



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9 – Week Ending 27th March 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!



Jaydan Wright (2/3), Ilyssa Charnock (4/5/6) and Samuel Lawler (K/1)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Alana Kiss

2/3 – Tarni Sheen and Charli Light

4/5/6 – Akiko Beatty, Christian Petty and Will Skinner

Library – Brodie Rye and Will Skinner

Congratulations to all students!

Hockey Gala Day

Last Friday our Year 3/4/5/6 students participated in an outstanding day of Hockey skills and games with over 350 students from Cowra Schools and Small Schools! Holmwood students learnt new skills, made new friends and exerted themselves in three games of Hockey throughout the day. Our students enjoyed a wonderful day and many students are keen to play Hockey this year as a winter sport. It is a fantastic winter sport for children, teenagers and adults, and is geared for the whole family.

All our Holmwood children excelled themselves on the day with enthusiastic participation, super sportsmanship and courteous and respectful behaviour. This enabled Mrs Skene and Mrs Kiely to thoroughly enjoy the sporting event as well. Congratulations to all students who participated!

Our appreciation goes to Mr Ben Cooley who organised the day in conjunction with Hockey NSW and Cowra Hockey Club. Any enquires re registration details can be by contacting Mr Cooley at St Raphael's School, prior to the end of term.



Christian Petty showed exceptional determination, co-operation and skilful play throughout the day, which identified him as the 'Player who won a Hockey Kit'.



Bella learning the basics of Hockey at the Hockey Gala Day!



Charlotte and Charlize enjoyed the Hockey Gala Day!

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! Orders need to be in by **TOMORROW 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.

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


All parents of Year 6 students are reminded that the EOI for Year 7 2016 forms were due last **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. If you have not yet completed this, please attend to urgently.

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.

HPS Swimathon is on TOMORROW!

Don't forget the Annual HPS SWIMATHON is on tomorrow! Please remember -

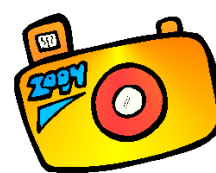
• Swimmers	
• Towel	
• Rash shirt	
• Sunscreen	
• Goggles (if required)	
• Plastic bag for wet swimmers to go in.	

Parents are encouraged to come along and support their children during the Swimathon. The Swimathon will start at 1:45pm at the pool. See you there!

School Bucket Hats

Just a reminder to all families, 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.

School Photos



Cliff Dykes Photography will be taking School Photos **NEXT Monday 30th March**. Order Forms were sent home week 7. 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 63423070.

Western Region Trials

This week trials were held in Cowra for Rugby Union and Rugby League Western Region Teams. Congratulations to all primary students who went along and gave it a go! If any students are interested in trialling for the Western Region Netball Team, please let Mrs Lewis know. These trials are held in Dubbo in May, however, nominations need to be submitted early next term. Students who trial for any

A reminder to all students that SWIMATHON SPONSORSHIP FORMS need to be returned to school on FRIDAY!

Teachers will record the number of laps swum during the Swimathon and return Sponsorship Forms to students who will then need to collect the money. **ALL SPONSORSHIP MONEY is due by the end of TERM!**

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

Western Region Team must have a good understanding of the rules and positional play, as well as a high level of sporting ability.

"Tell Them From Me" Survey

This term our school will participate in a Department of Education & Communities initiative called the "Tell Them From Me" student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement & other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement & effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable & quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools will use the "Tell Them From Me" survey to help improve the way we do things. Please be assured that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and takes around 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours in Week 10 and is only for students in **Years 4, 5 and 6**. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A Consent Form is attached to this week's Newsletter. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the Form to school by Monday 30th March. If you are happy for your child to participate, then you do not need to do anything. Staff and Parents will be surveyed in Term 2 and 3.

End of Term Assembly



Our Term 1, End of Term Assembly will be held next **THURSDAY 2nd April** at school starting at 1:45pm. All

parents and community members are welcome to attend. Year 6 students will be running the Assembly and all classes will be presenting a class item. Hope to see you there!

Calendar

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

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
Wed 22nd April	Canteen
Fri 24th April	Scripture Canteen
Sat 25th April	ANZAC DAY
Term 2 Week 2	
Mon 27th April	Canteen AECG Meeting – 2pm at Cowra PS
Wed 29th April	Canteen
Friday 1st May	Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Canteen menu for TERM 2
- "Tell Them From Me" Survey - Years 4, 5, 6 students only
- Netball Flier

K/1 Class News

We are nearly at the end of the first term. Who can believe that holidays are just around the corner again! We have had a very busy term in our classroom completing many exciting and fantastic lessons.

