



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 5 – Week Ending 30th May 2014

Students of the Week – Week 4

Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!



Liam Beaumont (K/1), Damien Harding (5/6) and Bella Cummings (2/3/4)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Macey Rowley and Addison Skinner

2/3/4 – Boston Petty-O'Brien and Thomas Seears

5/6 – Kara Lunnon and Oliver Beaumont

SPORTS AWARDS – Brodie Rye, Boston Petty-O'Brien and Lisa Brien

Congratulations to all of these students

District Cross Country



Good Luck to all of the HPS students who will be travelling to Koorawatha on Monday 2nd June for the District Cross Country. We hope you have a great experience competing against runners from

Cowra, Canowindra, Grenfell, Boorowa and the Small Schools and you enjoy your day! Please keep the CROSS COUNTRY name tag attached to this week's Newsletter safe and be sure to wear it on Monday.

Staff Training and Development

As you will notice in the Calender, the staff will be involved in two Saturday Professional Development training activities in the next few weeks. The first is an

English Programming Course we will be attending at Spring Hill, and the second is First Aid which will involve all Teaching and Administration staff. These two Saturdays will be classified as "Staff Development Days" and will be taken in lieu of the last two Staff Development Days in Term 4. I wish to acknowledge and thank the staff for giving up part of their weekends to participate in this vital training – this is a perfect example of the dedication and commitment the HPS staff show towards all aspects of their job.

Parent/Teacher Interviews



At the moment staff are busily writing Semester 2 Student Reports. These will be distributed to children and parents at our Three-way Interviews, which will be held in Week 8. Each teacher

has been allocated a day during this week to hold parent/teacher interviews, as well as offering times before and after school on different days so that all parents are able to attend. An interview roster sheet will be distributed via the Newsletter NEXT WEEK, so please ensure you complete the timeslots that suit and return the roster to school.

Book Fair

Holmwood Public School's Scholastic Book Fair will be held next Friday 6th June at 12:00pm. All parents and community members are invited

to come along and watch our students in our Annual Book Parade! Students will come dressed as their favourite book character and will deliver a short speech. Following the Parade, parents will be invited to purchase books from the Fair. All books sold in the fair are of excellent quality and are set at great prices. The school will receive a percentage of sales as commission which will be used to purchase more books for our Library. See you there!

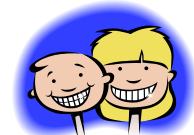




Report Folders

At this time each year we put out a call for the red HPS School Report Folders to be sent in to school. This is so your child's Report can be placed inside and kept safe and secure until the Three-way Interviews. All folders can be handed in to Mrs Hubbard in the Office. For those students who are new to our school this year (including all Kindergarten students), you will receive a Report Folder with your very first HPS Report.

Dental Visit



All students will receive a consent form for Dental Screening with this week's Newsletter. Screenings will be conducted on Wednesday 18th June. This is a terrific opportunity for your child to get a free check-up and referral should any dental work be required. Robyn Browne will be the visiting Dental Nurse and will be conducting a "Brush-in" following the screenings. Children will be shown the correct brushing techniques and receive a toothbrush and toothpaste. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Calendar

Term 2 Week 6	
Mon 2 nd June	District Cross Country @ Koorawatha Showground
Fri 6 th June	Scholastic Book Fair 12pm Come dressed as your favourite book character! All parents and friends welcome!
Term 2 Week 7	
Mon 9 th June	LONG WEEKEND – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 10 th June	Mrs Lewis – Principals meeting in Orange (Mrs Skene 5/6)
Fri 13 th June	Scripture
Sat 14 th June	Mrs Patten, Ms Edgerton and Mrs Lewis – English Programming Day at Spring Hill
Term 2 Week 8	
Mon 16 th June	Ms Edgerton – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely K/1) P&C Meeting – 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom
Tues 17 th June	Mrs Patten – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely 2/3/4)
Wed 18 th June	Mrs Bayl, Mrs Hubbard and Mrs Lewis – Financial Literacy Course (Mrs Skene 5/6) Dental Screening Visit
Thurs 19 th June	Mrs Lewis – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Skene 5/6)

Fri 20 th June	Mrs Hodges – Musical Marimbas
Sat 21 st June	All Staff First Aid Course
Term 2 Week 9 NAIDOC WEEK	
Wed 25 th June	NAIDOC Debating Challenge (Cowra PS)
Thurs 26 th June	NAIDOC Activity Afternoon
Fri 27 th June	Scripture End of Term Assembly showcasing our Marimbas

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- School Dental Visit Consent Form
- Cross Country Name Tags (selected students only)

K/1 Class News

Well here we are at the end of yet another busy week, and half way through the second term. How time flies when we are busy little bees! This week Mrs Carter has been on the ball with her teaching and has been responsible for implementing some very exciting lessons. A big thank you to Mrs Webster and Mrs Kiely for taking the K/1 students on Friday and Monday while I was attending training for Jolly Grammar and L3.

