



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 6 – Week Ending 22nd August 2014

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 5

Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!



Makayla Toohey (K/1), Charlotte Collins (2/3/4) and Tailor Hampton (5/6)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Liam Beaumont and Eloise Newell

2/3/4 – Zslea Mansley and Akiko Beatty

5/6 – Sophie Light and Kynan Rowley

Congratulations to all of these students

Gymnastics Classes

We had a wonderful time on Monday when all classes participated in their first Gymnastics lessons for the Term. Each class had an hour-long lesson with Mitch and jumped, stretched, rolled and tumbled their way through a variety of activities on a range of equipment. Gym will be on again next Monday!



The 5/6 class doing stretching warm ups.



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's Anna flying on a wheelie board!



Brent about to do a forward roll onto the crash mat!

Combined Schools Commonwealth

Games Day

TOMORROW all students will be participating in a combined schools Commonwealth Games Sports Day at River Park. 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.

All students will meet HPS staff at Cowra Public School at 9am and walk to River Park where the event will be held. The day will conclude at 1:30pm. Students may be picked up from River Park at 1:30pm, or alternatively return to school for the remainder of the day. The teachers supervising this activity will be Mrs Patten, Mrs Webster, Mrs Watt and Cheri. We hope everyone has an enjoyable day!



Book Club

Book Club orders and payment are due back to school by **Friday 29th August**.

Jeans for Genes Day

Congratulations to all students and families on a terrific effort raising funds during last week's Student Council Fundraiser – "Jeans for Genes Day". The total raised was in excess of \$80! Thank you to the Student Council and Mrs Kiely for organising the event and to all those families who donated delicious treats to sell at the canteen. The younger students had a great time with their "Furry Friends" fashion parade with lots of cute teddies and dress-ups!



Alana, Addison and Sascha with their gorgeous teddies, ready for the Furry Friends Parade during Jeans for Genes Day!



Thank you to all the families that sent in donations for the morning tea...it was delicious!

Parent's Homework!

Every three years, NSW Public Schools are required to develop a new Strategic **School Management Plan** which details specific goals and targets that each school aims to meet. We are at the beginning stages of developing our new School Plan for **2015-2017**. To ensure that the directions Holmwood Public School takes are those which **the school community sees as important**, we are asking for **your input**! Attached to this week's newsletter is a "Parent's Homework Sheet" which we would like you to complete! All you have to do is write down the **skills, knowledge or experiences you would like YOUR CHILD to have when they leave HPS in Year 6** and embark on their High School

journey. These might be learning outcomes (e.g. be able to read, use a computer, or play a musical instrument), values outcomes (e.g. confidence to speak in front of an audience or honesty) or experiences (sporting representation, leadership days or excursions). **You can write as many things as you like!** The students and staff are also being surveyed. When all sheets are returned we will analyse the responses and this should give us a strong idea on the **directions that the whole school community see as important**. This is a **great opportunity for you to have a say in the future direction of our great school**. It would be appreciated if all sheets could be returned by the end of August. Mrs Hubbard will have a special box in the Office where surveys can be returned. All surveys will remain anonymous.

Year 5/6 Shearing Shed Excursion



Next Tuesday 26th August, Year 5 and 6 will be going on a half-day excursion to a property – "Watervale" near Woodstock to experience first-hand what it is like in a shearing shed. Alison and Stephen Rutledge

have very generously offered our students the chance to take a tour of a shearing shed, watch a sheep get shorn and take a look around a sheep farm, in preparation for our Archibull Prize Competition. Permission notes for this were sent home last week. There is no cost for this excursion and students will need to wear old, warm clothes and sturdy footwear to school on this day.

K/1 HSIE Excursion to the Post Office

As part of K/1's work in HSIE on the topic "Workers in the Community", Mrs Lewis will be taking the K/1 class to the Cowra Post Office on Thursday 4th September. Students will get to see 'behind the scenes' at the Post Office, see the mail sorting room and even have a look at the Postman's Motor Bike! Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note. There is no cost for this excursion and parents are welcome to join us on the day.

