



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3 – Week Ending 16th May 2014

Students of the Week – Term 2 Week 2

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week!



Jarrold Hodgson (5/6), Zsalea Mansley (2/3/4) and Micah Murphy (K/1)

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – John Hill and Alana Hill

2/3/4 – Akiko Beatty and Miah Pettit

5/6 – Sophie Light and Lisa Brien

Congratulations also to Caleb Crowe and Kara Lunnon who received a special Principals Award for their efforts in raising money for the Swimathon. Caleb raised \$130.00 and Kara raised \$180.00 – an amazing effort!



Caleb and Kara with their Principal's Award.

congratulate Rachel and Rob Hood on the safe arrival of their baby boy – Amos Michael Hunter Hood on Monday. We wish the Hood family all the best and look forward to meeting Amos soon. I'm sure that Lilly and Layla are wonderful 'big sister' helpers and are enjoying having another little brother in their family.

Athletics Carnival

What a fabulous day we had last Friday at the Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival! It was a beautiful Autumn day and HPS students were full of enthusiasm as they competed in track and field events and novelty games and activities.

Special congratulations to the following students who were successful in winning "Age Champion":

Lilly Whitty – Junior Girl Champion

Claire Lewis – 11 Years Girls Champion

Oliver Beaumont – 11 Years Boy Champion

Dylan Whitty – Senior Boy Champion



Annelise and Lisa with the Champion School Trophy, Claire, Lilly, Oliver and Dylan.

Congratulations also to the Holmwood "A" Relay team of **Brent Kiss, Matthew Russell, Oliver Beaumont and Dylan Whitty** who won the All Schools 4 x 100m Relay Event.

Holmwood were also successful in winning the overall **Pointscore Trophy** which is calculated on participation points as well as placings. Thanks to every student who went in a race, our point score was off the charts!!

Students were presented with their Ribbons and Certificates on Monday morning Assembly. Those students who finished with a First or Second place



Congratulations to the Hood family!

On behalf of the Holmwood staff and students we would like to

Ribbon will progress to the next level of competition – the Cowra District Carnival, which will be held in August in Term 3.



Congratulations HPS – “Champion P5 School”!
Special thanks must go to Tania Collins who was busily taking photos throughout the day and has provided the school with a CD full of great snaps! Thank you also to the large group of parents who came along and supported our students. Your attendance and encouragement is greatly appreciated.
Below is a selection of photos taken on the day. More photos will be out on the School’s Website in the next few weeks.





will be singing "The Cup Song" (with accompanying Cup Rhythm played by Sophie, Claire, Anna and Abbie) and "Three Little Birds". Good luck everyone!

NAPLAN – 2014

NAPLAN Assessments have now been completed and all students in Years 3 and 5 are to be congratulated on the mature and calm approach they displayed when undertaking the tests. All papers have been sent off to be marked and parents will receive their child's results in September.



Grip Leadership Conference

Next 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. 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

Cowra Eisteddfod

Tomorrow the HPS Choir will be competing in the Small Schools Choir Section at the Cowra Eisteddfod. We will be leaving school at 10:30 and returning to school following the performance at around 1pm. The students have been very busy practising this week 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 would like further information about attending as a Kinder Parent Helper, please feel free to contact me at School.

National Data Collection on Students with a Disability

Each year the Department of Education completes a Data Collection Process on students with disabilities. For 2014, participation in the Data Collection will be on an opt-out basis. That is, parents will need to indicate if they do not want their child to be counted. Please find attached a letter detailing information for parents and carers about the National Data Collection (NCCD). **Parents need to return the attached note ONLY IF THEY DO NOT WISH FOR THEIR CHILD TO BE COUNTED.** This will be the third year that HPS has been involved in the survey. All "opt out" notes must be returned by the end of Term 2.

Red Shield Appeal and MUFTI Day



**RED SHIELD
APPEAL**
THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS

The Student Council will be holding a MUFTI Day and special Canteen in

conjunction with the Red Shield Appeal.

Students will be allowed to come to school "out of uniform" next Thursday 22nd May. All students are requested to bring a **gold coin donation** for the Red Shield Appeal. The students really enjoy our special canteen days and we rely on the support of families to donate a plate of food to sell. Some ideas include patty cakes, pikelets, cut up fruit such as oranges or watermelon, biscuits, mini bags of popcorn, etc. Food sold at the canteen is usually around 20 c per item, so children will also need some change to purchase their recess on this day. All proceeds go to the Red Shield Appeal.