In Maths we have been learning about grouping equal and non-equal groups, multiplication and skip counting. We have been having lots of fun with shoes, dinosaurs, bears and talking in pairs.

In English we are taking a strong focus on Sight Words. **It is very important that students practise their sight words every day so that they can learn these and use them in their daily reading and writing.** A new set of focus words will be coming home this week.

We have been trying really hard in our writing and Year One are beginning to produce some great sentences using our focus words and spelling words.

In science this week we were discussing the development of the telephone. We investigated some of the earlier forms of telephones and we used paper cups to create our own type of telephone.



Discovering how the old telephone system worked was great fun!



In art we are very busy finishing off our artworks with Mrs Carter, painting rainbow bear masks and teddy bear picnic paintings and completing panda bear craft.

This week we sadly say good bye to Mrs Carter, who has now finished her Practicum here at Holmwood Public School. We have enjoyed having Mrs Carter in our classroom and we wish her the best in her continuing studies. We hope to see her back here soon!

Have a great weekend and try to stay fit and healthy.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

What a productive week we've had!!

Our Talking Time Presenters have been well prepared and have told us how they spend some of their after school time with many varied activities, such as piano lessons, sports training, looking after and feeding horses and sheep, playing schools and helping out with chores, to name a few.

The next topic is ~ **Imagine you could be an animal for a day. What animal would you choose to be? Why did you choose that animal? Think of three reasons.** Use your imagination to come up with a unique choice!

Here's a reminder of our Talking Roster

EVEN WEEKS

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

ODD WEEKS

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

Pardon the pun... but.... we have Area pretty well covered in Maths this week!! I was really impressed to see the problem solving skills we have as a class. So many different ideas and answers to the task of creating **different shapes** with the **same area**. Year 2 had an area of 8 squares; Year 3 had 12 squares and Year 4 had 16 squares. Our focus in Maths, next week will be on Number Patterns / Algebra and Angles.

We are starting new guided reading story books next week. I'm pleased to see that most groups have finished their work based around their group's book ~ Purple group read "Can I Have a Dinosaur"; Blue group read "Rosie's New Pet"; Orange group read "Alison's Dad is Lost!" and Green group read "I Hate Shopping!"

Today we made some First Aid/ Medicine "cupboards" for our current Health topic ~ Safe Use of Medicines".

In HSIE last week the 2/3/4 class had a great time cooking with Mrs Lewis. As part of our studies about British Colonisation, we have been learning about the First Australians and have been very interested in finding out about Bush Tucker. Some of these interesting ingredients are really hard to get in Cowra so Mrs Lewis looked on the internet and found a shop in Queensland that sold lots of different types of Bush Spices. She put in a special order for WATTLESEEDS! It took a week for the package to arrive in the mail and when it did, we were surprised at how strong the Wattleseed smelled and how delicious it tasted when we mixed it in with our muffins! YUM!



Cheri's Cooking Group with their delicious Wattleseed Muffins!



Mrs Lewis's group of Masterchefs with their yummy Wattleseed Muffins!

Kind Regards
Mrs Kerry Patten
2/3/4 Teacher

5/6 Class News

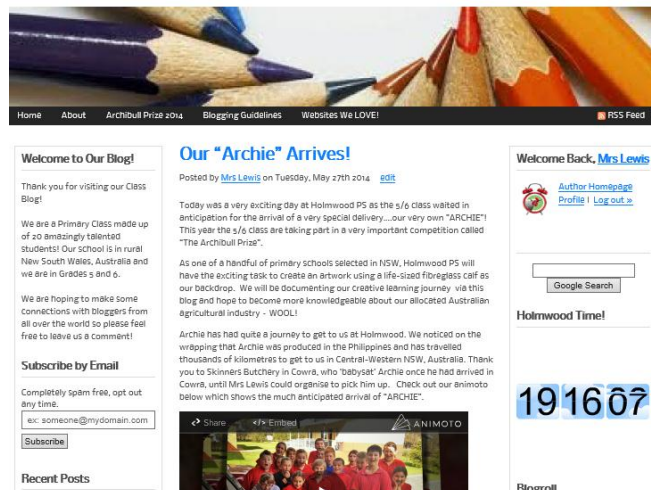
It has been a great week in the 5/6 Classroom. We have completed some outstanding work in Maths using protractors to measure different sized angles, and can name all of the angles including acute, obtuse, right-angle, straight, reflex and revolution!

