



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 Week 4 – Week Ending 15th May 2015**

## **Students of the Week!**

*Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!*



*Zsalea Mansley (4/5/6), Tarni Sheen (2/3) and Addison Skinner (K/1)*

**Merit Awards** were presented to;

K/1 – Alana Kiss and Chelsea Leister

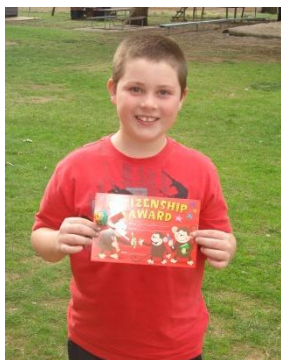
2/3 – Bella Cummings, Grace Murphy and Brittney Worth

4/5/6 – Sam Lynch, Damien Harding and Will Skinner

## **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*



MRS LEWIS selected **Christian Petty** to receive the Citizenship Award. Christian is always helpful to others and will go out of his way to assist both teachers and students in any way he can. Well done Christian!

## **NAPLAN – 2015**

*NAPLAN Assessments have now been completed and all students in Years 3 and 5 are to be congratulated on the mature and calm approach they displayed when undertaking the tests. All papers have been sent off to be marked and parents will receive their child's results in September.*

## **Red Shield Appeal**

*Congratulations to all students who participated in the Red Shield Appeal/MUFTI day and Canteen last Thursday. A total of \$155.00 was raised!! Thank you to Mrs Kiely and the Student Council for their hard work in organising the canteen and to all the families who sent in delicious treats for the canteen.*



*Charlotte, Brittney, Caleb, Mrs Skene and Micah line up to buy some of the yummy treats from our Red Shield Appeal Canteen.*

## **District Cross Country**

*District Cross Country will be held on Friday 22nd May at the Canowindra Golf Course/Showground. For students aged 8, 9, 10 years – the distance is 2000m (2km); for 11, 12, 13 years, the distance is 3000m (3km). Cross Country trials have been held at school and Mrs Kiely has nominated those students selected in each age group. Permission notes for those children who have been selected are in Newsletter folders this week. Parents*



must be willing to transport their child to Canowindra to participate. The first six students in each age group will progress to the Regional Carnival to be held in Geurie on Wednesday 10th June. Please return permission notes before next Friday.



### **Cowra Eisteddfod**

Tomorrow the HPS Choir will be competing in the Small Schools Choir Section at the Cowra Eisteddfod. We will be leaving school at 10:30 and returning to school following the performance at around 1pm. The students have been very busy practising this week and will be singing "Happy" and "Fireflies". Good luck everyone!

### **School Photos**

School photos have arrived and will be distributed with this week's Newsletter. If you have any concerns regarding your child's photo order, please contact Cliff Dykes Photography directly. The whole school photo taken on the play equipment is fantastic and if any parents would like to purchase a copy of this, the cost is \$20. Again, please contact CDP.

### **FOR SALE**

The P&C have some surplus 2.5kg trays of delicious PASTA BAKE with Gracie's Garden pasta sauce for sale. \$6 each or 2 for \$10. Please contact Karen Beaumont on 0419229755 for any orders.

### **Heather Brae Fund-raiser**

Ms Edgerton is running a school fundraiser for the school excursion. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a catalogue from Heather Brae Bakery Treats. All items are well-priced and fantastic quality. For each item sold, the commission is \$1.50. Please note that commissions will be deducted from each child's INDIVIDUAL excursion fee – so the more your child sells, the more savings they will make. Orders and payment are due at school by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.



### **Grip Leadership Conference**

Next 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. 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! **Departure time from school is 7:15am. Return time is 4:00pm.**

### **NO CANTEEN TOMORROW!**

Due to the Choir performance tomorrow Friday 15th May, there will be no canteen as Samantha and Vanessa will be attending the Eisteddfod performance.