In English this week we have been finishing off our "African Jungle" theme and "Animals in the Rainforest" activities. We have produced many artworks, read many stories and wrote our own stories about animals in the rainforests. Thank you to Mrs Webster who continued this theme on Tuesday when I was in Orange for a training day. Over the last few weeks in Grammar we have been learning about alphabetical order and how to use a dictionary.

In Maths this week our focus was fractions. We learnt about dividing a whole into halves and quarters. We cut up shapes to make puzzles and glued them back together to make a whole shape.

again. We discussed a number of foods such as pizzas, pies, and cakes that can be divided and shared in half or quarters.



On Friday while the 3/4/5/6 students were at the Hockey Gala Day the K/1/2 students finished their Science/Art activity painting the different seasons in Australia. They look fantastic and we are going to keep some of them for the Cowra Show later in the year.

We are looking forward to the Swimathon on Friday, so remember those swimmers, sunscreen and rash shirts for the big day. Maybe some of the teachers and parents might get in for a swim as well.

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

2/3 Class News

Hands up if you're wondering how Term One is so close to ending?? Where did the time go?

Week 9 Happenings

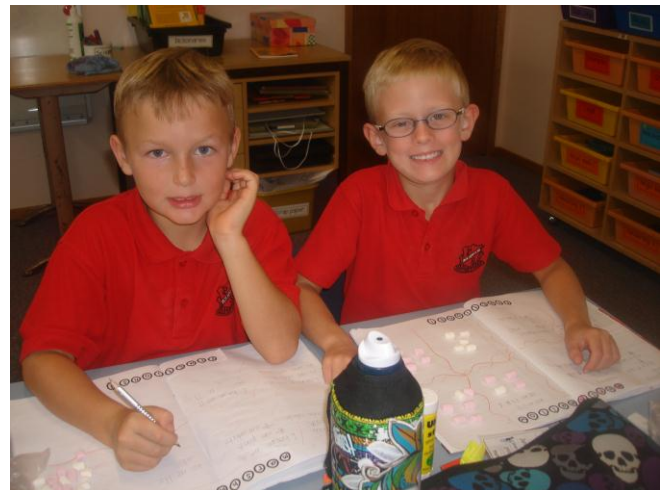
Spelling ~ "th" words will be tested on Friday, which is the final spelling test for Term 1!

Homework due this Friday, also last for Term 1

This week's NARRATIVE text type, was all about a **magic medicine**, designed to change grumpy people into happy people, or, to make short people grow taller; or, to improve a teacher's personality; or, to grow bigger animals to make more money; to name a few.

We looked at when to use "a" or "an" and identified **vowels** and **consonants** at the beginning of words.

In Maths, we continued **Fraction Action**, learning some Mathematical terms ~ "numerator" and "denominator" and what they mean. Yesterday we used mini-marshmallows to help us find fractions of a collection of things. It was tempting to eat them, but we managed to hold off until we had found the different fractions of pink and white marshmallows.



Liam and Jett enjoying their "Fraction Action"

THIS WEEK IN THE ART ROOM . . .

Kinder/ Stage One ~ **Terrific Triangle Tigers**

Stage Two ~ **Autumn Birdsong at Sunset**

Stage Three ~ **Autumn Leaves**

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

4/5/6 Class News

This week we have been working hard to finalise many of our units of work before the end of Term 1! We have just one Chapter or Case to go in our Term 1 novels; one more week of Genius Hour Presentations to watch, one more HSIE lesson to complete our topics on Antarctica (Year 5/6) or "Who Will Buy?" (Year 3/4) and our last week of Science and Art! Don't forget Year 5 and 6 students, your Antarctica projects are due on Thursday 2nd April - the last day of Term! Because

of this, there will be no regular Homework next week for the 4/5/6 class.

Over the last three weeks of Genius Hour Presentations, we have learnt about so many topics!! This week Nigella taught us about the brain, Will S showed us all the equipment you need to do MMA (Mixed Martial Arts), Sam instructed us on how to make a good home video, Isobella shared her knowledge of Minecraft and Lilly W taught us about Show Dolphins! We have 9 more Presentations to see and I can't wait!

