



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 Week 5 – Week Ending 22nd May 2015**

## **Students of the Week!**

*Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!*



*Eloise Newell, Kara Lunnon (4/5/6) and Liam Beaumont (2/3)*

**Merit Awards** were presented to;

K/1 – Portia Mansley and Macey Rowley

2/3 – Lucas Sandry and Katie Boatwood

4/5/6 – Isobella Stevenson, Ilyssa Charnock and Harry Beaumont

Library/PE – Alana Kiss, Grace Murphy and Damien Harding

## **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 MS EDGERTON selected **Lily Lawler** to receive the Citizenship Award. Lily is a kind and considerate friend to all students and is always willing to assist others. Well done Lily!

## **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**

*Last week during Assembly Major Catherine Williamson from the Salvation Army came to receive the Student Council's donation from our Red Shield Appeal last week. Students Council Treasurer Lilly and Vice Treasurer Matthew handed over a total \$155.00. What a great effort from the Holmwood school community!*



*Lilly and Matthew present Major Catherine Williamson with our donation from the Red Shield Appeal!*

## **Welcome Mr Jeffries**

*This week we welcome Mr Craig Jeffries to Holmwood Public School. Mr Jeffries is completing his fourth year Teaching Practicum with the Australian Catholic University and will be working with Ms Edgerton and the K/1 class for the next four weeks. We hope Mr Jeffries enjoys his time at Holmwood PS!*



## **District Cross Country**

*District Cross Country will be held tomorrow 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). 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. Good luck to all competitors!

### **Cowra Eisteddfod**

Congratulations to the School Choir who performed at the Cowra Eisteddfod last Friday. While we didn't come away with an Award this year, the experience was fantastic and I was so proud of the way our students sang with such enthusiasm! Thank you to the parents that attended, to Cheri for accompanying us and assisting with supervision and to Mrs Hodges for conducting the students on stage. Watch out in 2016!



The choir having a final practice run on Friday. The 4/5/6 class enjoyed another Marimba session with Mrs Hodges and have quickly learnt some of the complicated rhythms!



Anna, Isobella, Will and Kara learning Viva La Vida



K/1 had great fun learning the basics of drumming.



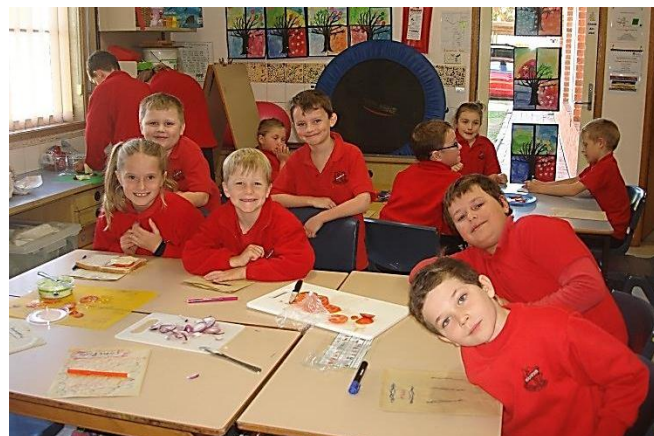
Leetisha, Charlotte, Shaun and Chad concentrate hard during Marimba lessons.

### **Jamie Oliver's "Food Revolution Day"**

On Friday while the Choir were performing at the Eisteddfod, the students remaining took part in the Jamie Oliver Food Revolution Day. This day was all about encouraging students to enjoy delicious, fresh healthy lunches and expand their taste buds a little! Students made their own version of a "squashed sandwich" by selecting from a range of ingredients including ham, cheese, avocado, Spanish onion, tomato and apple, amongst others to create a delicious healthy lunch.



Macey works the sandwich press to create her own squashed sandwich.



Making our own lunch was so much fun!

## **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 0419 229755.

## **Heather Brae Fundraiser**

Ms Edgerton is running a school fundraiser for the school excursion. 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. If you require additional order forms, please see Julie or Anthea in the office.



