



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 8 – Week Ending 20th March 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!



*Chelsea Leister (K/1), Matthew Russell (4/5/6) and
Charlotte Collins (2/3)*

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Jay Kennedy and Harry Seears

2/3 – Shaun Petty and Sascha Pettit

4/5/6 – Isobella Stevenson, Kara Lunnon and Damien
Harding

Congratulations to all students!

Harmony Day

On Wednesday 18th March we held our Harmony Day Celebrations at school with a magnificent three course meal which the children cooked and shared with their families. It was great to see so many HPS parents and community members join us as we celebrated the cultural diversity that is part of our Australian identity!



The COLA was a sea of orange as HPS celebrated the 15th Anniversary of Harmony Day!

With almost 100 mouths to feed, the students did a wonderful job in cooking and serving each dish. The menu was based on South Korean Culture with Korean Chicken Wings and Grilled Zucchini for entrée – made by the 2/3 class; Chicken Bibimbap for the main meal made by Years 4/5/6 and Watermelon-infused Ice Cream, Fruit and Jelly for dessert prepared by our K/1 students!

Special thanks to Cheri and the band of parent helpers who assisted in all classrooms with cooking the meals – Kim Judd, Samantha Boatwood, Karen Beaumont, Naomi Lawler, Rachel Newell, Gemma Seears, Vanessa Harper, Nadine Light and Ingrid Mansley. Without your assistance we would not have been able to complete such a mammoth cooking task! We have included all the recipes with this week's Newsletter. Below are some photos of the day.



The 4/5/6 Class give Harmony Day a thumbs up!



Samuel serving his mum Naomi and little brother Jack a delicious dessert!



Micah proudly served up the K/1 dessert to his mum Kelly



The 2/3 Class enjoying Harmony Day!



K/1 LOVE Harmony Day!

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

Could all parents of Year 6 students please complete the EOI for Year 7 2016 forms and send in to school by **tomorrow 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.

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 on **NEXT FRIDAY 27th March!** Parents are welcome to come along to the pool and watch! The Swimathon starts at 1:45pm and concludes at 2:45pm. Hope to see you there!

Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day

The combined Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day will be held tomorrow **Friday 20th March.** This will involve ALL students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and class teachers will be accompanying the students on the day.

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!

2015 Whole School Excursion

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.

Canteen "Hot Dog Day" Week 10



The school Canteen will be running a "Hot Dog Day" on Wednesday 1st April. At the end of each term the Canteen will have a special menu of foods which we only have occasionally and this term **HOT DOGS** are on the menu! Attached to this week's Newsletter is an order form. Orders need to be in by Friday 27th March as Samantha will only be ordering enough for those who have paid as we do not want surplus food in the Canteen going into the holidays. On behalf of the students and staff we would like to say a big thank you to Samantha for organising this for the last week of school.

School Jumpers

Orders for the new polar fleece style school jumpers are now being taken in the Office. Jumpers are \$25 each and include the embroidered HPS Logo. The delivery date will be Week 1 Term 2. The school also has some older style jumpers available at a reduced price of \$15. Please see Anthea or Julie in the office if you require either.

School Bucket Hats

As mentioned in an earlier Newsletter, next term sees the phasing out of the variety of hats/caps/flat caps that the students have been wearing to school. As of Day 1 Term 2, all students will be required to have a red Holmwood Public School Bucket Hat. This is in line with our school's Sun Safe Policy and ensures that there is uniformity across the school. Anthea has plenty of hats in stock for \$15 each.

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

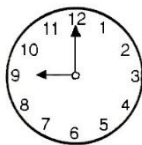


Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking School Photos on Monday 30th March. Order Forms were sent home last week. Please note all orders and payments are due

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 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 HOT DOG 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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 3rd April – Monday 20th April inclusive!

Term 2 Week 1

Sat 18th April	P&C Fundraiser – Canowindra Balloon Glow
Mon 20th April	Staff Development Day
Tues 21st April	First Day of Term 2 - all students return
Fri 24th April	Scripture Canteen
Sat 25th April	ANZAC DAY

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

Attachments

- Recipes from Harmony Day
- School Canteen "Red Day" order form

K/1 Class News

What a fantastic week we have had, the most exciting part of this week has been the focus on the Harmony Celebrations.

Harmony Day is where we celebrate the diversity of



all cultures living together in Australia. We started the week by researching the types of desserts that the Koreans like to enjoy, although we found that traditionally Korean people didn't normally eat dessert after a main meal but

more so ate sweets for special occasions. We decided to have the delicious watermelon infused ice-cream with fresh fruit on flavoured jelly and it was so yummy!

It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and family members attend

our Harmony Day celebrations. Well done to all classes and teachers for making such wonderful tasting food.



