



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 2 – Week Ending 9th May 2014

Welcome Mrs Carter!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Ruth Carter who began her four week Teaching Practicum at HPS this week. Mrs Carter will be working with Ms Edgerton and the K/1 Class and is already thoroughly enjoying her time at HPS!

Students of the Week – Term 2 Week 1

Congratulations to our Week 1 Students of the Week!



Claire Lewis (5/6), Chad Charnock (K/1) and Tarni Sheen (2/3/4)

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Caleb Crowe and Harry Seears

2/3/4 – Harry Beaumont and Layla Hood

5/6 – Annelise Brown and Kynan Rowley

Congratulations to all of these students

Athletics Carnival



*The Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival is on TOMORROW! 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.** A Carnival Program is attached to this week's Newsletter.*

I will be taking the large red HPS tent for our students to sit underneath. This year the schools will be setting up tents on the OPPOSITE side of the oval near the

long jump pits. No parents are permitted to set up tents on the river side of the oval due to the close proximity of the river. Parking is available in the pool carpark.

The weather is predicted to be sunny and around 20 degrees so make sure you bring lots of water, sunscreen, hats and your loudest voices to cheer on our students!

Cowra High School Musical Performance

Yesterday our students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended the matinee performance of Cowra High School's Musical – "Reality Exploitation". All students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were impressed by the level of talent shown from the Cowra High School students. It was great to see ex-Holmwood students Hope Martin-Edgar and Emma Judd performing and working back stage on the production.



Some of the 2/3/4 students at the CHS Musical!

Cowra Eisteddfod

Next Friday 16th May, the HPS Choir will be competing in the Small Schools Choir Section at the Cowra Eisteddfod. Mrs Hodges has done some fine-tuning with the choir last week and is very impressed with how they sound. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note and information regarding the performance for all choir members. Please sign and return to school next week.

NAPLAN – 2014

Next week 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

Friday 16th May is allocated as a catch up day if students are absent. Please ensure your child gets plenty of rest next week and stays relaxed during the testing period. If your child is unwell, please contact the school directly on 6342 2172.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due with payment on Monday 12th May.



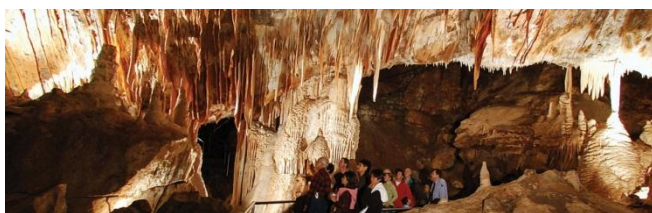
Mother's Day

We would like to wish all our Mums, Nans and Grandmas a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday! We hope you get a special treat from your children.



Grip Leadership Conference

On Tuesday 20th May Year 6 will be heading to Bathurst to participate in the Grip Leadership Conference. This will be a terrific day for our Senior Students as they listen to guest speakers and participate in games and fun activities all related to the theme of Leadership. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for Year 6 students to attend. Children will need to bring their recess, lunch, water bottle and \$5 for the "traditional" stop at Annie's Ice Cream Parlour on the way home!



2014 Whole School Excursion

This year for our Whole School Excursion, we will be heading to Jenolan Caves!! This will be a three-day/two-night excursion and will run from Wednesday 29th October to Friday 31st October. On Wednesday and Thursday we will take part in a wide range of activities including guided cave tours, "Bats, Bugs and

Beasties" session, bushwalking and self-guided cave tours, Platypus talks, "Bones and Stones" session, a "River Cave" tour, night time cave tours and for the older students, an opportunity to go caving in teams (complete with headlamps and specialised equipment)!! On Friday morning we will leave Jenolan Caves and travel to Bathurst where we will spend the day at the Sheep and Cattle Drome, taking in one of the animal shows, visiting the animal nursery and having a hay ride around the farm. We will return to Holmwood on Friday afternoon.

The P&C have generously agreed to contribute to the costs for this year's excursion again and are willing to pay \$100 towards the cost for each student!!!

The School and Student Council have generously agreed to cover the cost of hiring the bus!!

That means the remaining cost for each student to attend our Jenolan Caves excursion is as follows;

Years 4/5/6 - \$197.40

Year 3 - \$154.40

Years K/1/2 - \$135.00

Parents - \$314.00

This covers transport, accommodation, meals, all activities at Jenolan Caves and all activities at Bathurst Sheep and Cattle Drome. The only thing students will need to provide is a packed lunch for Day 1. The costs are varied for different year levels as the older students will be doing slightly different activities to the younger students. As spaces on the bus and at our accommodation venue are limited, helpers will be restricted to Kindergarten parents only.

