

HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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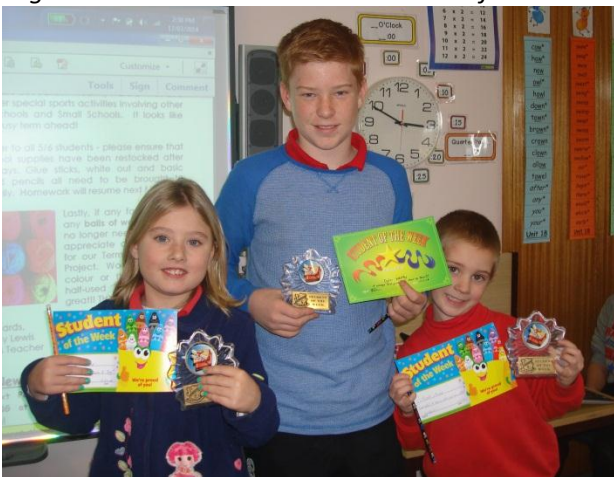
Term 3 Week 2 – Week Ending 25th July 2014

EDUCATION WEEK

Next week is *EDUCATION WEEK*! We will be celebrating this by inviting all families and community members to come up to the School on Wednesday 30th July for "Open Classrooms". Parents will be able to wander through their child's classroom, have a look at their workbooks and sit in on a lesson! Open Classrooms will run from 12pm-1pm. Following this, Mrs Patten will be leading each class in a musical item, which links in with what they have been learning in her PD/Health classes. After the sing-along, we will be having a *FREE Sausage Sizzle* for all students, staff and parents. Parents are welcome to share lunch with their child and enjoy the beautiful winter sunshine. Bill and Gail Webster and Rhonda Lewis (our amazing canteen helpers) have volunteered to cook the sausage sizzle. If you intend coming to the sausage sizzle, could you please return the attached slip to assist us with catering. We hope to see lots of parents next Wednesday!

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 1

Congratulations to our Week 1 Students of the Week!



Leetisha Nestor (2/3/4), Dylan Whitty (5/6) and Micah Murphy (K/1)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Harry Sears and Makayla Toohey

2/3/4 – Thomas Sears and Sam Lynch

5/6 – Abbie Lewis and Oliver Beaumont

Congratulations to all of these students



District Athletics Carnival

The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 8th August at Twigg Oval, Cowra. Students who were successful in being selected in the Small Schools District team will receive their permission notes with today's Newsletter. Please check carefully for the list of events your child has been selected in. Mr Adrian Smith (Principal of Gooloogong PS) will be the Small Schools Team Manager and students will need to report to him on arrival at the Carnival. This year we have had 24 students selected for the team...what an outstanding effort! Please complete and return permission notes to School.

Life Education Van – Healthy Harold!



On Tuesday 12th August, the Life Education Van will visit Holmwood PS. All the students look forward to this event each year and Harold the Giraffe is always popular with students of all ages. This year the students will have the opportunity to spend a session in the Life Ed Van with Harold, where they will participate in hands-on activities to do with staying healthy. The cost for each child to visit the Van is \$9.00. This includes a workbook which students get to keep.

A permission note and an order form for merchandise is attached to this week's Newsletter.

PCYC Membership/Gymnastics Classes

This year we will again attend Gymnastics classes at the Cowra PCYC. This is an integral part of our PD/H/PE Curriculum and the children are already looking forward to weekly lessons with Kim Grinter. For students to participate in gym classes at the PCYC, all students need to be a current PCYC member. Attached to this week's newsletter is a PCYC Membership Form. **PLEASE NOTE students do not need to pay the Annual Membership Fee – this is covered by the School.** It would be appreciated if parents could complete the details on the Membership Forms and return to school asap. We will be attending gym classes from Week 6 until the end of the term.

A permission note and \$2 fee per lesson (total 5 x \$2 = \$10 per child) will be sent home to parents later in the term.

Plastic Newsletter Folders

An important message from Mrs Hubbard!

Could all students and parents please return their plastic newsletter folders to School? For those without folders, it would be appreciated if you could please replace yours if you have lost it. Over the last term we have been sending home Newsletters in plastic sleeves but this is becoming a significant cost to the school (with at least 20 plastic sleeves being used each week). Each family was issued with a plastic folder at the beginning of the year. By having a plastic folder, you are assured of receiving ALL important notes, documents and attachments to each week's Newsletter. Your attention to this is appreciated.

WANTED

The P&C require plastic Woolworths or Coles bags to use for putting pies in for next week's Pie Drive orders. Please send these into school.