## **Grip Leadership Conference**

Today the Year 6 students headed to Bathurst to participate in the Annual Grip Leadership Conference. Thank you to Mrs Russell and Mrs Lewis for transporting our Year 6 students to Bathurst. I'm sure all had a fabulous day – photos will appear in next week's newsletter. **Please note the return time this afternoon is 4:00pm.**

## **Calendar**

<b>Term 2 Week 6</b>	
<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 – 9:30am Mrs Lewis – Lachlan Valley Learning Community Meeting – 4:30pm
<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 Fundraiser orders due
<b>Fri 5th June</b>	Canteen Music Lessons with Mrs Hodges
<b>Term 2 Week 8</b>	
<b>Mon 8th June</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Wed 10th June</b>	Regional Cross Country – Geurie Canteen

<b>Fri 12th June</b>	Mrs Skene – Beginning Teacher's Conference –Orange (Mrs Patten2/3) Mrs Hodges – Marimbas Scripture, Canteen
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Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

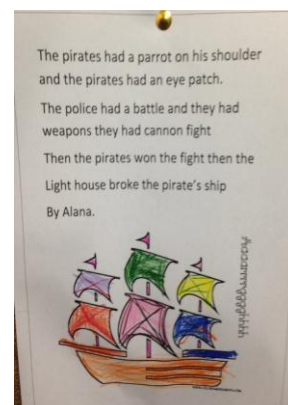
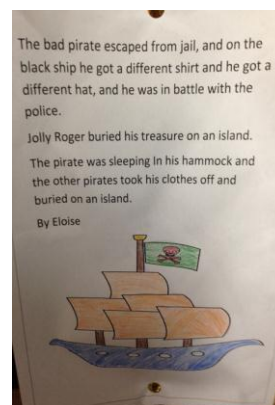
## **Attachments**

- P&C Wood Raffle Tickets

## **K/1 Class News**

This week we welcomed Mr Jeffries into the K1 classroom. Mr Jeffries is in the fourth year of his Teaching Degree from the Australian Catholic University. We are excited to have him in our class to teach us all about pirates, music, sport, Science and much more, we hope that you enjoy your time here at Holmwood Public School. As the weeks progress Mr Jeffries will take responsibility for planning and implementing many of the lessons in the K/1 classroom, and the other classes will have Mr Jeffries for Science and Sport lessons.

In Literacy activities this week we are focusing on our Writing skills and Computer skills, by producing some fantastic stories to publish on the computers. We are continuing with L3 rotation activities, Jolly Phonics and reading our readers. Thank you to the parent helpers that we have each week in the classroom for our rotation activities. Your help is much appreciated and makes our room run smoothly. L3 will continue to run as normal while Mr Jeffries is at Holmwood. On Tuesday we made pirate hats and wrote procedures of how to make a pirate hat and made treasure maps to learn about position and direction. It was such fun.





In Maths this week we have been learning about Subtraction, take away and minus. Students are learning a variety of strategies to subtract a group of objects, numbers or elements from a larger unit.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3 Class News

### Week 5 Roundup

Spelling~ "ch" words test~ on Friday

Homework~ Due this week ~ also on Friday

Reading~ Our focus continues to be on Oral Reading Fluency and Sight Words. We have two students who have successfully worked on mastering all 450 words : yes you read that correctly ~ 450 sight words ranging from Kindy through to Year 3 Sight words!

Writing/ Text Types~ Procedures ~ this week we have used an eBook called "How to Sneak your Monster into School" as the inspiration for our own Procedures. Top marks go to Jaydan for actually accomplishing the deed!! He brought a very special and rather large "dog" into school under everyone's nose. Even onto the bus!! Way to go Jaydan.

Maths ~Graphs & Data. We have constructed three different kinds of graphs to display the data collected from ~ 2/3's favourite colours. We have made a picture graph, a column graph and a bar graph.

Addition with regrouping. We have also started to study how to add large 2 digit numbers where the answer involves regrouping ( old term = carrying). Huge efforts with great results.

Last week in Maths we continued with our topic on Symmetry and everyone was surprised and excited when they saw A3 coloured photos of their beautiful faces cut in half and they had the task of drawing and colouring a mirror image of the other half!! Some were worried that they would not be able to do it, but once again in true Year 2/3 fashion their attention to detail and ability to complete the task and create Symmetrical faces was amazing! Well done everyone!!