At this stage we need to get approximate numbers of students attending the Excursion and in order to proceed with our booking, we require a \$30 deposit for all students attending. **Please complete the Jenolan Caves/Bathurst Excursion Expression of Interest form and return to school with \$30 deposit by the end of Week 4 (Friday 23rd May).** If you are a parent of a Kindergarten student and would like to also attend, please indicate on the attached Expression of Interest Form. If you would like further information about attending as a Kinder parent helper, please feel free to contact me at school.

The countdown begins.....!!

Excitement at HPS

Last Friday the students at HPS had a special treat in the form of a "Hornet" flyover by Mrs Kiely's son Adrian. Adrian has been a Fighter Pilot for many years and was on a practice run from Williamstown to

Parkes. It was extremely exciting as the noise from the jet literally shook the ground and we watched the huge jet thunder above us as Adrian tipped his wings. An interesting fact – it takes Adrian just 15 minutes to fly from Williamstown to Holmwood!! How fast is that!!!



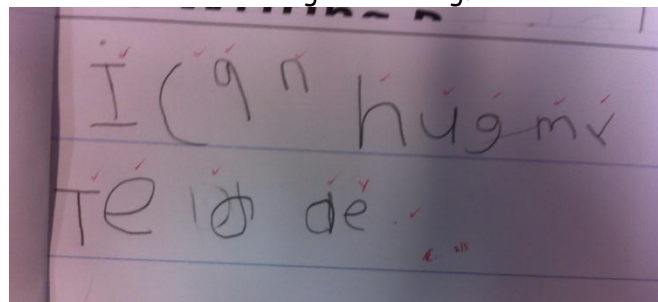
- Expression of Interest in attending the Whole School Excursion to Jenolan Caves/Bathurst Form

K/1 News

We are back into the swing of things in the K/1 room. This week we welcomed Mrs. Ruth Carter into our classroom. Mrs. Carter will be with us for four weeks. Mrs. Carter is studying her teaching degree and is on practicum. While she is with us she will be taking small group activities and some lessons under my guidance.

Last Friday we had a fantastic afternoon with Mrs Hodges playing the Marimbas and learning to play Percussion Instruments.

On Monday I travelled to Grenfell for the next stage in my training in L3. I have some new and engaging lessons and activities that I am excited to begin with the students this Term. Mrs Lyndall Brain (the L3 Trainer) came to visit our classroom on Tuesday and she was very impressed with the progress of the both the Kindergarten and Year 1 students in their reading and writing.



Fantastic writing from Macey in Kindergarten!

Just a reminder that even though every effort and opportunities are given to each and every student to learn their sight words at School, it is important that parents help their children to revise sight words every night. High frequency words are used in everyday reading and writing. When a student can quickly identify a high frequency word it improves their abilities in reading and writing.

Kindergarten students are continuing to learn their Jolly Phonics sounds and Year One are learning their blended consonants in their spelling lists each week.

In Maths this week we have been looking at addition and performing simple number facts of ten, also known as the "Friends of 10" (eg 2 and 8; 3 and 7; 9 and 1).

This week in Science we have started a new unit titled "Lets Communicate". During this unit we are discovering different ways of communicating a message. This week we identified known street signs around the community and were lucky enough

Calendar

Term 2 Week 3	
Mon 12 th May	Book Club orders due
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.
Term 2 Week 4	
Mon 19 th May	Alternate day for Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Tues 20 th May	Grip Leadership Conference – Bathurst (Year 6 students)
Thurs 22 nd May	MUFTI Day and Red Shield Appeal Canteen – bring a gold coin!
Fri 23 rd May	Scripture
Term 2 Week 5	
Mon 26 th May	Ms Edgerton – L3 training (Mrs Kiely K/1)
Tues 27 th May	Mrs Webster – Canowindra Autism Course
Fri 30 th May	Mrs Hodges Musical Marimbas

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Choir Eisteddfod Permission Note
- Grip Leadership Conference Permission Note (Year 6 only)

to have Mrs Leanne Vale come and teach us the song "Sing a Rainbow" using 'Auslan' Sign Language. This was great fun.

We are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival on Friday. I hope you all have your fast running shoes on to run in the Midget Races. It's looking like its going to be a fantastic day.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton (K/1 Class Teacher)

2/3/4 Class News

Our class is to be congratulated for their **increased efforts in Home Reading returns. Thank you for bringing your books and diaries back. The basket** is right at our door for easy drop off and pick up.



There have been quite a few Pick-a-Prizes given away for Home Reading recently! In case you're wondering how Pick-a-Prize works ~ here it is . . .

