



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3 – Week Ending 13th February 2015

Student of the Week – Term 1 Week 2!

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week!



Alana Kiss (K/1), Miah Pettit (4/5/6) and Bella Cummings (2/3)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Caleb Crowe and Portia Mansley

2/3 – Charli Light and Chad Charnock

4/5/6 – Harry Beaumont and Lily Lawler

Library – Hamish Newell, Shaun Petty and Samuel Lawler

Congratulations to all students!

“EnviroMentors” Workshops

On Tuesday all students participated in the EnviroMentors Workshop. The program was called “Close the Loop” and focused on the different materials that can be recycled! All students were highly engaged by the presentation and enjoyed the many hands on games and activities. Some interesting things we learned were...

- *Beanies and Pillows are made from recycled plastic*
- *Glass is made from sand*
- *Money (notes) is also recycled!*

All the students were beautifully behaved and enjoyed their one hour workshop!



Year 2/3 playing the Recycling Relay!

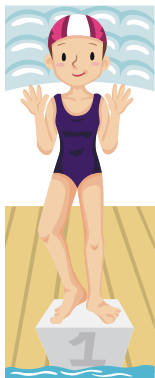


Kara standing on a mini block of recycled aluminium cans....would you believe there are 1000 cans in the block!!



Lilly enjoyed touching the flaked recycled plastic.

Swimming Carnival is MONDAY!



Excitement has been building all week with our Annual Small School's Swimming Carnival on next Monday 16th February. The carnival is due to start at 9:30am with gates open at 9am. All students are expected to attend the Carnival and participate in novelty events, 12.5m and 25m or the competitive 50m, 100m and 200m races. A Program for the day is attached to the Newsletter.

Please note – if it is raining the Carnival will still go ahead as planned. The only reason we will cancel the Carnival is if we have lightning and thunderstorms. I will send a text message to all families on Monday morning if the Carnival is cancelled. In this case, school will continue as normal. The alternate date for the Carnival will be Thursday 19th February.

So...what to bring? Swimmers, rash shirt, sunscreen, goggles, towel and lots of food and drink! I would like



students to wear their red HPS shirts over their swimmers. The pool canteen will be in operation on the day – please find a canteen list attached. I will have the large double HPS shade tent set up so that families can sit underneath and cheer our students on as they race. The students have been practising their Holmwood cheer all week and are rearing to go!

**SEE YOU THERE!
GO HOLMWOOD!!**

Parent/Teacher Information Evening

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Information Evening last Thursday. All teachers appreciated the opportunity to share some of our daily routines and expectations with families. If parents ever feel the need to discuss any aspect of their child's learning, please contact the school to make an appointment with your child's teacher. At HPS we greatly value our home-school partnerships.

School Fees

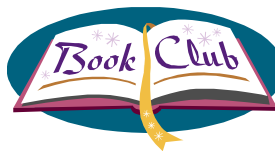
Voluntary School Fees are an essential source of funds for our school, which does not receive any 'extra' funding through Departmental grants. School fees directly cover the costs of student Text Books (Maths, and Handwriting) which the school purchases at the beginning of the year so that we are ready to go from Day 1. As you can appreciate, this is a substantial

outlay (around \$2,000), which we need to recoup as soon as possible.

The cost of school fees is \$35 per child for the year.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could arrange for school fees to be paid to the Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Book Club



Just a reminder all Book Club orders are due with payment to the office by **Tuesday 17th February**.

Swimming for Sport

We will start School Swimming for Sport on Friday 27th February and will continue through until the end of Week 9 with our Annual Swimathon. Swimming for Sport will be held on Fridays from 1:45-2:45pm. Children will be organised into swimming groups based on their swimming ability and will be taught by HPS staff and qualified Swimming Instructors. The cost for swimming each week is just \$1 for the bus trip into town and \$2 pool entry (free if your child has a season ticket). Students will need to be picked up from the pool at 2:50pm or will be walked up to Cowra Public by a staff member, to catch buses at the end of the day. If Kinder parents wish to come a little earlier to assist their child with changing back into dry clothes, you are more than welcome - please be at the pool by 2:45pm.



What to bring for SWIMMING: PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Goggles (if required)
- Sunscreen
- Rash Shirt
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for School Sport Swimming. Please complete and return with payment to the Office.

