



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 3 Week 1 – Week Ending 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

## Welcome back to Term 3



Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that all families had a great winter break and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. The children have come back ready and refreshed for another busy term, and I am sure have all had a growth spurt over the holidays! I would like to extend a warm welcome to Sam Lynch and his mum Carol who join our Holmwood School Community. Sam joins the Year 4 Class and is already making lots of new friends.

## Students of the Week – Term 2 Week 9

*Congratulations to our Week 9 Students of the Week!*



Macey Rowley (K/1), Lisa Brien (5/6) and Boston Petty-O'Brien (2/3/4)

**MERIT AWARDS** were awarded to;

K/1 – Chad Charnock and Eloise Newell

2/3/4 – Charlotte Collins and Zsalea Mansley

5/6 – Jarrod Hodgson and Tailor Hampton

**Congratulations to all of these students**

## End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all the parents and community members who attended our End of Term Assembly in Week 9. The students enjoyed performing their marimba pieces and the Choir sang beautifully. Congratulations to all

students on their wonderful performances and excellent behaviour.



The choir performed an encore performance of "Three Little Birds" and "The Cup Song" which they sang at the Cowra Eisteddfod earlier in the year.



Year 2/3/4 playing the Marimbas at our Assembly.



K/1 had great fun playing "Click Sticks" on the marimbas!

## NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge

During the last week of Term 2, Jarrod Hodgson and Tailor Hampton both represented Holmwood Public School at the NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition which was held at Cowra Public School. Both boys spoke extremely well on the topic "Aboriginal People During War" and have been selected to represent the Orange Schools Group at the Regional Public Speaking Competition in Dubbo later this Term. This is a terrific accomplishment and we are very proud of both boys!



Tailor and Jarrod at the NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition.

Speaking of NAIDOC Week, did you spot the full page article on Holmwood Public School's NAIDOC Celebrations in the Cowra Guardian in the holidays?

## Staff Development Day

On Monday full time teaching staff attended our Term 3 Staff Development Day. The focus for this professional development day was on the new Mathematics K-10 syllabus. This syllabus will be implemented in 2015. Staff also looked at effective programming and assessment strategies across both Mathematics and English.

## Congratulations Tom!



On behalf of all staff and students I would like to congratulate Tom Cummings who has been offered a place at Hurlstone Agricultural High School based on his results from the Selective High Schools Test which he sat for in March. This is a great achievement and we are very proud

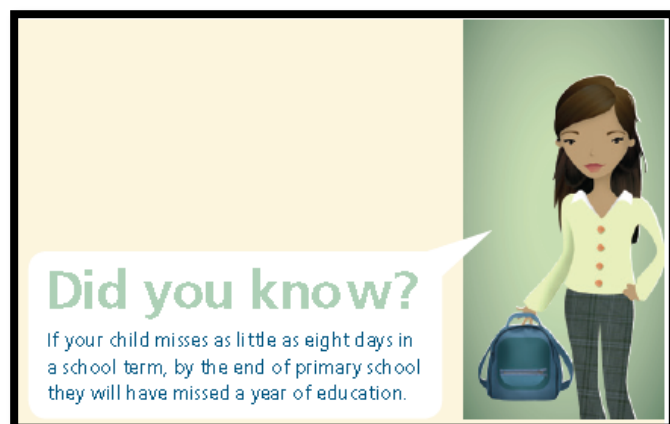
of Tom's effort!

## Book Club



Attached to this week's Newsletter is the latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue. All orders with payment are due by **MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY**.

## Absence Reminders



It is important that parents note the following;

- If your child is absent from school, the school **must** be informed of the reason why – this can be via a note, phone call or email.
- Reasons for absences fall under several categories; **Sick** (when your child is too unwell to be at school – this needs to be specified), **Leave** (for things such as urgent appointments, funerals), **Suspension**, **Exemption** (this is only granted if the parent applies to the Principal prior to taking time off school; e.g. for a family holiday), **School Business** - such as excursions, or representing the school in sport.
- Any absence NOT accounted for via a note or phone call, or considered as a valid reason for being away from school, the teachers will mark in their rolls as UNEXPLAINED or UNACCEPTABLE. **It is the parent's responsibility to provide a reason for their child's absence within 7 days.**
- It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school.
- All notes and records of verbal notifications for absences are kept with the class rolls, which are considered a legal document.