Book Club



A reminder that all orders with payment are due by **MONDAY 28th JULY**.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 3 - EDUCATION WEEK	
Mon 28 th July	Ms Edgerton – L3 Training (Mrs McFarland K/1) Book Club orders due.
Tues 29 th July	ICAS English Test
Wed 30 th July	EDUCATION WEEK Open Classrooms and Sausage Sizzle
Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 4 th Aug	Di St Clair (Year 7 Advisor for 2015 from Cowra High School) visiting to speak with all Year 6 students.
Thurs 7 th Aug	Pie Drive "PIE SORTING DAY" and Delivery. Helpers needed!!
Fri 8 th Aug	District Athletics Carnival – Cowra Scripture
Term 3 Week 5	
Tues 12 th Aug	Life Education Van – "Healthy Harold"
Thurs 14 th Aug	Jeans for Genes Day Mrs Lewis - OCA Meeting in Orange (Mrs Knight 5/6) NAIDOC Regional Public Speaking Competition in Dubbo

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis - Principal

Attachments

- Healthy Harold Permission Note
- Healthy Harold Merchandise Note
- District Athletics Permission Note
- PCYC Membership Form
- Sausage Sizzle Attendance Slip

K/1 Class News

We are in full swing with our learning in the classroom this week. On Friday afternoon we had great fun in our class groups for sport learning three different types of dancing - bush dancing, line dancing and hip hop dancing. Some of the moves were very tricky and it was great to have a laugh at our dancing abilities!

This week we have been learning about pond life. We have discussed animals and plants that live in a natural pond and how humans can create man-made ponds to encourage a habitat for animals to come to. In our classroom we have made a pond life area with fish, plants and seedlings that we are watching grow. This links in with our Science Unit 'Growing Up' and our English topic on Environmental Sustainability. We are reading many books about frogs, gardens, the environment, natural habitats and planting and growing seeds. We have used this factual information in our writing.



The students are careful pouring a seaweed, water and fertilizer mix into three separate bowls to grow Lentils, Alfalfa Sprouts and Mung Beans.

Next week in Science we will be discussing 'Growing Up' and how we change from a baby to a toddler, to a child and eventually adolescents and adults etc. If you have at least four photos of your child growing up to this point I would be grateful if you could email or send them in for us to use as part of our learning. We will take a photocopy of your photos and send them home. They can show milestones as a baby, ie newborn, sitting up, walking, preschool, first day of school etc. The more photos we can use, the better the timeline will be. Thank you for your help.

Our Art this term will reflect our English and Science topics and this week we were lucky enough to have the Year 6 students come and help us make paper craft frogs for the "Pond Life" corner.

In Maths this week we have been learning about grouping, multiplication and sharing and division of a collection of objects. The students had to separate fish into different fish bowls so that we had an equal number of fish in each bowl. We also learnt to count by 5's and 10's and learnt a new dance and song for each skip count.

We have started using computers in our rotational Literacy groups each morning and the students love their study ladder challenges. They are developing their awareness of using technology for learning, their sight words, reading and spelling skills.

Regards

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

What a great week of learning we have had! I have been impressed with the way our Reading Groups have run this week. Lots of different activities in a rotation of five groups ~ Silent Reading & Home Reading Changeover; various Spelling activities; Handwriting; Guided Reading and another surprise activity which changes each day!

Problem solving with times tables has been our main focus this week. Congratulations to everyone for trying so hard to master setting out, choosing correct sentences and coming up with the right answers!!

Our Picasso Heads are looking vibrant and our Lego Self Portraits are being finished off.

Please remember to keep Home Reading on the boil. Diaries are checked on Thursdays.

This term, K to 6 **Health topics** will be based on **Rainy Day Leisure Activities** and the Life Education Visit (details attached with this newsletter). I would like to introduce/

reacquaint the students with board games and card games that can be played solo or with partners ~ NO SCREENS involved!



appreciated.

Could we please borrow any board games that you could spare for a few weeks, to add some variety? Any "G" Rated games would be greatly

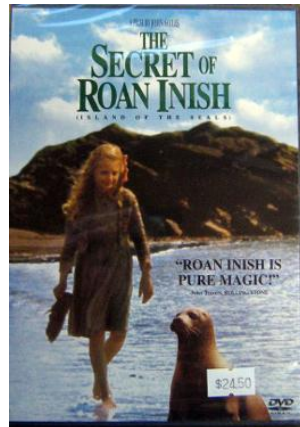
The time has come for 2/3/4's HSIE projects to set sail for home so please arrange to get the larger constructions safely home! Remember that the Cowra Show is coming up and might be another place for the models and dioramas to be displayed.