Calendar

Term 1 Week 4	
Mon 16th Feb	Small Schools' Swimming Carnival @ Cowra Pool – 9am-3pm
Tues 17th Feb	Mrs Lewis – 'School Plan' Planning Day – Orange – Mrs Skene 4/5/6 School Counsellor Brent Harris at HPS
Thurs 19th Feb	Alternate date for Cowra Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Fri 20th Feb	<i>District Swimming Carnival @ Canowindra – Mrs Lewis attending as Small Schools Representative Canteen!</i>
Term 1 Week 5	
Thurs 26th Feb	<i>Mrs Lewis – Principal's Networking Day – Orange – Mrs Patten 4/5/6.</i>
Fri 27th Feb	<i>Scripture Swimming for Sport Clean Up Australia Day! Canteen!</i>
Term 1 Week 6	
Tues 3rd March	<i>Yr 3-6 State Library Visit @ Cowra PS 9:30-11:00am</i>
Wed 4th March	<i>Mrs Lewis – Interview Panel – Bathurst (Mrs Skene 4/5/6)</i>
Fri 6th March	<i>Swimming for Sport Western Region Swimming Carnival – Dubbo Canteen!</i>

*Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal*

Attachments

- Swimming Carnival Program
- Swimming Carnival Canteen List
- Swimming for Sport Permission Note
- Scouts Information Flier

K/1 Class News

Well the Kindergarten students have certainly settled into school routines and are full steam ahead! In English they are learning sounds, sight words, reading, writing letters and counting, while Year 1 are learning new blended sounds. Thank you to the parents and grandparents that have given their time to help out in our room for L3. It is very much appreciated to have your assistance.

Last Friday the Kindergarten students joined in their first whole school sport. They had a great time learning cricket skills and boules with the Stage 1 and 2 children, while Stage 3 students participated in a great game of Netball.

In Maths this week we are focusing on whole numbers learning how to order, sequence, read and write numbers 0-10 for Kindergarten and 11 to 20 for Year 1. We have been playing lots of counting games, matching numbers, playing snap and making craft activities such as swinging Monkeys, stripy Zebras, juggling Seals and swimming Fish with numbers.

In Science K/1/2 have started our topic "Whatever the Weather". Students are learning about the different types of weather around the world, the seasons and how we dress for the different seasons. This week we discovered the weather map using the Weather Zone app for smart phones and recorded the temperature. We all decided it was very hot with the thermometer reading 37 degrees!

In Stage 2 Science our topic is "Night and Day". Students are discovering the earth's rotation around the sun, investigating the seasons, discovering the solar system and the power of the sun.

In Stage 3 Science our topic is "Natural Disasters". The first natural disaster we are learning about is volcanoes. During this topic students will develop an understanding of the four layers of the earth, the tectonic plates and how they can contribute to Earth's natural disasters.

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday at the Pool for the Small Schools Swimming Carnival.
Kind regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

Welcome to our new "news format"!

Wow! What a great start to Week 3~ beautifully neat Spelling tests and lots of Homework books in the Red Spotty Homework box. The "No Excuse" words were really well learnt ~ with only "they" remaining as a real challenge. Our Spelling groups have changed around a little with some students changing colours, as a result of their Spelling tests. There may be some more movement necessary before lists and students are matched. We have used the computers this week to complete a spelling activity. It was the first time for most of our Year 2s ~ once usernames and passwords are learnt; the login time will be reduced. It took a long time first go!!

Number lines were our Maths focus ~ we even heard a rock song all about number lines! They are such a handy tool to use for adding, subtracting, writing & ordering numbers. I was very impressed with 2/3's skills scooting up and back along the number line!

It was decided, by popular choice that we switch the class novel to one written by Roald Dahl ~ "George's Marvellous Medicine". His books are guaranteed to be funny and slightly naughty!!

Home Reading Helpers ~ Thanks to Judy Petty for volunteering on Tuesday mornings @ 10:30. Monday and Wednesday are still available!! Please consider helping.

Until next week ~

Kerry Patten 2/3 Class Teacher

Reminders ~

Homework = hand in ~ Friday

Library = books & bags ~ Friday

Home Readers = every day

Art Shirts = now please!

The Thurs-Fri Report

Last Thursday during PE, we were very active playing various games using our large parachute. This resulted in lots of giggles from a bunch of energetic and involved students. Today we concentrated on the fundamental skills of throwing, passing and catching a ball – sometimes whilst running! This was terrific fun and Mrs Skene was very happy with everyone's participation and involvement.



Tarni, Charlotte, Layla and Charli enjoying Sport last Friday.

