



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 7 – Week Ending 13th March 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 6 Students of the Week!



Katelyn Judd (4/5/6), Macey Rowley (K/1) and Mackenzie Nestor (2/3)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Tyler Charnock and Makayla Toohey

2/3 – Brittney Worth and Chad Charnock

4/5/6 – Anna Russell, Sam Lynch and Zsalea Mansley

Congratulations to all students!

Western Region Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Lilly Whitty and Claire Lewis who competed at the Western Region PSSA Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last Friday. Both girls recorded new personal best times and had a great time competing against swimmers from all over Western NSW.

Swimming for Sport – TOMORROW!

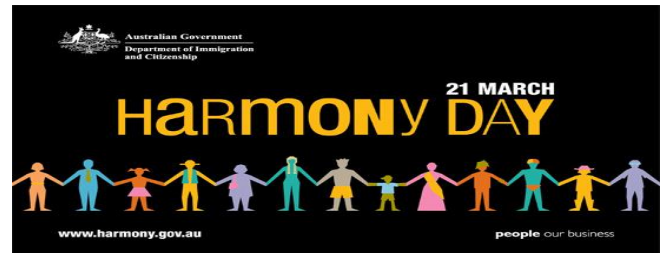
Swimming is on again tomorrow! Don't forget to pack-

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Rash shirt
- Sunscreen
- Goggles (if required)
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers to go in.



A reminder to all students that the Holmwood Swimathon is only TWO weeks away and students are hopefully busy getting sponsors! Last year our school

raised approximately \$1,400.00 in sponsorship, so this year we are aiming to beat that!



Harmony Day – 15th Anniversary!!

This year our school will again be taking part in "Harmony Day" celebrations and 2015 marks the 15th Year of Harmony Day in Australia! Harmony Day celebrates our rich cultural diversity and the theme is "Everyone Belongs". At HPS we will be celebrating Harmony Day by...

- Coming to school dressed in **ORANGE** (the 'official' Harmony Day colour) – if you don't have orange clothing – pink, red or yellow are all OK!
- Cooking a FABULOUS South Korean cultural feast for lunch. 2/3 will be preparing entrée, 4/5/6 will be making the main meal and K/1 will be cooking dessert!
- Sharing a meal together in celebration of our cultural diversity!

To cover the food costs for Harmony Day, each child is asked to contribute \$5 for their three course lunch.

Parents are also invited to attend the lunch with the students and staff at a cost of just \$5 per person.

If parents would like to assist with cooking activities in any class, please let the school know by completing the Helpers Note attached to this week's Newsletter...the more the merrier!

Please return HARMONY DAY Lunch Forms and payment to the school by MONDAY 16th March – this is to assist with catering quantities.

Expression of Interest in attending a NSW Government High School – Year 7 2016.

Could all parents of Year 6 students please complete and return the form (attached to this week's Newsletter) to school by **Friday 20th March 2015**. If your child is NOT attending a Government High School next year, the forms still need to be returned to the school so that Julie and Anthea can complete all the paperwork.

Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day

Our Stage 2 and 3 students have been invited to attend a combined Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day to be held on Friday 20th March. This will involve ALL students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

There is no cost for this excursion, however ALL students attending MUST have a mouthguard. We have a supply of these available at school for sale at \$5.00 each. Shin pads are also encouraged, but not essential as there will be some available for our students to use on the day. Long socks are also encouraged in order to hold shin pads in place!

If you have not yet done so, please return your child's permission note to the school as soon as possible.



2015 Whole School Excursion

This year Ms Edgerton has taken on the responsibility of organising our Whole School Excursion and we are all very excited about heading to beautiful Kiama! This will be a three-day/two-night Excursion and will run from Wednesday 4th November to Friday 6th November. On Wednesday and Thursday we will take part in a wide range of activities including a visit to Minnamurra Rainforest Falls, the Shoalhaven Zoo, beach games, rock-pool explorations and the Illawarra Tree Top Walk! On Friday morning we will leave Kiama and travel to Jamberoo where we will spend the day at the Jamberoo Water Park. Accommodation has been tentatively booked at BIG 4 Easts Beach Holiday Park in the Bunkhouse. You can check out the facilities at <http://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/nsw/illawarra/easts-beach-holiday-park> We will return to Holmwood on Friday evening.

