



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 3 – Week Ending 1st August 2014

Education Week

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who turned up for our Education Week "Open Classrooms" Day yesterday. It was great to see so many attend and take the opportunity to see what a "normal" Wednesday at HPS looks like in each of our classrooms. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of Education Week celebrations in NSW Public Schools! Thank you to Mrs Patten for leading each class in our singing display. It was great to see the students performing so confidently and with such enthusiasm!



Thank you also to Gail and Bill Webster and Rhonda Lewis for cooking the massive sausage sizzle which was enjoyed by all the children, parents and staff! At Holmwood we encourage all of our families to become involved in their child's education and it is wonderful to see the strong home-school partnerships in action. Below are a few snaps taken on Wednesday during Open Classrooms.



The busy K/1 classroom during "Open Classrooms"!



Tom with his mum Steph during "Open Classrooms".



Brent and his Pop Dave and Mitchell pictured with his mum Karlene during Wednesday's activities.



Isobella and Nigella showing their mum Kirsten, some of their classwork during Education Week.



Damien enjoyed showing his mum Paula and dad Wayne some of the great work he has been doing in Year 5.

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 2

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week!



Layla Hood (2/3/4), Caleb Crowe (K/1) and Charla Moorfoot (5/6)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Alana Kiss and Brodie Rye

2/3/4 – Harry Beaumont and Akiko Beatty

5/6 – Kara Lunnon and Damien Harding

SPORTS AWARDS – Chad Charnock, Matthew Russell,
Tom Cummings

Congratulations to all of these students

Farewell Garry!

Sadly next week will be Garry White's last day at Holmwood PS. Garry has been our AMAZING General Assistant for the past two years and is leaving to take up a full time position at The Henry Lawson High School. All of the staff and students are going to miss Garry's happy face, ability to build anything out of nothing, and of course his wonderful sense of humour. As a thank you to Holmwood, Garry would like to put on a sausage sizzle for all the students and staff on MONDAY 4th August – just another example of Garry's generosity! Students will not require lunch on this day and there will no lunch orders available. Students can still order recess.

District Athletics Carnival

The District Athletics Carnival will be held next Friday 8th August at Twigg Oval, Cowra. Attached is a canteen price list, program and name tags for those students attending.

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. The cost for each child to visit the Van is \$9.00. This includes a workbook which students get to keep.

Please return notes to school by Monday 10th August.

PCYC Membership/Gymnastics Classes

*Last week we sent home a **PCYC Membership Form** to all students. It would be appreciated if parents could complete the details on the Membership Forms and return to school asap. These are necessary for your child to participate in Gymnastics classes at the PCYC. We will be attending Gym classes from Week 6 until the end of the Term. The School and the P&C are generously subsidising Gymnastics classes for each student (normally \$5 per lesson plus transport). This year the cost will be just \$2 per student per lesson (total \$10). Please sign and return the attached permission note to school.*

Term 3 Student Council

Congratulations to our Term 3 Student Council members who were elected to their positions at the beginning of this term. All members will serve on the Student Council for the duration of Term 3 and have lots of fun activities planned for the students.



*Harry Beaumont, Brent Kiss, Charla Moorfoot, Dylan Whitty, Kara Lunnon and Nigella Stevenson
Student Council for Term 3.*

Year 7 Cowra High School Advisor Visit

Next Monday, Mrs Di St Clair will be visiting Holmwood PS to have a chat with our Year 6 students. Di will be the 2015 Year 7 Advisor at Cowra High School. This is a great opportunity for the Year 6's to ask Mrs St Clair any questions they might have about High School and to also put a 'face to a name'. We look forward to her visit. A formal transition to Cowra High School Program will run in Term 4.

Cowra Breakout 70th Anniversary

Next Tuesday 5th August, four of our Year 6 students will be representing Holmwood Public School at the official wreath laying service as part of the 70th Anniversary Commemorations of the Cowra Breakout. Tom, Lisa, Abbie and Brent will lay a wreath at the

Japanese War Cemetery and the Australian War Cemetery on this important occasion.

The Council are also inviting families to join in the Anniversary Lantern Walk which is on Monday the 4th August. Families are to assemble in the car park adjacent to the Japanese Gardens where the Parade will commence and walk to the POW Campsite, following a lone runner, Jessica Banks. There will be an evening event at the POW Campsite featuring performances by local entertainers and testimonies from Breakout participants. Shuttle buses will be available back to the Japanese Garden car park at approx 7.30pm. There will be a Lion's Club sausage sizzle available. Please see the attached flier for further information.

