



# HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 2 Week 8 – Week Ending 12th June 2015**

## **Students of the Week!**

*Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!*



*Bella Cummons (2/3), Lucas Sandry (K/1) and  
Thomas Seears (4/5/6)*

**Merit Awards** were presented to;

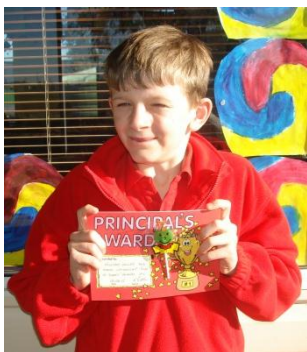
K/1 – Addison Skinner and Chelsea Leister

2/3 – Grace Murphy and Brittney Worth

4/5/6 – Hamish Newell, Miah Pettit and Akiko Beatty

Library/PE – Micah Murphy, Layla Hood, Sam Lynch  
and Lara Collins

**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 PATTEN selected **William Lawler** to receive the Citizenship Award. William shows excellent school spirit and was spotted voluntarily picking up rubbish in the playground last week. Congratulations Will!*

## **Heather Brae Fund-raiser Update!**

*What a fantastic effort from the HPS families with the Heather Brae Bakery Treats Fundraiser! A total of \$2482.00 worth of treats was sold! Congratulations to Lucas who was our highest seller with \$320.00 worth of cookies which results in \$66 off the cost of his Excursion, second was Claire with \$301.50 which results in \$61.50 off the cost of her Excursion and third was Makayla who sold \$204.50 of cookies which results in \$37.50 off the cost of Her excursion. Mrs Hubbard will be sending home letters to all families who participated in the Fundraiser with an adjusted balance following their fundraising efforts – well done!*

*The expected delivery date for the bakery treats is next Friday, although we are still waiting on confirmation of this. Please send in plastic shopping bags so that treats can be sent home safely. If you wish to collect your treats from school (rather than having them sent home with your child on the bus), please contact Anthea in the office to arrange a pick up time.*

## **Excursion Payments**

*Just a reminder that payments for the School Excursion can be made at any time to the office. Part payments are accepted (and encouraged!) to reduce the overall cost as it gets nearer to the Excursion. Thank you.*

## **Whole School Photos**

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



## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

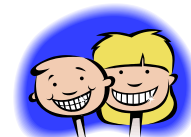
*Semester 1 Student Reports have been completed by teachers and are ready for distribution at our 3 Way Interviews to be held next week. **Please ensure you arrive promptly for your interview as the 20 minute timeslots will be strictly adhered to.** Thank you to those families who have responded to the Interview Time Sheet. If you have not yet organised a time for your interview please*

contact the school ASAP. 3 Way Interviews are between the parent/s, teacher and child and are a valuable component of our reporting system. It ensures that we are all working together, so that every child achieves their full potential.

### **Report Folders**

Don't forget to bring in your red report folders. Reports will be handed out next week during 3 Way Interviews.

### **Dental Visit**



All students received a consent form for Dental Screening with last week's Newsletter. Screenings will be conducted on Monday 22nd June. This is a terrific opportunity for your child to get a free check-up and referral should any dental work be required. Robyn Browne will be the visiting Dental Nurse and will be conducting a "Brush-in" following the screenings. Children will be shown the correct brushing techniques and receive a toothbrush and toothpaste. Please complete the consent form and return to school as soon as possible.

### **NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition**

We would like to wish Hamish Newell and Lily Lawler GOOD LUCK as they represent Holmwood Public School at this year's NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition to be held at Cowra Public School on Monday. Hamish and Lily have worked hard to produce a 4 minute speech on the topic "We All Stand on Sacred Ground – Learn, Respect and Celebrate". They have been regularly practicing before school, with the help of Rachel Newell, who has been a fantastic coach. This week they have had several practices in front of the 4/5/6 class and again this afternoon in front of the whole School Assembly. Hamish and Lily will be competing against 7 other teams from the Cowra/Forbes/Parkes area, with the top two teams progressing to the Regional Finals in Dubbo next term. Go HOLMWOOD!

### **Education Week Concert**

Next Term in Week 3, the Lachlan Valley Learning Community which comprises of all Public Primary and High Schools in Cowra and Canowindra, will be holding an EDUCATION WEEK CONCERT. This Concert will showcase some of the creative talents of the students who attend Public Schools in our local area. Our school will be involved in four events/acts;

1. The Senior Marimba Ensemble Group will be performing "Viva La Vida".
2. Kara and Lily L will perform as part of the combined School's Drama Group.

3. Portia, Layla, Charli, Akiko, Lily L and Anna will perform as part of the combined School's Choir.

4. Two students will have their artworks displayed at the Combined Schools Art Show (still to be selected).

Mrs Hodges has been working with the Marimba Group on their piece and they are already sounding magnificent! Other students have had rehearsals at Cowra High School last week and this week as they join with students from other schools in the combined group acts. Thank you to the parents and teachers who have already assisted with transporting children to rehearsals. More information about the Concert and Art Show will be distributed closer to the date.

### **K/1/2 Car Wash**

On Wednesday afternoon, as part of our HSIE Lesson on 'Transport', Mrs Lewis's K/1/2 class learned all about the different parts of a car. We popped the bonnet on Mrs Lewis's car and had a look at what exactly was under there! We identified lots of interesting features including the engine, radiator, air filter, battery, a dipstick and the windscreen wiper fluid container! After that we had a great time holding our first ever HPS Car Wash! The teacher's generously provided their cars for the K/1/2 students to scrub clean!! Everyone had such a fun time and the staff LOVED their clean cars!! We will be putting the funds raised from the car wash towards an end of term HSIE 'transport party'. Well done K/1/2!



