

HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 2 – Week Ending 1st May 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 1 Students of the Week!



*Jay Kennedy (K/1), Oliver Beaumont (4/5/6) and
Charlize Light (2/3)*

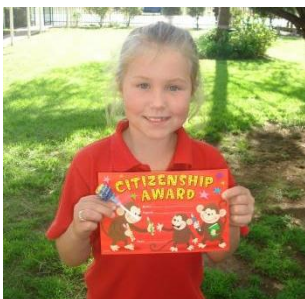
Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Harry Seears and Addison Skinner

2/3 – Jaydan Wright and Brodie Rye

4/5/6 – Nigella Stevenson, Hamish Newell and Miah Pettit

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS!



Our very first **CITIZENSHIP** Award was also presented at our Week 1 Assembly. The student who receives this weekly award is selected by a different staff member each week and is chosen because of the **VALUES** they display at

school. These may include kindness, courtesy, respect, fairness, honesty, helpfulness, courage and responsibility. This week MRS HUBBARD selected **Macey Rowley** to receive the Citizenship Award. Macey always displays beautiful manners whenever she goes into the office and always has a smile on her face. Congratulations Macey!

Athletics Carnival



*The Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival is on TOMORROW! The Carnival will be 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.

*I will be taking the large red HPS tent for our students to sit underneath. This year the schools will be setting up tents on the **OPPOSITE** side of the oval near the long jump pits. No parents are permitted to set up tents on the river side of the oval due to the close proximity of the river. Parking is available in the pool carpark.*

The weather is predicted to be sunny and around 20 degrees so make sure you bring lots of water, sunscreen, hats and your loudest voices to cheer on our students!

GO HOLMWOOD!

Bus Safety Talks

On Tuesday morning Rex Tindall from Cowra Bus Service came to our school to present a Bus Safety talk to the K-3 students and the 4-6 students. All students listened extremely well and enjoyed watching the safety films Rex showed on the Smartboard. Bus Safety is extremely important for students of all ages with around 90 – 95% of our students travelling to school on the bus daily. We thank Cowra Bus and especially Rex for visiting our school.



Lara, Zsalea and Oliver with Rex from Cowra Bus Service

ANZAC Day

Thank you to the large number of Holmwood PS students who turned up to last week's ANZAC Day March. It was wonderful to see our students dressed in their red uniforms, marching alongside students from other schools as well as members of the Armed Forces and Ex-Servicemen. Thank you to all the parents who so promptly collected their children from the Service at River Park. Congratulation to our Year 6 School Leaders – Will, Kara and Claire – who laid the Wreath and Damien who was our flag bearer – you were outstanding ambassadors for our school.



Kara, Mrs Lewis, Will and Claire at the Wreath-Laying Ceremony



Damien was an excellent flag-bearer at the ANZAC Day March.

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.

Mrs Hodges is back!



Next Friday 8th May we welcome Mrs Kristie Hodges back to Holmwood PS as our Music Teacher throughout Term 2! Mrs Hodges will be instructing all students in playing the Marimbas AS WELL AS learning drumming skills! The P&C have purchased the set of Marimbas we had on loan from Gooloogong PS and at present we are tracking down an extra three Marimbas, in order to fit a whole class on them at one time. All the Marimbas will be professionally tuned next week and the drumsticks have all been ordered, so we should be set to rock and roll next Friday! The students and teachers can't wait!

Cowra Eisteddfod

On Friday 15th May, the HPS Choir will be competing in the Small Schools Choir Section at the Cowra Eisteddfod. Mrs Lewis has been teaching the choir students two songs – "Happy" and "Fireflies" and they are already sounding VERY good! Mrs Hodges will do some fine-tuning with the Choir next Friday in preparation for their Stage performance in Week 4! Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note and information regarding the performance for all Choir members. Please sign and return to school.

Calendar

Term 2 Week 3	
Mon 4th May	Canteen; Book Club due
Wed 6th May	Canteen
Thurs 7th May	Red Shield Appeal – wear MUFTI and bring a gold coin donation PLUS \$ & goods for the Canteen Fundraiser
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 Canteen
Term 2 Week 5	
Mon 18th May April	Mr Craig Jeffries starts Prac on K/1 Canteen AECG Meeting – 2pm at Cowra PS

Tues 19th May	<i>Ms Edgerton – L3 Training Day @ Canowindra (Miss Gardoll - K/1)</i>
Wed 20th May	<i>Canteen</i>
Thurs 21st May	<i>Year 6 – Grip Leadership Day in Bathurst – Mrs Lewis and Cheri</i>
Friday 22nd May	<i>District Cross Country @ Canowindra Scripture Canteen</i>

*Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal*

Attachments

- Cowra Eisteddfod Permission note - Choir members only

K/1 Class News

What a fantastic start to the term. This week, each afternoon all students K-6 have been very busy practicing for the Athletics Carnival on Friday. Lots of running, jumping, hopping, throwing and marching for the day, and I must say that our marching is looking fabulous with everyone keeping in time! Our rotation groups for Science, Art and HSIE will start next week. Each class is excited about their new topics.

