



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 11 – Week Ending 11th April 2014



Happy Holidays!

Congratulations to the students and Staff on a very productive first Term at HPS! I am very pleased with the progress of all students in our School and appreciative of the hard

*work the Staff put in each and every day. I hope all families enjoy the two weeks of holidays and come back refreshed and ready for a BIG Term 2! Just a reminder that students return to School on **TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2014.***

Students of the Week – Week 10

Congratulations to our Week 10 Students of the Week!



Isobella Stevenson (5/6), Mackenzie Nestor (2/3/4) and Eloise Newell (K/1)

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Addison Skinner and Tyler Charnock

2/3/4 – Boston Petty-O'Brien and Charlotte Collins

5/6 – Brent Kiss and Damien Harding

Congratulations to all of these students

HPS Swimathon Sponsorship Money Due!

*Don't forget all sponsorship money is due this **FRIDAY 11th APRIL!** Please send sponsorship forms with payments into the Office asap.*

Netball Gala Day

Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 girls had a wonderful time at the Netball Gala Day on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Watt and Cheri who accompanied the girls on this excursion! Congratulations to all the girls who played well, learnt lots of skills and made new friends during the day!



Mackenzie, Ilyssa, Lilly, Katelyn and Lara ready to play

End of Term Assembly

Thank you to the large number of parents and family members who turned up to watch our end of term Assembly last week! The students enjoy sharing what they do at school with you, and your attendance is appreciated.



The K/1 Class entertained the crowd with their wonderful rendition of "BINGO" at last week's Assembly.



Year 2/3/4 showed us some stunning artworks in cool and warm colours at the Assembly.



Year 5/6 presented a variety of work they have completed over the course of the Term – Artworks, Poetry and Genius Hour.

Athletics Carnival



Please mark Friday 9th May as the date for this year's Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival. We will be running trials for Field Event selection for 8-13 year old students during the first two weeks of Term 2. Our brand new High Jump Bar has arrived and the students are looking forward to practising next Term at school prior to the Carnival. The Athletics Carnival involves ALL students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and is always a fun day!

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.



Head Lice

Don't forget! Please check your child's hair for any cases of head lice and treat accordingly. In order to eliminate these pesky creatures, it is important that parents do regular checks.

ANZAC DAY

Each year on ANZAC Day, Holmwood PS students lay a Wreath as part of the Cowra ANZAC Service held at the Cenotaph in Brisbane Street. I would like to invite all students to attend this important occasion and to join with the staff in marching in the ANZAC Parade. Students are asked to meet the Staff shortly before 10am in Brisbane Street and we will march down to River Park where the Official Ceremony will conclude. Students are requested to be in full school uniform (black pants, red shirts and red jumpers). Thank you.

Farewell from Mrs Watt

Thank you to the parents, staff and of course the lovely students at Holmwood Public School for making the last few years I have taught at the School in my RFF role such a memorable time. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the students the joys of physical exercise and how interesting our human body is, the delights of picking up and reading a book, the wonder of how the plants in our vegetable garden grow and produce nutritious food to eat. I am sure that all of the School Community are aware of how unique and wonderful Holmwood Public School is. I will miss the regular contact I have had with the wonderful staff, helpers and students and look forward to visiting the School as a Relief Teacher next term. A friendly reminder to those students that have OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS to please return them this week thank you. Mrs Watt



Mitchell and Claire presented Mrs Watt with a special thank you gift at her final Assembly on Thursday.

Annual School Report

Each year NSW Public Schools are required to complete an Annual School Report which details the educational and financial standing of the School over the past 12 months. Last week our ASR was uploaded to our School's website so that all families can access it, should they wish. If you do not have internet access and require a paper copy of the ASR, please contact Julie or Anthea in the Office.

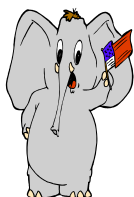
Homework ALERT!!

I would like to remind all 2/3/4 students that Homework is due every Friday. Next Term I am looking forward to ALL STUDENTS returning their Homework EVERY FRIDAY.

Kind Regards and Happy Holidays

Mrs Kerry Patten

2/3/4 Class Teacher



Calendar

School Holidays - 12.4.2014 – 28.4.2014

25th April – ANZAC Parade - 10am

**26th April – P&C Fundraiser – Canowindra
Balloon Glow Food Markets!**

Term 2 Week 1

Mon 28 th April	Staff Development Day – All staff will be undertaking English curriculum training at Eugowra PS
Tues 29 th April	All students return
Wed 30 th April	Mrs Lewis -Meeting in Orange with the Deputy Director General of Education Cowra Small Schools Sports Meeting – 4:30pm – All Staff

Term 2 Week 2

Fri 9 th May	Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Twigg Oval, Cowra (all day)
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Term 2 Week 3

Tues 13 th May	NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing – Years 3 and 5 students.
Wed 14 th May	NAPLAN – Reading – Years 3 and 5 students.
Thurs 15 th May	NAPLAN - Numeracy – Years 3 and 5 students
Fri 16 th May	Choir performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod.

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- PCYC Flyer – What's on at the PCYC
- Cowra Information & Neighbourhood Centre – Launch of New Logo – Fun Day Flyer

P&C News

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

Canteen News

MISSING!!

An Apple "Slinky" machine has gone missing from the Canteen. This belongs to Mrs Webster and she would like it to be returned so that it can be used to cut up apples for fruit break. Any information as to its whereabouts would be greatly appreciated.

Canteen will resume in Term 2 on Wednesday 30th April.

Raffle Tick Reminder

Recently Raffle Tickets were sent home to each family for the Angels Goal Raffle (Australian Anti Bullying Organisation). Could these tickets/money be returned (sold or unsold) to the office by this Friday, so that they may be collected by the Organisers in preparation for the draw which is being held on Monday 28th of April.

Thank you