



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 4 – Week Ending 23rd May 2014

Students of the Week – Term 2 Week 3

Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!



Charlotte Collins (2/3/4), Eloise Newell (K/1) and Abbie Lewis (5/6).

Merit Awards were awarded to;

K/1 – Jaydan Wright and Jett Cummings

2/3/4 – Lilly Whitty and Leetisha Nestor

5/6 – Charla Moorfoot and Nigella Stevenson

Cowra Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the HPS School Choir on a magnificent performance at last week's Cowra Eisteddfod! We came away with a 2nd Place Award and a total point score of 81! For many of our students this was their first time on stage and they handled it like professionals! It was also great to see so many schools entered in the Small Schools Choir Section (in total there were 7 entries!) and we got to watch most of these following our performance.



Thank you to Mrs Kristie Hodges for her assistance

with the Choir again this year and to Cheri for assisting with supervision during the Eisteddfod Excursion. The Choir will be performing an encore performance at our End of Term Assembly in Week 9.

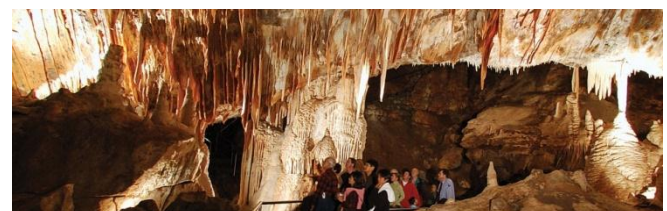


Grip Leadership Conference

On Tuesday Year 6 headed to Bathurst to participate in the Grip Leadership Conference. This was a terrific day for our Senior Students as they listened to guest speakers and participated in games and fun activities all related to the theme of Leadership. I was highly impressed with our Year 6's behaviour and attitude – they were excellent Representatives of our School. Thank you to Mrs Kiely and Mrs Lewis for driving and accompanying the students to Bathurst. Annie's Ice Cream Parlour was a huge hit and a lovely way to end our day in Bathurst.



Year 6 pictured at the Grip Leadership Conference.



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

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 TOMORROW.**

If you would like further information about attending as a Kinder parent helper, please feel free to contact me at School.

Red Shield Appeal and MUFTI Day



Thank you to all families and students who supported this year's Red Shield Appeal.

Students came to School today dressed in MUFTI and gave a gold coin donation in support of the Red Cross Fundraiser. The Student Council also ran a Morning Tea Canteen. Thank you to those families who donated delicious treats for the Student Council to sell.



District Cross Country

District Cross Country will be held on Monday 2nd June at the Koorawatha Showground. For students aged 8, 9, 10 years – the distance is 2000m (2km); for 11, 12, 13 years, the distance is 3000m (3km). Cross Country trials have been held at

School this week and Mrs Kiely has nominated those students selected in each age group. Permission notes for those children who have been selected are in Newsletter Folders this week. Parents must be willing to transport their child to Koorawatha to participate. The first six students in each age group will progress to the Regional Carnival to be held in Wellington later this term. Please return permission notes by next Friday.

Calendar

Term 2 Week 5	
Mon 26 th May	Ms Edgerton – L3 training (Mrs Kiely K/1) AECG Meeting @ Cowra High School – Mrs Lewis attending (2pm)
Tues 27 th May	Mrs Webster – Canowindra Autism Course
Fri 30 th May	Mrs Hodges Musical Marimbas Cross Country Permission notes due
Term 2 Week 6	
Mon 2 nd June	District Cross Country at Koorawatha Mrs Di Watt (School Counsellor) will be at HPS
Fri 6 th June	Book Fair
Term 2 Week 7	
Mon 9 th June	LONG WEEKEND
Tues 10 th June	Mrs Lewis – Orange Principal's Meeting (Mrs Skene 5/6)
Fri 13 th June	Scripture

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Cross Country Permission note (selected students only)

K/1 News

It has been a very busy week in the K/1 Classroom. Lots of sight word testing, reading, Maths work and concepts have been assessed this week ready for Report writing. I'm very pleased with all students' progress - each student is to be commended on their efforts in the classroom. Well done K/1!

This week Mrs Carter has been teaching numerous lessons. She has made them fun and exciting for all. Our focus big book this week

was "The Boy and the Bears Picnic" with activities based on this book focusing on comprehension, sentence structure, sight words, guided writing and independent writing. The students have been very involved and are enjoying the challenges.

In Maths this week we have been learning about subtraction of one and two digit numbers. Mrs Carter took us on a picnic with teddy bears and dinosaurs and the students had to work Mathematically to determine how much food was eaten on the picnic, using subtraction stories. This week in Science we discovered the art of facial expressions, body language and sign language to communicate a message to other people. The students learnt how to sign the alphabet to music.

We are on our Premiers Sporting Challenge and each day we try to fit in 10 minutes extra activities outside in the beautiful weather that we have been having. We are learning about the importance of stretching and keeping fit.

On Tuesday afternoon when the Year 6 students attended their Leadership Day in Bathurst, the Year 5 students ran their own leadership activities here at School. The Year 5 students paired up and organised a games afternoon, where they ran some games outside. The students from K-4 were divided up into four groups and rotated around each activity. The Year 5's are to be commended on a great effort for the afternoon as it ran smoothly and everyone had fun.



