



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 Week 8 – Week Ending 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

## **Students of the Week – Week 7**

*Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!*



Katelyn Judd (2/3/4), Harry Seears (K/1) and Annelise Brown (5/6)

**MERIT AWARDS** were awarded to;

K/1 – Makayla Toohey and Liam Beaumont

2/3/4 – Lara Collins and Charlize Light

5/6 – Claire Lewis and Tailor Hampton

***Congratulations to all of these students***



## **Dental Visit**

Dental Screenings were conducted at school yesterday and we thank Robyn Browne and Western Area Health for providing this service to our students. Each child received a note from the Dental Nurse indicating if they required a follow up appointment or no further treatment for the next 12 months. Please ensure you check your child's bag for this note.

## **Marimbas**

Marimba lessons will be on again tomorrow! We are all looking forward to showcasing our performances at the end of Term Assembly on the last day of Term.

*This Assembly will start at 1:45pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. All families and community members are welcome to attend.*

## **3 Way Interviews**



Thank you to all those parents who have attended 3 Way Interviews this week with their children. The staff greatly appreciates the opportunity to speak at length with each parent about how their child is progressing in all aspects of their schooling. Parents who have not arranged an interview with their child's teacher will receive their child's school report on the last day of school. If you have yet to make an interview time, I urge you to do so before the end of term.



## **NAIDOC WEEK**

Next week Holmwood PS students will take part in a variety of activities to mark NAIDOC Week. Students will be involved in learning about Aboriginal Culture through participating in art activities, storytelling, music and dance. This year two HPS students will be competing in the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge which will be held at Cowra PS next Thursday - congratulations to Tailor and Jarrod for their enthusiasm to take on the Challenge! Their topic is "Aboriginal People During War Time" and I am sure they will represent HPS well.



## **Welcome Mr Duncombe!**

This week we welcomed Mr Blake Duncombe to Holmwood PS. Blake will be completing a two week teaching practicum with Mrs Patten and the 2/3/4 class. We hope he enjoys his time at HPS!

## **Found!**

*A single silver earring in the shape of the Eiffel Tower has been found in the school playground. If it belongs to you, or you know who owns it please phone the school – 6342 2172 to arrange collection.*

## **Calendar**

<b>Term 2 Week 9 NAIDOC WEEK</b>	
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Visit to the 5/6 class from Sammi Townsend "Young Farming Champion" regarding Archibull Prize Competition.</i>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>NAIDOC Activity Day</i>
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>NAIDOC Debating Challenge(Cowra PS) – Mrs Lewis attending - Mrs McFarland (5/6)</i>
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Scripture End of Term Assembly showcasing our Marimbas starting at 1:45pm.</i>
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b> <b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>Term 3 Week 1</b>	
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<i>Staff Development Day</i>
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<i>All students return</i>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<i>Mrs Lewis – Planning Meeting in Orange (Mrs McFarland 5/6)</i>

*Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal*

## **Attachments**

- P&C Letter and Helpers Roster
- "Fantastic Mr Fox" permission note for 2/3/4 students

## **K/1 Class News**

What a busy week we have had. Thank you to all the parents and carers that have made an effort to attend Parent Teacher Interviews. It was great to have the opportunity to discuss your child's learning growth with you. Thank you to Mrs. Kiely who taught the K/1 students on Monday. They had a great day learning about bears in the wild.

This week we have had a very busy time. In Literacy we have been discovering facts about the different species of bears. We learnt about the different countries bears live in. We discovered that bears live in every continent

except Australia and Antarctica and we learnt about the many different environments and habitats they roam in. We discovered they are omnivores - this means that they like eating meat and plants. Using this information the students are beginning to write simple information reports.

In Maths this week we have been learning about positional language. The first lesson was all about 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We went out in the playground and went over and under, in and around, left and right, above and down trying to find our imaginary bear. The children had so much fun. We also went to a treasure hunt, learning about north, south east and west to discover buried treasure in the sandpit. These activities reinforce our learning about position. We then transferred this knowledge to make our own treasure maps.



In Creative Arts we made a combined collage bear using crepe paper. We are going to use this bear to learn about adjectives. Adjectives are descriptive words, and we will be using these words in our writing, such as: The **big brown scary** bear was really just a **cuddly** bear



with soft fur. Over the next week I look forward to reading the students stories with lots of descriptive words.

Have a safe weekend, ready for the last week of school.

Ms Heidi Edgerton  
K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3/4 Class News

It's been great to meet with so many parents. Thank you for your support and interest. There are still some time-slots on Friday 20/6 after school~ please contact Anthea in the Office.

We have welcomed Mr Blake Duncombe to our class for the next two weeks. I know the children are excited and have benefitted from his input into our lessons. Recess and lunchtime footie games are looking a little more professional now, with a real "ref" present!

Homework for this week and next week will just be spelling, as the class have an assignment in HSIE for Mrs Lewis, due next week.