PS Our next "Time For Talk Topic" will be **"My Favourite Season"**.

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

5/6 Class News

Week 2 has been a busy one in the 5/6 classroom and we have all been glad to see the warmer weather return, enabling us to get outside during play times!



This week we started work on our Term 2 English Studies unit – "The Wildness of Stories". We watched a film on Wednesday called "The Secret of Roan Inish" which was a story about a 10-year-old girl called Fiona who was sent to live with her grandparents in a small fishing village in Donegal, Ireland. Fiona learns

about the local legend that an ancestor of hers married a Selkie - a seal who can turn into a human. Years earlier, her baby brother washed out to sea in a cradle shaped like a boat and some believe that the boy is being raised by the seals. Fiona catches sight of a little boy on the abandoned Isle of Roan Inish and eventually uncovers the secret of the island. We all thoroughly enjoyed this movie and had a great discussion about the techniques the filmmaker used to make the story powerful. We will continue further work on this text next week.

In Maths we have continued our focus area on Addition and have been working hard on our rounding and estimation skills.

Our unit on Global Connections in HSIE has proved to be very interesting as we are beginning to discover the many different countries Australia IMPORTS from. We had fun on Wednesday afternoon, working in a group challenge where we had to piece back together a map of the world and label some of the countries. Our geography skills required some assistance from Google but all groups managed to complete the task well!

Thank you to Mrs Skene for taking the 5/6 class on Tuesday while I attended meetings at Cowra High School.

A reminder that Week 2 Homework sheets are due TOMORROW and next week's News Topic is...."My Favourite Menu". Students will need to describe an entrée, main meal and dessert to their peers...YUM!

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

Term 3 is going to be an exciting term for K-6, with Mrs K, as new projects are already under way!

In the Library the focus is on Non Fiction Books and assisting all students to learn new skills in how to use Library facilities effectively, both at school and at the Town Library.

In PE/Sport the focus is on team games and developing new skills, team work, co-operation skills and encouraging participation. The Premier Sporting Challenges will continue and this encourages daily physical activity for children and staff, plus hopefully parents too. We will also be learning new movement skills through dance and gymnastics.

Last week the students chose a new Student Council Committee for Term 3. Congratulations go to;

President - Charla Moorfoot

Vice President - Harry Beaumont

Secretary - Brent Kiss

Vice Secretary - Kara Lunnon

Treasurer - Dylan Whitty

Vice Treasurer - Nigella Stevenson

A special "Thank You" to the Term 2 Committee who did a fantastic job organising the Book Fair, Red Shield Appeal and Winter Warmth Appeal ! The enthusiastic Term 3 Committee are planning a Landcare Tree Planting Project, a Jeans for

Genes Day and a Spring Time Fete. So it will be an exciting and eventful term

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

RFF/Library Teacher

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who attended the P&C Meeting on Monday night.

PIE DRIVE Orders are due back at school TOMORROW Friday 25th July with delivery date on Thursday 7th August.

WANTED:

**** Plastic bags for placing pie orders in!**

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Community News

BUSH 2 BLEDISLOE

The Wallabies are coming to the Central West and will be available for an "Open Training" session at the following venues;

Tuesday 5 August

Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange

3pm-5pm

Thursday 7 August

Bathurst Bulldogs Rugby Club

2.30pm-4.30pm

The poster is for the 'bledisloe cup festival BUSH2BLEDISLOE'. It features a large image of a Bledisloe Cup trophy on the right. The text 'MEET THE QANTAS WALLABIES IN ORANGE' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, it says 'TUESDAY 5th AUGUST, 2014'. A list of activities includes: 'Meet the team at an open training session', 'Get up close to the iconic Bledisloe Cup trophy', and 'Chance to win great prizes'. The event is scheduled for '3.00pm - 5.00pm' at 'Kinross Wolaroi School, 59-67 Bathurst Rd, Orange'. A note at the bottom says 'Plus don't miss Bledisloe Bay in Sydney on Thursday 14th August - First Fleet Park, Circular Quay'. Social media links for '#Bush2Bledisloe' and 'Facebook.com/Wallabies' are provided. At the bottom, there is a box for 'QANTAS WALLABIES v ALL BLACKS BLEDISLOE CUP, SYDNEY TEST' on 'SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST, 2014' at 'ANZ STADIUM', with a link to 'TICKETEK.COM.AU' for tickets and 'www.sydney.com' for travel packages. Logos for Qantas, Centurion Edge, Asics, NSW Government, Destination NSW, and Wallabies are at the bottom.