



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1 – Week Ending 2nd May 2014

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather! Traditionally, Term 2 is always a very busy term with lots of extra-curricular activities organised. We have Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country, NAPLAN, Eisteddfod, Book Fair, School Reports and interviews, Grip Leadership Conference and NAIDOC Week, just to name a few! Please ensure you keep up to date with all that is happening at school via the weekly Newsletter.

The Staff had a very productive day at Eugowra PS on Monday's Staff Development Day. We participated in Grammar, Spelling and Comprehension Workshops and had the opportunity to network with other teachers in the Lachlan/Orange Small School Network.

Welcome back to Mrs Kiely who returns to school this week following a fabulous trip to the United States. Mrs Kiely will be teaching Library, PE and Sport with all classes and will be working on Thursdays and Fridays. We also welcome Mrs Leanne Vale who will be working on Tuesdays. Leanne is undertaking a TAFE course as part of her preparation for University studies in teaching and will be completing a voluntary work placement with us at HPS. Leanne will be working as a Teacher's Aide across all classes.

Students of the Week – Term 1 Week 11

Congratulations to our Week 11 Students of the Week!



Lara Collins (2/3/4), Alana Hill (K/1) and Mitchell Amos (5/6)

Merit Awards were awarded to:

K/1 – Brodie Rye and Chad Charnock

2/3/4 – Matthew Russell and Bella Cummings

5/6 – Tom Cummings and Anna Russell

Congratulations to all of these students

State PSSA Swimming

During the last week of Term 1, Lisa, Kynan, Abbie, Sophie, Annelise and Claire travelled to Homebush to compete in the State PSSA Swimming Championships. I am proud to say that all students swam personal best times at Sydney and from all accounts, enjoyed their experience immensely. Thank you to all the families who transported their children to Sydney in order for them to have this amazing opportunity.



The Cowra Small Schools Senior Girls Relay Team at State PSSA Championships - Sophie, Abbie, Claire and Annelise

Athletics Carnival



Next Friday 9th May is the date set down for this year's Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival. We have been running trials for Field Event selection for 8-13 year old students this week and look forward to seeing all HPS students participate in the Carnival. The Carnival is held at Twigg Oval and will start at 9am sharp with the March Past. **All students are requested to be at the oval no later than 8:50am.** Lunch order forms were sent home earlier this week and are due back to school with payment TOMORROW Friday 2nd

May. A Carnival Program will be sent home with next week's Newsletter. Please find attached a permission note for your child to attend the Carnival.

Cowra High School Musical Performance

Our students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to attend the matinee performance of this year's Cowra High School Musical – "Reality – A Musical Exploitation". This will be held at the Cowra Civic Centre next Wednesday 7th May. We will travel to and from the Civic Centre via bus. The cost for each child is \$3.00 (\$1 for the musical and \$2 for the bus). Please find a permission note to attend the musical attached to this week's Newsletter. All notes and payment are due by Monday 5th May.



Music Lessons with Mrs Hodges

This Friday we are excited to welcome Mrs Kristie Hodges back to our school for our fun-filled Musical Marimba Fridays! Mrs Hodges will teach all classes how to play the marimbas along with singing and percussion. She will also be fine-tuning our choir performances for the upcoming Cowra Eisteddfod.

NAPLAN – 2014

In Week 3 of this 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 week to get children familiarised with the testing format and to try and make them feel as comfortable as possible when sitting the assessments.

ANZAC DAY

Congratulations to Tailor Hampton and Abbie Lewis who laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the recent Cowra ANZAC Day Ceremony. Tailor and Abbie represented our school with pride and were excellent ambassadors on such an important occasion.



Abbie and Tailor with the wreath they laid on behalf of the school at the recent ANZAC Day Ceremony.

Book Fair

This year's Book Fair will be held on Friday 6th June! Mrs Kiely will have more information about this in next week's Newsletter.

Book Club



Please find attached the latest catalogue from Book Club. Orders are due with payment by Monday 12th May.

Calendar

Term 2 Week 2	
Wed 7th May	CHS Musical Performance at Cowra Civic Centre – all students in Years 2/3/4/5/6.
Fri 9th May	Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Twigg Oval, Cowra (all day)
Term 2 Week 3	
Mon 12th May	Book Club orders due
Tues 13th May	NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing – Years 3 and 5 students.
Wed 14th May	NAPLAN – Reading – Years 3 and 5 students.
Thurs 15th May	NAPLAN - Numeracy – Years 3 and 5 students
Fri 16th May	Choir performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod.
Term 2 Week 4	
Mon 19th May	Alternate day for Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Tues 20th May	Grip Leadership Conference – Bathurst (Year 6 students)
Fri 23rd May	Scripture

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Cowra High School Musical Permission Note (Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 students)
- Athletics Carnival Permission Note
- Book Club Catalogue

K/1 News

Welcome back everyone from your holidays. I hope that everyone had a lovely rest and are ready for a full term of learning, fun and sport.

This term we have a Teddy Bears Picnic Theme and we have a visitor in our class. Her name is 'Snow Drop' the Care Bear. Snow Drop will be our class Mascot and she will inspire us in our story writing. We are excited to have Snow Drop, however all students are asked to bring in a teddy bear that can play with Snow Drop and become a member of our class for the term. We will be reading to our bears, and writing stories about them so it's important that your child can bring in a teddy that can stay at school for the term. If your child has any books on teddies or bears that they would like to share with their friends it would be appreciated if they could bring them in for news.