Calendar

Term 2 Week 4	
Tues 20th May	Grip Leadership Conference – Bathurst (Year 6 students)
Thurs 22nd May	MUFTI Day and Red Shield Appeal Canteen – bring a gold coin, a plate of food to sell per family and some 20c pieces to buy your recess!
Fri 23rd May	Scripture Mrs Maree Angus – Director of Schools will be visiting with Mrs Lewis 9:00am
Term 2 Week 5	
Mon 26th May	Ms Edgerton – L3 training (Mrs Kiely K/1) AECG Meeting @ Cowra High School – Mrs Lewis attending (2pm)
Tues 27th May	Mrs Webster – Canowindra Autism Course
Fri 30th May	Mrs Hodges Musical Marimbas
Term 2 Week 6	
Mon 2nd June	District Cross Country at Koorawatha Mrs Di Watt (School Counsellor) will be at HPS
Thurs 5th June	Mrs Lewis – Meeting with the Deputy Director General of Education - Orange
Fri 6th June	Book Fair

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- "Opt Out" note for parents re the National Collection of Data on students with a disability.
- 2015 Year 7 enrolment details for Year 6 students – parents to check

K/1 News

What a fantastic day it was at the Athletics carnival. The sun was shining bright and it was a beautiful day to be out exercising. Well done to all students who participated in the running races, the midget events and the field events. It was great to see a sea of red out on the field.

This week we farewelled our friends John and Alana. We wish them the best at their new School. This week in Literacy the big book we are reading is "The Bear Who" - a lovely rhyming story about a bear who is accidentally put in the bin and taken on a field trip to the dump. The children are completing Comprehension Sheets on the book, learning about rhyming words, constructing sentences from the story and writing their own sentences. To carry along with our teddy bears theme we have some new Literacy games that have been introduced to the L3 rotational groups.



In Maths this week we have been learning about money. We have been looking at the Australian Currency, working out the value of coins and adding coins together to come up with a specific amount. We completed coin rubbings of all the coins and played with some giant money. Mrs Carter even had a shop with us to help us learn about giving change when purchasing an item.

In Science we are learning how to communicate between friends and how mass media is a form of communicating to a large number of people. In News this Term we are communicating to our friends about specific topics. I have included a reminder of the news items that are needed for each week below.

Week 2	Your favourite teddy/doll for a Teddy Bears Picnic
Week3	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 their favourite pet
Week 9	Bring in something of your favourite colour

News days for children are:

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

In our class we complete many craft activities, and practice developing our fine motor skills with cutting and gluing, so just a reminder is needed for glue sticks as some students glue sticks are getting low. Please send a new glue stick in for your child to use.

Have a great weekend

Kind Regards,

Ms Heidi Edgerton (K/1 Class Teacher)

2/3/4 Class News

Well done Year 3 for the settled and sensible way you have undertaken NAPLAN Assessments. There was no homework for our class this week due to NAPLAN; however, things will be back to normal next week with new Spelling Lists, new Class Readers and a Maths focus on Money.

We have a new "Have Your Say" speaking roster that starts from next Monday. The first topic (Weeks 4&5) for the class to talk about will be "My favourite out-of-school activity/sport/hobby". We shall discuss the topic at school but I know our students would appreciate some help from home in preparing for their talk. Each student will need to speak for 2 ½ minutes on their topic.

Even Weeks – Weeks 4/6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miah Harry	Charlotte Ilyssa	Lara Layla	Kaleb Lilly	Thomas Katelyn

Odd Weeks – Weeks 5/7

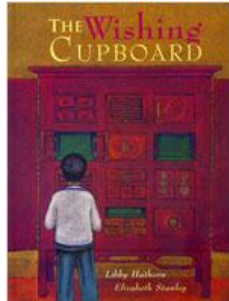
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Will Zsalea	Charlize Leetisha	Matthew Akiko	Mackenzie Tarni	Boston Bella

Kind Regards

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

5/6 Class News

Week 3 has passed by and we are all pleased to have our NAPLAN Assessments finished. Congratulations to our Year 5 students who completed these Assessments in a calm and confident manner. We will be starting our new English Unit next week called "The Wishing Cupboard" and are all looking forward to getting back into the swing of our daily routines. Homework will also resume next week (we had this week off due to NAPLAN) and our news topic continues to be "My Favourite Movie".



On Tuesday the Year 6 students are looking forward to attending the GRIP Leadership Conference in Bathurst. Remember you need to be at the school at 7:15am for departure on Tuesday morning. Year 5 students will spend the day completing a work contract and will be supervised by Mrs Patten and Ms Edgerton.

This week our Visual Arts "Collage" Projects have really started to take shape. Students have been inspired by the works of Australian author and artist Jeannie Baker and are all producing unique and interesting collage 'scenes'. I was very pleased to see many students bringing in things from home to add to their collages.



Charla and Nigella working on their collages during our Visual Arts lesson on Wednesday.

Canteen News

At the end of Term 3 Mr and Mrs Webster will be finishing in their role as Canteen Managers after many years of service. We are very thankful for the great job Gail and Bill do each and every week. This means that we are now on the lookout for a new Canteen Manager. The new Manager does not necessarily have to work on the Canteen every Monday and Wednesday, but does need to co-ordinate it. If you are interested in taking on this important voluntary role in our School, please contact our P&C President Karen Beaumont or ring the School - 6342 2172.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis (5/6 Class Teacher)