There are four ways to earn a Pick-a-Prize from the Prize Box. There are four charts on our door ~ each one

recording our class achievements.

For every 10 nights of Home Reading a star is placed on the Home Reading Chart = Pick-a-Prize.

For every 10 Dojo Points a star is placed on the Dojo Chart = Pick-a-Prize.

Each time Homework is handed in, a star goes onto the Homework Chart. 5 stars = Pick-a-Prize.

Each time 100% is scored on our Spelling Tests OR an improved score is made, a star/sticker goes onto the Spelling Chart. 4 stars/stickers = Pick-a-Prize.

We have been practising how an Exposition Text Type is planned and written. This week we have thought about the question of "Would you prefer a cat or a dog as a pet?" We have also focused on telling time on the hour, half past the hour and ¼ to and past. This topic has proved to be very tricky ~ so keep practising at home, please! Our Visual Arts Theme, for the next few weeks, is ~ "Lines". We'll have some great designs ready for exhibition by next week. So far they are looking rather spectacular!

Fingers crossed for a kind weather day for our Athletics Carnival, this Friday.

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

5/6 Class News

Week 2 has been another busy one in 5/6. We have continued to focus on NAPLAN preparation, thoroughly enjoyed attending the CHS Musical on Wednesday, practised for our Athletics Carnival which is on tomorrow and started our Term 2 Art Project on Collage.

Homework for Week 2 is due today. There will be no Homework next week (Week 3) due to NAPLAN. Please ensure Year 5 students get plenty of rest and an early night in preparation for next week's testing. Our Week 3 and 4 "News" topic is "My Favourite Movie". Children will need to come prepared to speak for 2 ½ minutes on this topic.

Happy Mother's Day to all our 5/6 mums! Enjoy a nice cup of tea and breakfast in bed on Sunday morning!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis (5/6 Class Teacher)

News from Mrs Kiely

WOW, what a wonderful Welcome Home! Thank you one and all for your warm and affectionate greetings. It was greatly appreciated. Mr K and I had a fabulous trip to the USA and it was especially enjoyable because we got to spend time with our son Grant and travel together through California. It is exciting to be back at school and to teach all of the children valuable life skills in our Library, PE, Sport Lessons and through the Student Council activities.

The exciting **Library News** is our **Annual Book Fair and Presentation** to be held on **Friday 6th June** commencing at **12 o'clock**. This is always a very popular event with children and families as all children love dressing up and being a Book Character for the afternoon. Please assist your child to select his/her favourite Book Character, Author or Book and prepare a short presentation in readiness for this exciting event.



Library Lessons will continue to be on Thursday for K-1 and Friday for Yr 2-6 and it would be appreciated if you could encourage your child to pack Library Books into bags the night before as I am aiming for 100% participation across the school. An exciting new

service will be the opportunity for parents to borrow as well and the establishment of an Adult Library Section.



Our Super Slick Swimmers are to be applauded for their outstanding **Swimathon** efforts and fund raising which raised over \$1500!!! A heart felt THANK YOU is extended to all the families who supported this important School event. If you haven't had an opportunity to return your child's sponsor money/donations it isn't too late. All contributions go towards providing new PE Equipment and the Annual Whole School Excursion.

This year the whole school, students and staff, are participating in the **Premier Sporting Challenge**, which is a 10 week daily fitness program designed to improve health and fitness. Children are encouraged to participate in at least 30 minutes physical activity and adults to walk 10,000 steps each day. So the challenge is on and we invite parents to undertake the challenge too. In supporting this please encourage your child to bring a water bottle each day plus additional fruit/vegetables snacks, as children do get extra hungry in the winter months. With colds and flus always ready to pounce this is an important time to remind your child of the need to thoroughly wash their hands before they eat, as most germs are spread and digested via our hands.

The **Student Council** will be holding their Term 2 Election this coming week and are busy organising their **Red Shield RED MUFTI DAY/ Morning Tea Canteen**. This will be held on **Thursday 22nd May at 11.30** and parents are always welcome. A plate of food to sell and a gold coin donation will assist HPS to support this valuable cause, thank you. With winter fast approaching our **Winter Warmth Appeal** has commenced. The donation of scarves or beanies for the Homeless is our Student Council's Annual Community Commitment. Last year we reach our 1000 goal which was set when the Appeal commenced 4 years ago. This is an indication of the generosity of our Holmwood Community and the PWA, which is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your wonderful support.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely - RFF/Library Teacher

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who attended the P&C Meeting on Monday night. Our next fundraiser will be a Pie Drive which will run through June and July, with deliveries early August. Order forms will come out later this Term.

Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

Community News

Cowra High School Musical

Tickets just \$10 available from the School Office!