This week in English we have been busy learning our spelling words and a new concept for sounding out words. We call it dot, dash, crash and dive. Under each single sound we place a dot, if the single sounds can form a blend we have a crash symbol, a dash represents a long vowel sound and a dive identifies a magic 'e'. The students in Year One are doing a great job of understanding this and it is another strategy we can use in to spell words when writing.

Next week students will be sent home another lot of sight words to learn. Year One are reminded to bring in their sight word flip books to add more words, and Kinder will have a new sight word card. Please remember that part of nightly homework is to learn sight words, complete Spelling list and the Maths sheet and read home readers.

In Maths this week Kinder students have been learning addition of two groups of objects, and number identification. Year One students have been learning the friends of ten, (number

combinations to ten), addition dice and number patterns and facts of 5,6,7,8 and 9.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Enjoy the beautiful sunny weather.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

Spelling This week's Spelling rule was all about **Plurals**, with the easiest rule to remember ~ most words just add an **"-s"** to their end letter!

Homework~ will be back to normal next week. Handed out on Monday returned on Friday. Please expect 3 sheets ~ new Spelling list, another Sightword list and a Maths sheet.

Reading~ We began our Oral Reading Fluency activity with great efficiency! A big thank you goes to 2/3 for listening to instructions so well and for being responsible and helpful, when listening to their partner read. We had 100% of students reading the same or more words than their first go!!

Writing/ Text Types~ This week's **Persuasive** writing topic was on **Co-ed; girls only or boys only schools?** We had an even split in class with some interesting reasons for their choice. It's pleasing to see that 2/3 are becoming used to the format for writing a persuasive text. We have special guests, from 4/5/6 read their current persuasive texts to us. Boy, we have some terrific future "spin doctors" and advertising experts!

Maths~ Great listening, this week has led to fabulous work in addition ~ lots of new concepts, lots of stickers stuck for great work. Very impressive 2/3, thank you!

TIME 2 TALK ~ (formerly known as News!) Week 2's Topic ~ **WHAT JOB WOULD YOU NEVER WANT TO HAVE?** Explain your choice.

Some speakers so far, have included these jobs ~
* School Bus driver ~ bus is too slow, children are too noisy, can't do burnouts!

* Plumber (especially working with sewerage!) ~ too stinky, too messy.

* Tip attendant ~ too dusty, too smelly and too many cranky people complaining about the cost!!

* A doctor or a nurse ~ don't like blood or cleaning up yucky messes!

* Police officer ~ don't like guns, don't like mean and bad people.

It's great to see that most people have thought about what to say, thank you. Next week's topic is ~ 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.

Fingers and toes crossed for favourable weather for our Athletics Carnival this Friday

Cheers until next week ~

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

4/5/6 Class News

Week 2 has come and gone with lots of great learning happening in the 4/5/6 room. We continued with our Persuasive Writing this week and our Writing Topic was "The Best Animal in the World". We had to come up with strong arguments to persuade our readers and used lots of Persuasive Writing tools. Some of these include

- Using personal pronouns (we, you, us)
- Rhetorical questions (how would you like to be sitting at home each afternoon slaving over homework?)
- Groups of three (chocolate is **sweet, mouth-watering** and **delicious**)
- Alliteration - using the same sound at the start of each word - (Girls are **smart, sensitive** and **stylish**)
- Facts and statistics - (90% of children surveyed feel that school should only be held three days a week)
- Exaggeration - If I have any more homework I am going to pass out!

It was great to have several students read their Persuasive Writing pieces to the 2/3 class, as quality examples of writing! I am so impressed

with everyone's efforts and look forward to continuing this writing focus again next week.

Maths this week has seen all students continue with the topic of Division. Year 4 are becoming very skilled at working out division sums with remainders, even tackling some of the Stage 3 activities! Year 6 learned how to do division with fractional remainders and are getting the hang of breaking the fractions down to their lowest common factors - eg $6/8 = 3/4$ while Year 5 worked at dividing larger numbers of up to 4 digits with remainders. **TRICKY STUFF!**



Katelyn, Miah, Damien and Will working hard in Maths this week!

Today our Maths lesson was very different to what we usually do! Mrs Lewis has made a connection with a Year 5 teacher from Collaroy Plateau Public School on Sydney's northern beaches called Miss Gee. Miss Gee is a whizz at teaching Maths and has coached students at CPPS in a competition called the Maths Olympiad for the past few years.

