



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 6 – Week Ending 29th May 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!



Madison Wright (K/1), Lilly Whitty (4/5/6) and Sascha Pettit (2/3)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Samuel Lawler and Makayla Toohey

2/3 – Chad Charnock and Layla Hood

4/5/6 – Lara Collins, Taylah Boatwood & Will Lawler

Library/PE – Caleb Crowe, Jaydan Wright, Zslea Mansley

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 KIELY selected **Akiko Beatty** to receive the Citizenship Award. Akiko is a kind and generous friend to all students and is always happy and helpful. Well done Akiko!

Book Fair

Holmwood Public School's Scholastic Book Fair will be held tomorrow 29th May at 12:00pm. All parents and community members are invited

to come along and watch our students in our Annual Book Parade! Students will come dressed as their favourite book character and will deliver a short speech. Following the Parade, parents will be invited to purchase books from the Fair. All books sold in the Fair are of excellent quality and are set at great prices. The school will receive a percentage of sales as commission which will be used to purchase more books for our Library. See you there!



District Cross Country



Congratulations to all of the HPS students who travelled to Canowindra last Friday to compete in the District Cross Country. Thank you to all the parents who transported their children. Special congratulations to William Lawler who came 1st in the 13 years boys division.

William progresses to the Regional Cross Country Carnival in Geurie on Wednesday 10th June and we wish him all the best!

Heather Brae Fundraiser- DUE 4th JUNE!

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 next Thursday 4th June. If you require additional order forms, please see Julie or Anthea in the office.

Grip Leadership Conference

Last Thursday the Year 6 students headed to Bathurst to participate in the Grip Leadership Conference. This was a terrific day for our Senior Students as they listened to guest speakers and participated in games and fun activities all related to the theme of Leadership. I was highly impressed with our Year 6's behaviour and attitude – they were excellent representatives of our school. Thank you to Mrs Russell and Mrs Lewis for driving and accompanying the students to Bathurst. Annie's Ice Cream Parlour was a huge hit and a lovely way to end our day in Bathurst.



Kara and Isobella enjoyed the Grip Leadership Conference



The Super Year 6's at the Grip Leadership Conference!

Whole School Photos

Whole School Photos are available from the Office for \$20 each. Please see Anthea or Julie.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

At the moment teaching staff are busy completing Semester 1 Student Reports. These will be distributed to children and parents at our Three-way Interviews, which will be held in Week 9. Each teacher has been allocated a day during this week to hold parent/teacher interviews, as well as offering times before and after school on different

days so that all parents are able to attend. An interview roster sheet is attached to this week's Newsletter. Please indicate **AS MANY** timeslots as you are available. We will try and allocate timeslots for parents with more than one child so that they follow one another. Please ensure you complete the correct sheet for your child – Ms Edgerton (blue), Mrs Patten and Mrs Skene (orange), Mrs Lewis (yellow). Interview times will be confirmed with parents via a note which will come out with next week's Newsletter.



Report Folders

At this time each year we put out a call for the red HPS School Report Folders to be sent in to school. This is so your child's report can be placed inside and kept safe and secure until the Three-way Interviews. All folders can be handed in to Mrs Hubbard in the Office. For those students who are new to our school this year (including all Kindergarten students), you will receive a red report folder with your very first HPS report.

Calendar

Term 2 Week 7	
Mon 1st June	Canteen AECG Meeting at Holmwood 2pm
Wed 3rd June	Canteen
Thurs 4th June	Mrs Lewis, Mrs Bayl and Mrs Hubbard – OCA Meeting (Mrs Kiely/Ms Edgerton 4/5/6) Heather Brae Bakery orders due
Fri 5th June	Canteen Music Lessons with Mrs Hodges
Term 2 Week 8	
Mon 8th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 9th June	Mrs Webster – Learning Support Network Meeting
Wed 10th June	Regional Cross Country – Geurie Canteen, Maths Olympiad 2
Thurs 11th June	Mrs Skene – Beginning Teacher's Conference –Orange (Mrs Patten2/3)
Fri 12th June	Mrs Skene – Beginning Teacher's Conference –Orange (Mrs Patten2/3) Mrs Hodges – Marimbas! Scripture, Canteen
Term 2 Week 9	
Mon 15th June	Canteen Ms Edgerton – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely K/1)
Tues 16th June	Mrs Lewis – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely 4/5/6)
Wed 17th June	Mrs Patten and Mrs Skene – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely 2/3)

	<i>Canteen</i>
Friday 19th June	<i>Canteen</i> <i>Mrs Hodges – Marimbas!</i>

*Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal*

Attachments

- 3 Way Interview sheets

K/1 Class News

We have had a very busy week in the classroom with Mr Jeffries. He has delivered some very engaging lessons for English about pirates and our story writing is coming along very nicely. This week we were introduced to information reports on pirates and recorded factual information about pirates, their ships and some famous historic pirates. Mr Jeffries is learning how our L3 Rotation Groups work and enjoying listening to the students read.

In Maths this week students have been learning all about 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. They discovered how objects in and around the classroom and school are made up of shapes. Students went on a treasure hunt around the school to locate 3D shapes such as the tank as a cylinder, the cubby as a cube shape and the funnel on the fort as a cone shape.



This week the Kindergarten and Year 1 students thoroughly enjoyed listening to Lilly present her genius hour home assignment on her family excursion to Bali. Lilly did an amazing job of presenting her facts and telling her peers all about the fun and excitement she had in Bali.

This week in Science, the Year 3 and 4 students had a great time investigating the properties of magnets, how they repel and attract each other. They

completed experiments about how to magnetise metal elements such as a nail. They carried out tests to investigate the forces of attraction and repulsion between magnets.