K/1 welcomed "Snow Drop" (named by K/1 students) to our classroom with our Teddy Friends.



Macey, Makayla, Liam and Brodie hard at work making Teddy Bear pictures.

Also this term I have introduced news topics for show and tell, set to start next week. Please help your child to remember their item for discussion. The topics are as follows.

Week 2	Your favourite teddy/doll for a Teddy Bears Picnic
Week 3	A story about a teddy, a bear or doll or your favourite book
Week 4	Bring something that is soft, scratchy, bumpy or smooth.
Week 5	Bring something that makes a sound
Week 6	Bring something that begins with the letter 'R'
Week 7	Bring your favourite toy (no electronics)
Week 8	A photo of your favourite pet
Week 9	Bring in something of your favourite colour

News days for K/1 children are:

Monday	Addison, Alana H, Harry, Macey, Tyler
Tuesday	Micah, Liam, Lexi, Sascha, Chad
Wednesday	Jett, Jaydan, Alana. K, Brodie. R, Lilly
Friday	John, Eloise, Caleb, Brodie. F, Makayla

Next Week we will welcome Mrs Ruth Carter into the K/1 classroom. Mrs Carter is completing her teaching practicum and will be assisting in our classroom throughout weeks 2 to 5.

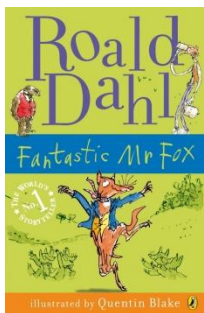
Kindergarten students have also started spelling in class activities and will have spelling homework sent home on Mondays and should be returned on Fridays. They will also have simple home readers - please help your child read their books. A "Home Reading" course will be offered to parents who are interested in assisting their child with home reading early this term, dates to be advised.

Have a great week.

Ms Heidi Edgerton (K/1 Class Teacher)

2/3/4 Class News

Term Two is off to a flying start with trials for the Junior Field events being held this week, in preparation for next week's Athletic Carnival. I would like to congratulate everyone for their willingness to participate and "have a go"!



We have started to read a new class book – Roald Dahl's "Fantastic Mr Fox". Apart from the pleasure of reading a great book, this shall be the basis of a Literacy Unit, exploring Grammar, Vocabulary, sentence and story structure; as well as character descriptions.

Reading Groups shall continue with Oral Fluency being the main focus for this term. The Text Types we shall be learning about will be Persuasive Arguments (for and against different topics- currently it is about "Homework") and Information Reports. In Number our current focus is on telling the time with Money as our next focus area.

Homework & Home Reading Reminders.

Homework is given out on a Monday each week, to every student. It consists of a spelling list and a maths sheet which are due back on Friday. 50% of our class regularly hand in their work and bring back their Home Reading Books with their Diaries up to date. Needless to say I would like to see 100% instead! Please check with your child each week to see if they have completed their sheets and have brought their Home Readers out of their bags to read. I get the impression that some books never get to see "the light of day"!

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Kerry Patten (2/3/4 Class Teacher)

5/6 Class News

Welcome back to all 5/6 students!! After a terrific holiday, it was great to see so many enthusiastic and keen students on Tuesday morning! We have a very busy term ahead of us and are looking forward to all the extra activities throughout Term 2.

For the first few weeks of Term we will be focusing our attention towards NAPLAN preparation in our Writing, Reading and Numeracy. This week we have looked at expositions in Writing and have a good understanding of the features of Persuasive Texts. We will be completing some practise papers over the next week or so in order for us to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the NAPLAN papers.

We started our Term 2 HSIE topic on Tuesday – "Australian Democracy" and will be looking

at "Collage" as our focus area in Visual Arts. Our Term 2 Reading text will be "The Wishing Cupboard" by Libby Hathorn which we will start immediately following NAPLAN. This will see us exploring the different features of digital texts and we will be completing most of our reading activities on the computer and online. We also start our Oral Reading Fluency Program this term and all students were benchmarked by Mrs Webster on Tuesday. With exciting lessons organised for music (marimbas), PE and Sport (athletics) and Science it is going to be a very big term!

Homework has started up again this week and is due each Friday. There will be set homework every week this term, except for Week 3 which is NAPLAN week. Remember there are 2 DOJO points up for grabs each week you return your homework! Our news topics for Week 1 and Week 2 are "free choice" as most students are keen to share their holiday experiences.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis (5/6 Class Teacher)

P&C News

What a fantastic effort by the Holmwood P&C at last week's Balloon Glow Night Markets in Canowindra. The P&C managed to raise over \$2500.00 in profit from our "Walking Tacos" thanks to generous donations from Breakout River Meats, ALDI Supermarket Cowra, Cowra Woolworths, Cowra Coles, Skinners Butchery and Riverside Fruit Markets. Huge thanks to the great crew that assisted on the night - Kirstin Stevenson, Karlene Amos, Kelly Murphy, Kerry Lewis, Jenny Lewis, Karen Beaumont, Michelle Whitty, Nikita Beatty and our very own Dancing Mexican Priscilla Pettit!



The hard-working P&C setting up for the Night Markets.



Our Dancing Mexican Lady Priscilla Pettit and Mrs Lewis ready to serve the masses.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 5th May at 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom. All parents welcome!! Please contact Karen Beaumont if you require further information 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

Community News

Cowra High School Musical

Tickets just \$10 available from the School Office!



PCYC NEWS

What's on at the PCYC?

Please see attached flier from the COWRA PCYC.