Thank you to Mrs Skene who taught the 4/5/6 class on Tuesday while I attended a training day in Orange. I have uploaded an Animoto of Harmony Day to our class blog - <http://jennylewis2000.edublogs.org/> so be sure to check it out and leave us a comment!

Harmony Day 2015

Posted by [Mrs Lewis](#) on Saturday, March 21st 2015 [edit](#)

Each year at Holmwood PS we celebrate **Harmony Day**. **Harmony Day** falls on the 21st March every year and is a day where we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. At Holmwood this year we have chosen to celebrate the cuisine of South Korea and have invited our friends and families to come along and share a **Harmony Day** lunch with us. We all dress in **orange** which is the official **Harmony Day** colour, and each class is responsible for cooking and preparing one course of a three course meal. This year the 2/3 class made Korean Chicken Wings for entrée, our class (Years 4/5/6) made Chicken Bipimbap - a traditional Korean dish served with rice and an egg, and the K/1 class made watermelon-infused ice cream with fruit and jelly for dessert. We would like to thank all the parents who helped out in the classrooms with cooking the meal and also to all the families who came along and celebrated **Harmony Day** this year with us! Check out our Animoto below and please leave us a comment.



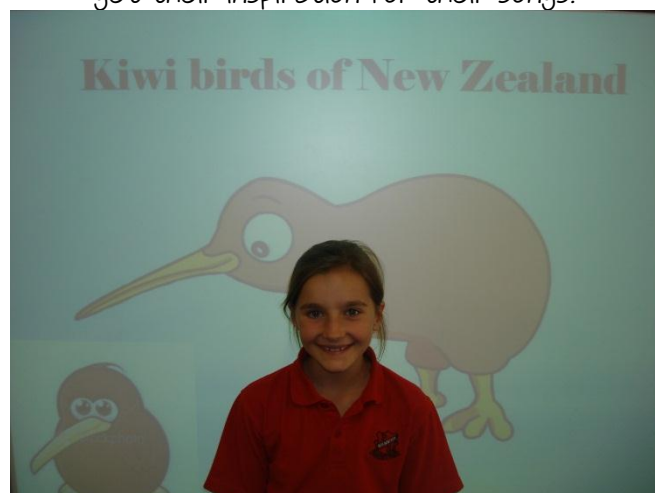
We hope all our families and friends are able to come to our assembly next week! Some of our Genius Hour posters will be on display!



Akiko with her presentation on Cotton Picking!



Taylah taught us about Music and how singers get their inspiration for their songs.



Lily shared her knowledge of Kiwis!

NEWS TOPIC for Week 10 will be **Free Choice**.
Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

Mrs Kidy's News

This has been a very exciting week on the sporting front for the Holmwood students.

The scene is set for our SUPER DOOPER SWIMATHON tomorrow (FRIDAY) at 1.30pm. Parents are invited to attend the Swimathon as it's a great afternoon. Please encourage your child to collect sponsors NOW! This is the Student Council's Major Fundraiser and half of the proceeds will be put towards the bus costs for the K-6 Annual Excursion. Last year we raised an amazing \$1400 which is our target again for this year! This is only possible when everyone participates, so please become actively involved and teach your child the importance of community spirit. ALL SPONSORSHIP FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY SO THAT TEACHERS CAN RECORD THE EVENT TALLY. The forms will be sent back home on Friday afternoon so that the sponsorship money can be collected and returned to school prior to the end of term please. We look forward to seeing you at the pool on Friday.



In our Library we need all books to be returned next week please for the end of term returns. All children are encouraged to continue reading regularly during the holidays by borrowing from our wonderful Town Library and attending the special holiday events at the Library during the holidays. Reading a novel together is a great way to enhance your child's love of reading and sharing special time together too.

Thank you for your support
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library teacher

Canteen News

Tomorrow's helpers are Tania Collins and Carmel Leister (parents/grandparents) and Anna and Kara (Year 6 students). Thank you to last week's helpers for your assistance!

NEWS FLASH!!!

Next Term the Canteen will be operating **THREE DAYS PER WEEK!** That's right! Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be Canteen Day! Please find attached to the Newsletter a new Canteen Menu for Term 2!

Don't forget next Wednesday 1st April is **HOT DOG Day!** Orders need to be handed in by tomorrow.

Samantha Boatwood - Canteen Manager