We are fortunate at HPS that most parents provide written notes when their children are away from school, however in order to keep our records up to date, any UNEXPLAINED absences will be followed up with a note from the school. Your attention to this very important matter is appreciated.

## Calendar

Term 3 Week 2	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	AECG Meeting at Holmwood PS 2pm P&C Meeting – 6pm 5/6 Classroom
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Di Watt (School Counsellor) at HPS



	<i>Mrs Lewis and Mrs Webster – transition meetings at CHS (Mrs Skene 5/6)</i>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Scripture Pie Order forms due back at school</i>
<b>Term 3 Week 3</b> <b>EDUCATION WEEK</b>	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Ms Edgerton – L3 Training (Mrs McFarland K/1) P&amp;C Wood Raffle Drawn Book Club orders due.</i>
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>ICAS English Test</i>
<b>Term 3 Week 4</b>	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<i>Pie Drive "PIE SORTING DAY" and Delivery. Helpers needed!!</i>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<i>District Athletics Carnival - Cowra</i>

*Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal*

## Attachments

- Book Club Catalogue
- Letter regarding outstanding school fees

## K/1 Class News

Welcome back to another busy term. We have started the term off in full swing. In English, students will be revising diagraph sounds and blends. They will be completing both printed work sheets and participating in games and activities during rotational groups to learn and revise sounds such as sh,ch,th, and the long vowel sounds.

This term we are also focusing on environmental sustainability. We will be looking at a natural environment such as a pond and the environmental impact that human development can have on the land. As part of this unit I am looking for some tadpoles. If anyone on a farm has access to some, it



would be great to have them in the classroom so that we can observe their life cycle. This will link in with our science unit "Growing Up" where we are looking at the life cycles of different plants and animals. As a part of this unit it would be great if students could bring in a few photos of themselves as babies,

toddlers or representing milestones so we can discuss the changes that we go through as we grow and develop.

In Maths we will be focusing on whole numbers, ordering, sequencing and identifying larger than and smaller than numbers from 0-100. We will also be looking at measurement for length and time, addition and subtraction, chance and data.

In art we will be constructing a 'Pond Life' collage. Each week we will be using different mediums and art skills to create a wall collage to feature different animals, insects and plants that live in a pond.

In 2/3/4 Science we are studying the unit 'Material World'. Students will classify and sort man made products back to the original sources and discover how they can be used to construct man made products. We will also be identifying materials that can be reused and recycled.

In 5/6 Science the topic we will cover is 'Sailing, Sinking and Soaring'. In this unit students will explore the properties of water and understand the effects of water pollution on the environment. They will also design a boat that needs to float and a hot air balloon for flying.

It will be a fun and exciting term, and I look forward to growing and learning together as a team.

Regards  
Ms Heidi Edgerton  
K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3/4 Class News

Back to school and welcome aboard to our new Year 4 student, Sam Lynch!

### A Quick Guide to What's Planned for Term 3

- Our class has been straight back into work!! Term 3 is our "Times Tables Term" with a big focus on learning and memorising basic multiplication facts. This week Year 2 is concentrating on 2x; whilst Year 3 and 4 are revising 2x; 5x and 10x tables. We will be drilling and testing each day, along with our Timed Tasks in addition and subtraction. By the end of this term I am expecting that Years 3 and 4 will know **all** their tables (**1x – 12x**); whilst Year 2 will need to know their **2x, 5x** and **10x**.
- We will also be investigating the language of Mathematics ~ what maths terms mean and will start to compile a "dictionary of maths words" eg. We discussed what "an

**array**" is . . . with the help of some Tiny Teddies on a baking tray.

- Our Literacy Theme is based on "Relationships" ~ our first book is "Ark in the Park" by Wendy Orr; followed by "Charlotte's Web" by E.E. White.
- Reading Groups have slightly changed with a new Red Group created. Once again please check with your child to see if they have changed groups.
- The current Time for Talk topic "My



Favourite Home-cooked Dish" has begun with yummy Fried Rice, Sausage Stew, Cheesy Chicken, Lemon Cheesecake and a

Rainbow Ball cake. Please try to bring in the recipe of your dish, as well.

