



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 9 – Week Ending 27th June 2014

Students of the Week – Week 8

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!



Sascha Pettit (K/1), Sophie Light (5/6) and Lilly Whitty (2/3/4)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Caleb Crowe and Jett Cummings

2/3/4 – Boston Petty O'Brien and Charlize Light

5/6 – Kynan Rowley and Nigella Stevenson

Congratulations to all of these students

NAIDOC Week Celebrations



We had a wonderful day on Wednesday as the whole school participated in NAIDOC Week activities. Teachers each designed an activity based on

Aboriginal Culture including art, music, storytelling and traditional indigenous games and students rotated through these during the morning and middle sessions. After lunch, Lisa and Jarrod were given the honour of cutting our school NAIDOC cake which was a very large and colourful Rainbow Serpent. Special thanks to Rhonda Lewis for baking the cake and Abbie, Claire, Georgia and Mrs Lewis for decorating it. The 5/6 girls did a wonderful job face painting the younger students and all in all everyone had a great day!

Jarrod and Tailor will be participating in the NAIDOC Schools Public Speaking Challenge at Cowra Public School on Thursday. They had a practice run on

Wednesday afternoon in front of the whole school and sounded terrific! We wish them luck and hope that they both enjoy this special experience.



The Brolga Group learned about the story "The Echidna and the Shade Tree" with Cheri.



The fabulous Rainbow Serpent – HPS NAIDOC Cake!



Brodie sat very still while having his face painted by Sophie.



The "Goanna" group enjoyed learning about Aboriginal symbols with Mrs Lewis.



Lilly, Charlotte and Lisa playing Traditional Indigenous Games with Mr Duncombe.

Assembly is on TOMORROW

All parents and community members are invited to attend our End of Term Assembly tomorrow. This Assembly will start at 1:45pm and will be a musical extravaganza with singing and marimba playing, along with our usual Year 6 reports and awards. We hope to see you there!

First Aid



Congratulations to all the Staff who completed First Aid Training at school on Saturday. We enjoyed the Course which was delivered by Cowra Pool Manager Kerry Lynch, and are now fully refreshed on how to deal with the wide range of accidents that can occur.

Calendar

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
Saturday 28th June – Monday 14th July	
Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 14 th July	Staff Development Day
Tues 15 th July	All students return
Wed 16 th July	Mrs Lewis – Planning Meeting in

	Orange (Mrs McFarland 5/6)
Term 3 Week 2	
Mon 21 st July	AECG Meeting at Holmwood PS 2pm P&C Meeting – 6pm 5/6 Classroom
Fri 25 th July	Scripture Pie Order due back at school
Term 3 Week 3	
Mon 28 th July	P&C Wood Raffle Drawn

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- Carinya Flier
- Bathurst Regional Council NRL Flier

K/1 Class News

Well we have come to the end of a very busy term and there are many students and teachers looking forward to a well-earned break.

This term we have been extremely busy with the Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country, Eisteddfod, Music, Book Fair and of course all the learning in the classroom. We have been on a teddy bear's picnic, searched for bears on a bear hunt, learnt about bears in the wild and improved our writing skills by constructing sentences and practicing using our sounding out techniques to write sentences on our own. In Maths we have covered a large range of concepts, from friends of ten, to patterning, learning about money, measuring, sequencing of numbers, skip counting, multiplication and addition and subtraction. We have had a very big term of learning!!

This week we celebrated NAIDOC week, with some fantastic group activities implemented on Wednesday. A huge thank you to Mrs. Lewis for organising such a fantastic day for the whole school, and to the teachers for developing some exciting multistage activities. All students and teachers had a fantastic day. The cake was amazing! Thank you to Rhonda and the Lewis girls for making and icing the Rainbow Serpent - it was very yummy. Have a fun and restful holiday and get ready for another busy Term Three.

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

Where has second term gone? It must be a sign of all the great efforts 2/3/4 have made with their learning this term! Congratulations and thank you go to each one of my students for

the progress, improvements, challenges met and learning undertaken in our busy classroom! We farewell Mr Duncombe tomorrow and wish him every success as he continues with his studies to become a Primary Teacher. We have really enjoyed his stay and thank him for the extra help with our work and learning and the extra time he gave the footie games during recess and lunch!

Please restock school supplies during the holidays. Each student is asked to supply a pencil case with some lead pencils, a glue stick, a pair of scissors, an eraser and some coloured pencils. "Textas" are an optional extra. It really does save time to have all these things ready to go as soon as we get into the classroom.

We watched the DVD "Fantastic Mr Fox" and had a great discussion afterwards on the differences between the book and the movie. I can safely say that there were far more differences than similarities!! Hollywood has certainly added much more to Roald Dahl's original story. We shall be completing a Venn Diagram to report on our discussion.

Our current "Time for Talk" topic "My Dream Holiday" has taken us to many places both real and imagined ~ Paris, Africa, Disneyland, Disney World, the Gold Coast, Universal Studios, Indiana, "Candy Land" for the sweet tooth in our class and "Bedland" filled with giant, soft rocking beds ~ just perfect for the upcoming holidays!! We'll start next term off with a new topic . . . "My Favourite Home Cooked Meal or My Favourite Recipe" Does your family have a special meal or recipe that you love? Tell us about how it's made; the ingredients you need; why it's special to your family. It would be wonderful to have them written down to make into a 2/3/4 Cook Book. So use the holidays to ask around your family and think about what is your very favourite recipe from home.

