



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 5 – Week Ending 27th February 2015

Student of the Week – Term 1 Week 4!

Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!



*Lilly Hood (K/1), Jett Cummings (2/3) and
Hamish Newell (4/5/6)*

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Chelsea Leister, Micah Murphy

2/3 – Leetisha Nestor, Liam Beaumont

4/5/6 – Christian Petty, Lilly Whitty and Nigella
Stevenson

Library – Portia Mansley, Katie Boatwood and
Christian Petty

Congratulations to all students!

District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday the Cowra District PSSA Swimming Carnival was held at the Canowindra Pool. It was a fantastic day with 14 Holmwood swimmers selected in the Small Schools Team! All students swam exceptionally well with many personal best times recorded. Thank you to the large number of HPS parents who attended on the day and assisted with timekeeping.

Special congratulations to Lilly Whitty and Claire Lewis who were selected in the Cowra District Swimming Team to compete at the Western Region Carnival in Dubbo next Friday. Lilly was selected for the 11 Years Girls 50m Freestyle and 11 Years Girls 50m Backstroke and Claire will contest the 12 Years Girls 50m Freestyle, Open Girls 100m Freestyle, Senior Girls 50m

Butterfly, Senior Girls 50m Backstroke and Senior Girls 200m Individual Medley. Congratulations girls!



Claire Lewis and Lilly Whitty – HPS representatives at next week's Western Region Swimming Carnival in Dubbo.

Swimming for Sport – TOMORROW!

With a forecast temperature of 34 degrees tomorrow, it should be a wonderful afternoon at the pool! Don't forget to pack....

- **Swimmers**

- **Towel**

- **Rash shirt**

- **Sunscreen**

- **Goggles (if required)**

- **Plastic bag for wet swimmers to go in.**



Please note, NO students will be permitted to go to the pool kiosk during swimming. Swimming is part of our School Sport Program and ALL students will participate. As all staff will be at the pool, no students will be able to stay at school. If your child is not swimming for medical reasons, please arrange to collect them from school at 1:20pm.

If you have yet to return your Permission Note or payments PLEASE ensure this is brought to school TOMORROW.

A reminder to all students that the Holmwood Swimathon is only a few weeks away – attached to this week's Newsletter is a Sponsorship Form. Last year our school raised approximately \$1,400.00 in sponsorship, so this year we are aiming to beat that!



Clean Up Australia Day

Tomorrow all students K-6 will be participating in the Annual "Clean Up Australia Day". Mrs Skene has organised some fun activities for the children to do, along with a general clean-up of the school's grounds. Our

school is registered with the Clean Up Australia Day Organisation and we have received some items such as gloves and bags to assist with our clean up. Thank you to Mrs Skene for her organisation of this worthwhile community event!

State Library Visit

Next 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.

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 ensure Permission Notes are returned to school ASAP.

ICAS Tests

The International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) Tests are run each year through the University of NSW and are available to students in Years 2-6. These are external tests which the school administers. Tests are marked independently and students are given a Report and Certificate detailing their achievements. ICAS tests are OPTIONAL and parents are required to pay a fee if they wish their child to sit the tests. The tests and prices are listed as follows;

ICAS Subject	Year Levels	ICAS Sitting Date	Cost
Digital Technologies	Yr 3 - 6	Tues 19 May	\$8.80
Science	Yr 2 - 6	Wed 3 June	\$8.80
Writing	Yr 3 - 6	Mon 15 June	\$18.70
Spelling	Yr 3 - 6	Tues 16 June	\$12.10
English	Yr 2 - 6	Tues 28 July	\$8.80
Mathematics	Yr 2 - 6	Tues 11 August	\$8.80

Attached to this week's Newsletter is an ICAS Entry Form. If you would like your child to participate, please indicate which tests they are going to sit and enclose

payment for each. Please return form with payment to school by Friday 13th March.

Calendar

Term 1 Week 6	
Tues 3rd March	Yr 3-6 State Library Visit @ Cowra PS 9:30-11:00am
Wed 4th March	Mrs Lewis – Interview Panel – Bathurst (Mrs Skene 4/5/6) Canteen!
Fri 6th March	Swimming for Sport Western Region Swimming Carnival – Dubbo Canteen!
Term 1 Week 7	
Wed 11th March	Canteen!
Fri 13th March	Scripture Swimming for Sport Canteen!
Term 1 Week 8	
Mon 16th March	AECG Meeting – 2pm @ Cowra PS P&C Meeting – 6pm @ School
Wed 18th March	HARMONY DAY Celebrations @ HPS! No Canteen
Fri 20th March	Hockey Gala Day (Yrs 3-6) Swimming for Sport Canteen!

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- ICAS Entry Forms (Year 2-6 students)
- HPS Swimathon Sponsorship Forms

K/1 Class News

Class news this week is short and sweet, as yet another week has flown by and it has been a short week for some. Thank you to Mrs Webster for teaching the K/1 Students last Friday. I attended the Swimming Carnival in Canowindra and all students swam very well in their events. It was great to see so many students representing Holmwood and the small schools at a District Level.

Mrs Webster reported that K/1 had a lovely day completing art works and learning about the qualities of friendships via a children's book "Wilfred Gordon Macdonald Partridge". The students completed many activities to foster positive friendships.

In Maths this week students have been learning about addition and grouping groups of objects together to find a total amount. We have also been identifying the attributes of simple shapes and learning about repeating patterns.