Our descriptive writing has really taken off and we enjoyed revisiting a website we used a few years ago called "Build Your Wild Self" to create an unusual creature which has body parts made from all different animals. We then wrote a descriptive piece of writing as if we were the scientists who had just discovered this amazing new creature. The finished products are very impressive!!

We finalised our Jeannie Baker inspired collages this week as part of our Visual Arts Program and finally got to take a photo of our artworks with the digital camera. Next week we will edit our photographs and print them onto special photographic paper, ready to display in our room!

However, the real excitement this week was the arrival of our calf Archie! The 5/6 Class were successful in gaining selection to compete in the "Archibull Prize" which is a competition run by an organisation called Art4Agriculture. Our task is to design and decorate our calf with all sorts of materials, in order to demonstrate and share our understanding of our allocated industry – WOOL and our understanding of the importance of sustainability. We will be connected with a young farmer who will assist us with this project and will be documenting our progress on our class blog. Check out our blog and leave us a comment at <http://jennylewis2000.edublogs.org/>

Mrs Lewis's 5/6 Class Blog



At the end of the project our calf will be sent in for judging! Our calf has been given a name – "Dr. Moos-alot" and we are really looking forward to all aspects of this exciting project!



Annelise and Tailor pictured with "Dr Moos-alot!"

Have a lovely weekend!
Kind regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

With only nine sleeps to go the excitement is building up as our Book Fair is quickly approaching. Our **Annual Holmwood School Book Fair and Presentation Day is on next Friday 6th June** commencing at **12 o'clock**.

The children have selected their character, organised their outfit and have prepared a short speech. Please check with your child and assist in a home rehearsal in readiness for this exciting event. As our morning tea time is short and goes very quickly, it would be preferable for all children to come to school dressed ready for the Book Fair, just as if it was a Dress Up Mufti Day, please.

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! 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. We look forward to seeing you there.

During the winter months our Library Book Returns and Borrowing will be on Thursday mornings for all classes. This is to allow the chilly mornings to warm up, the frost to melt and the fog to lift, so that we can enjoy PE in the middle of the day and hopefully encourage a positive mindset towards Winter Fitness without colds, flus and wet soggy shoes!!! Please encourage your child to pack Library Books into bags on Wednesday afternoon, as the Library Aim is for 100% participation across the school.

Red Shield Appeal- A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all the families who were able to support the Student Council's Red Shield Canteen and Mufti Day. **Your generosity raised an amazing \$155!!!** The Student Council presented this to the Red Shield President, Mr Dudley Nicholson, on Friday. He praised the Student Council and the Holmwood School Community for their generous hearts as "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"



What a spread for morning tea!



Student Council members presenting the money raised for the Red Shield Appeal.

Winter Warmth Appeal has been launched with the kind donation of two bags of scarves and a big bag of colourful beanies. We are extending the appeal this year to include warm, woolly socks too. The Student Council would greatly appreciate your support in the donation of

scarves, beanies or sock, as this is our Holmwood School Community Project.

With Kind Regards

Mrs Kiely – RFF and Library Teacher

P&C News

Just giving all families a "heads up" that our Annual P&C Pie Drive will be commencing shortly. All families will receive an Order Form with next week's Newsletter.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced Legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect day-to-day operation of individual School P&Cs, they will introduce a new Executive Structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of School P&C Associations.

Each School's P&C Association will be asked to vote for Councillors & Delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and Councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Community News



SPEECH PATHOLOGY

Speech, Language,
Learning, Spelling, Reading
Provider for Medicare, Helping Children
with Autism and Better Start
Private health rebates available
20 years experience

Cowra/Young Karen Trengove
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WATOTO Children's Choir –
performance on 1st June at 7pm at
the Cowra Baptist Church.

