



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 6 – Week Ending 6th June 2014

Students of the Week – Week 5

Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!



Ilyssa Charnock (2/3/4), Tyler Charnock (K/1) and Anna Russell (5/6)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Brodie Farley and Brodie Rye

2/3/4 – Mackenzie Nestor and William Skinner

5/6 – Tom Cummings and Mitchell Amos

SPORTS AWARDS – *Eloise Newell, Brent Kiss and Bella Cummings*

Congratulations to all of these students

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the HPS students who travelled to Koorawatha on Monday to compete in the District Cross Country. Thank you to all the parents who transported their children. It was a very rainy and cold day and runners had to contend with a strong headwind and a slippery and muddy track! Special congratulations to Lisa Brien who came 2nd in the 13 Years Girls Division. Lisa progresses to the Regional Cross Country Carnival in Wellington next Wednesday and we wish her all the best!



Regional Cross Country Representative – Lisa Brien.

Parent/Teacher Interviews



At the moment teaching staff are busy completing Semester 1 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 is attached to this Week's Newsletter. Please indicate AS MANY timeslots as you are available. We will try and allocate timeslots for parents with more than one child so that they follow one another. Please ensure you complete the correct sheet for your child – Ms Edgerton (blue), Mrs Patten (orange), Mrs Lewis (yellow). Interview times will be confirmed with parents via a note which will come out with next week's Newsletter.

Book Fair

Holmwood Public School's Scholastic Book Fair will be held tomorrow 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 received a Consent Form for Dental Screening with last 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. If you have not returned your permission note yet, please do so by Monday 9th June.

Marimbas

Students in all classes had another enjoyable Music/Marimbas session with Mrs Hodges last Friday. All classes are learning new songs on the Marimbas and we look forward to showcasing our musical talents in Week 9 at our end of Term Assembly. We hope to see you there!



Sascha, Jett and Lexi playing the Marimbas during music last week.

Calendar

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 Blake Duncombe starts Teaching Prac with Mrs Patten and 2/3/4.
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

Tues 24 th June	Visit to the 5/6 Class from Sammi Townsend "Young Farming Champion" regarding Archibull Prize Competition.
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

- Three Way Interview Sheets - one per child
- P&C Pie Drive Forms

K/1 Class News

Yet another week has flown by, and we have been very busy in the classroom. Last Friday we farewelled Mrs Carter by having a Teddy Bears Picnic Party. The K/1 students had a great day!



K/1 enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic with Mrs Carter last Friday.

Combined sport on Friday afternoons is working out well and the new house teams that Mrs Kiely has organised have caused a buzz of excitement on the sporting field. The rotational tabloid activities are fun and well organised. Thank you Mrs K. for putting in the effort to have a fun sports program.

This week our focus big book story in Literacy has been "The little mouse, the red ripe strawberry and the hungry bear". We have been completing a number of different activities on this book which will continue next week. We are using this book to understand narratives and story writing. All students have been practicing their sight words in class activities, however, it is very important that students practice their sight words every night to enable fluent reading.

In Maths we have been focusing on 'Friends of ten', where we identify all the combinations of numbers that add together to equal 10. When students remember these facts with automaticity it helps with mental addition and subtraction of larger numbers.

Communication is an important key in relationships and getting along with each other. In Science this week we were learning about earlier forms of communication such as Morse Code and how it was used during War times. Students are also learning that animals use communication methods to convey meaning to each other and to their owners.

On Wednesday morning the Year 1 students had a visit to Mrs Lewis's classroom and had a fun filled and exciting morning learning about pirates and completing pirate activities. While Year 1 students were learning about pirates the Kindergarten children were visiting Mrs Patten's classroom and were learning about animals and bears. Thank you Mrs Lewis and Mrs Patten - the students had a great morning.

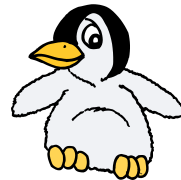
We are very excited about the Book Fair on Friday. Many of the students have been talking about the characters that they are coming dressed as. It's going to be a great day; hopefully we will have clear skies!

Have a great long weekend!
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

We had a very small class on Monday, as a large contingent of our class competed in the District Cross Country Trials. Congratulations to Layla, Miah, Akiko, Katelyn, Harry, Will and Thomas who braved the cold and muddy conditions at Koorawatha. Our class was thinking of you as we sat in our warm and dry classroom!

Our Talk Time Topic for this fortnight ~ " **What animal would you choose to be for just one day? Why?**" has been very



interesting. So far we have had some very well prepared talks from a panda, penguin, parrot, flamingo, elephant, duck and a crocodile!! We have also enjoyed trying to guess the animal before

we hear from our guest talker!! Not only have we been entertained but we have learnt a few interesting facts about the animals too.

