



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Term 3 Week 10 – Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014



### End of Term 3!

*It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another term. Time sure does fly when you are having fun and the last few weeks have just sped by! I would like to*

*congratulate all students for a terrific term of learning. We have participated in lots of extra-curricular activities this term including the K/1 Post Office Excursion, Archikidz, 5/6 Farm Excursion, Taronga Zoomobile, Cowra Show, Milo Cricket Cup, District and Regional Athletics Carnivals, Police visit, Healthy Harold, the Archibull Prize...and that's just to name a few!*

*I would like to say a special thank you to the brilliant HPS Staff who work so very hard to provide the best learning environment and opportunities for our Holmwood kids! I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday and enjoys the opportunity to relax and spend time with friends and family.*

***School resumes for all students on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October. See you then!***

## Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 9

*Congratulations to our Week 9 Students of the Week!*



*Claire Lewis (5/6), Charli Light (2/3/4)  
and Brodie Rye (K/1)*

**MERIT AWARDS** were awarded to;

*K/1 – Makayla Toohey and Caleb Crowe*

*2/3/4 – Layla Hood and Kaleb Moorfoot*

*5/6 – Tori Boland and Anna Russell*

***Congratulations to all of these students***

## HPS Artists Shine at Cowra Show!



*For those who made it to the Pavilion Exhibit at the Cowra Show last week, you would have seen the wonderful array of artworks submitted by students from all of the Cowra District Schools. Special congratulations to the following students who were awarded placings by the judges in the drawing and painting section;*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

*Eloise Newell (Kinder)*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

*Addison Skinner (Kinder)*

*Miah Pettit (Year 3)*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

*Micah Murphy (Kinder)*

*Charlotte Collins (Year 2)*

*Sophie Light (Year 6)*

### **Highly Commended**

*Harry Seeers (Kinder)*

*Chad Charnock (Year 1)*

*Sascha Pettit (Year 1)*

*Ilyssa Charnock (Year 3)*

*Lara Collins (Year 4)*

*Abbie Lewis (Year 6)*

*Also a special thank you to Mrs Patten who organised all the entries for each and every HPS student for this year's Cowra Show.*



## **Archikidz**

Last Wednesday and Thursday some of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students attended 'Riverslea' woolshed to participate in Archikidz. Students were put into small groups of 10 and were given the seemingly simple task of building a structure. Armed with an endless supply of cardboard, fasteners, sticky tape and string, each group set about working together to design and build their structure. The ideas and execution were amazing! There were floating hotels, igloos, treehouses and Queenslanders, just to name a few. Stage 2 students started the process on Wednesday and then on Thursday, Stage 3 had to build on what the Stage 2's had done. Mrs Patten and I went back out to the woolshed on Friday evening to look at the final products and it was incredible to see how the High School students had added to the Stage 3's work. We are both planning to use the ideas we gained from Archikidz and implementing some of these ideas into our classroom activities.

Below are some photos that were taken during the two days. Thank you to Cowra Public School who co-ordinated the Archikidz Program coming to Cowra, and to all the volunteers who assisted the students.



*Sam and Damien working hard with their groups!*



*Tom and Annelise had a great day building and designing.*



*Oliver and Harry enjoyed meeting new friends*

## **Milo Cricket Cup Write up by Mrs Kiely**

The Yr5/6 students, Cheri and I had a wonderful day at the Milo Cup Combine Schools Cricket Day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Holmwood Redbacks played exceptionally well in the Competitive Rounds with very

close scores, super batting and fielding skills under the guidance of team captain Brent Kiss. The Holmwood Huntswomen proved to be a formidable team in the non-competitive Rounds resulting in one loss, one draw and one win under the motivation of team captain, Abbie Lewis. Thank you to all the students who played in the full spirit of the game, made new friends and were tolerant of the changed plans due to the variable weather conditions.



*The Holmwood Redbacks ready to battle it out in the Milo Cricket Cup!*



*The Holmwood Huntswomen pictured with the Cowra PS Girls Team.*

A special thank you to Cheri for her dedication and adaptability and to Mrs Hubbard who always helps from behind her desk! It was wonderful to have a number of parents and grandparents come to watch the games. Thank you also to the parents who changed pickup arrangements due to the rainy afternoon.