The school and Student Council have generously agreed to subsidise part of the cost of hiring the bus, however this year there will be no additional subsidy provided from the P&C.

The cost for each student to attend our Kiama Excursion is as follows;

Students - \$205.00

Parents – \$195.00

This covers transport, accommodation, meals and entry fees to ALL activities. The only thing students will need to provide is a packed recess/lunch for Day 1. As spaces on the bus and at our accommodation venue are limited, helpers at this stage will be restricted to Kindergarten Parents only.

At this stage we need to get approximate numbers of students attending the Excursion and in order to proceed with our booking, we require a \$50 deposit for all students attending. **Please complete the Kiama Excursion Expression of Interest Form and return to school with \$50 deposit by the end of Week 2 Term 2 (Friday 1st May 2015).** If you are a parent of a Kindergarten student and would like to also attend, please let us know! If any parents have any concerns or questions, please contact MS Edgerton at school.



Book Club

A reminder that Book Club orders are due with payment next **Monday 16th March**.

Cowra Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

The date has been set for this year's Cowra Small Schools' Athletics Carnival! Please pencil in **Friday 1st May** in your diaries! (Term 2 Week 2). Selections for our School Representatives in the Field Events will take place early next term and all children from K-6 will be involved on the day.

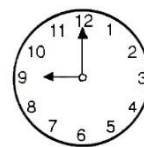
School Photos



Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking School Photos on **MONDAY, 30th March**. Order Forms are attached to this week's Newsletter. Please note all orders and payments are due on Photo Day. If you have any questions or concerns regarding school photos, please contact Cliff Dykes directly on 6342 3070.

Morning Supervision

Just a reminder to all families that morning playground supervision at school does not start until 9:00am. If



you are dropping your child off to school, please understand that PRIOR to 9:00am is teacher preparation time and no students will be supervised until then. If, in an emergency you need to drop your child off earlier than 9:00am, please extend a courtesy phone call to the school so that the staff are aware.

Calendar

Term 1 Week 8	
Mon 16th March	AECG Meeting – 2pm @ Cowra PS P&C Meeting – 6pm @ School Book Club orders due
Wed 18th March	HARMONY DAY Celebrations @ HPS! Don't forget to wear ORANGE! No Canteen
Fri 20th March	Hockey Gala Day (Yrs 3-6) Swimming for Sport Canteen Year 7 2016 High School EOI's due
Term 1 Week 9	
Wed 25th March	Canteen
Fri 27th March	Scripture HPS Annual Swimathon! Canteen
Term 1 Week 10	
Mon 30th March	School Photos
Wed 1st April	Canteen RED FOOD DAY!
Thurs 2nd April	End of Term Assembly – All families and community members invited to attend – 1:45-2:45pm
Fri 3rd April	School Holidays Start

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Expression of Interest for Year 6 Students enrolling in a Government High School in Year 7 2016 Forms (Yr 6 only)
- School Photo Envelopes

K/1 Class News

Well yet another busy week has just flown by, and we are now at the end of week 7. Last Friday we had a lovely day learning about feelings and emotions in the K/1 room for PD/Health. We looked at the ways we look after friends and how we can help our friends when they are feeling angry, sad or depressed as well as how we celebrate joy, happiness and positive feelings. We also discovered that our pets and stuffed toys can be our friends and are something that can help us in times of need.