Our L3 Groups are going very well in our English sessions. Over the last two weeks we have had a strong focus for the Year 1 students on writing sentences, forming letters and using basic Grammar skills such as capital letters, and full stops. In Kindergarten we have been focusing on letter formation and sound actions for Jolly Phonics, sight words and hearing and recording letter sounds. Once again a huge thank you is owed to our parents and grandparent helpers in the classroom. Without your help we couldn't achieve the results we are achieving.

We are looking forward to Swimming for Sport this Friday so remember your swimmers, towel sunscreen and rash shirt for some fun in the pool!



Some of the amazing Artwork the K/1 and Year 2 students have been doing with Mrs Patten during Visual Arts lessons on Tuesdays.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

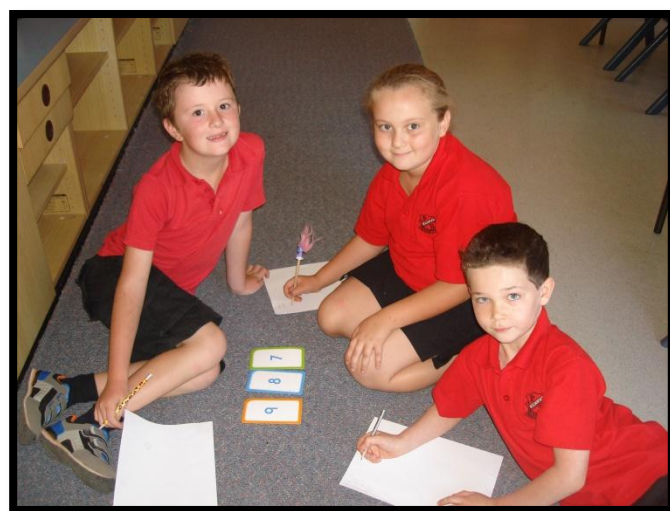
2/3 Class News

The Monday-Wednesday Report

What have we done? Well, amongst other things we have used our class novel, "George's Marvellous Medicine" to hunt for and identify **adjectives** - Words that describe the yucky,

disgusting, strong, brown medicine. We have hopefully learnt and remembered our "o-e" spelling words **ready for testing on Friday**. Our guided reading books have been about bears, fishing, a rather greedy dog and an annoying little brother at Open Day. We have made a great start on an Acrostic poem, using our names as a starting point. I have discovered that 2/3 have some rather clever poets!!

Place value was our main focus in Maths. We learnt a rap song to explain that digits take their value from where they are placed in a number. We played a new game "I have... Who has?" Dojo points were given for the quickest to stand up with the correct answer! Another great week ~ thank you 2/3



Brodie, Brittney and Jaydan playing a Place Value game in Maths this week.

Home Reading Helpers ~ Vacancies still exist!

Wednesday is still available for a willing Home Reader Helper! Did you know that we are an "Equal Opportunity Class" which means that you don't need to have a child in our class to help out!!

Until next week ~ Kerry Patten

The Thursday-Friday Report

Last Friday, our super measurers in Year 2/3 were set a task of constructing a one metre paper tower, snake, ruler, or whatever creation they

wanted to build using newspaper, sticky tape and scissors. Their first job was to estimate a metre and then we checked how close our estimates were. Mrs Skene was super impressed and believes that Year 2/3 are all experts on how long one metre is and what things we can measure using metres. Our next topic in the Measurement and Geometry strand in Mathematics will be Area.

During Spelling this week, we had a bunch of super excited children very eager and keen to make their very own 'word cloud' on the computers using their weekly spelling words. Everyone was engaged and we can't wait to make one again!



Having fun on the computers in the 2/3 room!

Kind Regards,
Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News

This week has zoomed by and the 4/5/6 class are working very hard in all areas of their learning. This week in Maths we focused on the concept of Perimeter, and all students have shown a great understanding of this concept. We have also worked at converting between millimetres and centimetres and from centimetres to metres, which has been a little tricky, especially when the numbers have been represented as a decimal e.g $0.25\text{m} = 25\text{cm} = 250\text{mm}$!

In HSIE this week, the Year 5 and 6 students looked at some of the wildlife found in Antarctica, in particular Penguins! Did you

know there are actually SEVEN different species of Penguins which make their home in Antarctica?! Each pair chose a particular breed they were interested to learn more about and researched information using the internet. This has been presented in the form of a Creature Features Poster and they all look fantastic - photos to come next week when they are all completed!

We also managed to squeeze in a second "Hour of Code" this week and the 4/5/6 class are becoming quite expert at making their computer characters move, jump and even speak! Will showed us all a game that he has been working on using the "Scratch" Coding Program and I am sure this has inspired many others to have a go at creating their own game as well! Congratulations Will!

Our Genius Hour Projects are coming along well and all students have been working hard at school as well as at home, to get their projects completed. Students are required to hand in a product (this will be the 'hard copy' of their research and may be in the form of a Poster, PowerPoint, Artwork, Pamphlet, etc) as well as deliver a presentation to their peers. The presentations for Genius Hour will start in Week 7, so the children will only have ONE MORE WEEK in class to have their projects completed. The presentation aspect of Genus Hour will involve the students sharing what they have learnt about their chosen topic - the sky's the limit with how creative they would like to be!! I am really looking forward to their presentation - the range of topics is mind-blowing!

Don't forget next week is our State Library Visit at Cowra PS on Tuesday morning. This should be a fascinating experience for all attending!

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