This week in maths we have been learning about the mass of different objects. We used equal arm balances to weigh different objects such as pencils, staplers and glue sticks. We ordered them from the lightest to the heaviest. We then used an equal unit measure such as blocks to see how many blocks weigh the same as each object.

In Science this week K/1 students have been learning about the weather and creating wonderful artworks to show the different seasons. First we painted a tree without leaves then we added a small amount of green leaves and blossoms for Spring time, lots of green leaves and some fruit for Summer time, snowflakes for Winter with no leaves and lovely yellow, orange, red and brown leaves for Autumn. Watch this space next week for some pictures of our completed artworks.

We are looking forward to another week of swimming on Friday and to the Swimathon on Friday 27th.

Have a great weekend

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

HARMONY DAY

Congratulations Mrs Skene, 2/3 Mini-Master Chefs Nadine and Vanessa. What a delicious entrée you prepared!!! Indeed~ thank you Mrs Lewis and 4/5/6; Ms Edgerton with K/1 and all the industrious "kitchen maids" for my Korean

lunch. All the hours of planning and behind the scenes preparation was well worth it.

NEWSFLASH on HOMEWORK!! This week has been "off normal timetable" with Harmony Day and Hockey on Friday, so there is NO Spelling test this week. We shall keep working on our "th" words 'til the test on Friday 27th March. Homework will not be due until then, as well (though, I know I will send a Fraction Revision Sheet home next Monday!!).

This week's NARRATIVE text type, was all about a magic pencil, with some great ideas on how useful one would be. We have begun our work on Fractions and shall continue next week.

THIS WEEK IN THE ART ROOM...

Thank you for the generous response to my Art Room requests last week

Stage 2 began two Autumn based artworks, whilst Kinder & Stage 1 started their "Triangle Tigers". Stage 3 missed out this week due to Harmony Day.

I hope you were able to admire the great art work all students have been making this term. If not, when you have a chance pop into the Multi-Purpose Room (AKA wooden building) to see finished artworks on display. The children should be very proud of their efforts.



Cheers until next week ~ Kerry Patten and Fiona Skene (2/3 Class teachers)

4/5/6 Class News

During Genius Hour this week we watched presentations on a HUGE variety of topics! We learnt about Kiwis from Lily L, Collectable Toys from Damien, Roman Warfare from Will L, Cotton Picking from Akiko, Taylah explained how singers get their inspiration for their songs and Kara taught us about Horse tricks! The presentations were all fabulous, and once again included a wide range of videos, PowerPoints, posters, demonstrations, models and audio tracks - amazing work Year 4/5/6!!!

We had a great time cooking on Tuesday as part of our Harmony Day lunch presentations. Our recipe was called "Chicken Bibimbap" and we would like to thank Naomi, Karen, Samantha and Kim - our parents who came in to lend a hand. Thank you also to Karen who arranged for the chicken dishes to be stored overnight in her cool room and to Cheri for assisting us during the cooking and again with the serving up of our dish to the 90 + Harmony Day participants!



Damien, Christian, Katelyn, Ilyssa and Kim preparing our Chicken Bibimbap!



Oliver, Karen, Zsalea Lara, Miah and Harry were very efficient cooks!



Will, Hamish, Naomi, Thomas, Claire and Lily cooking up a storm!

Don't forget tomorrow is the Hockey Gala Day - I know the students who have been before are really looking forward to the day, along with all those who are going for the first time! Remember to meet Mrs Kiely and Mrs Skene at Cowra PS at 9am and don't forget your mouthguard and swimming gear so that you can enjoy a cool down swim at the pool after it is all over!

NEWS TOPIC for Week 9 continues - **"My Favourite Sports or Hobbies"**. Week 10 will be **Free Choice**.

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

P&C News

Thank you to all the parents who turned up to this week's P&C Meeting – it was great to see some new faces! The next big fundraiser for the P&C will be the Canowindra Balloon Glow which is on Saturday 18th April (the last weekend of the holidays). We will be making and selling "Gourmet Pasta!" If any parents are available to help out on the night, please contact Karen Beaumont (President) on 0419 229 755.

The P&C also voted to pay for the purchase of the Marimbas the school currently has on loan from Gooloogong PS. This will ensure that the Marimba Music Program, which has been running for the past three years, continues well into the future and all students will be able to learn this amazing sounding instrument. Investigations are also underway

for the establishment of a Percussion Band...so watch this space!

Regards,

Michelle Whitty

P&C Secretary

Canteen News

Thank you to Vanessa Harper who assisted in the canteen last week along with Nigella and Damien who were the Year 6 helpers. Tomorrow's helpers are Gabrielle Dale (parent) and Anna and Kara (Year 6 students).

Wednesday 1st April is Red Food Day at the canteen! The canteen will be selling hotdogs as a special treat, Please find an order form attached to this weeks Newsletter.

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.