Last Friday, celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's "Food Revolution Day" was a fantastic opportunity for Holmwood Public School to become involved in a worldwide campaign to improve the health of our children. The day provided us all with the opportunity to become a little more aware of the importance of nutritious, tasty and healthy eating habits. We had so much fun creating our very own "squashed sandwich" filled with nutritious, tasty ingredients and we were all encouraged to try some new healthy foods that we had not tried before. All of the students embraced the activity and had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mrs K for very kindly doing the shopping for the ingredients.

Mrs Kerry Patten and Mrs Fiona Skene

2/3 Class Teachers

## THIS WEEK IN THE ART ROOM

Stage One ~ Rainy Day Colour Wheel & Fluro Birds!

Stage Two ~ Crazy Colour Wheels & Warm/Cool Hands

Stage Three ~ "Eye" Spy a Colour Wheel

Mrs Kerry Patten

## 4/5/6 Class News

This week the 4/5/6 started a new writing topic called "Information Reports". To write a really good information report we need to research our topic, and this week, to tie in with our English novel "The One and Only Ivan", we learnt all about Gorillas. We used several sources to collect our information including a written passage, a BTN video and the internet. The skills we have been developing are note-taking and making sure we put the information we find out into our own words. Next week we will work on using our notes to EXPAND them into full sentences and organise our reports under sub-headings.

The 5/6 class continued their great work on our "Rainforest" topic in HSIE, with a closer look at some of the small insects and creatures that live in these environments. Did you know

Scientists believe that there are thousands of undiscovered creatures living in the rainforests around the world? With that fact in mind, 5/6 set about designing and creating their own rainforest creature using modelling dough - the tricky part was making sure it had a design feature that demonstrated how it had adapted to its rainforest habitat.

In HSIE the 3/4 class continued their study of State and National Parks and learnt all about Food Chains. We realised that if something were to happen to one of the consumers in a food chain, then the whole chain would fall apart, which is why we have to make sure all eco-systems stay balanced.

In K/1/2 HSIE we looked at some of the problems caused by transport. These include traffic jams, car accidents, speeding in school zones and pollution. K/1/2 created some great posters about these issues.

Thank you to Mrs Skene and Ms Edgerton who taught the 4/5/6 class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Have a terrific weekend!

Mrs Jenny Lewis  
4/5/6 Class Teacher

### **Mrs Kiely's News**

Library, PE and Student Council Events.

It has been a very busy 5 weeks this term with outstanding successes at the Athletics Carnival, training and selections for tomorrow's Cross Country and the commencement of the Premier's Sporting Challenge for students and staff. The increasing fitness and skill development of each of our students is becoming increasingly evident. BRAVO Holmwood children.

We have a strong team going to the District Cross Country at Canowindra tomorrow, good luck to all these students we hope you have a wonderful time. A special thank you to the parents for providing transport and also to Ms Edgerton, who will be the Small Schools Representative on the day. District Athletics training opportunities will continue for our Athletics squad in PE and Sport. Little A's is a great way for children to further develop athletics skills for children of all ages and a friendly afternoon for adults as well.

National Family Reading month continues during May so please encourage family reading time as this gives your child a love of Literature and a valuable gift for life.

The Student Council and Library Monitors are busy organising our Annual Book Fair which is being held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 12pm. Children will be able to view the books for sale during the week of the Book Fair, maybe now is the time to start a few odd jobs to earn some pocket money for the Book Fair. Children from K-Yr 6 need to select a book character, author or illustrator who they will come dressed as with a short speech to present to the school. Books will be for sale, it is a fun filled afternoon for the whole family!!

The Heart Foundation encourages all families to increase their awareness during May of the need for daily exercise and a healthy well balanced diet to promote a healthy sense of well-being, strong and healthy heart and lungs. This week the children and staff commenced our 10 week Premier Sporting Challenge with daily physical activities. It is great motivation for children and adults to keep fit during the winter months to stay healthy happy and strong.

Thank you for your wonderful support and I look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

Regards  
Mrs K

### **P&C News**

We are 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 have been sent home to each family with this week's Newsletter. Please return to School with money by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of June. The Wood Raffle will be drawn on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**. We thank Phil for his generous support once again.

The next P&C Meeting will be held next **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