This week our class has been given some new Homework Scrapbooks for Year 2 ~ as the old ones were ready to be retired!! And a display folder with a separate green plastic sleeve for the Year 3s and Year 4s. My main reason for sending these new arrangements is to make it easier for everyone to transport the completed sheets back to school on Fridays. Year 2 can simply paste all their sheets straight into their scrapbook, with no cutting out; whilst Years 3 and 4 can complete their Homework sheets, slip them into their green "sleeve" and bring them back on Fridays. When the system works as it should ~ the marked homework will be given back, along with the new homework on Mondays. The marked homework can then go into the plastic display book for safe storage and revision purposes. I'm not sure if parents are aware that the weekly Spelling Test results (along with the incorrectly spelt words) are written at the top of the Spelling Sheet. This is to provide you feedback on how your child is going with their Spelling. It has taken some time to get Homework from all the class, however, returns are slowly building up to when there will be 100% Homework in on Fridays!

Enjoy the long weekend.
Kind Regards
Mrs Kerry Patten
2/3/4 Teacher

5/6 Class News

It's been a very productive week in the 5/6 room and all students have been very settled in completing their class activities. We had a very small class on Monday with many of the 5/6 students competing at the District Cross Country. Our work on the book "The Wishing Cupboard"

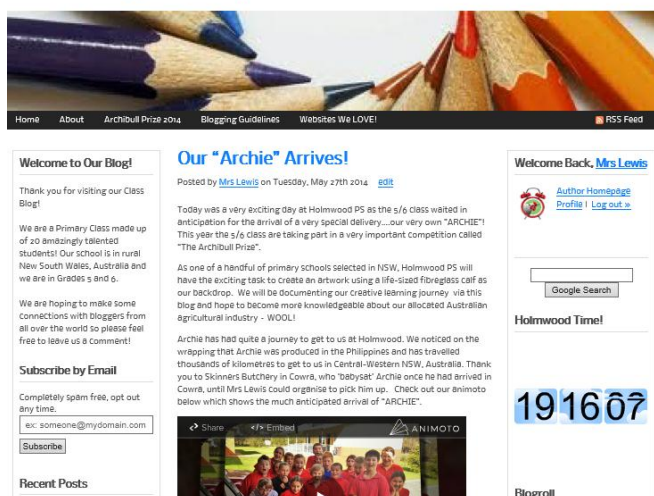
has been really interesting and we had an opportunity to explore The Wishing Cupboard website, which has lots of links to Vietnamese Folk Tales. We are looking forward to using these Folk Tales as the basis for script writing, and will be performing and filming our own versions of these Folk Tales over the next week or so. We also looked at how family trees are set out and even had a go at completing our own! Some of us have HUGE families with over 20 cousins!

In Maths our focus has been on fractions. This is always a challenging topic and one we revise regularly throughout the year. This week we looked at fractions of a whole and fractions of a group. We played a fun Pizza Challenge game and enjoyed spinning the spinner to see if we could get enough pieces of pizza to make a whole. The hard thing was the pieces were all different sizes and written as fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{12}$ and $\frac{1}{16}$!!

In our HSIE Unit on Democracy we looked at the life of Nelson Mandela and watched an interesting biography about his struggle to rid South Africa of apartheid. I was very impressed again with the level of maturity shown by the 5/6 class when discussing issues of racial discrimination.

Our Jeannie Baker collages have all now been photographed and on Wednesday afternoon we started having a play around with some of the digital effects! These will be finalised next week and we will publish some in the Newsletter, as well as on our class blog. Thank you to all the students who have visited the blog and commented in the past week! Check out our blog and leave us a comment at <http://jennylewis2000.edublogs.org/>

Mrs Lewis's 5/6 Class Blog



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

News from Mrs Kiely

It's All Systems Go for our Holmwood Book Fair which is on tomorrow, commencing at 12 O'clock!

With the Book Display already setup, Book Characters selected, outfits organised and speeches rehearsed all we now need is YOU – our enthusiastic audience.

Hence we are looking forward to seeing you for a 12 O'clock start.

Please don't forget to bring some cash or credit card to buy a great book or two as the selection this year is very reasonably priced and of a high standard.

We hope that you can also bring your lunch and stay for a while to enjoy some fun in the sun with your child, friends and families.

Thank you for assisting your child to prepare for tomorrow, as the Book Fair is always a highlight in your child's school year and it is something they will always fondly remember from their Happy Holmwood Days.

I appreciate your wonderful support.

With Kind Regards

Mrs Kiely – RFF and Library Teacher

P&C News

Please find attached the P&C Pie Drive order forms for this year's Annual Pie Drive. **Orders are due back at school on Friday 25th July with delivery date on Thursday 7th August.**

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 16th June at 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom - all welcome!

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Community News



