



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1 – Week Ending 24th April 2015

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the break from school routines. I would like to extend a special welcome to Luca Sandry who joins the Year 2 class – welcome Lucas! Traditionally, Term 2 is always a very busy term with lots of activities organised. We have Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country, NAPLAN, Eisteddfod, Book Fair, School Reports and interviews, Marimbas and NAIDOC Week, just to name a few! Please ensure you keep up to date with all that is happening at school via the weekly Newsletter. The Staff had a very productive day on Monday's Staff Development Day participating in training on the new Performance and Development Framework, discussing the implementation of our 2015-2017 School Plan and being in-serviced on how to use our new photocopier.

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 10 Students of the Week!



Katie Boatwood (2/3), Will Lawler (4/5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Madison Wright and Macey Rowley

2/3 – Layla Hood and Bella Cummings

4/5/6 – Claire Lewis and Lilly Whitty

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 last term! The students enjoy sharing what they do at school with you and your attendance is always appreciated. Below are a few photos taken during last Term's assembly.



Year 4/5/6 students presented their Genius Hour Projects at our end of term assembly.



Congratulations to Year 4 students who received their Pen Licences at our end of Term Assembly – Akiko, Miah, Zsalea, Ilyssa, Thomas, Harry and Matthew!

Congratulations Mrs Patten!

On behalf of the students, staff and families of Holmwood PS, I would like to congratulate Mrs Kerry Patten on achieving 30 Years of Service to Public Education! Mrs Patten was presented with her certificate at our end of term assembly and we congratulate her on this wonderful milestone!



Athletics Carnival



Next Friday 1st May is the Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival. We have been running trials for Field Event selection for 8-13 year old students this week and look forward to seeing all HPS students participate in the Carnival. The Carnival is held at Twigg Oval and will start at 9am sharp with the March Past. **All students are requested to be at the oval no later than 8:50am.** Lunch order forms were sent home earlier this week and are due back to school TOMORROW Friday 24th April. A Carnival Program is also attached to this week's Newsletter along with a permission note for your child to attend the Carnival.

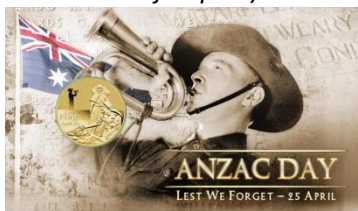
Book Club



Please find attached the latest catalogue from Book Club. Orders are due with payment by **Monday 4th May.**

ANZAC Day

This Saturday 25th April, we will be participating in the Cowra ANZAC Day Wreath-laying Ceremony and ANZAC March. Thank you to all students who have returned notes indicating they will be participating. Students will need to meet the staff at the Cenotaph outside the Cowra Service's Club in Brisbane St at 10:15am. Please ensure you are in full school winter uniform (black pants, red shirts and jumpers). Parents will need to collect their child from River Park at the conclusion of the march. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



NAPLAN – 2015

In Week 4 of this 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 and 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 15th May is allocated as a catch up day if students are absent. We will be doing practice papers next week to get children familiarised with the testing format and

to try and make them feel as comfortable as possible when sitting the assessments.

Canteen News



Don't forget...this term Canteen will be in operation three days per week – MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS! Thank you to Samantha and Vanessa for their hard work again this term!

School Jumpers

The new school jumpers have arrived and they look fantastic (and very warm!). Jumper orders will be sent home with students this week. Jumpers are \$25 each and include the embroidered HPS logo. The school also has some older style jumpers also 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, this 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 are 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. Thank you to all families who have supported the School and P&C's policy regarding this.

Calendar

Term 2 Week 2	
Mon 27th April	Canteen AECG Meeting – 2pm at Cowra PS
Tues 28th May	Bus Talks by Cowra Bus – 9:30 -10:30 (K-6)
Wed 29th April	Canteen
Friday 1 st May	Small Schools' Athletics Carnival
Term 2 Week 3	
Mon 4th May	Canteen; Book Club due
Wed 6th May	Canteen
Friday 8th May	Scripture, Canteen Musical Marimbas with Mrs Hodges
Term 2 Week 4	
Mon 11th May	Canteen P&C Meeting – 6pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom
Tues 12th May	NAPLAN
Wed 13th May	Canteen, NAPLAN

Thurs 14th May	NAPLAN
Fri 15th May	Cowra Eisteddfod – CHOIR Jamie Oliver Food Revolution Day

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Athletics Carnival Permission Note
- Athletics Carnival Program
- Athletics Carnival Lunch Order Form
- Book Club Catalogue

K/1 Class News

Welcome back from holidays everyone! I hope that you all had a great break and are ready for a very full term of fun activities, games, athletics carnivals and lots of learning. We have some fantastic topics and lessons planned for this term.