### **Calendar**

<b>Term 2 Week 5</b>	
<b>Mon 18th May</b>	Mr Craig Jeffries starts Prac on K/1 Canteen
<b>Tues 19th May</b>	Ms Edgerton – L3 Training Day @ Canowindra (Miss Gardoll - K/1) Mrs Lewis – FACS leave (Mrs Skene – 4/5/6)
<b>Wed 20th May</b>	Canteen Mrs Lewis – FACS leave (Mrs Skene – 4/5/6)
<b>Thurs 21st May</b>	Year 6 – Grip Leadership Day in Bathurst – Mrs Lewis and Mrs Hubbard
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	District Cross Country @ Canowindra (Ms Edgerton attending; Mrs Patten - K/1) Mrs Lewis – Principal's meeting - Bathurst Scripture, Canteen
<b>Term 2 Week 6</b>	
<b>Mon 25th May</b>	Ms Edgerton – ARCO Training in Orange (Miss Gardoll – K/1) Canteen
<b>Tues 26th May</b>	Ms Edgerton – RFF Day (Mrs Skene K/1)
<b>Wed 27th May</b>	Canteen Start Smart Banking Talk with 4/5/6
<b>Friday 29th May</b>	Canteen Book Fair!
<b>Term 2 Week 7</b>	
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	Canteen AECG Meeting at Holmwood 2pm
<b>Wed 3rd June</b>	Canteen
<b>Thurs 4th June</b>	Mrs Lewis – OCA Meeting (Mrs Kiely/Ms Edgerton 4/5/6) Heather Brae Bakery orders due
<b>Fri 5th June</b>	Canteen Music Lessons with Mrs Hodges

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

### **Attachments**

- District Cross Country Permission Note (selected students only)



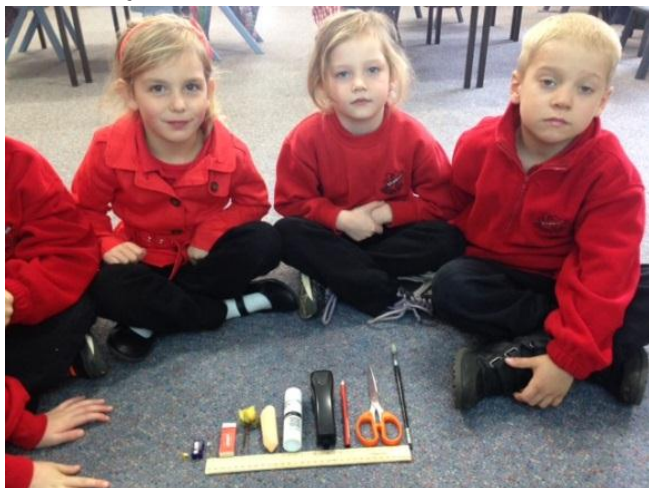
- Heather Brae Fundraiser Order Forms
- Book Fair flier
- School Photos

### K/1 Class News

In the classroom this week we have been learning all about Pirates. The students have written some great stories about pirates fighting in battles, using weapons, destroying ships and launching their cannons. These are some of the descriptive words that the children are using and spelling in their story writing. We would also love to make a big pirate ship in the classroom and were wondering if anyone can donate a large fridge box to the class to form the base of our ship. Any other recycled materials that we can use to construct sails and treasure chests would be greatly appreciated.

Next week we welcome Mr Craig Jeffries to the K/1 class room. Mr Jeffries is joining our team for four weeks as a practicing teacher student. We have heard that Mr Jeffries is very musical and we are excited for him to help with our Music Program. On Friday we had a fantastic time with Mrs Hodges learning the Marimbas and some drumming pieces. We hope to continue with our Music all term with Mr Jeffries.

In Maths this week students have been learning about length. We have identified that a unit of length is something to use as a measure. Each unit must be of the same length in order to get a correct measurement. The students lined themselves up in order of height, comparing themselves to their peers to find out who is the tallest in the class, who is the shortest and who is in-between. The Kindergarten students were using direct comparison to order the size of each item from the smallest to the largest.



Portia, Maddison and Jay working hard during Maths.

In Science this week the K/1 students learnt about day and night and how the sun is the main source of energy for all living things. Without the sun it would be very dark and people, plants and animals wouldn't survive. They also discussed how the earth's rotation around the sun is what gives us day and night.

In 5/6 Science, students discovered symbols for simple electrical circuits and found that you can read symbols on a simple diagram to make an electrical circuit. In year 3 and 4 Science students learnt about forces and how objects can be pulled, pushed, spun and turned in order to make them move, which is transferring of energy from one object to another.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

### 2/3 Class News

Year 3 will no doubt be pleased that their NAPLAN Assessments are now behind them. Thank you for trying your best and for your sensible attitude of not stressing over them!!

**Spelling~ "ch" words to learn for this week's test.** Our current "ch" spelling list will continue for next week, due to NAPLAN.

**Homework~ Take a Bonus week due to NAPLAN !!** So please have it in the red box by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Reading~** New sheets = new stories to read, and new Oral Reading Fluency word counts to achieve! Parents, please be on the lookout, in the next couple of weeks, for a Sight Word sheet informing you of the words your child can read and those that need to be learnt.

