



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 7 – Week Ending 29th August 2014

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 6

Congratulations to our Week 6 Students of the Week!



Nigella Stevenson (5/6), Macey Rowley (K/1) and Harry Beaumont (2/3/4)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Sascha Pettit and Lexi Flidner

2/3/4 – Katelyn Judd and Tarni Sheen

5/6 – Lisa Brien and Brent Kiss

Congratulations to all of these students

Good Luck HPS Athletes!

We wish Tailor, Annelise, Lisa, Jarrod, Kynan and Lilly all the best as they travel to Dubbo TOMORROW to compete in the Western Region Athletics Trials against students from all over the Western area.

GO HOLMWOOD!!



Jarrod, Tailor, Lilly, Kynan, Lisa and Annelise – Western Region Athletics Representatives.

Commonwealth Games Day

Last Friday HPS students and staff joined with Mulyan PS and Cowra PS students in a combined schools Commonwealth Games Day! Students had a great time participating in a range of sporting and game-structured activities alongside students from other schools. The weather was spectacular and all students' behaviour was outstanding!



Sophie, Tailor and Lisa ran as part of the "Queen's Relay"!



Lilly, Brodie and Jett had a great time at the Commonwealth Games Day!



Zsalea and Akiko in the Tug-o-War!



Book Club

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

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!** Last week all families received 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. It would be appreciated if all sheets could be returned ASAP. Mrs Hubbard will have a special box in the Office where Surveys can be returned and children who encourage their parents to return their homework will receive a special treat!

Year 5/6 Shearing Shed Excursion

On Tuesday 26th August, Year 5 and 6 went on an excursion to a property – "Watervale" near Woodstock to experience first-hand what it is like in a shearing shed. Alison and Stephen Rutledge 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. Everyone had a terrific time and learnt A LOT about how a shearing shed operates! Thank you to the Rutledge's for their hospitality and also to Cheri for accompanying us on the day and taking lots of great photos!



Nigella, Kara, Oliver and Tailor at the front gates of "Watervale"



Checking the fleece!



Everyone had a great day!

K/1 HSIE Excursion to the Post Office

Next Thursday K/1 will be going on an excursion to the Cowra Post Office as part of our work in this term's HSIE topic "Workers in the Community". Notes were sent home last week. Please ensure you have these handed in to the Office ASAP.

Last week we had Belinda from the Cowra Guardian visit us at school. The K/1 students enjoyed learning about what a journalist does in our community and were excited to see the very fancy camera that Belinda uses as part of her job. Our K/1 class were featured in Wednesday's edition of the Cowra Guardian, with some great photos taken by Belinda during her visit!

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 and these have been offered to students who meet the project criteria. Permission notes for selected students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 are attached to this week's Newsletter, along with some additional information for parents about the day.

Stage 2 Students	William, Lara, Miah, Sam, Harry, Katelyn, Thomas, Zsalea
Stage 3 Students	Tailor, Tom, Oliver, Annelise, Sophie, Abbie, Mitchell, Damien

Please complete the note and return to school as soon as possible. If your child is unable to attend please let Mrs Lewis or Mrs Patten know so that your place can be offered to another student.

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 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 5:00-7:00pm – 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
Term 3 Week 10	
Mon 15 th Sept	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC P&C Meeting – 6pm in the 5/6 Classroom
Tues 16 th Sept	5/6 Milo Cup Cricket Day (Mrs Kiely) Mrs Lewis – School Planning Day - Orange
Thurs 18 th Sept	End of Term Assembly – 1:45pm under the COLA – all families welcome!
Fri 19 th Sept	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MUFT!

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- 5/6 Milo Cricket Cup Permission Note
- Archikids permission note and information (selected students only)

K/1 Class News

Well where are the weeks going? They are just flying by. We are all working really hard in all subjects.

Friday was a great day at the "Commonwealth Games" day at the park. There was a sea of colour with all the different schools participating in a very high energy and fun-filled day playing games, learning turn taking skills, showing sportsmanship and enjoying the company of other students from the different schools.

On Monday we had a bus full of excited K/1 students again heading off to the PCYC for Gymnastics. We had a great time on the scooter boards, jumping on the mini trampoline, learning how to jump and half turn, and balancing on the beam.