In English we will continue with L3 in the mornings, learning new jolly phonics sounds, blends and handwriting. Kindergarten will begin to write sentences while Year 1 will be focusing on

simple grammatical features and spelling high frequency words in their writing. This term we will have a fun English topic on "Pirates". If any child has books, maps, or treasure related to pirates they are welcome to share their items with the class.

In Maths we are focusing on place value of numbers, ordering and sequencing patterns and numbers, identifying 2d and 3d shapes, collecting data and positioning of objects which will incorporate mapping for our pirate theme.

In Science, K/1/2 will be learning about light and sound. This will be an exciting unit where we will experiment with different objects that create sound and light. We will be making drums, so if anyone can donate any tin cans such as baby formula tins, large milo cans or coffee tins we will be able to use these in our construction. In

3/4 science the students will be learning about friction, movement and magnetism and the 5/6 class will be learning about electricity and electrical circuits.

The K/1 students this week have had some extra time with Mrs Patten in the art room of an afternoon, while the primary students practice their skills in long jump, discus, and high jump in readiness for the athletics carnival on Friday 1st May.

Ahead this term we will be looking forward to our music program with Mrs Hodges, where students will learn to play the marimbas and other percussion instruments. Also the K/1 students will be fortunate to have Mr Craig Jeffries join our class in week 5 for a four week practicum. We are looking forward to having him join us at Holmwood Public school.

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

2/3 Class News

We welcome Lucas Sandry to our Year 2 class & hope that his first week wasn't as scary as he might have imagined!

2/3 had lots of great holiday adventures~ a Qld wedding, go-kart racing, some "Flipping out" in Orange, lazy days at home, catching up on some DVDs or entertaining visitors; to name a few!

So, let's get straight into ...

Term 2 Subject Happenings

Spelling ~ We have a new spelling list for this week and next week. Testing for this list, will be on next Thursday, as the Small Schools Athletics Carnival is on Friday. **Something new this term = a Dictation sentence.** Each spelling group will have a sentence, containing some words from the current spelling list plus some other words which are part of the same sound family BUT not a list word! This is to help transfer the knowledge of sounds in spelling words. Most weeks these sentences will be a surprise! However, for this week you can find the sentence, on the Homework sheet.

Homework~ due next Thursday 30th April. Generally the class will receive their weekly spelling lists, their current sight words to read and tick; then to learn those words they don't know and a maths sheet which reinforces the topic for the week.

Reading~ Term 2's focus will be upon learning **sight words** and **Oral Reading Fluency**. We will be looking to increase everyone's reading rate by counting how many words per minute we can read on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our goal is to increase the number of words read from each Monday. We shall have a set text to practice with for the week.

Writing ~For the next few weeks we shall be practicing **Persuasive writing**. This is about trying to persuade our readers to consider our opinions and point of view and maybe after reading our reasons and arguments change their minds!! We have discussed our preferences between **books and TV**, with the class fairly evenly split between the two choices. Then each group had to come up with reasons for their choice. Surprisingly both sides had very similar reasons!! Please check with a 2/3 student to find out more!

Maths~ Our first topic for this term is addition and subtraction using the "split strategy" (with regrouping for Year 3's); along with our timed tasks and an introduction to the different ways of answering NAPLAN questions.

NEWS ~ this term we will have set topics for each week. Please help your child prepare a very short (one or two minutes) item by discussing their ideas with others in your family. The topics shall be.

Week 2 27th-30th April. **WHAT JOB WOULD YOU NEVER WANT TO HAVE?** Explain your choice.

Week 3 4th-7th May **WHAT'S THE BEST PRESENT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?** Explain. (May bring it in, if allowed)

Week 4 11th-14th May **IF YOU COULD BE A TV/MOVIE STAR, WHAT SHOW WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO BE ON?** Explain your choice.

THIS TERM IN THE ART ROOM ... Sssssshhhh! Secret Squirrel Business for the next two weeks. Then .

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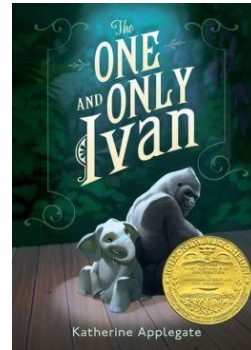
All about **COLOUR**

Cheers until next week ~

Mrs Kerry Patten and Mrs Fiona Skene - 2/3 Class Teachers

4/5/6 Class News

Welcome back to all 4/5/6 students! We have enjoyed listening to all the exciting holiday news this week! This Term there is a lot of extracurricular events happening for all students and we are excited about starting new units in all of our subject areas.



This Term in English we will be studying a new novel called "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate. This is a novel based on a true story about a silverback gorilla who lives in captivity in a shopping mall. This novel will be studied as a whole class

for the duration of the term. We will also be shifting our writing focus to persuasive writing, followed by information reports and procedures later in the term.

Our HSIE topics for Term 2 are;

K/1 /2 - 'Transport'

3/4 - "State and National Parks"

5/6 - "Rainforests"

We will start these new units next week as this week we have been completing our Athletics field event trials for the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival next Friday.