Please find attached a permission note about the screening, next Tuesday of "Fantastic Mr Fox" as a final activity on our class novel. It has a PG rating and so we need your permission to show the movie to your child.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Kerry Patten  
2/3/4 Teacher

## 5/6 Class News

Another week has gone by and it is almost the end of the Term! How time flies when you are busy!! This week the 5/6 class have worked hard to complete many of their learning units and are excited to be presenting their Vietnamese Fables to the school next week. Lots of thought has gone into the scripts, props, costumes and camera shots and we look forward to sharing these with the rest of the school.

We have also finalised our Wishing Cupboard watercolour artworks and they look fantastic! To see all of our artworks log onto our class blog by googling "Mrs Lewis 5/6 Class Blog".

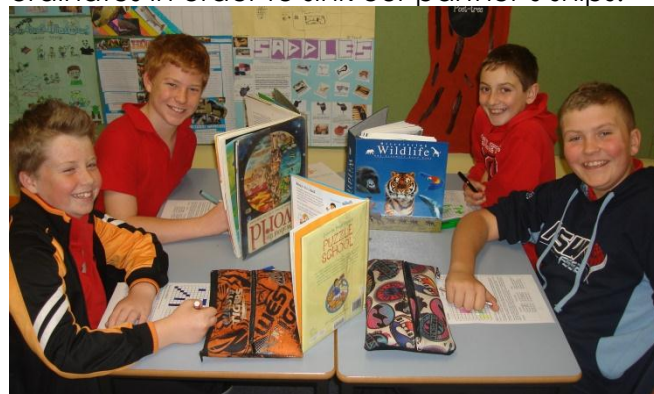


Brent and Kara's "Wishing Cupboard" Artworks. Our Jeannie Baker Collages which we photographed were printed and look amazing on our classroom walls. We printed two copies – one is an original photo of our collage and the second is the image that we played around with using digital photography software.



Abbie's and Lisa's Collage photos – the top photo is the original artwork, the one below is the one they 'enhanced'!

In Maths this week we have been focusing on "Position" and in particular co-ordinates, Cartesian planes and compass points. Both Year 5 and 6 are showing a great understanding of these concepts. We enjoyed playing a game of "Battleship" with a partner and had to call out specific co-ordinates in order to sink our partner's ships.



Mitchell vs Kynan and Dylan vs Tom in Battleship.



*Nigella and Claire battling each other in a game of Battleship.*

We also concluded our HSIE Unit on "Australian Democracy" this week with some interesting discussions about what we think makes a good citizen.

Next Tuesday we are excited to welcome Miss Sammi Townsend to our school on Tuesday. Sammi is our Young Farming Champion and we will be interviewing her as part of our work on the Archibull Project. With NAIDOC activities and the end of Term Assembly, it looks set to be another busy week!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jenny Lewis  
5/6 Class Teacher

## **P&C News**

Thank you to all the parents who attended Monday's P&C Meeting. It was decided at the meeting that a roster be drawn up with all the events that the P&C will be doing as part of raising funds for the school. This has been sent home to all families with this week's newsletter. It would be appreciated if all families could tick the events and activities they are able to help out with and return to school. The saying that "many hands make light work" is especially true when trying to raise funds for ALL students at Holmwood PS. If you have any concerns regarding the attached letter and roster, please contact President Karen Beaumont - 0419 229755

**Don't forget the PIE DRIVE!! - Orders are due back at school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July with delivery date on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August.**

Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary

## **Community News**

### **PCYC Cowra**

#### **Junior Disco**

The next Junior Disco will be held at PCYC's Young Road complex on Friday 27 June from 6pm to 8pm. This is for school children ranging from Kinder to Year 6 with lights and music provided by Laurie's Disco.

Entry is \$5.00 per person and supervision is provided by PCYC Police, Staff and Volunteers. The canteen will be in operation as well as a sausage sizzle with a sausage sandwich costing \$2.00.

#### **Indoor Touch Footy for ages 7 to 14**

PCYC is looking to run some indoor touch footy for the 7 to 14 age group on Tuesday afternoons commencing at 4pm.

At this stage there will be a muster day held at PCYC's Young Road building on Tuesday 17 June at 4pm to gauge how much interest there is in running a competition. If enough people show interest, PCYC will proceed with establishing a regular competition in Term 3. Games will be "5 a side" using the basketball court area as the field, cost will be \$2.00 per child each week. If you are interested in playing please come to the muster day to put your name down.

#### **Archery**

PCYC runs Archery for ages 7 and older on Monday afternoons.

The first archery session begins at 4pm and is aimed at beginners and the younger age groups, with a second session beginning at 5pm for the older and more experienced archers.

Cost for Archery is \$6.00 per session and all equipment is provided.

#### **Laser Tag**

Laser Tag is on Wednesday nights commencing at 5.30pm at the Young Road complex. The session runs for an hour and costs \$5.00 per person.

Laser Tag is a whole lot of fun while developing teamwork and co-operation within teams. Planning and strategy also play a big part for the most successful teams.

#### **PCYC Membership**

You must be a PCYC member to participate in any of the PCYC activities. Annual membership is \$5.00 for under 18's and \$10 for ages 18 and older.

