



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 4 – Week Ending 8th August 2014

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 3

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week!



Mackenzie Nestor (2/3/4), Tom Cummings (5/6) and Addison Skinner (K/1)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Jaydan Wright and Tyler Charnock

2/3/4 – Lara Collins and William Skinner

5/6 – Anna Russell and Isobella Stevenson

Congratulations to all of these students

Farewell Garry!

This week we farewelled our wonderful GA, Garry. The students made a special presentation to Garry, who has been working at HPS for the past two years. While we are sad to be losing Garry, we are very excited to welcome back Dave Kiss to the HPS team. Dave will start in the GA's position next Monday!



Sophie and Dylan present Garry with a card and farewell gift from the students and staff.



Akiko, Ilyssa, Miah, Katelyn and Lilly enjoying a sausage in the sun at Garry's Farewell BBQ on Monday.

Cowra POW 70th Anniversary

On Tuesday, Mrs Lewis accompanied four of our Year 6 students to the Wreath-laying Ceremony at the Japanese and Australian War Cemeteries to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the POW Cowra Breakout. Abbie, Tom, Lisa and Brent were excellent Ambassadors for our school and laid a wreath on behalf of all students and staff at HPS.



Brent, Tom, Lisa and Abbie at the Australian War Cemetery.

District Athletics Carnival

The District Athletics Carnival will be held TOMORROW at Twigg Oval, Cowra starting at 9am. A program of the day's events is attached. DON'T

FORGET to wear your name tag (these were sent home with last week's Newsletter)! Good luck to all students competing! GO HOLMWOOD!

Life Education Van – Healthy Harold!



Next 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.

Gymnastics Classes



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 and \$10 to school before Monday 18th August.

Year 7 Cowra High School Advisor Visit

On Monday, Mrs Di St Clair visited Holmwood PS to have a chat with our Year 6 students. Di will be the 2015 Year 7 Advisor at Cowra High School. Students enjoyed the opportunity to meet briefly with Mrs St Claire and ask questions about what High School will be like next year. A formal transition to Cowra High School Program will run in Term 4.

Eye Testing for Aboriginal Students

Our school has been fortunate to receive an opportunity for our Aboriginal Students to receive free eye screening and testing by the Regional Eye Health Team. The Team will be conducting the screening at Mulyan PS on Tuesday 19TH August. All Aboriginal students are eligible for this free service. A permission note has been included in your Newsletter folders this week. Parents will need to transport their children to Mulyan on this day with screenings starting at 9am.

Good Luck Tailor and Jarrod



We wish Tailor Hampton and Jarrod Hodgson all the best as they contest the NAIDOC Public Speaking REGIONAL competition at Dubbo next week! Go BOYS!!

Combined Schools Commonwealth

Games Day

On Friday 22nd August, our School has been invited to join with other Cowra Schools and Small Schools to take part in a combined Schools Commonwealth Games Day. This day will run similar to the Olympic Day our students attended two years ago. Students will be divided into teams (countries) and will rotate through a variety of activities led by qualified fitness staff and teachers. The day will begin with a march past and conclude with a presentation (similar to the real Commonwealth Games). Students will meet staff at Cowra PS at 9am and walk to River Park where the event will be held. The day will conclude at 1:45pm. Students may be picked up from River Park at 1:30pm, or alternatively return to school for the remainder of the day. All students K-6 will be involved in this day, as will all staff. The cost for the day will be covered by the school as all children will be attending. Please sign and return the attached permission note.

Bus Reminders

A reminder to all parents who drop children off at Cowra Public School to catch the Holmwood Bus – **the drop off time is 9:00am**. I have spoken with Pat Charnock from Cowra Bus this week, and it appears that some students are being dropped off as early as 8:45am. Rod is a wonderful bus driver, NOT a baby sitter and therefore should not be asked to look after children prior to 9am. As is the case at school, supervision of students does not begin until 9am. Your attention to this is appreciated.

I have also spoken to Mr Brad Tom, Principal of Cowra Public School this week in relation to some bus concerns. To ensure the safety of all students, Mr Tom would like a list of all emergency contact details for students who get off at Cowra PS. This is in the event of an emergency where a child may miss their bus or some other incident occurs. Staff at CPS may need to contact parents if this arises. If you have a concern with regards to us supplying this information to the Administration Office at Cowra PS, please contact me directly.