The Maths Olympiad gives students a chance to compete as a school team and complete problem-solving type Maths questions in a monthly competition (called an Olympiad). Questions are marked by Mrs Lewis and scores entered online. To prepare us for this, Miss Gee has offered to coach the 4/5/6 students in some of the types of questions that are in the Olympiad!

So...how will she do this if she is in Sydney? Well, via Video-Conference of course! We set up a call to her classroom on Monday to check everything was working and enjoyed getting to know Miss Gee and the students in her class by

asking lots of questions about their school. They were amazed to find out we have 10 Year 5 students in our whole school, whereas they have three classes of Year 5 students!

Today we used our connected classroom technology again to link up via VC with Miss Gee's classroom and loved having her teach us Maths! We also used another technology called BRIDGIT which enabled us to see Miss Gee's smartboard in her classroom. HOW EXCITING! We hope to continue this again next Thursday and will have some photos of our VC Maths lesson for next week's Newsletter.

Our News topic for Week 3 and 4 is "Someone I Admire! Please ensure you come prepared to talk for 2-2½ minutes on this topic.

The 4/5/6 class are ready and raring to go for our Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Friday. We hope to see lots of parents and friends there to cheer us on!

Kind Regards,

Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

Mrs Kiely's News

This Term has commenced with lots of excitement as it is a very eventful term in the Library, on the Oval and for the Student Council.

The Selection Trials were held for the Athletics Carnival and all children have been enthusiastically training for their events and tomorrow's Sports Carnival. It will be a magnificent day with events for all children all day as Midgets, Competitive or Non Competitive participants. It's a great day for parents, grandparents and families to enjoy. GO HOLMWOOD!

This will be a pre runner to the District Cross Country to be held on the 22nd May at Canowindra. Trials to be held next week so keep training!!

THREE CHEERS for the Term 1 Student Council who organised a most successful Swimathon raising \$1408, so they are just \$92 short of the target!! If any families who haven't yet returned their sponsorship/donation could please do so ASAP, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the families who returned their sponsorship money and for being so generous. It will greatly assist with the Kiama Excursion bus costs.

This term the Student Council Committee is President - Kara Lunnon, Vice Presidents - Oliver Beaumont and Lily Lawler, Secretary - Claire Lewis, Vice Secretary - Christian Petty, Treasurer- Lilly Whitty, Vice Treasurer - Matthew Russell.

Their major fundraiser will be the Red Shield Appeal, next Thursday 7th May, which will be a Gold Coin Red Mufti Day and Canteen, at recess. Major Cathryn Williamson will be our guest at the afternoon Assembly. The Student Council greatly appreciate your generosity with food items for sale as the money raised stays in Cowra to help families in need.



Congratulations to the new Student Council for Term 2 – Lilly W, Claire, Kara, Lily L, Matthew, Oliver and Christian.

May 1st is the start of National Family Reading Month so we are all aiming to read more in May and share quality time and conversations with each other about the books we read.

In the Library our Term Challenge has started again which means that all books are due back each week please, aiming for 100% returns. Any outstanding books from last term will result in an invoice to repay the school for the lost book...so happy hunting for those few book bugs who haven't returned their book!

The Student Council will be organising our Annual Book Fair, to be held on the 29th May which is a fabulous day for the children and our school community. Children can start to consider a book character, author or illustrator whom they will come dressed as, with a short speech to present to the school. Books will be for sale and it's a fun filled day not to be missed!

May 1st is also the start of Heart Week and it is a good time to set ourselves a health/fitness challenge to improve our wellbeing. In Week 5 we will be commencing the Premier's Sporting Challenge which is a 10 week fitness challenge aimed at encouraging daily physical activity. So it is a great motivation for children and adults to keep fit during the winter months. Thank you for your wonderful support and I look forward to a very exciting Term 2

Regards,

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

RFF/Library Teacher

P&C News

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

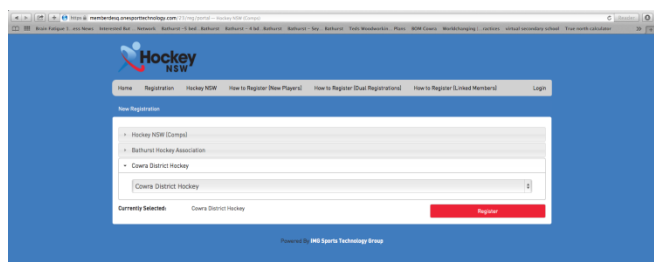
Community News

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

GOOD, KIND HOMES WANTED.



For the Patten' Flemish Rabbits!!

We have 3 x black @ 9 weeks old, 3 x grey @ 9 weeks old and 4x black with tan flecks (brindle) @ 121 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

