



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 8 – Week Ending 5th September 2014

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 7

Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!



*Ilyssa Charnock (2/3/4), Kynan Rowley (5/6)
and Jett Cummings (K/1)*

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Lilly Hood and Tyler Charnock

2/3/4 – Matthew Russell and Tarni Sheen

5/6 – Abbie Lewis and Oliver Beaumont

Congratulations to all of these students

Congratulations Lisa!



Last Friday Tailor, Annelise, Lisa, Jarrod and Lilly travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Western Region Athletics Carnival. All students performed extremely well with many personal best results.

Special congratulations to Lisa Brien, who finished 3rd in the 13

years Girls 100m and is now off to the STATE PSSA Athletics Carnival early in Term 4.

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!

K/1 HSIE Excursion to the Post Office

Today K/1 went on an excursion to the Cowra Post Office as part of their studies in HSIE. I would like to thank the Post Office staff for accommodating the very excited K/1 students, and those parents who also attended. Thanks again to Cheri for accompanying us and taking lots of photos....the Post Office sure is a busy place! Photos will appear in next week's Newsletter.



Father's Day

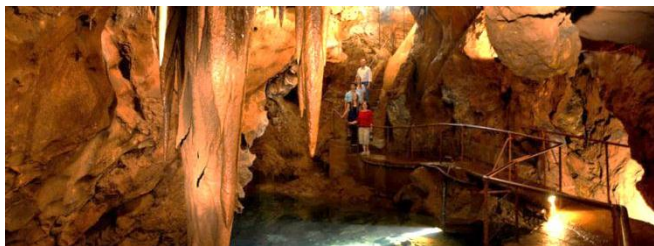
Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and Pops for this Sunday. We hope you have a wonderful day and enjoy being spoilt by your children and grandchildren!

Archikidz

In Week 9, HPS will be one of the many Cowra and Canowindra schools taking part in a project called Archikidz. 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.

All outstanding notes need to be returned to school ASAP. A reminder that students attending Archikidz

are to meet Mrs Patten (Stage 2) next Wednesday and Mrs Lewis (Stage 3) next Thursday at Cowra PS at 9am.



Jenolan Caves School Excursion – 57 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 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

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 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 - MUFTI
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
Friday 19 th September – Sunday 5 th October	
Term 4 Week 1	
Mon 6 th Oct	All students and staff return

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

K/1 Class News

Class news is very short and sweet this week. We welcomed the lovely spring weather and have captured the beautiful blossoms that we can see around the town and hills, in our artworks for the Cowra Show. We have been experimenting with water coloured paints in our pond pictures to represent polluted environments and in contrast, aesthetically pleasing and healthy environments.



Lexi and Micah working hard on their Spring Blossom paintings.

In Literacy this week Year One students have moved onto reading fluency passages and comprehension passages, to assist with reading for meaning, and reading with fluency and expression. They are very excited to move onto the next step in their reading development.

Kindergarten students have all had a new set of sight words sent home with them this week. A great way for students to learn their sight words is using the website 'Study Ladder'. All students were given their passwords at the beginning of the year. Study Ladder has many great educational games and videos to help your child with developing reading, spelling and maths games. www.studyladder.com.au I have sent the children's passwords and logons home again with the newsletter this week.

In Maths we have been learning about time. We have been exploring the days of the week, months of the year, seasons and the number of days in the year. We are also learning how to tell the time on the hour and half past the hour using digital time and analogue time.

In Science last week with 2/3/4, we started our box constructions for our houses and building



developments and it is clear to see we have some architects in the making.

Regards
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

I think one of the great joys of being a teacher would have to be seeing the look of quiet satisfaction and pride on the face of your students when they realise they have "nailed" a new skill/concept or gained an understanding of something they have struggled with in the past. Each week during Gymnastics at the PCYC, I see that look on many 2/3/4 faces!! Whether it's their first backwards roll or a perfect trampoline jump or walking along the balance beam without looking down, they have achieved something to be proud of; which in turn, makes me proud of them.

We have many moments during our week like those ~ for example Year 2, with the help of some great Year 4 tutors have learnt about vertical setting out of algorithms; Year 3 and 4 are perfecting their regrouping skills in addition or becoming more independent when working on activities during Literacy Groups.



Learning on the laptops during Literacy Groups.



A busy 2/3/4 Class during Literacy Groups!

Our class had a great discussion about Internet Safety. This is an important and relevant topic for all age groups and families to consider. All classes shall be discussing the dangers on being online and talking about some rules to be used when "on the 'Net".

New Time 2 Talk topic, for the last fortnight of Term 3 is.... What superpower would you choose to have? Why did you choose it?

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

5/6 Class News

This week we welcomed Tori Boland to our class. Tori joins the Year 6 class and is settling in quickly and making lots of new friends. This has been another busy week as we can sense the finishing line getting closer for our Archibull Prize project! All students in 5/6 have contributed to both the overall design and the construction, research, painting and collaging of Dr Moos-a lot. We are anxious to finish him early next week so that he can be varnished and ready to be sent off for judging!

This week in Maths our focus has been on 2 Dimensional shapes. We have looked at all the different types and characteristics of triangles and can identify scalene, equilateral, isosceles, right angle, obtuse and acute triangles. We also worked hard on constructing circles and are becoming familiar with the terms radius, diameter and circumference. Our division timed challenges end for this term today. Next week we move on to MIXED operations.