*Taylor, Oliver and Damien pictured with Damien's dad Wayne who came to cheer on the Holmwoodites!*



## End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all HPS families and community members who attended our End of Term Assembly on Thursday afternoon. The children really get a kick out of performing in front of an audience and we appreciate the effort made by families in strengthening our close home-school connections.

## School Driveway Reminder

Just a reminder to parent's dropping or picking students up from school that the school driveway that leads to the teacher's car park **is not to be used as a drop-off or pick-up zone**. This is to ensure the safety of all students. Parents are required to pick up and drop off their children at the front of the school. Your co-operation is appreciated.

## Thank you Parents!

Thank you to the large number of families that returned the green School Backpack Surveys to school. The staff now have a strong idea on what knowledge, skills, values and experiences you would like your child to have when they leave HPS in Year 6. All ideas will be collated and used to guide us in the next planning phase of our 2015-2017 School Plan. If there are any parents interested in being part of a 'working party' in developing the School Plan, please contact me at school. It is really important to us that we have parents input into this process so if you are keen to have a say in the direction of your child's education, then we would love you to join us. Our first planning meeting will be scheduled in Term 4.

## Thank you Mr and Mrs Webster

After three years preparing canteen recess and lunches for our hungry Holmwood students, Mr and Mrs Webster are retiring! On behalf of the students, staff and parents, I would like to thank Gail and Bill for the fantastic job they have done in running our school canteen. We wish them a happy and healthy retirement and hope they enjoy having some time for themselves. On Wednesday the students and staff presented Gail and Bill with a thank you card and gift.



Katelyn, Sophie and Brent present Mr and Mrs Webster with a thank you card and gift from the staff and students.

As of next term, Carol Lynch, Liz Russell and Tina Lunnon will be running the canteen on FRIDAYS. A new menu will be sent home in Week 1.

## Dr Moos-a-lot...Ready for Judging!

After almost six months, I am proud to say that the 5/6 class have completed their Archibull entry!! Dr Moos-a-lot looks absolutely fantastic and will make his way to the Cowra Shire Council Chambers tomorrow, where he will go on display and await the Art4Agriculture judges visit.

5/6 would like to thank Sammi Townsend (our young Farming Champion), Alison and Stephen Rutledge – owners of "Watervale", Dave Kiss and Cheri for all the assistance they have provided in completing our entry. We also wish to thank the Cowra Shire Council for agreeing to exhibit Dr Moos-a-lot over the next few weeks. Along with our cow artwork, the students have also had to complete a multimedia presentation and a blog with specific criteria. It has been a long, but highly worthwhile journey and the students have enjoyed the experience while learning about the wool industry and sustainable agricultural practices along the way. So...here are the final photos of Dr Moos-a-lot!



Front View



Back View

## Jenolan Caves School Excursion – 43

### sleeps to go !

Our Whole School Excursion to Jenolan Caves is getting closer and excitement is beginning to build! The dates for the 2014 Excursion are Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

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

<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b> <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b>Term 4 Week 1</b>	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All students and staff return
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mrs Lewis and Mrs Hubbard – WHS Day (Mrs Knight 5/6)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Scripture
<b>Term 4 Week 2</b>	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	P&C Meeting – 6pm in 5/6 Classroom
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kinder Transition Year 6-7 Transition to Cowra HS
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mrs Lewis – OCA Meeting (Mrs Knight 5/6)
<b>Term 4 Week 3</b>	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	AECG Meeting – 2pm at Mulyan PS
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Year 6-7 Transition to Cowra HS
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Scripture

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

### Attachments

- Cowra Regional Art Gallery Flier

### 2/3/4 Class News



Many thanks to my hard-working class for the great work and gains you have produced this term! You have worked really hard and learnt many new concepts ~ especially in Maths!! During this

term we have studied Multiplication ~ keep learning your tables, remember we have challenged the 5/6 class to an end of year "showdown"!! Fractions, writing number sentences as algorithms: Place Value; Expanded Notation, Addition and Subtraction with regrouping, plus lots of other areas ~ phew!!



**LOTS OF LEARNING + NEW TERM = TIME TO RELPLENISH SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**

Please take the opportunity to restock pencil cases and book supplies over the holidays. Most of our class have reached the last few pages of their Maths and Spelling books! I would appreciate A4 size, lined exercise books with 64 pages, with the extra bonus of being covered, please!!