This Friday Mrs Webster will be taking the K/1 students while Cheri and I attend a Jolly Grammar Course in Bathurst and Mrs Kiely will be taking the class on Monday as I will be attending the L3 Training.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

We have had a rather artistic start to the week! I discovered a fantastic YouTube site called "Art for Kids" which has a treasure chest full of easy to draw pictures with clear, step-by-step instructions. Our first masterpiece is a rather handsome Mr Fox, celebrating our class story by Roald Dahl ~ "Fantastic Mr Fox". We shall be visiting this site over the next few weeks, as we focus on "Drawing" for this Term, in Visual Arts.

Reading groups have started their new guided reading books, with a sheet of sight words having gone home on Monday. These sheets can be pasted into the homework book and ticked off as they are read. We shall keep the book for a fortnight to allow time to complete tasks based around the book.

Harry and Miah made a great start to our "Time to Talk" Sessions; filling us in on their after school activities. The roster was in last week's newsletter with the new topic appearing next week.

We shall continue revising Money in Maths, along with next week's focus on area.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Kerry Patten
2/3/4 Class Teacher

5/6 Class News

It was great to get back into normal routines this week following NAPLAN! We started our new English Studies Unit – "The Wishing Cupboard" and also began our three week 'Descriptive Writing' focus. We critiqued Libby Hathorn's description of The Wishing Cupboard as we had to draw what we thought it looked like from her written description –

**"In the corner of the room was a cupboard.
Behind the two big doors were more doors.
Tiny inlaid ones that opened outward.
Pale, shiny ones that could roll up like
louvres.
Burnished gold ones that moved sideways on
metal grooves.
There were drawers too, of all shapes and
sizes.
And little alcoves, spaces with no doors
that were dark and inviting."**

Everyone's drawings were very detailed and there were some that were almost identical to the picture in the book! The students have been working hard on using a variety of adjectives, adverbs, similes and metaphors in their written pieces and on Wednesday wrote some terrific descriptions about a variety of mouth-watering cakes which were found using google images.

In Maths this week our focus has been on Volume. We are now very familiar with the Volume Formula – $l \times b \times h$ (Length x Breadth x Height) and enjoyed completing some hands-on activities involving the concept of displacement to work out the Volume of different objects.

We had some great discussions in HSIE about our topic "Australian Democracy". After watching and listening to stories of where human rights had been violated we all realised how lucky we are to be living in Australia. In particular the story of Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani school girl who was shot on her way to School because she had

spoken out about how important it was for girls to be educated, caused us to reflect on the things that we often take for granted. I was very impressed with the comments and level of maturity the 5/6 Class displayed when discussing such important issues.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

Excitement is brewing in the Library as our **Annual Holmwood School Book Fair and Presentation Day** is fast approaching! It's only two weeks until our big day will be here on **Friday 6th June** commencing at **12 o'clock**. The Book Fair is a long established tradition and is our Major School Event for Term 2. It is always a very popular School event for the children, staff and families.

The majority of children have selected their character, organised their outfit and are preparing their speech. Please check with your child and assist your child to select his/her favourite book character, author or book and prepare a short presentation in readiness for this exciting event. After the School Presentation a wonderful selection of books will be for sale. Books make great gifts and will encourage the wonderful lifelong love of reading and relaxation habits, which are gifts for life!

Each book that is purchased also assists our School, as a percentage of total sales are gifted to the School and Library in books. This year we are aiming for \$1000 in total sales which will boost our Library by providing new books and a wider selection of books for all Classes.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles are most welcome to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy this special family time at School. Library Lessons will continue to be on Thursday for K-1 and Friday for Yrs 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.

The **Premier Sporting Challenge** is progressing well with increased daily physical activity by all classes and staff. We have now completed Week 3 of our 10 Week Challenge. This is a great way to keep fit

during the cooler months. This feeling of wellbeing also encourages wiser food choices which then improve our overall health.

Three loud cheers for the students who qualified for the Cowra District Cross Country- an outstanding running effort and test of their high levels of endurance!

The Student Council held their Term 2 Elections and are pleased to announce the new committee members- President- Tom Cummings, Vice- Wil Skinner, Secretary- Claire Lewis, Vice- Harry Beaumont. Treasurer- Miah Pettit, Vice- Akiko Beatty.



Thank you for supporting our Annual Red Shield RED MUFTI DAY/ morning tea Canteen that was held today. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated and will assist the Cowra target. All money raised in Cowra stays in Cowra, so you have kindly helped the needy in our town. The students are collecting scarves and beanies for our Winter Warmth Appeal so the donation of scarves or beanies for their Appeal would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your wonderful support.

With Kind Regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF Teacher/Library

Canteen News

Thank you to Liz Russell who has agreed to step in to the role of Canteen Manager when Mr and Mrs Webster finish up later this year. This ensures our Canteen will still be available for all students who regularly use it. If any parent is available to help out in the canteen on a Monday or Wednesday morning, please

contact the school and we will pass on your details to Liz.