Continuing with our "Workers in the Community" topic, the K/1 students were very excited last week to welcome Senior Constable Greg Treaves to our school. Snr Constable Treaves spoke about his role as a policeman in our community and the students had the opportunity to ask lots of questions, look at all his special police equipment that he uses in his job and even got to put the sirens on in the Police Car! Today K/1 will have another "Worker in the Community" visit....I wonder who it will be?



Snr Constable Greg Treaves talks to the K/1 class about his role as a "Worker in the Community".



The police car and siren was a huge hit with the K/1 students!

Archikidz

In Week 9, HPS will be one of the many Cowra and Canowindra schools taking part in a project called Archikidz. This program is usually only offered to children in Sydney and other major cities but with the tireless work of Phoebe and Dylan Gower and the staff at Cowra Public School, Cowra will be the first regional host of this highly acclaimed project. Archikidz is a hands-on program that involves students working with engineers, architects and town planners in creating structures ranging from bridges to shelters giving the students the understanding of these professions and experience working on concepts and designs that will expose the students to new challenges.

Our school, along with the other Cowra Small Schools, has been allocated a small number of student places therefore not all Stage 2 and 3 students will be able to attend. Mrs Patten and I are in the process of finalising the Stage 2 and Stage 3 student lists, based on the program criteria. Permission notes for those students selected to attend will be sent home with next week's Newsletter.

Jenolan Caves School Excursion

Our whole school excursion to Jenolan Caves is getting closer and excitement is beginning to build! The dates for the 2014 excursion are Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st October. A reminder that payments for the excursion can be sent into the office at any time. Mrs Hubbard is more than happy to accept part payments for those parents wishing to pay it off. The total cost for students is as follows;

Years 4/5/6 - \$197.40

Year 3 - \$154.40

Years K/1/2 - \$135.00

Parents - \$314.00

This covers transport, accommodation, meals, all activities at Jenolan Caves and all activities at Bathurst Sheep and Cattle Drome. The only thing students will need to provide is a packed lunch for Day 1. The costs are varied for different year levels as the older students will be doing slightly different activities to the younger students. Please note that all students going on the excursion will have already paid a \$30 deposit, so please deduct this from the amounts owing above.

Calendar

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!
Term 3 Week 9	
Mon 18 th Aug	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC
Wed 10 th Sept	STAGE 2 Archikidz Day
Thurs 11 th Sept	STAGE 3 Archikidz Day
Fri 12 th Sept	Scripture

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- K/1 Excursion to Post Office Permission note
- Parents Homework Sheet - School Planning Survey 2015-2017

K/1 Class News

The highlight of our week was going to Gymnastics on Monday. The students were very excited all morning waiting for their turn to go to the PCYC for some fun, balancing, strength building and stretching.



"Look at me" says Jett "I can do it"

When we arrived the K/1's quickly got their shoes off and they were very attentive while listening to the instructions for the day. Some of the equipment that the children tried was the mini trampoline, the parallel bars, the balance beam and some floor exercises including bunny hops, cartwheels, tuck jump and pencil stand. It was just FUN, FUN, FUN.



Makayla concentrates hard to balance on the beam.



Lilly and Micah walk on the beam with ease.

This week we have also been busy in Literacy groups concentrating on our hand writing and learning how to form our letters using correct formation. We are learning about head, body and tails letters, as well as capital and lower case letters.

Next week on Tuesday afternoon we hope to be doing our activity for science with our baby photos.

WE NEED EACH CHILD TO BRING IN FOUR TO FIVE BABY PHOTOS AT DIFFERENT MILESTONES IN ORDER FOR THEM TO COMPLETE OUR ACTIVITY FOR SCIENCE IN THE TOPIC "GROWING UP".

