



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4 – Week Ending 20th February 2015

Swimming Carnival Success!

What a fabulous day we had at the Cowra Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Monday! The HPS students were fired up and ready to compete in all manner of swimming events...from the fun novelty events in the little pool, to the 12.5m kickboard races and longer 50m events for the older children! Thank you to all the Holmwood students who turned up and swam and cheered all day! Congratulations to the following students who received the Age Champion!

Charlotte Collins – Junior Girl Champion

Lilly Whitty - 11 yrs Girls Champion

Claire Lewis – Senior Girls Champion



Congratulations as well to the Holmwood PS "A" Relay team of Lilly Whitty, Lara Collins, Matthew Russell and Claire Lewis who won this year's Relay Trophy. Well done to ALL students who participated in events and gained points for our school – we were successful in winning the Highest Aggregate Trophy and the Cheering Trophy!! What an achievement!!



Charlotte, Lilly, Matthew and Claire – The HPS "A" Relay team!



Hamish and Will with the 'Cheering Trophy!' "Turn on the radio...what do you hear? Holmwood's going to win this year!!"



Oliver and Kara accept the trophy for the Highest Aggregate point score...GO HOLMWOOD!



Nigella and Anna with the Champion School Trophy! What a great effort from ALL HPS students!!



Well done to all HPS students who participated in the 2015 Cowra Small Schools Swimming Carnival!

District Swimming Carnival

Following such a successful Carnival on Friday, I am so proud to announce that this year we have 14 students who have progressed to the District Swimming Carnival! Congratulations to Claire, Anna, Oliver, Lilly W, Lara, Katelyn, Hamish, Christian, Miah, Akiko, Matthew, Thomas, Charlotte and Charli!!

The District Carnival will be held tomorrow, Friday 20th February at the Canowindra Pool. All students have received permission notes and a program for the day. Parents are required to transport and supervise their children at the Carnival as all staff attending will be busy doing Carnival jobs. Just a reminder to all swimmers, the Canowindra Pool is a 25m pool, therefore swimmers will need to touch at the end of the pool and turn, without their feet touching the bottom of the pool. Alternatively they may tumble turn if they are able. I would suggest all swimmers be at the pool at 9:00am for a warm up to ensure that they are comfortable with this process. Students are asked to meet Mrs Lewis at the beginning of the Carnival to get their names marked off and receive their Cowra Small Schools District Swimming Cap. Good luck swimmers!

Student of the Week – Term 1 Week 3!

Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!



Tarni Sheen (2/3), Harry Seears (K/1) and Lara Collins (4/5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Maddison Wright and Addison Skinner
2/3 – Charlotte Collins and Sascha Pettit
4/5/6 – Claire Lewis, Taylah Boatwood and Will Lawler
Library – Jay Kennedy, Charlize Light, Ilyssa Charnock

Congratulations to all students!

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

Permission notes for swimming were handed out with last week's Newsletter. Please ensure these are returned with payment to the Office before next Friday.

State Library Visit

On Tuesday 3rd March, all students from Year 3-6 will be attending a visit from the NSW State Library at Cowra Public School. The NSW State Library will be bringing their FAR Out! Treasures to the Bush Program to Cowra. These objects are original, historical artefacts that very rarely leave the Library, and they are used to illustrate aspects of Australian History that link directly to the Stage 2/3 History Syllabus. Some examples of the items that come on tour are: Captain Cook's shoe buckle and Mary Reibey's convict letter. Students will meet Mrs Lewis and Mrs Patten at Cowra PS at 9:00am. The visit goes from 9:30-11:00am, after which we will return to school via bus. There is no cost

to the students for this Excursion. Please find a permission note attached to this week's Newsletter.

Calendar

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>
Term 1 Week 7	
Fri 13th March	<i>Scripture Swimming for Sport Canteen!</i>

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- State Library Visit Permission Note (Year 3-6 students only)
- New Canteen menu to start WEEK 5

K/1 Class News

On Friday last week we started our PD/Health topic on 'Building Friends'. During this topic students learn to make positive relationships with friends. We will be discussing bullying and the qualities of being a good friend. Our Friendship Forest in our classroom is growing.