We are all really looking forward to beginning music lessons with Mrs Hodges in Week 3 and look forward to learning how to play the marimbas as well as some percussion work with drums.

With new topics in Science, Art and PD/Health, it is going to be an exciting Term of learning.

Homework started up again this week and is due tomorrow. Please ensure you encourage your child to complete their weekly homework sheets. All students wrote their Term 2 Learning goals on Tuesday and many of these related to improving their spelling results, so by completing their spelling activities in their homework, this will assist them to achieve these goals.

News topic for Week 1 and 2 is free choice! I hope to see lots of the 4/5/6 class at the ANZAC day march on Saturday.
Have a wonderful weekend.

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

P&C News

Unfortunately our first major fundraiser for 2015 was a wash-out with heavy rain leading up to and during the Canowindra Balloon Glow last weekend. Crowds were down from 12 000 to 2 000 and this impacted significantly on the sales of our "Fasta Pasta" and delicious Queen Bee desserts. Despite this setback, the P&C will be bouncing back with a Pie Drive later this term.



Thank you to Kelly Murphy for cooking and donating 100 litres of her delicious 'Gracie's Garden' pasta sauce. Thank you to Rachel Hood for her incredible effort in making and donating 400 desserts from her "Queen Bee Cupcakery" business. Thank you to Priscilla Pettit, Michelle Whitty and Jenny Lewis for assisting with the massive amounts of pasta cooking. Thank you to Priscilla, Michelle, Jenny, Kirstin Stevenson, Samantha and Rod Boatwood for manning the stall during the Glow. Thanks also to Caleb Murphy, Kerry Lewis, Phil Rowley, Karen Beaumont and Margaret Whitty for assisting with the supply of equipment, setting up and transporting gear and allowing us to use their coolroom to store all of the food. It was a massive effort from everyone involved and we are extremely grateful.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 6pm at the school. Please consider coming along to have a say in your child's education.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

Community News

PCYC Cowra - Junior Disco

There will be a Junior Disco for Kinder to Year 6 children this Friday, 24 April, running from 6pm to 8pm at PCYC's Young Road building. Entry is \$5.00 per person and there will be a sausage sizzle and canteen in operation.



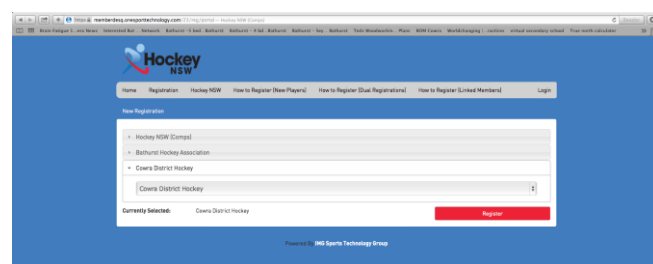
Music and lights provided by Laurie's Disco. Supervision by PCYC Police, Staff and Volunteers.

Cowra Hockey Registrations are DUE ASAP

A reminder that all players, young and not so young, are to register via the internet before the start of competition, Saturday 2nd May, as no one will be able to take the field if they haven't – this is a Hockey NSW's rule and we have to follow that regulation due to insurance reasons.

It would be of great benefit to the Cowra Hockey organisers if Juniors and Intermediate players are registered ASAP. As team allocations with Junior and Intermediate Levels are going to be done this Friday, so PLEASE register your child/ren before then.

To register, please go to www.hockeynsw.com.au, and click "register now". You will come across a form to fill out and in the first drop down box, you will need to put Bathurst Association (remember we amalgamated), and then for the next drop down box for "club", select Cowra. The rest should be self-evident. Have a look at the screen shot below.



Remember, you will need a credit card. Fees this year are \$140 for adults, \$80 under 18 years, and \$40 under 9 years.

Cowra Hockey Competition Times

The following will be start times for the winter season:

11:30 am Juniors and Minkeys show their stuff.

12:30 pm Intermediate Games

1.45pm / 3.10pm 2 time allocations for Senior Games

Looking forward to seeing you all ready for first round of competition games on Saturday 2nd May.

Cowra District Hockey Association

Cowra Local AECG

Cowra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

General Meeting

Date - Monday 27th April 2015

Time - 2pm

Venue – Mulyan Public School

Aboriginal community members and parents of Aboriginal students are invited to attend.

Beatrice Murray
AECG President

Have a SAY and be involved in your child's education in our community

GOOD, KIND HOMES WANTED.



For the Patten' Flemish Rabbits!!

We have 3 x black @ 8 weeks old, 3 x grey @ 8 weeks old and 4x black with tan flecks (brindle) @ 11 weeks old.

They are very social, used to people and other pets. We would prefer to give two rabbits away together, as one bunny is a lonely bunny!! Only genuine pet lovers please.

Please note ~ They will require a Calicivirus vaccination.

Phone 6342 1170