Almost every week our class watch a news program called "Behind the News", as part of our Literacy activities. This week we listened to a report about the recent "Ice Bucket Challenge", supporting the fundraising and awareness campaign about Motor Neurone Disease. We also watched a story highlighting the importance of having a positive body image, with the alarming statistics that children as young as 11 years of age are not happy with the way they look. As always, our discussions are insightful and show the high level of maturity and respect for others that the 5/6 students have.

Thank you to Mrs Kiely for taking the 5/6 class on Tuesday, while I attended a Professional Development Course in Bathurst. The students really enjoyed getting out the cricket set and practicing for the upcoming Milo Cricket Cup.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

Wow, how exciting!! Lisa Brien will represent Holmwood School in the Western Region Athletics Team at the 2014 State Athletics Carnival in Term 4. Keep training Lisa and aspiring to do your best. The whole school will be cheering for you. Taylor, Annelise, Jarrod and Lilly are to be praised for their excellent efforts at the Regional Carnival and each

of you are encouraged to continue to develop your Athletic talents. "Special Thanks" go to your parents who took you to Dubbo for your events and support your efforts.

In the Library, K/1 are enjoying role playing the humorous poems of C.J. Dennis, especially "The Circus," where everyone loves wearing the clown outfit! Year 2/3/4 are learning about the diversity of the Australian landscape through the words of Dorothea Mackellar's poem "Sunburnt Country" and the artwork of Andrew Mclean. The combined visual and written text has created a national identity. Years 5/6 have been researching the life of Banjo Paterson and how his life's experiences contributed to the themes of his poems.

In PE/Sport, Week 8 will be our final week of rotational team sports for Term 3 with all children becoming more skilful in Touch Footy, Basketball and Soccer. During Weeks 9-10, our K-6 students will be taking part in heart pounding skipping skills and routines. These skills improve co-ordination, movement, fitness and stamina as the Holmwood Hoppers develop their skipping routines. Skipping is a very cheap and effective fitness tool for adults too. So try it and challenge your child during the months of spring, as its lots more fun to train with a young buddy!

Year 5/6 have commenced their cricket training in preparation for the Milo Cup Combined Schools Cricket Day on Tuesday 16th September at Edgell Park. Thank you to the students who have returned the permission note and all notes are due tomorrow please. Cheri and I will meet all students at Cowra Public School, at 9.00 am 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, lunch etc for the day. Please note that there will not be a canteen at the oval and children will not be able to go to the shop. 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. If your child suffers with hay fever it is advised that your child have a hay fever tablet before leaving home as the lush grass is a trigger for many children. If your child suffers from asthma please check their medication before leaving home as it will be a full day of physical activity.

The 2014 Premier Sporting Challenge results have been lodged and we await the confirmation of the challenge results. Your child's Certificate of Achievement will be officially printed by the Dept. of Sport and will be included in your child's Report Folder at the end of the year.

Spring is a wonderful time to enjoy the Great Outdoors, so make the most of it before the heat, the flies and mosquitoes come to pester us. A family that plays together has fun together and the happy memories will last a life time!

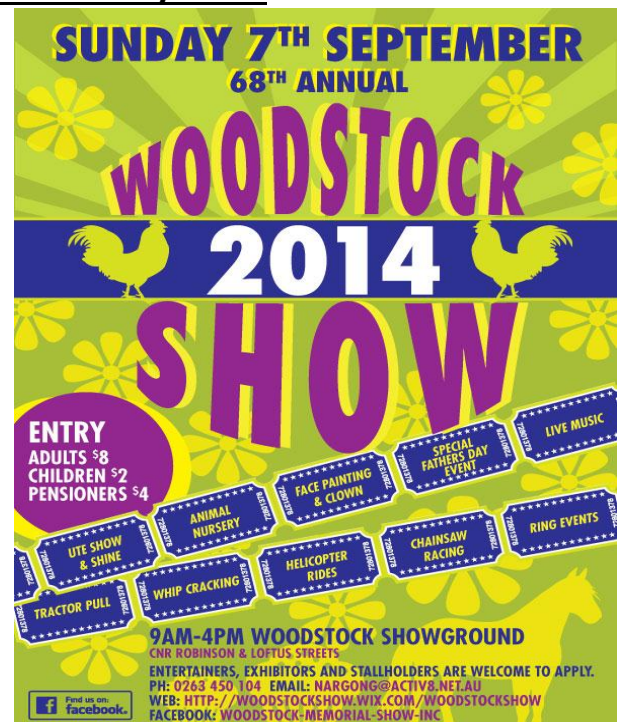
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library Teacher

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.

Thank you
Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

Community News



CANTEEN NEWS

The students and staff of Holmwood School would like to thank Bill and Gail Webster for all their wonderful work in running our Canteen, on a voluntary basis, over the last few years. Bill and Gail have decided it is now time to "slow down" as they head towards retirement. We also extend a special thank you to Rhonda Lewis for her invaluable support to Bill and Gail in the Canteen. Thank you to Tina Lunnon who has kindly stepped in and helped over the last few weeks.

Unfortunately, our Canteen will be closing at the end of Term 3, as at this stage, we have been unable to find enough volunteers to keep it running.