We are all looking forward to the Book Fair on Friday and will be discussing Proper Nouns in a Grammar lesson linked to the Book Fair. The name of a person or a character is known as a Proper Noun because it starts with a capital letter. We can't wait to dress up, and the buzz of the student's excitement about what they are going to come dressed as, is building as it gets closer! I wonder what the teachers will come dressed as!

Have a great weekend!

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News

Week 6 - Spelling~ "ai" words will be tested tomorrow, along with an unseen dictation sentence based on "ai" & high use words!!

Homework~ Apologies for not having Homework books ready for distribution. Homework sheets did go out this week. We can paste them into our books tomorrow.

Reading~ Now would be a great time to thank our two very generous home reading volunteers~ Mrs Britton and Judy Petty~ for giving up your time week after week to hear 2/3 class members read their books and/or Sight words. Your help is very much appreciated.

Writing/ Text Types~ We had some surprise visitors trying to sneak into our room over the past week. Some were sneaky and got past Mrs Patten's nose; whilst some were impossible to miss but provided the

perfect distraction for others to get into the classroom!!



We have written two procedures this week ~ "How to Make a Colour Wheel" and "Tricky Balloons"

Maths ~ \$\$\$\$ cccc Money!! Money is our Whole Number focus for Weeks 6 & 7. Please allow plenty of opportunities for 2/3 students to count your change or piggy banks; try to use different coins to come up with a certain amount eg yesterday we found six ways to make \$2. Handling money is such an important skill to constantly practice!



Quadrilaterals were the topic of conversation and investigation in our Maths Geometry class this week. We sang a song about them; watched a PowerPoint slide on them; created and made an 'Am

I a Quadrilateral?' flip book activity in our books and finally constructed them with paddle pop sticks and identified them - by the end we were all experts on Quadrilaterals!

In PD Health, we went for a trip around the world and were introduced to different international meals and where they originated from. Can you guess where Paella originated from? Is Paella a healthy meal? The class identified different countries that share common foods. We then conducted a class survey on the most popular foods we all like to eat. This activity made everyone very hungry and ready for Recess!

IN THE ART ROOM

Well, not quite in the Art Room this week! The Book Fair tomorrow has taken its turn to use our MPR (Multi-purpose Room).

Just wait until you see the new artworks that the classes have been working on. They are stunning!! Though I might just be a teeny bit biased!! They shall be on display from late next week. Please pop in and take a look.



Tarni and Mackenzie working on "colour" themed artworks this week!

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

4/5/6 Class News

It was great to be back in the classroom with the wonderful 4/5/6 students this week. They have worked very hard in all areas of their learning and I have been particularly impressed with their Information Report writing. We finished our first Information Reports on Gorillas and found out lots of interesting facts

such as a group of gorillas is called a troop and the Silverback Gorilla can live up to 35-40 years in the wild and up to 55 years in captivity. This week our writing topic was "Elephants" and we again used many sources of information to gather our research including books, the internet and videos. We are becoming very clever at note-taking and included a bibliography into our writing. Next week we will complete our final information report on a topic of our own choice. Already students have come up with some great choices such as sea lions, sharks and my favourite - meerkats!

Maths this week centred on "Rounding" to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, as well as rounding to the nearest 5c when working with money (Year 4). Year 5 and 6 also investigated positive and negative integers and constructed a number line using scale (1cm = 5 degrees) to show the range of temperatures from around the world (-56 degrees in Antarctica to +45 degrees in Cairo!). Our timed Multiplication challenge has seen many of the 4/5/6 students crack a "P.B." this week and it is pleasing to see so many improvements in speed and accuracy!

In HSIE this week Year 3 and 4 discovered the many jobs a Park Ranger working in a State or National Park does - these include fixing fences, researching about the environment, looking after animals, educating tourists, spotting fires and flying in a helicopter! The K/1 class had fun looking at the pushbike as part of our unit on Transport. Mrs Lewis brought her bike to school and the K/1 students were very knowledgeable in naming and locating all the different parts!



Year 5 and 6 HSIE focused on comparing two different rainforests - the Daintree in Queensland and the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil. Both would be amazing places to visit one day!

Next week's News topic is "Masterchef Menus". Children will need to come prepared to talk about their favourite meal including an entrée, a main meal and a dessert. I will be looking for lots of descriptive words as they explain and describe each mouth-watering course.

Have a terrific weekend!

Mrs Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

Mrs Kiely's News

HIP HIP HOORAY...IT'S ONLY ONE MORE DAY UNTIL THE BOOK FAIR AND WE ALL CAN PLAY OUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER FOR THE DAY!

The Presentation will commence at 12 o'clock and children are asked to come dressed and ready for their presentation please, as recess slips by very quickly especially when there is great excitement in the air.

Following the Presentation the Book Sales will commence and families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and stay for lunch with other families.

A percentage of the total book sales are allocated as free books for the Library which will be available for children to borrow, to read and to enjoy. Your generosity in the purchasing of books is greatly appreciated by the school.

The **Heart Foundation** encourages family awareness of the need for daily exercise and a healthy well balanced diet to promote a healthy sense of being well, a strong and healthy heart and lungs. Habits established in childhood greatly influence adult health choices. So this is Week 2 of the 10 week **Premier's Sporting Challenge**, which encourages daily physical activities. Its great motivation for children and adults to keep fit during the winter months to stay healthy, happy and strong. The HPS Staff are participating in the Challenge as well and we encourage our parents to join in too

Thank you for your wonderful support and I look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair on Friday 29th May for a 12 O'clock start!

Mrs Deirdre Kiely

Library/RFF Teacher

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. Please sell the tickets your family was given with last week's Newsletter. The Wood Raffle will be drawn on the **20th June**. We thank Phil for his generous support again.

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