Mr Tom will be coming out to Holmwood on Monday afternoon to discuss Bus Line behaviour with students who wait at Cowra PS to catch their connecting buses. Student behaviour whilst in bus lines is always a concern for us as they are required to wait without a Holmwood staff member present. We are grateful to Cowra PS staff who keep an eye on the safety of our students, but must remind parents that their child has a responsibility to behave appropriately when waiting. Please discuss this with your child.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 5	
Mon 11 th Aug	Mr Tom – Bus Lines Talk 2:30pm
Tues 12 th Aug	Life Education Van – “Healthy Harold” Mrs Di Watt (School Counsellor) at HPS
Wed 13 th Aug	NAIDOC Regional Public Speaking Competition in Dubbo – Jarrod and Tailor (Mrs Lewis attending – Mrs Skene 5/6)
Thurs 14 th Aug	Jeans for Genes Day Mrs Lewis - OCA Meeting in Orange (Mrs Knight 5/6)
Term 3 Week 6	
Mon 18 th Aug	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC START P&C Meeting – 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom
Tues 19 th Aug	Aboriginal Students Eye Testing – Mulyan PS
Thur 21 st Aug	Mrs Lewis Principals Conference (Dubbo) – Mrs Knight 5/6
Fri 22 nd Aug	Mrs Lewis – Principal’s Conference (Dubbo) Combined School’s Commonwealth Games Day (K-6)
Term 3 Week 7	
Mon 25 th Aug	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC
Tues 26 th Aug	5/6 Excursion to Woodstock Shearing Shed
Fri 29 th Aug	Regional Athletics Carnival – Dubbo Scripture

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Aboriginal Students Eye Testing Permission Note
- District Carnival Program
- Combined School Commonwealth Games Day Permission Note

K/1 Class News

Well the weeks are just flying by! We are now at the end of Week 4 and lots of learning is happening in the classroom. We are still very busy with L3 activities for English, which include our guided reading sessions, word work, sounds and blends activities. After group work we read a joint story and discuss the events within the story. We discuss the message the author is sending to the reader, and we examine grammatical features and language within the story. This in-depth detail and discussion of picture books helps to develop comprehension when reading.

New sight words will be going home next week for Kindergarten students. Please remember to practice sight word recognition every day as this helps your child locate these words in their reading, which in turn helps with their reading fluency and comprehension.

In Maths this week we have been learning about two dimensional shapes and how we use shapes in the environment. Students had to identify shapes within a picture and then use pattern/shapes blocks to construct their own pictures. After using blocks they had to create their own 2D artworks using circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles. They are learning how to manipulate, compare and describe the features of two-dimensional shapes.

In Science we discussed the different stages of growing up throughout people's lives. We cut out pictures from magazines of people from babies, right through to grandparents and ordered the growth stages. So far we have had a few children bring in photos of themselves at different stages in their life - thank you to those who have, however we still need more children to bring in baby, toddler and recent photos so that they can show them to the class and complete our activities on "Growing Up".



In Visual Arts this week we discussed fish living in a pond and made some very colourful fish that reflected the 'Rainbow Fish' story. Our indoor pond area is starting to come alive with all our creative art works, our plants and our seeds that have all sprouted and are not far off from being able to be taste-tested. Creative Arts enable students to explore the qualities of different drawing media and develop the understanding students have of colour and how colours work together to create visually and aesthetically pleasing artworks. Students begin to recognise patterns through repetition, overlapping and changing of direction. Arts and craft is a vital part of learning in the early years of school as it helps build our fine motor skills which assist our development for control with hand writing.

Thank you to Mrs Skene for relieving in the K/1 room on Wednesday. The students had a lovely day with you.

Good luck to all the students participating in the District Athletics Carnival on Friday, we hope that the weather is as beautiful as it has been this week.

Regards

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

We have eight class members off to the District Athletics Carnival this Friday, so good luck, do your best and have fun!

Copies of our new class novel, **Charlotte's Web**, have arrived from USA! We have purchased 20 copies and will be reading, enjoying and studying E.B White's classic tale, over the next few weeks. The grammar focus this week was on **Synonyms ~ words with similar meanings**. We have looked at alternatives for over-used words like ~ *said, went, nice and good*.

In Maths we have discussed **digits ~ 0-9** and **place value ~ to the millions, thousands and hundreds** as well as making some rather nifty **expanded notation** fold-ups.

Our **Four Seasons Artworks** are ready to display and look terrific. We have learnt/played two more card games ~ **Go Fish** and **Crazy 8's**, maybe you could find some time to have the games explained and played at home?

Our next "Time for Talk" topic is "*What have you learnt this week that you didn't know last week?*" For example I have learnt that Bi-Carb Soda makes a great whiteboard cleaner. I have also learnt that you can't make a U-Turn out in front of our school!