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.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 4th Aug	Di St Clair (Year 7 Advisor for 2015 from Cowra High School) visiting to speak with all Year 6 students.
Tues 5th Aug	POW Anniversary Wreath Laying at the POW Camp and Japanese War Cemetery. Ms Edgerton – FACS Day (Mrs Skene K/1)
Thurs 7th Aug	Pie Drive "PIE SORTING DAY" and Delivery.
Fri 8th Aug	District Athletics Carnival – Cowra Scripture
Term 3 Week 5	
Tues 12th Aug	Life Education Van – "Healthy Harold"
Wed 13th Aug	NAIDOC Regional Public Speaking Competition in Dubbo – Jarrod and Tailor (Mrs Lewis attending – Mrs Skene 5/6)
Thurs 14th Aug	Jeans for Genes Day Mrs Lewis - OCA Meeting in Orange (Mrs Knight 5/6)

Term 3 Week 6	
Mon 18th Aug	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC START P&C Meeting – 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom
Tues 19th Aug	Aboriginal Students Eye Testing – Mulyan PS
Thur 21st Aug	Mrs Lewis Principals Conference (Dubbo) – Mrs Knight 5/6
Fri 22nd Aug	Mrs Lewis – Principal's Conference (Dubbo) Combined School's Commonwealth Games Day (K-6)

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Holmwood/Porter's Mt Road Fire Brigade Flier
- District Athletics Canteen Note and Program (selected students)
- POW 70th Anniversary Service Permission Note (selected Year 6 students only)
- Gymnastics Permission Note (all K-6)
- 70th Anniversary POW Breakout "Lantern Walk" Flier

K/1 Class News

We have had yet another busy week in the K/1 Room. On Friday we got our moves on during sport learning Line Dancing, Hip Hop and Bush Dancing. Some of the moves are very tricky and we all have fun trying to learn each step.

In 5/6 science this week we learnt about buoyancy and the centre of gravity in ships and all flotation devices. The students had to design and make a floatable device/boat using recycled materials. After building the boat they had to test to see if it would float and when successful, test the theory of centre of gravity in order to make the boat sink. The students had great fun trying to mould plasticine into a boat shape to understand how objects need to be shaped in order for them to float.

In 2/3/4 Science we have been discussing and learning about raw and natural materials, and how we use them to construct man made products. This week we identified the process of making glass and discovered that sand has been used to make glass

for thousands of years. This week we will be identifying the materials needed in constructing a house.

In Science in K/1 we are discovering ourselves as we grow up. We are identifying the different stages that humans, plants, and animals go through as they grow and develop. **WE WOULD LOVE FOR THE STUDENTS TO BRING IN AT LEAST FOUR PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES AS BABIES, TODDLERS, PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AND SCHOOL CHILDREN TO USE IN OUR TIME LINES.** The photos will be photocopied and the originals returned to you.

This week was Education Week and it was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents and carers take time out of their very busy schedules to come to our open classrooms. A big Thank You to Mrs Nottingham for bringing our special visitor "Froggy" to our class. All students and parents found it very interesting learning about Green Tree Frogs and how "Froggy" came to live with the Nottingham family. The craft lesson was a success and the finished artworks look amazing in the pond corner of the K/1 room. Thank you to Mrs Patten for the beautiful singing from all the students. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm!

On Monday I went to Forbes for further training in L3 and the achievements of all the students in the K/1 class were recognised. Well done students! I'm very proud of your development in reading and writing. It's fantastic to see that our class is keeping up with the standard of literacy levels over the wider region. Keep working hard!

Some great photos below of Education Week!



Regards

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

It was great to see so many families able to visit our classroom during Education Week. At one stage we had fifteen visitors joining in the fun of playing the "Greedy Pig" game! (All in the Maths strand of Chance!) I wonder how many of our visitors ended up with any points.

I would also like to thank all our students for their fantastic, musical performances ~ I felt so proud of your enthusiastic efforts, especially the Kinder dance moves. Hopefully you will notice that my weekly news report is rather descriptive ~ we are working on **adjectives** this week to enhance story writing, in preparation for our next text type ~ **Descriptive Writing**.

During last week's Health lessons K/1 learnt to play UNO, Building Beetles; a Barrel of Monkeys and Falling Monkeys; 2-6 learnt the two- player card game called WAR; 5/6 also learnt ACES HIGH, a solitaire game. More games will be learnt this week. It's great to see that the students are opting to play these games when given the chance rather than choosing to be at a computer screen.

Good return of Homework sheets last week~ yay! Please keep them coming in each Friday. PS ~Please make sure to get the instructions for our latest card games!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kerry Patten

2/3/4 Class Teacher

5/6 Class News

Another great week has whizzed by in the 5/6 classroom! Students have all settled into this term's units and are producing some terrific work, especially in their writing. This week we wrote a review of the film "The Secret of Roan Inish" which we watched last week as part of our work in our English Unit – "The Wildness of Stories". They have

also been working really hard on their spelling activities and continue to use our online spelling program "Spelling City" to assist with developing these skills. Remember, students – you can access this program 24/7 at home and at school.