Fundamental movement skills are important so that students can enjoy the wide range of physical activities and sports. The fundamental movement skills are considered to be the building blocks for movement and many sports and games are made up of these skills. It develops hand-eye co-ordination, body and spatial awareness and the increased ability to move fluently.



Chad getting ready for a "Motorbike Jump"



Liam jumps for the sky!

This week Kindergarten students will have new sight words sent home. "Please help your child learn their sight words every night!!" Immediate recognition of tricky words and sight words help children with their reading fluency. It is becoming noticeable the students who are practicing regularly.

In Maths this week we have been learning about addition using three numbers, Such as $2+3+5=10$. We have been counting on and counting from 10 such as $10+5=$ (10 and count on 11,12,13,14,15 = 15).

In Visual Arts we have been making book covers using water coloured paints for our handwriting books, painting environmental scenes of beautiful landscaped ponds and next week we will be painting a scene which has been damaged by pollution. We are comparing the differences that humans can make on the environment. We look forward to the end results.

Hopefully this lovely weather will continue for the rest of the week and into the weekend, as we say goodbye to winter and hello to spring on Monday. Have a wonderful weekend and good luck to any students playing in semi or grand finals for team sports this weekend.

Regards

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the great sports day, last Friday. I was so proud to be part of the Holmwood School team. Your behaviour was terrific and your sportsmanship was great. Lisa, Jarrod, Sophie and Taylor were chosen as the "Queen's Relay Team" running around the field carrying the special relay baton which contained a message from one of the 2014 Australian Commonwealth Games athletes.

What's On?

Our Maths focus for this week is "Addition". Year 2's are practising "Friends of Ten" as a strategy to help with addition, whilst Years 3&4 are working on "Addition with Trading".

Each reading group has a new book for the fortnight, with matching reading sheets to complete during Literacy Sessions on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays. We are slowly reading Charlotte's Web, having just completed an activity based on "Wilbur's Perfect Day" and "Fact or Opinion about Spiders."

The next Visual Arts Unit will be Pencil Sketching. Our first sketch is the Holmwood Silos. They have lots of interesting shapes, lines and shadings. We shall be sketching around our school playground with a view to entering into the Cowra Show within the next couple of weeks.

Our new Time for Talk Topic has begun with some very interesting and well thought out presentations ~ Will would like to travel into the future so he can travel to America to buy his dream car ~ A Mustang Boss!! Matt would also like to go forward in time and drive his own car, among other things. Akiko, Zsalea and Charlize would both like to travel into the past to when they were younger and experience the great times they had, with their relatives and pets, once again!!

HEALTH/PD News

The new HEALTH/PD topic, for K-6 is based around Cyber Safety. The Australian government has a website called "cyber [smart]" which contains activities and information on safe internet usage. Please investigate this site and also take time to review or plan your family's rules around internet and social media access and problems associated with children's use of technology.



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

5/6 Class News

This week it has been all about the cow!! Namely "Dr Moos-a lot", our entry in this year's Archibull Prize Competition. We had a great day on Tuesday visiting "Watervale" – a property near Woodstock, owned by Alison and Stephen Rutledge. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather and enjoyed seeing how a real shearing shed operates. Stephen also sheared a sheep for us and we all helped to skirt the fleece and sort it into the different classes of wool. We came home with a set of ram's horns which we hope to attach to our calf, some ear tags and even some genuine sheep poo! The highlight of the day was watching the 5/6 students running across the paddock to try and catch their very own sheep!

We now have a great selection of "shearing shed" photos which we can incorporate into our Archibull design, which we have spent every afternoon this week working on. Dr Moos-a lot is now about half-way there! With the due date being the 19th September, we have a lot still to do, but we are enjoying every minute of it!



Nigella, Anna, Isobella and Lisa working on the painting.



Dr Moos-a lot.....SO FAR! Still lots to do!

In Maths this week we have been working on division (and doing very well I must say!!). We completed a written review about the text "A Monster Calls" and I am looking forward to

reading these when I mark them over the weekend. We also enjoyed listening to oral presentations about our pets during News time.

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

This has been another exciting week with lots of great educational activities happening.

In the Library we are enjoying studying the writings of two famous Australian Poets, C.J Dennis and Banjo Patterson, which always provide humour and delight for all ages. Their poems also teach us about life in Australia at that time.

