



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3 – Week Ending 8th May 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week!



Annaliese Cameron (4/5/6), Shaun Petty (2/3) and Tyler Charnock (K/1)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Micah Murphy and Caleb Crowe

2/3 – Mackenzie Nestor and Charlotte Collins

4/5/6 – Anna Russell, Thomas Seears and Katelyn Judd

Library – Lucas Sandry, Macey Rowley and Akiko Beatty

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS!



CITIZENSHIP AWARD –

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

CHERI selected **Matthew Russell** to receive the Citizenship Award. Matthew has shown respect for others and respect for himself. Well done Matthew!

Athletics Carnival

What a fabulous day we had last Friday at the Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival! It was a beautiful Autumn day and HPS students were full of enthusiasm as they competed in track and field events and novelty games and activities.

Special congratulations to the following students who were successful in winning "Age Champion".

Lilly Whitty – 11 Years Girl Champion

Claire Lewis – Senior Girl Champion

Harry Beaumont – Junior Boy Champion

Oliver Beaumont – Senior Boy Champion



Harry and Claire – Age Champions



Lilly and Oliver – Age Champions

Congratulations also to the Holmwood "A" Relay team of **Lilly Whitty, Lily Lawler, Harry Beaumont and Oliver Beaumont** who won the All Schools 4 x 100m Relay event.



Holmwood were also successful in winning the overall **Pointscore Trophy** which is calculated on participation points as well as placings and the **Cheering Trophy!** Thanks to every student who went in a race, our pointscore was off the charts!!



Tyler and Chelsea with the Overall Point Score Trophy



Will, Damien and Hamish were a terrific Cheer Squad during the Carnival, with Holmwood winning the Cheering Trophy!

Students were presented with their ribbons on Monday morning Assembly. Those students who finished with a first or second place ribbon will progress to the next level of competition – the Cowra District Carnival, which will be held at Canowindra in August in Term Three.

Thank you also to the large group of parents who came along and supported our students. Your attendance and encouragement is greatly appreciated. Below is a selection of photos taken on the day by Mrs Skene. More photos will be out on the school's website in the next few weeks.



Holmwood PS ready for the march past!



Junior Girls lining up for the 800 metres race!



Samuel and Maddie had a great time at their first Athletics Carnival, pictured here with Alana ready for the Midget Relay races!



Jett and Addie had a great time at the Athletics Carnival!



Rest time in the Holmwood tent!



Shot Put action from Sam!



Sascha, Addie, Chelsea and Gracie ready to run in their age races.



Holmwood boys ready for their 100m races!



Christian shows great style in the 11 Years Boys Discus

GO HOLMWOOD!

NAPLAN – 2015

Next week 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.

Music, Marimbas and Drumming!

Tomorrow 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! We look forward to tomorrow's lessons!

NEWS FLASH!!

Great news! We have secured an extra three Marimbas from Bogan Gate Public School and thanks to Dave, these were picked up yesterday from Trundle. This now brings our total to seven Marimbas – perfect to fit a WHOLE CLASS on in one go! All our Marimbas were professionally tuned today and we can't wait to give them a go tomorrow!

Cowra Eisteddfod



Next Friday 15th May, the HPS Choir will be competing in the Small Schools Choir section at the Cowra Eisteddfod. Mrs Hodges will do some fine-tuning with the Choir tomorrow in preparation for their Stage performance in Week 4!

Please ensure permission notes have been signed and returned to school.



Grip Leadership Conference

On Thursday 21st May Year 6 will be heading to Bathurst to participate in the Grip Leadership Conference. This will be a terrific day for our Senior Students as they listen to guest speakers and participate in games and fun activities all related to the theme of Leadership. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note for Year 6 students to attend. Children will need to bring their recess, lunch, water bottle and \$5 for the "traditional" stop at Annie's Ice Cream Parlour on the way home!

Red Shield Appeal and MUFTI Day



RED SHIELD APPEAL
THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS

Thank you to all families and students who supported this year's Red Shield Appeal.

Students came to school today dressed in MUFTI and gave a gold coin donation in support of the Red Cross fundraiser. The Student Council also ran a morning tea canteen. Thank you to those families who donated delicious treats for the Student Council to sell.



Mother's Day

We would like to wish all our Mum's, Nan's and Grandma's a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday! We hope you enjoy your special gifts the children have made in Art this week with Mrs Patten.

Calendar

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 Mrs Hodges – Choir and Marimbas Canteen
Term 2 Week 5	
Mon 18th May	Mr Craig Jeffries starts Prac on K/1 Canteen AECG Meeting – 2pm at Cowra PS
Tues 19th May	Ms Edgerton – L3 Training Day @ Canowindra (Miss Gardoll - K/1)
Wed 20th May	Canteen
Thurs 21st May	Year 6 – Grip Leadership Day in Bathurst – Mrs Lewis and Mrs Hubbard
Friday 22nd May	District Cross Country @ Canowindra Mrs Lewis – Principal's meeting - Bathurst Scripture, Canteen
Term 2 Week 6	
Mon 25th May	Ms Edgerton – ARCO Training in Orange (Miss Gardoll – K/1) Canteen
Tues 26th May	Ms Edgerton – RFF Day (Mrs Skene K/1)
Wed 27th May	Canteen
Friday 29th May	Canteen BookFair!