We had great fun on Monday afternoon during art this week, creating sculptures using aluminium foil! We created human figures by twisting, tearing and crumpling the foil to make them look as lifelike as we could. Then we bent and stretched them into a pose that we liked...some were doing handstands, some flexing their muscles and one was even doing the splits! We placed them on a coloured square piece of cardboard and then took them outside so we could trace their shadow. This was then painted to create a 3D effect. They look fantastic!

THANK YOU to those families who have sent in donations of wool! The 5/6 class have been blown away by the number of balls we have now! We are using these as part of our woollen craft activities this term. If you have any unwanted balls of wool (even half-balls are great!), please send them in to school. We will have some photos in next week's Newsletter of some of the craft we have created!

Also THANK YOU to all the 5/6 parents and grandparents that came to visit our classroom on Wednesday for Education Week. We had 14 visitors who sat in on a BTN lesson and it was great to have their input in our discussion about whether Corporal Punishment should be brought back into schools. The students were horrified to hear that the cane was used on students for a variety of offences....one being simply for writing using their left hand! Thank goodness times have changed!

A reminder that Homework sheets are due **TOMORROW** and next week's News Topic continues as...."My Favourite Menu". Students will need to describe an entrée, main meal and dessert to their peers. So far we have had some very tasty dishes described including chilli prawns, caramel dumplings, cheesecake and chicken schnitzel...YUM!

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

August promises to be an exciting month as there is a Special Event to look forward to each week!

Tomorrow, August 1st, is our Land Care Tree Planting Day and as in past years each Kinder child will plant his/her own Holmwood Tree, with the assistance of a Year 6 Buddy. During this

time Years 1-5 will be involved in other valuable Land Care Projects, which encourages outdoor skills and activity.

Children may bring their own gardening gloves if they would like to protect their hands. Otherwise, it's good to feel the dirt and scrub up afterwards.

In the Library our research topic is the Commonwealth Games. These Games are a great motivation to learn about different countries and excellent motivation to our budding athletes, swimmers and gymnasts. Hopefully, also inspiring adults to get off the couch and get active too!

In PE/Sport the children and teachers are enjoying our Move and Groove unit with lively Line Dance moves with Ms Edgerton, Hipping and Hopping with Mrs Patten and Jigging and Jiving to Bush Dance Beat with Mrs K. Please encourage your child to teach you the dances as it is lots of fun for everyone!

The Premier Sporting Challenge results for Term3 were excellent. Each child's daily activity was tallied to give a class average so far. With K/1 achieving a Gold Award, Yr 2/3/4 a Silver Award and Yr 5/6 a Gold Award. This will combine with the Term 3 Tally to get an overall result. Hence, each child is encouraged to increase daily afterschool fitness and activity. With the milder weather approaching hopefully this will be possible. A Gold Award requires an hour of physical activity each day, which is now considered to be the requirement for good health, as increasing screen time makes us all less mobile. An hour a day keeps the doctor away!



Next Friday, 8th August our HPS Athletics Team will be competing in their events at the District Carnival. We wish them good luck and

encourage each athlete to achieve a Personal Best, in performance and sportsmanship.

The following Thursday 14th is our Jeans for Genes Day. This will be a Mufti Day/Gold Coin Day. It will combine with a Morning Tea Canteen to fund raise for Children's Medical Research. All children are encouraged to bring a Dressed Teddy/Soft Toy for the Parade and Prizes. It is always a fabulous day for a most worthy cause. Parents are welcome for our 11.30 start.

On Friday 22nd, Holmwood School will be joining with the Cowra Schools and Small Schools in a Combined Schools Commonwealth Games Day. This will be an exciting day of games and

friendship. A note regarding this event will come out in the next few weeks.

So there are lots of wonderful events happening for everyone! Hope that you can join us for some, or all, of the above and share in your child's positive learning experiences at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

The P&C Pie Drive delivery date is next **THURSDAY 7th August.**

To assist with this we need;

- Plastic shopping bags (to put pie orders in)
- Volunteers to help sort out the pies (please contact Karen Beaumont if you can help – 0419 229 755)

ORDERS NEED TO BE PICKED UP FROM SCHOOL

BETWEEN 2:30PM – 5:30PM.

Any orders not collected on this date will be taken to Riverside Markets Fruit Shop in the Coles complex and parents will need to collect from there.

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Community News

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Sunday, 7th September 2014

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