- The Text Type Writing for the next couple of weeks is **Explanations**. Just ask us "How a hot air balloon works" or "Why moths are attracted to lights" ~ we have the answers!!
- Homework. Yes there is definitely still Homework!! So please check with your child ~ there will always be two sheets ~ Spelling and Maths; sometimes accompanied by Reading Sight Words. Homework is given out on Monday and due back on Friday.

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

## 5/6 Class News

It was great to see everyone back at school this week! After listening to the students' news, it seems as if everyone has had a wonderful holiday!

Our units of study for Term 3 are as follows:

**English** – we will be working on a unit of work called "The Wildness of Stories". This will include a film study, a novel study and a documentary all related to this theme.

**Maths** – Our topics include Addition, Fractions and Decimals, Mass, Patterns and Algebra, 2D shapes, Probability, Data and Multiplication/Division. We have resumed our timed mental arithmetic challenges this week, along with our "Problem of the Day".

**HSIE** – This term's unit is called "Global Connections" which looks at all the ways Australia connects with other countries around the world including travel, trade, foreign aid, media and communications.

**Year 2/3/4 HSIE** topic is called "Australia - You're Standing In It". This topic looks at some of the unique environments and tourist attractions in

Australia. In **K/1 HSIE**, our topic for this Term is "Workers in the Community".

**Creative Arts** – We will be using wool as a medium/theme for our Term 3 Visual Arts, in line with our Archibull project – which will also be a major focus this term, as Dr Moos-a lot needs to be decorated and sent off to Sydney for judging in September!

Ms Edgerton and Mrs Patten will continue to teach the 5/6 class **Science and Technology** and **PD/Health** and Mrs Kiely will take them each week for **Library, PE and Sport**.

We are also looking forward to Gymnastics lessons at the PCYC later this term, the District Athletics Carnival, Life Education "Healthy Harold" Visit and some other special sports activities involving other Cowra Schools and Small Schools. It looks like another busy term ahead!

A reminder to all 5/6 students - please ensure that your school supplies have been restocked after the holidays. Glue sticks, white out and basic pens/lead pencils all need to be brought to school daily. Homework will resume next Monday.



Lastly, if any families have any **balls of wool** that they no longer need, we would appreciate any donations for our Term 3 Visual Arts Project. Wool can be any colour or thickness; even half-used balls would be great!! THANK YOU!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jenny Lewis  
5/6 Class Teacher

## P&C News

Our next P&C Meeting is on NEXT MONDAY EVENING at 6PM at the School. All parents welcome!

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

Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary

## Community News

### PCYC NEWS

#### Junior Disco

The next Junior Disco will be held at PCYC's Young Road complex on Friday 25 July 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. 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 along on Tuesday.

### **Junior Basketball**

Junior Basketball will be running on Wednesday afternoon commencing at 4pm. Junior Basketball is made up of a coaching session to develop skills of the game followed by a game of basketball to put the skills in to practice.

Cost for Junior Basketball is \$30.00 per person for the school term.

### **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.

### **Safer Drivers Course for Learner Drivers**

The next PCYC Safer Drivers course (module 1) is scheduled for Friday 8 August.

The course is for Learner drivers that have completed a minimum of 50 hours on-road driving experience (credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included) and is made up of two parts;

Module 1 - is a 3 hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road.

Module 2 - is a 2 hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low risk driving strategies.

Cost for the course is \$140.00 and participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book. Course fee includes PCYC membership.

Numbers are limited so please contact PCYC (ph. 63412035) to book your place.

### **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.