This is what Mrs Patten has planned for the holidays!

Please enjoy your holidays, travel safely, read books, practise all your new maths skills and

"recharge your batteries" ready for a busy Term 4 together!

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

### 5/6 Class News

Well done to the 5/6 class on a very busy and productive Term 3! I know we are all looking forward to a nice long holiday so we can recharge and come back ready for the last term of 2014! There are lots of things happening in Term 4 so be sure to keep an eye on coming events in the newsletter, as well as check the School Website.

Tomorrow we transport Dr Moos-a-lot to the Cowra Shire Council Chambers for his exciting exhibition! If you are in town during the holidays and haven't seen him yet, be sure to drop in and check out the amazing artwork the 5/6 class have done. We also had the Cowra Guardian come out on Monday and do a story on Dr Moos-a-lot – if you didn't see it in Wednesday's paper, it can be viewed online at

<http://www.cowraguardian.com.au/story/2562323/dr-moos-a-lot-lining-up-for-archibull/?cs=593>

Have a wonderful holiday and see you all back at school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Jenny Lewis  
5/6 Class Teacher



## News from Mrs Kiely

Term 3 has been an exciting and productive term in the Library and on the Oval for all K-6 students.

In the Library, the K/1 children have enjoyed reciting and role playing the humorous poems of C.J. Dennis. "The Circus" was no doubt the favourite with cute actions and dynamic characters! The children were enthralled as Cheri shared her first childhood experiences of going to a circus in England! The children loved hearing my first memories of the Big Top and how a freak summer storm hit the tent and it collapsed but the show still went on! Do you have any stories to share?



Yr2/3/4 students particularly enjoyed exploring and visualising the world from the perspective of a sugar ant in the poem "The Ant Explorer" by C.J.Dennis. These creative children then used the plastic models of various insects to create their own adventures of a spider, grasshopper, blowfly or bee and presented their works to the class. Well Done Yr2/3/4! The BIG News is that Year 2/3/4 won the Library Borrowing Competition this term...brilliant book bugs!!!

Years 5/6 students produced interesting computer based Research Reports on the Life of Banjo Paterson and how his life's experiences contributed to the writing of a popular Australian Classic, "The Man from Snowy River." Which Australian Poem is your favourite and can you recite it?

Any overdue books are due by tomorrow please. Our Town Library has numerous holiday activities for all ages and new valuable experiences.

In PE/Sport, during Week 9-10 our K-6 students have become increasingly fit and coordinated during the Jump Rope For Heart program. The Holmwood Hoppers have developed their own creative skipping routines to music as individuals and in groups. We have some super fit skippers!!

A Special Thank You to Ms Edgerton who challenged the children with the Long Rope activities and to Mrs Patten who kept all children skipping and hopping to a variety of novelty activities during our Whole School Sports afternoons.

I hope that you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your family. 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....so if you have any NEW unwanted items, please consider sending them in to school for the P&C to use.

Please note – the next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October (Term 4 Week 2).

Michelle Whitty  
P&C Secretary

## Term 4 CANTEEN NEWS

The Holmwood PS Canteen will continue to run in Term 4; however the day has changed to **FRIDAY's only**. Carol Lynch and Liz Russell, along with help from Tina Lunnon will take over from Gail and Bill Webster as of WEEK 1 next Term. A new menu will be sent home to all families on the first day of school next Term. We thank Carol, Liz and Tina for their willingness to take on this very big job and wish to again thank Gail, Bill and Rhonda for the hard work they have put in over the last number of years.

## Community News



Cowra Swimming Club 2014/15 season registrations will be held at the Cowra Aquatic Centre on

- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014 from 10am - 1pm
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 from 4pm-6pm

Cowra Swimming Club cater for ALL ages and levels of swimming from beginners to seniors. Come along and find out more about this great sporting club! The First Club Night will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

Further enquiries call Kerry Lewis—0428 600450

**Summer is coming...and so is the Cowra Junior Cricket 2014/15 season.**

**See you at the following registration days...**

**When: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 4.00pm / Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am**

**Where: SportsPower, Kendal St Cowra**

**Full details in the Cowra Guardian this Friday**