Our pond life corner is looking very colourful with the display of plants and artworks to represent a healthy pond. This week we have read the story 'Lester and Clyde' which is about two frogs that live in a healthy pond until humans come along to 'mess up' their beautiful environment. We have been discussing pollution and the environment and how man can pollute the natural water ways and endanger native animals and insects.

The students are also looking forward to the Commonwealth Games day this Friday. It should be a blast participating in organised games with many of the other children from around the district.

Regards

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

We had a great start to the week with Gymnastics as our first lesson on Monday morning. This was my first time with a school class at the PCYC ~ what a great set-up they have there!! Our class really impressed me with their good manners and willingness to try new and sometimes challenging activities. We have a number of talented potential Gymnasts amongst us!!

Fraction Action has continued this week, with placing fractions onto number lines. We have discovered a whole new world of numbers which exist between **ZERO and ONE!!** Giant number lines on the carpet have helped place fractions in their right spot as well as showing how some fractions are **EQUIVALENT** in value but can be written differently.

Homophones and **Homonyms** are featured in Grammar this week. I can see the sea. ~ is a good example of **homophones**, which sound the same but are different words with different spelling and different meanings. **Homonyms** are words that have **different meanings**, depending upon the sentence and context; so "bark" for example could mean the noise a dog makes; the

covering on a tree or another spelling of a kind ship (barque).

Our current Time for Talk topic has proved to be rather challenging for some of our students! "What have you learned this week that you didn't know last week?" Those students who have thought about the topic have spoken about what new things they've learnt or new skills they have mastered; some have tried gymnastics for the first time on Monday; as well as outside of school activities eg new piano chords or learning to help with farm chores. Hopefully, our new topic won't be so difficult ... "If you had a Time Machine would you choose to go back in time or forward into the future? Why? What kinds of things would you like to see?"

**** Please note:** There are quite a few children who will need some new A4 exercise books. Our Spelling and Maths books are rapidly filling up and will need to be replaced quite soon.

Below are some snaps taken in our classroom during Reading Groups this week!



Layla and Charlize having fruit break while reading a good book!



Year 4 working hard in reading groups – Lilly, Lara and Will.

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

5/6 Class News

This week we completed reading our novel "A Monster Calls" by Patrick Ness. This novel has proven to be extremely popular with the students as it deals with the grief associated with losing a parent and is incredibly well written. The students have shown a great deal of maturity when reading this novel and have come to realise how the written word can be so powerful and make us feel such a range of emotions. We have had some very deep discussions about this novel and will continue to work on it next week.

In Maths this week we completed our work on operations with decimals and started working on 24 hour time. This is a very tricky topic especially when we move into different time zones around the world! We have looked at how to read timetables such as Bus and Train Schedules and on Thursday we created a timeline of significant events in our lives.

This week our Dr Moos-a Lot plans were put into action as we started the big job of decorating, painting, and dressing our calf for the Archibull prize! All class members came up with some fantastic ideas and we would like to thank Dave for adding some artificial grass to Dr Moos-a Lot's skateboard (he now looks like he is standing in a lush green paddock). We are hoping to get lots of photos and interesting items from our Farm Visit next Tuesday which we can add to our creation!

Have a great weekend!
Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News

Thank you to those P&C members who attended Monday night's meeting. The P&C are collecting donations for a MONSTER RAFFLE to be drawn at the Christmas Markets at the end of the year. The P&C has already received some generous donations from local businesses and would like to ask any parents if they have any items for donation. These must be NEW and preferably in the box or packet. Items can be anything!! As this is a MONSTER Raffle we already have items such as kids lunchboxes, car-mats, hair products, gift vouchers, handbags, luggage, kids jigsaw puzzles....so if you have any NEW unwanted items, please consider sending them in to school for the P&C to use.

Thank you
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.

68th Annual Woodstock Memorial Show 1946 - 2014



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