
Wed 9th April	Mrs Lewis – Long Service Leave – Mrs Skene 5/6 PSSA State Swimming - Homebush
Thurs 10th April	Mrs Lewis – Long Service Leave – Mrs Watt 5/6 PSSA State Swimming - Homebush
Fri 11th April	Scripture - LAST DAY OF TERM!
School Holidays	
12.4.2014 – 28.4.2014	
Term 2 Week 1	
Mon 28th April	Staff Development Day – All staff will be undertaking English curriculum training at Eugowra PS
Tues 29th April	All students return

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- NAPLAN information letter to parents of Year 3 and 5 students
- Netball Gala Day permission note (Stage 2 and 3 girls)

K/1 Class News

We have had yet another busy week in the K/1 classroom, learning sounds, reading, and writing. The Kindergarten children are progressing well with their single sound knowledge and are beginning to sound out simple three letter words. Year Ones reading skills have improved over the last couple of weeks. It's pleasing to see the great results that we are achieving from the L3 Program.

In Maths this week we have been very busy learning about volume and capacity. On Tuesday we had a fun session pouring water into a variety of different sized containers to determine the capacity. We also had to choose the most appropriate container to fill a larger container.

In art this week we made some very colourful fish in a fish bowl to accompany learning the sound 'f'.



Lily working carefully on her f-f-f-fish painting.

Last week we finished off our Science lessons on the topic 'Back to Nature'. This means that on Mondays and Tuesday afternoons we will be participating in our music program. This term we are singing and dancing to children's songs. We have been learning many new nursery rhymes and songs. Nursery Rhymes help your child master new language skills. The language in Nursery Rhymes are presented in a format that will catch a child's attention and help them remember new language skills such as repetition, rhythm and rhyming words and actions. The students are eager to present their item at the assembly next week.



K/1 practising their singing!

We are all looking forward to the SWIMATHON tomorrow! Come rain, hail or shine we will still be there to swim, and show off all our swimming skills that we have been working on during our sport sessions at the pool.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.
Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

We have brightened up the classroom with some rather stunning artwork! We're exploring "COLOUR" at the moment and have created a landscape using both warm and cool colours.

Reading groups are onto new story books and appreciate the time each Wednesday that Cheri spends with them, listening to their group read their book and discussing what they have read.



Mrs Patten read the interesting story of the "Tri-anti-wonti-gongolope" to the 2/3/4 students this week.

I would love the children to have this opportunity on Mondays and Tuesdays as well. We only need two volunteers ~ one for each day~ for this to happen. Reading out loud boosts confidence, increases sight word recognition and improves the comprehension or understanding of what is read. Please don't be shy or think that others have volunteered ~ no-one has "applied" yet!

In Number we are discussing strategies to check subtraction answers and have been using rulers to measure robots and artwork!!

SOY MILK GIVE AWAY! I overestimated some ingredients for making pikelets and have ended up with five x 1litre longlife cartons of soy milk!! These are "free to good homes" so, if you can use them please let me know! First in first served!

WANTED ~ Water jars for Art. I would like to collect the plastic jars (with lids) that some "tinned fruit" is now available in. They are stable, sturdy and just right for us to use, especially with the lids.

Kind Regards
Mrs Kerry Patten
2/3/4 Teacher

5/6 Class News

Week 9 has come and gone and what a busy week it has been! We continued on Monday with our "Genius Hour" presentations and this week we learnt about Scooters, The Chicago Bulls Basketball team, Horses, Spiral Galaxies, the Diamonds Netball team, Chameleons and Friends from Dylan, Brent, Charla, Tom, Claire, Isobella and Kara. These students all did a great job presenting their information to the class. I wonder who will get drawn out of the hat next week!



Some examples of the high quality work the 5/6 students have completed during "Genius Hour" this term!



Brent, Tom, Sophie and Abbie with their autumn artworks.

Next week's News Topic will be "My favourite TV Show". Students will need to come prepared to talk for 2 ½ minutes on this topic. Some things to think about – the name of the show and what time/day/channel is it on? Who are the main characters? What is it about? Why do you like it?

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News

The P&C Meeting was held on Monday 24th March with a good roll up of parents - thank you to those who attended. Our first major fundraiser for 2014 is coming up on the 26th April. We will be running a food stall at the Canowindra Balloon Glow Gourmet Food Markets. We will be cooking and serving "Walking Taco's" - a delicious meal of corn chips, spicy mince, lettuce, cheese and sour cream. Helpers are required to work in the food tent on Saturday 26th April from about 2pm. Please contact Karen Beaumont if you require further information or are able to assist on 0419 229 755. Remember the P&C fundraising efforts benefit ALL HPS students so we would appreciate all families contributing in some way to the P&C activities throughout the year.

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary



This week in Maths our focus topic has been on AREA. We enjoyed listening to two stories about two students – Perry Meter and Area Squared who had interesting habits. Perry liked to continually walk around the edge of buildings and Area liked to lay flat on top of the desks covering up all the spaces. This story helped us to remember the differences between area and perimeter.

Congratulations to Oliver, Tom and Kynan who tried out for the Western Region Rugby Union team trials at the Cowra Rugby Fields on Tuesday. Kynan was successful in being selected in this year's team and we wish him good luck at the next stage of competition.

We are all really enjoying our art topic this term on seasons. This week we finished our autumn spiral art pictures – they look terrific!

Community News

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 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.