Please remember Spelling Test and Homework are due this Friday.

Reminder. HSIE projects are to be picked up, please. We need the space for other things!

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

5/6 Class News

This week in English Studies we started our graphic novel for this term - "A Monster Calls" by Patrick Ness. This novel is the second text we are using in our unit of work called "The Wildness of Stories" and already has us hooked! We have read

almost half the book already and I am thrilled with the enthusiasm that the 5/6 students have shown, wanting to read more and more each day! It is a suspenseful, mysterious and exciting novel that has us wondering and guessing how it is all going to end!

In Maths this week we have continued our work on multiplication; this time looking at extended multiplication. This has been a bit more challenging for both grades and we are making good progress to date. There will be some extended multiplication sums in next week's homework, so students – please ensure you complete your homework and have another opportunity to revise and practise your skills in this area.

Last week's woollen craft God's Eyes were extremely popular with many students making their own at home. The craze has also spread to the younger students and several 2/3/4 children were spotted making them during lunch play on Wednesday! They look terrific. If you would like to see the steps on how we made them, go to our class blog - <http://jennylewis2000.edublogs.org/>



This week we have created pom-poms using wool again, as our medium!

Good luck to the 14 Year 5/6 students competing at the District Carnival on Friday! Good luck also to Taylor and Jarrod who compete at the Regional NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition in Dubbo next Wednesday!

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

This has been another great week with lots of exciting learning happening in the Library and on the oval.

Our Land Care Tree Planting Day last Friday was a hive of activity! There were enthusiastic tree planters, thanks to Ms Edgerton; budding Kitchen Gardeners, thanks to Mrs Patten and

Industrious Environmentalists with Mrs K. Please keep a look out in the Cowra Guardian for action shots.



In the Library we have enjoyed learning about the Commonwealth Games and the history of different sports. For example, the first shot puts were rocks, then cannonballs! Each child has eagerly made a flag to depict the Nation ie team for the upcoming Combined Schools Sports Day, Friday 22nd. Please sign the attached Permission Note and return to school.

In PE/Sport the children and teachers are becoming Super Fit as we jiggle and jive to the music. It has been rewarding to see students teaching other students new dances and seeing everyone enjoy themselves and dance like no one is watching! Please encourage your child to teach you our dances and hopefully you can teach them one of your favourite dances to share with the groups, eg the Lawnmower and the Sprinkler! Tomorrow our HPS District Team will be competing in their events at the District Carnival. We wish them good luck and encourage each athlete to achieve a PB, Personal Best, in Performance and Sportsmanship.

Next 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.

During August the cold winds and frosty mornings certainly remind us that it is still winter! With over 10,000 people being Homeless in Australia our HPS Winter Warmth Appeal still has a way to go in our community project. We have reached 1100 and the Student Council are still collecting scarves, beanies, socks or gloves for this winter. So any donations are most certainly appreciated.

With all these wonderful events happening we 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.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

RFF/Library Teacher

P&C News

The P&C Pie Drive delivery date is TODAY **THURSDAY 7th August**. Profit from the Pie Drive was approximately **\$800.00**. Thank you to all families who bought and sold pies!

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.

URGENTLY NEEDED - CANTEEN MANAGER/VOLUNTEERS

At the end of Term 3 Mr and Mrs Webster will be finishing in their role as Canteen Managers (there are only 12 Canteen days left). **We now URGENTLY need parents/grandparents to run the Canteen or there will no longer be a Canteen at HPS.** If you are interested in taking up this important voluntary role in our School please contact our P&C President, Karen Beaumont or phone the School - 6342 2172.

Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

Community News

Junior Disco

The next Junior Disco will be held at PCYC's Young Road complex on Friday 29 August 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 running 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.

Boxing – Junior and Amateur

There have been some timetable changes for the Junior and Amateur Boxing. The Boxing sessions will now be combined with Boxing being run on Tuesday and Thursday nights commencing at 5.30pm. Pricing will remain the same at \$4.50 for Junior Boxing (ages 7 to 13) and \$5.00 for Senior Boxing (ages 14+). Boxing provides a great fitness workout while improving coordination, strength and stamina, and building self-confidence. It is available for boys and girls, men and women.

You will need your own mouthguard, all other equipment is supplied, though you can choose to bring your own gloves etc if you so wish.

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.

68th Annual Woodstock Memorial Show 1946 - 2014



Sunday, 7th September 2014

woodstockshow.wix.com/woodstockshow

2.30pm-4.30pm