**Writing/ Text Types~** Our next text type shall be part of the **INFORMATIVE** strand of Writing.

**Maths ~ Huge new Concept!! Regrouping in Addition plus Graphs & Data over the next couple of weeks.**

**IN THE ART ROOM**



Bella and Tarni enjoyed experimenting with COLOUR this week!

Last Friday afternoon, Year 2/3 participated in our first Music lesson with Mrs Hodges and Wow!! We had so much fun! We sang, drummed, jived and enthusiastically played Marimbas all afternoon. For many of us it was the first time we had ever played such an instrument and we all LOVED it! Thank you Mrs Hodges and we can't wait for our next jam session with you!

In Maths we are learning about symmetry and a lot of us did not realise that symmetry is all around us and how prevalent it is in the environment. We were all super impressed with our designs we created in our symmetrical snowflakes.

Included is the list for the News topics for the remainder of the term. Please see your teacher if you need clarification with any of the topics.

Wk	Term 2 News Topics
6	Please describe your favourite holiday destination or your favourite thing to do on holidays. Ensure to give your reasons why.
7	If you could tame a wild animal as a pet, which animal would it be? Please explain your choice.
8	What is your favourite book? Please retell the story and give reasons why.
9	Just for fun: Find 3 jokes to share with the class. See if you can memorise them and use lots of expression in your voice and face when telling them to make us laugh!
10	Free Choice.

We have some very fast runners in Year 2/3 and for PE we have been focusing on our skill development with sprinting and improving our technique using our arms, legs and keeping our head still and eyes focused forward.

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

#### **4/5/6 Class News**

Week 4 has passed by and we are all pleased to have our NAPLAN Assessments finished. Congratulations to our Year 5 students who completed these Assessments in a calm and confident manner.

We started our new English Unit this week called "The One and Only Ivan" and are all looking forward to reading this interesting novel.

Homework will resume next week (we had this week off due to NAPLAN) and our news topic for Week 5 and 6 will be "Free Choice". Our last news topic - "Someone I admire" was very interesting and I am very impressed with the thought and preparation many students are putting into their fortnightly presentations.

Maths this week has been all about MASS and we have enjoyed the practical component of our Maths activities this week with lots of estimating, weighing and calculating in grams, kilograms and tonnes!

Music last week was a blast! We can't wait for our next Marimba and drumming lesson with Mrs Hodges! Good luck to all 4/5/6 students who are participating in the Choir tomorrow at the Eisteddfod!



*Fun learning drumming with Mrs Hodges!*

Next week I will be on leave on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Skene will be taking the 4/5/6 class in my absence and will continue with our normal class routines. On Thursday the Year 6 students are looking forward to attending the GRIP Leadership Conference in Bathurst. Remember you need to be at the school at 7:15am for departure on Thursday morning. Year 4 and 5 students will spend the day with Mrs Kiely (PE and Library) and Ms Edgerton (Maths, Assembly) in the afternoon. Thank you to all the teachers looking after 4/5/6 while I am away.

Have a terrific weekend!

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

## **P&C News**

Thank you to the parents who came along to our P&C Meeting on Monday night. Some new ideas for fundraisers were discussed.

It has been decided that this year the P&C will not be running a pie drive. Instead we will hold a Chocolate Fundraiser - more details to come next week. We are also running a Lorraine Lea Linen Fundraiser. Parents are encouraged to come in to school and have a look at the fantastic products that can be purchased for very reasonable prices. Any enquiries regarding Lorraine Lea Linen can be directed to Vanessa or Samantha in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings. Phil Rowley has kindly donated another load of firewood for a Wood Raffle. Tickets will be coming home with each family to sell in the near future. The Wood Raffle will be drawn on the **20th June**. We thank Phil for his generous support again.

The P&C also agreed to fund the latest purchase of Marimbas from Bogan Gate Public School. The additional three Marimbas means we now have a total of 7 for the school.

The next P&C Meeting will be held next **Monday 15th June** at **6pm** at the **Cowra Services Club**. Please consider coming along to have a say in your child's education.

*Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary*

## **Community News**

### **Men's Health Night!**

**Date:** Friday 15th May

**Time:** 7 pm

**Venue:** Cowra Services Club

**Speakers:** Wayne Wiggins from NRL, John Harper from Mate Helping Mate

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsored by:** Riverina Bluebell who have partnered with NRL and CRL and The Black Dog Org in running the NRL "State of Mind" program to the Cowra League club and the community.

