



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Term 1 Week 10 – Week Ending 3rd April 2015



### **Happy Holidays!**

Congratulations to the students and Staff on a very productive first Term at HPS! I am very pleased with the progress of all students

in our school and appreciative of the hard work the staff put in each and every day. I hope all families enjoy the two weeks of holidays and come back refreshed and ready for a BIG Term 2! All students return to school on **TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2015**.

### **Students of the Week!**

Congratulations to our Week 9 Students of the Week!



Sascha Pettit (2/3), Lily Lawler (4/5/6) and Eloise Newell (K/1)

**Merit Awards** were presented to;

K/1 – Makayla Toohey and Lilly Hood

2/3 – Liam Beaumont and Leetisha Nestor

4/5/6 – Harry Beaumont, Taylah Boatwood and Lara Collins

Library – Eloise Newell, Jett Cummings and Nigella Stevenson

**Congratulations to all students!**

### **End of Term Assembly**



Thank you to the large number of parents and family members who turned up to watch our

end of term Assembly this afternoon! The students enjoy sharing what they do at school with you and your attendance is appreciated. Photos from Assembly will appear in our next Newsletter.

### **A Special Visitor!**

On Tuesday afternoon the students were treated to a special visit from Mr Guy Hubbard. Mr Hubbard has recently returned from Mexico where he competed as part of the Australian Hang-gliding Team at the World Championships and was a BRONZE Medal winner! Mr Hubbard brought his enormous hang-glider and the students were very interested to find out about this fascinating sport! We had more than a few who are keen to have a go at this sport when they get a bit older. Thank you to Guy for sharing his experiences with our students!



### **HPS Swimathon Sponsorship Money Due!**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the HPS Swimathon last week and thank you to Mrs Kiely and the Student Council for their organisation of this event. Don't forget all sponsorship money is due back at school ASAP!



## Canteen News



Thank you to Samantha and her team of Canteen helpers for a delicious Hot Dog Day yesterday! Just a reminder to all families that next term Canteen will be in operation three days per week –

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS!

## 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

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.

## NAPLAN – 2015

Next Term students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The dates for this year's NAPLAN tests are;

**Tuesday 12th May** – Language Conventions

(Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation) and Writing

**Wednesday 13th May** – Reading

**Thursday 14th May** – Numeracy

Mrs Lewis will be supervising both Year 3 and 5 students during the testing period. NAPLAN gives both parents and the school a 'snapshot' of where each child is sitting in areas of Literacy and Numeracy and is a valuable diagnostic tool for teachers. Friday 16th May is allocated as a catch up day if students are absent. We will be doing practice papers next Term to get children familiarised with the testing format and to try and make them feel as comfortable as possible when sitting the Assessments.

## Calendar

### **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 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

Have a wonderful holiday!

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

Principal

## P&C News

Our first major fundraiser for 2015 is coming up on the 18th April. We will be running a food stall at the Canowindra Balloon Glow Gourmet Food Markets. We will be cooking and serving "Fasta Pasta" and delicious "Queen Bee Desserts", thanks to a generous donation from Rachel Hood. Helpers are required to work in the food tent on Saturday 18th April from about 2pm. Please contact Karen Beaumont if you require further information or are able to assist on 0419 229 755. Remember the P&C fundraising efforts benefit ALL HPS students so we would appreciate all families contributing in some way to the P&C activities throughout the year.

*Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary*