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Grip Leadership Day Permission Note - Year 6 only

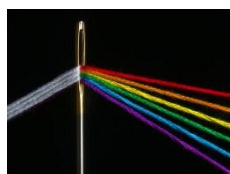
K/1 Class News

Firstly what a wonderful day we had last Friday for the Athletics Carnival. It was a sea of red, with so many happy and enthusiastic Holmwood children participating in many of the events. Congratulations to all students that ran in a race, jumped in the high jump or in the long jump, or threw a shotput or discus. It was such a fun filled day with lots of midgets developing

their skills in the tabloids preparing themselves for the competitive years.

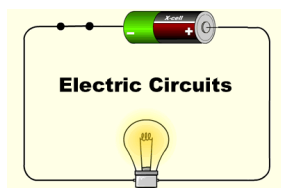
This week the Year One students have been focusing on lots of blends games and activities in their rotational groups. Kindergarten are learning to blend single sounds together to form words such as cat, dog, pop, sit etc and consolidating the beginning, middle and ending sounds in each.

In Maths our topic is 'Money Matters'. All children are really trying hard to count money in 5 cent pieces and units of 10 to find a total amount of money up to 50 cents. They were exploring the different values of money that combine together to make, 15c, 20c, and 50 cents. A very tricky concept indeed! Parents, you can help by encouraging your children to count coins at home and find different values of coins together.



This week we started our Science rotation groups for the term. The Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 topic is 'Look and Listen'. This week we had a very exciting lesson learning about white light and used a special strobe light to demonstrate that white light is made up of the 7 colours of the rainbow. It was a bit like a disco in the K/1 room on Monday.

For Stage 2 Science our topic is 'Smooth Moves' where we are learning all about friction, forces, energy and magnetism. It focuses on how objects move and what type of energy is used to move certain objects.



In Stage 3 we are engaging in a very hands' on topic called 'Electricity'. On Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 students made electrical circuits using a battery, a light globe and two wires and connected it together to make the light globe shine. We also discussed electrical current, voltage and resistance.

Thank you to the Student Council for running a great fundraiser today for the Red Shield Appeal.

Lastly we are super excited to have Mrs Hodges back on Friday for Music with our new marimbas!

Have a great weekend!

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

Spelling~ "oo" words to learn for this week's test. Congratulations go to everyone in 2/3 for being so quick to work out their jumbled up spelling words. It took me ages to scramble the letters and words, only to have the class un-jumble them in no time!!

Homework~ please have it in the red spotty box by Friday.

Reading~ New sheets = new stories to read, and new Oral Reading Fluency word counts to achieve!

Writing/Text Types~ This week's **Persuasive** Writing topic was on **Cats vs Dogs. Which make the better pets?** Once again the class was fairly evenly split

Maths ~ Terrific detective work from the eagle eyed 2/3 class!! After catching onto 2-digit Subtraction they successfully matched a number story based on the same Subtraction Algorithms. Not one person was tricked!! Way to go, 2/3

TIME 2 TALK ~ (formerly known as News!) Week 3's Topic ~ **WHAT'S THE BEST PRESENT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?** We have had a wide range of presents ~ some alive, like ~ Kittens, puppies and horses; some extra large, like a new house on a farm, some technology, like iPods, X-boxes, electric guitars and a camera and some to play with, like a Nerf gun, a remote controlled digger and an Unbelievbubble ~ that makes HUGE bubbles!!

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

IN THE ART ROOM

Our next topic will be based on **COLOUR**. We shall be back to painting some wonderfully creative works of art.

Last week in Health, we started our new unit called 'Keeping Myself Healthy'. Our first lesson covered the topic of 'How does food help my body?' and we discovered that our bodies need food to work, so that we can grow, be active and maintain our health. We are looking forward to learning more about keeping ourselves healthy!

In Maths our 2D Space topic saw us all become 'Shapeshifters'. After we watched the story 'The Greedy Triangle' who wasn't happy to only have 3 sides and 3 corners, we all had to create our own plane shape and describe it. Mrs Skene was super impressed with how engaged everyone was with this activity! We are all learning about how many sides and corners (vertices) in shapes and identifying any right angles. The Year 3's are also learning some new tricky words such as polygon (a 2D shape that has 3 or more straight sides and angles) and quadrilateral (a 2D shape with 4 sides), and once again Mrs Skene is super impressed with the progress of everyone.

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

4/5/6 Class News

Week 3 has whizzed by with some outstanding work being completed in the 4/5/6 classroom. All students have worked hard on our Maths topic this week - 2D Shapes - with polygons, angles, line and rotational symmetry being our focus areas. Thank you to Cheri who took the Year 4 students outside on Wednesday to search for line symmetry around our school. Armed with a digital camera, they all found great examples of line symmetry and photographed these for me and the Year 5 and 6 students to look at back in our classroom. We also completed a very funky 2D design artwork as part of our maths activities - these look spectacular displayed on our classroom wall!!

HSIE this week saw all Stages start new topics. Early Stage One and Stage One are learning about Transport, Stage 2 will be studying State

and National Parks and Stage 3 will be investigating Rainforests. It was great to get back into our rotational groups this week!

Our writing again focused on Persuasive Texts and this week we had to argue whether it was better to live in the country or the city. A resounding majority chose the country and came up with excellent reasons including not as much pollution, lots of room to have animals, less traffic and noise, wide open spaces and fun activities to do such as fishing and camping. It will be fun to share some of our ideas with our city friends from Collaroy Plateau PS as we linked up with them again today for more Maths Olympiad training!



4/5/6 talking with Miss Gee in Collaroy via VC last Thursday!

We hope all our mums have a lovely day on Sunday and enjoy the beautiful gifts the 4/5/6 students have made with Mrs Patten during Visual Arts lessons.

Have a great weekend!

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

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held next 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

