



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 5 – Week Ending 15th August 2014

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 4

Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!



Lilly Hood (K/1), Miah Pettit (2/3/4) and Claire Lewis (5/6)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Chad Charnock and Jett Cummings

2/3/4 – Lilly Whitty and Charlotte Collins

5/6 – Mitchell Amos and Annelise Brown

Congratulations to all of these students

District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the 24 Holmwood PS students who participated in last week's District Athletics Carnival. Special congratulations to the following 6 students who have gained selection as part of the Cowra District team to compete at the Regional Carnival on Friday 29th August. They are;

Lilly Whitty – Junior Girls Long Jump

Lisa Brien – 13 years Girls 100m

Annelise Brown – Senior Girls Shot Put and Discus

Jarrod Hodgson – Senior Boys Long Jump

Tailor Hampton – Senior Boys Discus

Kynan Rowley – 13 years Boys 100m

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note and information about the carnival. We wish all HPS students good luck as they continue their training for the next level of competition.

Life Education Van – Healthy Harold!

All students from K-6 enjoyed Tuesdays' visit with Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van. Year 5 and 6 learnt about safe and unsafe drugs, making decisions and cyber safety. Year 2/3/4 had a great time learning about the different systems in the body and K/1 had a ball going on a Mystery Tour with Harold, where they travelled all around the body! The teachers also enjoyed their visit to the van!



Year 6 enjoyed their last ever visit with Harold on Tuesday!



Bella discovering the different systems in the body.



Dr. Liam taught some of the students about some important parts of the body.

Gymnastics Classes



NEXT MONDAY we will be attending Gymnastics Classes at the PCYC every Monday until the end of the term. This year the cost will be just \$2 per student per lesson (total \$10). **Please sign and return the permission note and \$10 to school by Monday 18th August.**

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**.

Congratulations Tailor and Jarrod

On Wednesday Tailor Hampton and Jarrod Hodgson travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Regional NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition. The boys did a terrific job competing against 8 other schools and we are all very proud of their efforts. The winning school was Coorwull Public School, who will represent the Western area at the State Finals at Parliament House later in the year.



Tailor and Jarrod presenting their speech on "Aboriginal Peoples serving Australia in War Times"



Tailor pictured with famous Aboriginal actor and special guest Luke Carroll at the NAIDOC speaking awards.

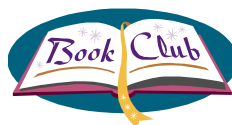
Combined Schools Commonwealth

Games Day

Next Friday 22nd August, our school will be participating 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 permission note that was sent home last week..

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**. Mr Tom visited Holmwood on Wednesday 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.



Book Club

The next edition of Scholastic Book Club is attached to this week's Newsletter. Orders with payment are due back to school by **Friday 29th August**.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 6	
Mon 18 th Aug	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC START P&C Meeting – 6pm - 5/6 Classroom
Tues 19 th Aug	Aboriginal Students Eye Testing – Mulyan PS 9am
Thurs 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 Book Club Orders due
Term 3 Week 8	
Mon 1 st Sept	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC
Tues 2 nd Sept	Mrs Lewis – Growth Coaching Day – Bathurst (Mrs Kiely 5/6) Mrs Lewis – OCA Meeting 4:30-6:00pm - Orange
Thurs 4 th Sept	K/1 Excursion to Cowra Post Office for HSIE
Sun 6 th Sept	FATHER'S DAY!

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- 5/6 Students Excursion to Woodstock Farm/Shearing Shed Permission Note
- Regional Athletics Information and Permission note
- Book Club catalogues

K/1 Class News

Yet another week has flown by. We are now at the end of Week 5 - "Hump Week" and it is downhill from here until the holidays! We have had a great week, with lots of learning in literacy groups. Most students have improved their oral reading fluency and are moving along very nicely. Mrs Brain will be here on Friday to see our progress in L3. Mrs Brain will be watching the students in their L3 groups and helping the students with their writing. The book that we are studying this week is called 'Kip' by Christina Booth. Kip is a rooster that lives in the city and can't find the right time of day to crow. After reading 'Kip' the students discussed certain features of the book, such as grammatical features of the written text, feelings of the characters, and the ideas of the story. This helps with children's development of comprehension when reading texts. In the next half of the term we will be learning about long vowel sounds, and the alternate sound combinations for the long vowel sounds. This week we learnt about the long 'a' sound such as 'ai', 'ay' and 'a-e'. We are also focusing on hand writing and trying to present our writing with neat correct-sized letter formations.

In maths this week we have been learning about data collection and tally marks and how we transfer data to be displayed in column graphs, bar graphs and picture graphs. The students collected data on the number of vehicles that passed by Holmwood on Monday and graphed the results. We found out the most popular vehicle colour was white.

On Tuesday afternoon the K/1 students visited Healthy Harold, in the Life Education Van. The students went on a virtual bus trip to the beach, stopping on the way to look at the important organs in the body and how they work to keep us alive. We learnt about the heart, the lungs, the veins, and the brain. After learning about the body we went on to discover how to be safe around medicines and what to do if we find suspicious needles and medication in parks and public areas. The K/1 class thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and loved having a cuddle from Harold.

On Wednesday Mr Tom, Principal of Cowra Public School came to Holmwood to give a talk on being safe at the bus stop when waiting for connecting busses. The students listened attentively to his bus safety talk.

Today the SRC held a fund raiser for 'Jeans for Genes day'. Thank you to Mrs K and the student council for organising the activities for the day. Have a safe and fantastic weekend.

Regards
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News



Yes, our class has certainly had quite a few people suffering from the latest bout of colds/flu! So apologies for the late delivery of Homework!! To make it a bit fairer ~ our Spelling test and Homework "hand-in" will take place next Monday (18/8). Despite the coughs, sneezes and runny noses, we have made great gains on making and using compound words; starting our new guided reading books and undertaking some **action** with **fractions**!! Year 4 have been exploring **Equivalent Fractions** and becoming familiar with the **symbols** for "greater than" = > and "less than" = < (which kind of looks like a

artist, Mondrian used!

PS ~ DISTRICT ATHLETICS update

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kerry Patten

2/3/4 Class Teacher

Week 5 has been another busy week in the 5/6 class. We all enjoyed the Life Education Van visit on Tuesday afternoon and for our Year 6's it was their last ever visit. This week we have continued reading our graphic novel "A Monster Calls" and everyone is really enjoying the twists and turns in the story so far. Our Maths focus this week has been on decimals and the relationships between decimals, percentages and fractions.

Thank you to Mrs Skene who taught 5/6 on Wednesday while I attended the NAIDOC Public Speaking competition in Dubbo with Jarrod and Tailor, and also to Mrs Knight who taught 5/6 today while I attended a Principal's meeting In Orange. We are fortunate to have such fantastic casual teachers at HPS who are able to continue with my regular teaching program so that the students' learning is not disrupted.

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

Our next P&C Meeting is on Monday 18th August at 6pm in the 5/6 classroom – all parents welcome!

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

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.

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.

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