We started the week with a great day out at the Swimming Carnival. It was a hot day and we had some great results with all our competitors. The Frogs had a fantastic time in the little pool playing games and developing their swimming skills for the Carnivals in the years to come.

This week in English we wrote a recount about the Swimming Carnival. During our writing sessions we are focusing on capital letters at the start of our sentences, uniform letter sizing and spaces between words.

In Maths this week the topic is 2D shapes. Students are learning about the attributes of simple shapes, quadrilaterals and identifying how shapes are used in the environment around us.

In Stage 2 Science students are learning about the Earth's rotation around the sun and how rotation and revolution causes the earth to have day and night, the four seasons. They have learnt that there are 24 hours in a day and 1 revolution is equivalent to a year.

In Stage 3 Science the students are learning about volcanoes and tectonic plates. In the sand pit on Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 students conducted some cool experiments to make volcanic eruptions using bi-carb soda, dishwashing liquid and vinegar with a bit of red food colouring for special effects!



Will, Lily L, Oliver and Lilly W constructing their volcano in the sandpit!

Good luck to all students swimming at District on Friday.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

Congratulations to all our class' swimmers for their efforts and participation in Monday's Swimming Carnival. Every one of your efforts contributed to Holmwood winning the Overall Point Score Trophy! Good luck on Friday to Charlotte and Charlize who will swim as part of the Cowra District Team.

"Where's your Homework?" This question has no doubt been asked this week! Considering the Carnival on Monday and six students from sixteen absent on Tuesday and the District Carnival ~ I have decided to

postpone the Spelling Test and Homework until next week.

Hmmmm...loud cheers all round when that announcement was made!

Colour poems. In Poetry this week we have made a start to writing about colours! Did you know that "orange tastes like victory", and "sounds like fun"? Or that "red tastes like apples"; "purple smells like lavender and feels soft like a blanket". We are exploring adjectives to give our poems more impact!

Place Value takes pride of place in Number. It's really clever the way we can create an infinite variety of numbers, great and small, using just ten digits!! Group activities in Measurement resulted in some rather impressive estimations of length!

Until next week ~

Mrs Kerry Patten & Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teachers

4/5/6 Class News

What a busy week! It was great to see so many of the 4/5/6 students participating in as many events as they could at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Monday! With 12 of our classmates attending the District Carnival on Friday, HPS will be well represented! I will be attending the Carnival on Friday and look forward to cheering on all Cowra Small Schools Swimmers!

Thank you to Mrs Skene who took the 4/5/6 class on Tuesday while I attended a School Plan Planning Day in Orange. I have read some of the amazing simile poems the students wrote with Mrs Skene and I am so impressed with the great choices of words!

This week we started our Term 1 novels for Stage 2 and 3. With a slight delay in the arrival of the Stage 3 books (via China!), we are all set to go now and enjoyed reading the first chapter of our novel "From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler". Year 4 also read the first short story in their text "Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case" and both

groups completed an introductory character activity on Wednesday.

Addition has been our focus this week in Maths and we have been reviewing the 'split strategy', 'bridging to the decade', and compensation methods. All students are making pleasing progress and will be reviewing some of these strategies in their homework.

Our Genius Hour Projects are coming along and everyone has been so enthusiastic about their chosen topics. A reminder that ALL projects need to be completed by Wednesday of Week 7 (11th March), ready for presentation in Week 7, 8, 9 and 10. All students will need to be ready as we will be drawing names out of a hat. If students need advance notice in order to arrange a parent to bring in something for their presentation, please let me know.