This week in English we have been concentrating on our letter sizing when writing our sentences, with a strong focus on ensuring our head letters are taller than the body letters and the tail letters drop down under the line like a monkeys tail. Examples of head letters are h, t, l, k, body letters are a, c, e, r and tail letters are j, y, g

In Maths this week we are focusing on Subtraction of single digit numbers and Subtraction from ten using the friends of ten as a rule. The students have been creating Subtraction stories to complement pictures and objects, such as ten teddies on the train and 3 get off at the train station, how many are left on the train?

In Science this week the K/1 students were studying weather patterns and rainbows. We learnt that white light is made up of the seven colours of the rainbow and we can see rainbows after a storm or rain due to the raindrops acting like a prism to split the white light to show the colours. We blew bubbles to see rainbows.



In 5/6 Science we have been learning about volcanoes and the students took it upon themselves to create a huge volcano in the sandpit! Each lunch time they would make the mountain bigger and bigger! On Wednesday all classes joined together to watch the chemical reaction of the bicarb soda and the vinegar to represent a volcanic eruption.



Have a great weekend
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

It's been a "Same old, same old week"! Each morning we settled into work quickly and power our way right through 'til lunchtime!!

Double letters feature once again in our Spelling lists. It's getting harder to trick this class!! They can all read their words quickly and correctly and have worked independently on their Spelling activities. We may have found the problem with all using Computers & Notebooks at the same time. We are creating a "wireless traffic jam" too many users on our bandwidth. It was much easier today when we just used 6 computers at a time!!

Spelling rule is about comparing Adjectives...

Big, **bigger**, **biggest!!** 2/3 will hopefully be able to explain when to use each word!

We wrote a Narrative about a careless boy on a skateboard ~ boy did he make some trouble!! This week is our 2nd and final week on the Guided Reading Books. New titles and sight words will be given out next Monday.

Maths was all about matching Number Stories to their Number sentences. Some careful detective work was needed, with great results. **Number stories** (known as "Problems", in the old days!) are all around us and easy to practise at home. 2/3 have featured in their own Number Stories~ ranging from pencils owned, flowers planted, money lost and found; to name a few. Next Maths topic is "Fraction Action".

Have a great week!! Kerry Patten

THE ART REVIEW.

Each stage will begin the new topic ~ "AUTUMN", next week for a few weeks. We have completed a variety of work on South Korea, for your viewing pleasure next Wednesday at Harmony Day.



Will S, Damien and Will L working on Korean inspired Artworks!

WANTED please.

*** LARGE (1 L) yoghurt containers,**

*** donations of paper towels and/or serviettes (to clean our brushes between colours!)**

*** Plastic lids from 2L and 4L ice-cream tubs (to mix colours)**

*** clean, old towels for clean - up purposes.**

Thank you ~ Kerry Patten

4/5/6 Class News

This week saw the start of our Genius Hour Presentations and can I just say.... "WOW! WOW! WOW!!" Our first four presenters - Oliver, Hamish, Matthew and Anneliese did an amazing job with polished presentations, high-quality research and fantastic products! We learnt about Muay Thai Kickboxing, Phoenix's, Parts of a Gun and Dirtbikes! Congratulations to all students on a MAGNIFICENT job! Each student will receive feedback from their classmates, as all students will complete a PMI sheet on each person's presentation, highlighting the great things, things to work on and something that they learnt from the 'genius'! Students will also receive a feedback sheet from me at the conclusion of all Genius Hour Presentations in Week 10. I cannot wait until next week's group have their turn!



Hamish with his Muay Thai PowerPoint and video!



Anneliese presented her Genius Hour Project on the Phoenix!



Matthew taught us all about Dirtbikes.



Oliver shared his knowledge of the different parts of a gun and encouraged audience participation with a game show!

This week we also completed our Penguin Enclosures in HSIE, continued developing our knowledge of 24 hour time and elapsed time in Maths, read two more chapters in our English Novels and wrote some incredible narratives during Writing...along with Spelling, Art, Science, PD/Health and PE, it certainly has been a very busy and productive week!

MISSING - an "Ice Cream" styled thumb-drive and pen with "Katelyn" engraved on it. If you see either of these can you please hand to Mrs Lewis or let Katelyn know. DOJO rewards on offer!