Continuing on with our study of length In Maths, this week we partnered up with a buddy and traced the outline of our foot to see how big it was and then measured it using paper clips – everyone enjoyed this activity and are grasping the concept of length. We also had our first look at measuring insects in centimetres (cm) using our Rainforest Maths interactive tool on the Smartboard – this was a fun activity to finish off with on Friday

Cheers

Fiona Skene

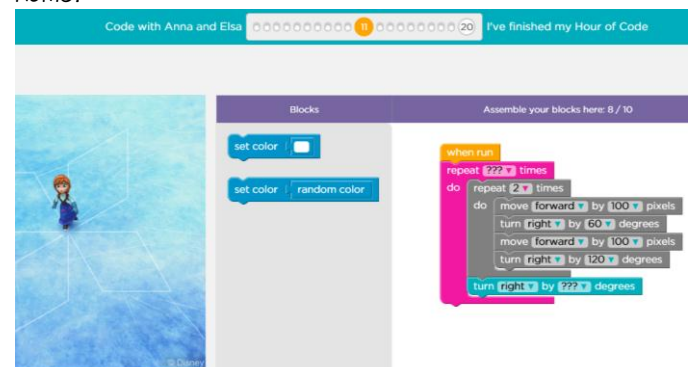
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

It has been another great week in the 4/5/6 class. I am so impressed with how settled and hard-working the class are! Well done to all students and congratulations to those who racked up 10 DOJO points this week and received a special 'scratch prize card'!

During Maths this week we have continued our work on Place Value and also looked at Prime and Composite Numbers and Roman Numerals. We watched a clip on YouTube about the Sieve of Eratosthenes which explained how to work out Prime Numbers in a way that was easy to understand - a link to this will be put on the blog shortly. We also watched a Prime Number Rap song which helped us to learn all the Prime Numbers from 1-100. Mrs Lewis has thrown out a challenge to see if any students can recite ALL Prime Numbers from 1-100 by next Friday!

This week we have also enjoyed learning about Computer Coding and on Tuesday afternoon all the 4/5/6 Students participated in an "Hour of Code". Coding is the term used when we program a computer and is basically programming objects to move in certain directions and in specific ways. We used the Hour of Code website <http://hourofcode.com/au> as our introductory lesson and it didn't take long for us to get the hang of moving forward, backwards, turning 90 degrees and repeating movements. We were able to program Elsa and Anna (popular characters from the Disney movie 'Frozen') to skate in patterns and circles. The students were very excited to participate in the Hour of Code and many of them continued their learning on their own computers at home.



Our Poetry writing unit is also going well with students having a go at writing "Emotion Poems" this week. Again, I have been so impressed with the wonderful words the students have used to create such powerful images. Next week we will begin our novels for this term - Year 4 will be reading "Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case" and Year 5/6 - "From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler". Both novels are from the mystery genre!



Lily, Isobella, Sam and Hamish hard at work!

Don't forget...Homework is due tomorrow and 2 more DOJO points are up for grabs for all students who remember to hand their Homework folders into the box. Due to the Swimming Carnival on Monday, Homework for next week will be handed out on Tuesday.

The News Topic for Week 4 and Week 5 is..."My Favourite Book, Author OR Book Series". Students need to come prepared to talk for 2 - 2 ½ minutes about this topic.

Next week we are all looking forward to the Small Schools Swimming Carnival! GO HOLMWOOD!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

Canteen News

There were lots of happy, healthy well fed children at school last Friday as our first Canteen day for 2015 was held.

CANTEEN will be on TOMORROW!

CANTEEN HELPERS for tomorrow (Friday 13th) are Katie Rowley and Carmel Leister – thank you for your help!

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who attended the AGM on Monday night. The 2015 P&C Executive Committee is as follows;

President - Karen Beaumont

Vice President - Kelly Murphy

Secretary - Michelle Whitty

Treasurer - Priscilla Pettit

Several items were discussed at this month's meeting including a change to the Winter School

Jumper. The P&C voted to switch to a polar fleece style with a zip neck and embroidered HPS Logo on the chest. These new style of jumpers will be much warmer and look great with the collared shirts. These will sell for \$25.00 and can be purchased from the School. Orders will be submitted on FRIDAY 6th MARCH so if you wish to order one for this winter, please let Anthea or Julie know. The old round-neck style jumpers will still be able to be worn; we just won't be ordering any new stock in this style.

The P&C also agreed to Mrs Lewis's proposal to phase out the popular "Flat Caps" which many of our students like to wear. In line with the School's "Sun Safety" Policy, bucket hats or broad-brimmed hats will be considered part of the HPS School Uniform and offer a much greater level of sun protection. Bucket hats and broad brim hats are currently available from the school office at a cost of \$15.00 each. By the start of Term 2, we would like all students to be wearing a school bucket or broad brimmed hat.

The P&C also discussed fundraising ventures for 2015 and some ideas for how to distribute funds in 2015. It was agreed that this year, the P&C will not be contributing towards the Annual School Excursion and instead will look at purchasing some Music Resources. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 16th March - all parents welcome!

Regards,
Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