A reminder that Homework is due tomorrow. If you are swimming at the District Carnival and not at school on Friday, your homework may be handed in on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

THREE CHEERS to the Holmwood Swimmers who took part in their races at Monday's Carnival in true sporting spirit!!!! It has been an exciting start to 2015 to have so many of our strong and fit swimmers representing Holmwood School as part of the Cowra Small Schools Team, this Friday, at the District Carnival. We all wish you well and know that you will do your best.

Next Friday, 27th February, our school will commence swimming for sport, each Friday, until the end of March culminating in our **SUPER DOOPER SWIMATHON** on the 27th of March. Parents are invited to attend the Swimathon and the Sponsor Forms and information will be attached to the Week 5 newsletter.

Holmwood Stage 2-3 students have been invited to join in with the Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day on Friday 20th March at Edgell Park. The focus of the day is to learn new skills and join in a

social game with students from other schools. Preparation for the day will commence in PE Lessons in March, when the weather has cooled down. Information and details will be attached to the newsletter in a few weeks' time.

In the Library the children are enjoying the humour and imagination of our amazing Australian Authors and Illustrators. We are learning about interesting bush animals and their antics in "Australia ABC" in K/1 and "Billy Bilby's Barbeque" in 2/3, both by our well known author Colin Thiele. Year 4/5/6 are interpreting their "Rules of Summer" from this thought provoking book, by Shaun Tan.

Please ensure that all books are returned each Thursday to ensure that your child borrows a new exciting book for the week. Overdue books become a habit and also hard to find. Establishing responsible habits start early in life but not without parental assistance, support and encouragement. Your assistance in this matter is most appreciated.

Term 1 Student Council Elections were held week. The new Committee for Term 1 is-

President- Claire Lewis

Vice President- Kara Lunnon

Secretary- Lily Lawler

Vice Secretary- Will Skinner

Treasurer- Oliver Beaumont

Vice Treasurer- Miah Pettit



The major fundraiser for the Student Council is the Annual Swimathon, Friday 27th March. Hence, this will be the major event for the Student Council in Term1.

I hope that you are keeping cool during the heat of these days, whilst enjoying being outdoors in the cool of the evenings, without the mozzies or flies!

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library Teacher

Canteen News

On behalf of the staff, parents and students I would like to thank Carol Lynch for her efforts in getting the Canteen up and running again this year.

*Due to other commitments, Carol has decided to step down from managing the Canteen after this week. Samantha Boatwood has kindly volunteered to relieve in Carol's position and will take over the running of the School Canteen from next Week (Week 5). Samantha has also volunteered to run the Canteen TWO days per week so as of next week Canteen will be available on Wednesdays AND Fridays! A slightly adjusted menu is attached to this week's Newsletter. Please note this new menu will start next WEDNESDAY 25th February. The original Term 1 menu will still operate TOMORROW for Canteen with the addition of mini ham quiches for \$2.00 each - lunch only. Please Note - **Fried Rice will be OFF the menu for TOMORROW.***

We are very grateful to Samantha, Carol and all the other helpers who have assisted with Canteen this year.

Tomorrow's helpers are...

Kirstin Stevenson and Gabrielle Dale.

Thanks ladies!!

Community News

Drama Workshop

The first of our drama workshops is now open for bookings

Sunday 22nd February 2015

9:00 – 10:00am Grade 2 – 4
10:00 – 11:00am Grade 5 – 8
11:30 – 1:00pm H/S Advanced

To register:
cowradancefactory@live.com.au
0417 249 821

Cost: \$15 (\$20 non CDF students)



Super Trivia

Team Canowindra is running a fundraiser for The Weekend to End Women's Cancer.

When: 14th March 15

What Time: 6pm for a 6:30pm start

Where at: Canowindra Services Club

What to Wear: Favourite Superhero Costume or Invent your own Superhero

How Much: \$10 per person

Book a table of 10 or come along make other friends

What to bring: A plate of food for your table

Drinks available at the Bar

Prizes for best dressed, Most Creative Character and for the Champion table

Tickets Available at Billy Paul's Carpet Centre and The Canowindra Pool

