



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 9 – Week Ending 12th September 2014

Students of the Week – Term 3 Week 8

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!



Sam Lynch (2/3/4), Kara Lunnon (5/6)
and Chad Charnock (K/1)

MERIT AWARDS were awarded to;

K/1 – Brodie Farley and Micah Murphy

2/3/4 – Boston Petty-O'Brien and Bella Cummings

5/6 – Jarrod Hodgson and Charla Moorfoot

Congratulations to all of these students

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

Last Thursday K/1 went on an excursion to the Cowra Post Office as part of their studies in HSIE. The children had a wonderful time exploring "behind the scenes" and finding out how the mail is sorted and delivered. We even got to see the Holmwood School mail box and collected our mail from Murray our postman. The highlight of our visit was having a chance to sit on the Postie's motorbike and beep the horn! All the children got a special 'souvenir present' and enjoyed spending recess at the Park before coming back to school. Thank you to Lynne, Jackie and Scott for showing us around the Post Office and to Cheri and our parents – Gemma, Rachel and Katie – who accompanied us on the day. We will be completing a special class book about our excursion, with lots of fantastic photos, and this will be placed in the K/1 Class Library.



K/1 pictured outside the Cowra Post Office



Jayden and Lilly collect the HPS mail from Murray.



Harry tests out the Postie's Motor Bike!



Addison and Brodie having fun at Brougham Park!

NAPLAN results

Last Friday all students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results. Mrs Patten and I are pleased with the results from both class groups and encourage any parents who have concerns or questions relating to their child's NAPLAN to arrange an appointment to speak with us. Again I remind all parents that NAPLAN results are a 'snapshot' of your child's performance in one test on one particular day. At Holmwood PS we use a wide range of assessment tools and strategies to provide a detailed Semester report of how each student is performing and NAPLAN is only one of these tools.

Archikidz

Yesterday and today some of our students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 participated in Archikidz. This program links students up with industry professionals in the areas of architecture, design and town planning. Archikidz was held at "Riverslea" Woolshed, about 20km outside of Cowra and our HPS students joined with students from all the other Cowra and Canowindra schools over the two days. From all accounts, the experience was magnificent! Thank you to Cowra PS staff for their great organisation of the day and to all the students for their exceptional

behaviour. We will have some photos ready for next week's Newsletter.

Taronga ZooMobile

On Wednesday afternoon, students in Years 2/3/4 and 5/6 travelled in to Cowra PS to participate in a hands-on wildlife experience with the Taronga ZooMobile. Students got to see and touch a range of native animals including a ringtail possum, black-headed python, blue-tongue lizard, shingleback lizard and even an echidna! Thank you to the PCYC and to Shane for transporting us to and from Cowra PS and to Cheri for accompanying us on the day. It was a great experience!



Charla, Nigella and Kara patting a shingleback lizard



Ilyssa, Akiko, Tailor and Lilly meet "Kevin" the blue tongued lizard



Kynan and Brent aren't too sure about the black-headed python!

Milo Cricket Cup



Just a reminder to all Year 5/6 students that the Milo Cricket Cup will be held NEXT Tuesday at **TWIGG OVAL** (please note the change in venue). Students are to meet Mrs Kiely and Cheri outside at Cowra PS where they will walk over to the ovals for a full day of cricketing fun!

Students can be picked up from Twigg Oval at 2:30pm, or otherwise will walk back to Cowra PS to catch afternoon buses. The "Holmwood Huntsmen" (5/6 Girls Team) and the "Redbacks" (5/6 Boys Team) have been practising hard and I'm sure will have another enjoyable day!

End of Term Assembly

All families and community members are invited to attend our End of Term 3 Assembly to be held next Thursday 18th September starting at 1:45pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jenolan Caves School Excursion – 50 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 10	
Mon 15 th Sept	GYMNASTICS LESSONS @ PCYC
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 19th September – Sunday 5th October	

Term 4 Week 1

Mon 6 th Oct	All students and staff return
Fri 10 th Oct	Scripture

Term 4 Week 2

Thurs 16 th Oct	Mrs Lewis – OCA Meeting (Mrs Knight 5/6)
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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

K/1 Class News

We are very fast approaching the end of term. This week has seen a busy week in the classroom, finishing all our lessons and topics for each Key Learning Area.

In rotational groups I am very pleased with the progress of students reading levels. All children are moving along very well. Regular nightly reading practice with parents reinforces the learning process of reading. Daily practice of sight words ensures children learn high frequency words that are regularly used in home readers.

This week in Maths we have been learning about fractions and how they are used in daily life situations such as cutting fruit in half or a sandwich in quarters.

In Science 2/3/4 are very busy designing and making their buildings for the Science topic "Material World". Students were asked to select materials that would be appropriate to design and create a model of a building, house or an apartment.



Katelyn and Lilly working hard on their building designs in Science.

Many students enjoyed the Show this week in Cowra, and it was pleasing to see the artworks on display. I'm sure many students will be able to

write some great recounts of their enjoyable time at the Show.

Have a safe weekend.

Regards

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3/4 Class News

Subtraction Action has been our main focus this week and shall continue next week with Number Stories (problems) based on subtraction. Regrouping is a tricky concept to understand, so it is has been pleasing to see the Year Threes and Fours listening and sorting things out!

Katelyn, Lara, Will, Sam, Miah, Zsalea, Harry and Thomas went along to the Archikidz Workshop, along with another ninety Stage 2 students from Cowra and surrounding schools ~ both big and small! It was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and spend time constructing large scale models of shelters inside the massive "Riverslea Station" shearing shed. Our class members were great ambassadors for Holmwood School.

We have been sketching buildings, play equipment and outdoor views around the school grounds as part of our Visual Arts Program. We have some rather clever drawers among us.

Short and sweet this week, but still a busy and challenging week of learning is behind 2/3/4 this week!

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

5/6 Class News

Another week down and just one week left of Term 3! Wow, this term has flown by!

This week we put the finishing touches on our Archibull Prize entrant Dr Moos-a lot and he is now varnished and ALMOST done! All we have left to do is secure the model shearing shed, attach the pom-pom sheep and clothesline to the grassy paddock and we will be completed! All photographs and Blog entries also need to be finalised by the end of next week so that we can submit our entry, which is due by Friday 19th September. The 5/6 students worked very hard this week to finish off some of these written posts and are looking forward to Monday when the paparazzi (i.e "The Cowra Guardian") arrive to do a photo shoot of Dr Moos-a lot! He sure is a popular cow!

In Maths this week we have worked on mapping skills using grid co-ordinates and compass points. We loved playing Battleship which reinforces our

understanding of grids and will continue with this topic next week.

On Wednesday we had 13 of Mrs Patten's 2/3/4 students join us for the day. We had a great time doing a wide range of co-operative team challenges, including an art challenge, physical challenge, science and design challenge, a general knowledge quiz and even a music challenge! It was lovely to see what good sports everyone was and how they worked together as a team!

Have an enjoyable weekend and get ready for our last week of Term!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
5/6 Class 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 a 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 - next Monday night's P&C Meeting has been postponed until Monday 13th October (Term 4 Week 2).

Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

Community News



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

- Saturday 27th September 2014 from 10am - 1pm
- Thursday 2nd 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 7th 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: Sat 13th Sept 10am / Fri 19th Sept 4.00pm / Sat 20th Sept 10am

Where: Sports Power, Kendal St Cowra

Full details in the Cowra Guardian this Friday.