In PE/Sport we have commenced team sports and we are focusing on the skills needed to play the game and also game play and participation. The Commonwealth Sports Day was a wonderful event and I would especially like to thank Mrs Patten, Mrs Webster, Mrs Watt, Cheri and Mrs Hubbard for their support with the day.

It is exciting to have 6 HPS students competing in the Regional Carnival tomorrow and we encourage Lisa, Jarrod, Tailor, Annelise, Kynan and Lilly to achieve a PB, Personal Best, in performance and sportsmanship. This is an excellent effort by our students and we thank the parents for their support and encouraging this sporting opportunity.

On Tuesday 16th September Years 5-6 will be attending a Cowra Districts Schools Cricket Day at Edgell Park. The students will meet Cheri and I at Cowra Public School, at 9.00am and walk to the Park. The Day will conclude at 2.30pm and children can be picked up then or will walk back to Cowra Public School to catch normal buses home. Children will need to wear HPS sports uniform and bring hat, sunscreen, water bottles, fruit, recess, and lunch for the day. There is no cost for the day and it will be a wonderful day for our students to enjoy playing cricket and mixing with other students. Please sign the attached permission note and return to school prior to 8th of September 2014. Thank you.

The 2014 HPS Winter Warmth Appeal will conclude this weekend and the Parramatta City Mission thank all those generous people who were able to support the Appeal this year. The Appeal has assisted in making the lives of the less fortunate a little more bearable. The Student Council say "Thank You, for your kindness and generosity."

The 2014 Premier Sporting Challenge concludes at the end of August and has certainly been great motivation for the children and staff to keep fit during the winter months. We aim to keep up our fitness routines and circuits during the months of spring so that we will be Super Fit for Summer!

With all these exciting events, the Winter has come and gone so quickly, so welcome to Spring. It's a great time to spring into action!! Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library Teacher

P&C News

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.

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
68TH ANNUAL
WOODSTOCK
2014
SHOW

ENTRY
ADULTS \$8
CHILDREN \$2
PENSIONERS \$4

UTE SHOW & SHINE
TRACTOR PULL
ANIMAL NURSERY
WHIP CRACKING
FACE PAINTING & CLOWN
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9AM-4PM WOODSTOCK SHOWGROUND
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GRENFELL GOLD FEST

SAT. SEPTEMBER 27TH 2014
10am - 2pm • Main St, Grenfell NSW

Bring your friends and family and step back in time to the 1860's when gold was first discovered, at the Grenfell Gold Fest.

BUSHRANGER RE-ENACTMENTS HAND SPINNING VINTAGE CAR AND TRUCK DISPLAY LIVE MUSIC HISTORICAL ARTEFACT DISPLAYS LACE MAKING LOCAL ART GALLERIES & MUSEUMS OPEN BLACK SMITH DEMONSTRATIONS GOLD PANNING & ROCK DISPLAY GUIDED TOUR BUSH FURNITURE MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS COSTUME COMP WITH \$500 IN CASH PRIZES

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2014 Program
Saturday 27th September
10am: Bush furniture making demonstration
Live music by "Threefold Arts"
Bushranger Artistic Display
Millinery Demonstration
Hand Spinning Demonstration
Lace Making Demonstration
Historical Society Museum (Camp Street)
Vintage Car and Truck Display
Blacksmithing demonstration
Free Guided Walk "Scandal and Seduction" starting at the Albion Hotel
Gold Panning
Historic Talk "One History and the bushrangers" by Peter Bradley in the Library
Art Gallery/Historical Collection
Market Stalls
10.30am Reenactment "How Grenfell got its Name"
Live music by "Threefold Arts"
10.40am Historic talk by Craig Sharby in the Library
11.00am Rope making display
11.30am Live music by "Threefold Arts"
11.40am Historic Talk "There are no absolutes in history" by Peter Bradley in the Library
12.30pm Judging of the period costume competition
12.40pm Judging of Gold Fest (Sausage Bake Off)
1.00pm Live music by "Threefold Arts"
Historic Talk by Craig Sharby in the Library
1.50pm Reenactment "Shooting at Brewer's Shanty"
Sunday 28th September
10am-4pm Indo Castle at Gemstone
*Program is subject to change

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