Have a safe holiday. Rest, relax and recharge for a new term. Times tables shall be a focus in Maths ~ starting straight off with 2's, 5's and 10's! And . . . Please keep reading during the holidays as well!

Kind Regards
Mrs Kerry Patten
2/3/4 Teacher

**** A special message to the 2/3/4 students and families from Mrs Lewis – WOW!!!**
Congratulations to all the 2/3/4 students on their amazing HSIE projects! The ones that have been handed in already have been outstanding! Thank you to the parents who have assisted their child with completing this task...it has been a real thrill to see the pride and excitement on the children's faces when they have handed their work in to me. A JOB WELL DONE!! ☺

5/6 Class News

WOW – it is hard to believe we are at the end of the term...it has just flown by! This week we have enjoyed several 'extra' special activities including a visit from Sammi Townsend, our Young Farming Champion who is assisting us with our Archibull Competition. Sammi brought lots of interesting things for us to look at including samples of merino and Poll Dorset wool, dyed wool, woven wool samples, lanolin, baby booties which were made from felt, giant wool bales and a fabulous Powerpoint which gave us heaps of information about wool!! The class had prepared a range of questions to ask Sammi and we took lots of photos so we can add these to our blog. Some interesting things we found out from Sammi include...did you know it only takes 3 minutes to shear a sheep? Also did you know that black sheep are the least popular because you cannot dye their wool?



*The 5/6 Class pictured with Sammi on Tuesday morning
(can you spot Dr Moos-a lot?)*

On Wednesday we of course had our special NAIDOC activity day and after lunch we got to show the rest of our school our presentation of our Vietnamese fables which we have been working on over the last few weeks. The K/1 and 2/3/4 class voted for which film they thought was the most entertaining and the winning play was....a tie between "The Fairy Queen and The Dragon King" and "The Farmer, the Buffalo and the Tiger". Well done to these groups!

Thank you to Mrs McFarland who taught the 5/6 class today while I attended the NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition. Mrs McFarland did one of her Teaching Practicums with us last year and it was lovely to have her back at HPS!

Tomorrow is our last day of school for the term and we are looking forward to our last music lesson with Mrs Hodges and our Assembly at the end of the day. We hope lots of parents are able to come along and watch!

Have a wonderful holiday!!
Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

Term 2 has been a very exciting and rewarding term for both the students and I, in the Library and on the Sporting Oval.

The **Library** has become a warm and welcoming environment for the children to read, relax, enjoy a wide range of literature and extend their class KLA Units. The 2014 Book Fair was once again an outstanding success; with special thanks to all the parents who encouraged their child to enjoy the wonderful world of make believe. The book characters, outfits and book purchases were amazing. As a result, over \$400 worth of new books will be available for the children to borrow next term, which is very exciting for our eager book bugs! All Library Books are due back at the end of each term, so please check under beds and other hiding spots. Each child will receive a free holiday reading book to enjoy and then keep, swap or pass on. Please encourage your child to continue reading each day in the holidays and our Town Library has a wonderful selection to choose from and widen reading experiences. Next term Library borrowing will recommence on Thursday week 1 and all books from K-6 are due back each Thursday please.

The **Premier Sporting Challenge** has increased the daily physical activities of all students and encouraged our staff to be active each day too. We have now completed Week 5 of our 10 Week Challenge. This is a great way to keep fit during winter and find new ways to warm up, be active and keep fit. This feeling of vitality will then inspire us to make wiser food choices, which then improves our overall health. Exercise is free and will free the mind from the daily grind!

Each Friday in **Sport**, K-6 students have enjoyed being in their Sporting Houses, ie Myall, Brigalow, Kurrajong, to participate in the Tabloid Athletics Sporting Program. This interaction between the classes and children of mixed ages and abilities has enabled each child to develop new sporting skills, social skills and organisational skills, which are essential sporting attributes. During the afternoon the Primary students who are going to the District Athletics Carnival next term, join the Athletics Squad, for specific training to increase their level of skill development.

Thank you to this term's Student Council Committee who organised a very successful **Red Shield RED MUFTI DAY/ Morning Tea Canteen**. The students have also been busy collecting scarves and beanies for our **Winter**

Warmth Appeal. There are three large bags full of donated scarves, beanies and warm socks for the Homeless Appeal, which will be very much appreciated. I will take these to the Parramatta Mission these holidays. This Appeal will continue during the winter months of next term too. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



The Student Council with the Winter Warmth Appeal beanies and scarves.

Thank you again for your wonderful support. Please have a happy, relaxing and safe holiday with your beautiful child and family and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

RFF/Library Teacher

P&C News

Last week a note was sent home to all families asking each family to indicate a fundraising event that they would be prepared to help the P&C with throughout the remainder of 2014. 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 - 0419229755

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

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Community News

TO GIVE AWAY TO A LOVING FAMILY – A cute brown female pure-bred Kelpie. She would make a great family pet/working dog. Phone Nadine – 0409 441735.