NEWS TOPIC for Week 8 and 9 will be "My Favourite Sports or Hobbies".

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

Mrs Kiely's News

There has been very exciting news in the Kiely Family with the birth of our first grandchild, Eva Isabel! This news has been warmly welcomed as we all share in the joy that a new baby brings for family and friends. I say a heartfelt Thank You to the Holmwood staff, students, parents and community members who have more than doubled my happiness by patiently sharing in my array of stories and photos. I'm told that it's what happens when you become a Nanna!



THREE Hip Hoorays to Claire Lewis and Lilly Whitty who represented Holmwood School at the Regional Carnival last Friday. To compete at this high level is an outstanding achievement!

At Swimming for Sport all children are developing new skills each week. This will conclude at our SUPER DOOPER SWIMATHON on 27th March starting at 1:30pm. Parents are invited to attend the Swimathon as it's a great afternoon. Please encourage your child to start to collect sponsors NOW! This is the Student

Council's Major Fundraiser and half of the proceeds will go towards payment for the bus to take our students on their Whole School Excursion to Kiama later in the year. Additional sponsor forms are available from the office or email the school. This is always a great success but only when everyone participates so please become actively involved and teach your child the importance of community spirit.



Christian and Lara displaying outstanding fitness in PE as the current Star Jump Champions with 150 nonstop! Are you ready for the challenge?

The Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day on Friday 20th March, at Edgell Park, is fast approaching for years 3,4,5,6. In preparation for the day please ensure that permission notes are due. MOUTHGUARDS are COMPULSORY and each student will need a mouthguard (they are available at the school office, \$5 each), hat, sunscreen, recess, lunch, water bottle and spare for walking to pool along with their swimming gear for sport.

Children will meet Mrs Skene and Mrs Kiely at Cowra Public School at 9am to walk together to the Hockey Fields and back to Cowra Pool in the afternoon. Children will go home as per normal Friday Swimming arrangements.

Please note that children will not be permitted to go to the Canteen and are not permitted lollies or soft drinks, as per all excursions rules.

In our Library Unit on based Australian Authors and Illustrators, K/1 children are enjoying "Birds and More Birds" by M Cosgrave. Yr2/3 are learning new researching skills based on the unusual Australian Animals found in Colin Thiele's book "A is for Australian Animals." Whilst Year 4/5/6 students are busy reading, researching and preparing a biography on their favourite Australian Author/Illustrator, to present to the class in Week 10. Australian Literature is abundant today and well worth the read for children and adults. Children love seeing their parents reading books too.

Canteen News

Thank you to Tania Collins who assisted in the canteen last Friday along with Isobella and Will who were the Year 6 helpers. Tomorrow's helpers are Vanessa Harper and Rebecca Edenborough (parents) and Nigella and Damien (Year 6 students).

Just a reminder to parents not to put money or orders for ice blocks on the lunch order bags. The Year 6 students will be responsible for selling ice blocks at lunch and children need to pay for these separately. Thank you.

P&C News

The next meeting of the Holmwood P&C will be held on **Monday 16th March** at 6pm in the 4/5/6 classroom. We will be discussing the upcoming "Canowindra Balloon Glow" fundraiser. Hope to see you there! New faces MORE than welcome!! Meetings usually go for about an hour.

Regards,

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Community News

COWRA EISTEDDFOD

ENTER NOW

Entries are now open for the
62nd Cowra Eisteddfod
and will close on 16th March 2015

The Syllabus can be obtained from
<http://cowraeisteddfod.com.au>

Section Dates

Vocal - 14th to 17th May
Speech & Drama - 18th to 22nd May
Dance - 22nd to 31st May
Instrumental - 1st to 4th June

Grand Concert of Prizewinners
Friday 5th June 2015 at 7pm
Cowra Civic Centre

Enquiries can be directed to
committee@cowraeisteddfod.com.au