Alana, Makayla and Addi working hard to clean Dave's ute!



Lucas did a great job cleaning Mr Jeffries car!





*Tyler, Macey and Chad had a ball cleaning Ms Edgerton's car!*



*Katie, Maddison and Liam did a top job cleaning Mrs Patten's car!*



*Harry, Lilly and Eloise made Cheri's car shine!*



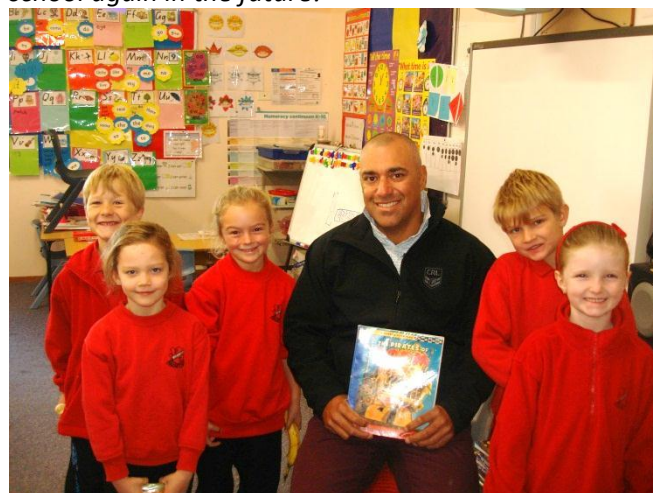
*Jay put lots of suds on Mrs Hubbard's car!*



*Portia, Chelsea, Shaun and Brittney had a tough job cleaning the mud off Mrs Lewis's car!*

## **FAREWELL Mr Jeffries**

*Tomorrow is Mr Jeffries last day at Holmwood PS. We have enjoyed having Mr Jeffries join the HPS team for the past four weeks, and I know all the students, especially the K/1 Class, will miss him greatly! We wish Craig all the very best with the remainder of his studies and look forward to him hopefully visiting our school again in the future!*



*Mr Jeffries pictured with Samuel, Madison, Chelsea, Lucas and Addison.*

## **NEW Cowra Nature Playground Junior Committee Nomination Forms**

*Attached to this week's Newsletter is an information sheet and nomination form for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to consider applying to be part of a Junior Committee responsible for the design and creation of Cowra's Nature Park. All applications are due next Monday 15th June. They can be emailed to the address on the nomination form, or alternatively I can drop application forms into Carinya on Friday afternoon (forms will need to be brought back to school on Friday morning). All students in the 4/5/6 class received these with their Homework sheets this week. Please encourage your child to consider nominating. It is a wonderful leadership opportunity and I'm sure that Holmwood students would have some fantastic ideas to contribute!*

## Calendar

<b>Term 2 Week 9</b>	
<b>Mon 15th June</b>	Canteen Ms Edgerton – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely K/1) NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition @ Cowra PS (Mrs Lewis attending; Mrs Knight 4/5/6) P&C Meeting – 6pm @ Services Club
<b>Tues 16th June</b>	Mrs Lewis – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely 4/5/6) Drama Rehearsal – Cowra HS 2-3pm
<b>Wed 17th June</b>	Mrs Patten and Mrs Skene – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mrs Kiely 2/3) Canteen
<b>Friday 19th June</b>	Canteen Mrs Hodges – Marimbas!
<b>Term 2 Week 10</b>	
<b>NAIDOC WEEK</b>	
<b>Mon 22nd June</b>	Canteen NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony at Cowra HS 10am School Dental Visit and “Brush-in”
<b>Wed 23rd June</b>	Canteen Official NAIDOC Week Plaque Unveiling NAIDOC Activity Day
<b>Thurs 25th June</b>	End of Term Assembly @ 1:45pm
<b>Fri 26th June</b>	Canteen, Scripture LAST DAY OF TERM – Mufti Day!
<b>School Holidays</b>	
<b>Saturday 27th June – Monday 13th July inclusive</b>	
<b>Term 3 Week 1</b>	
<b>Mon 13th July</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>Tues 14th July</b>	All Students Return
<b>Wed 15th July</b>	Canteen
<b>Fri 17th July</b>	Scripture Canteen

Kind Regards,  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

## Attachments

- 3 Way Interview Confirmation Letters
- Application form to be considered for the Junior Committee for Cowra's Nature Park (Years 3-6 only)

## K/1 News

This week we have had a very busy time finishing off all our pirate stories, art works, creative designs and worksheets ready for our Pirate Party and Dress up day. This will be held tomorrow Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate Mr Jeffries last day with us at Holmwood Public School. Mr Jeffries has an exciting day planned with a treasure hunt, designing pirate maps and a pirate party with singing and dancing. The students are all looking forward to this great day.

This week in Maths Mr Jeffries has been teaching the students about Data Collection. We discovered students' favourite colours, foods, sweets, what side of town each child lives on and of course more pirate treasures. With this information we graphed the results using picture graphs, learnt about tally marks and made bar graphs to represent the information collected.

In 5/6 Science Mr Jeffries led the investigations this week learning about solar power and wind power and how electricity is generated using alternative methods. Students understood that light energy produced from the sun is collected by solar panels and stored or fed back into the electrical grid.

In 3/4 Science the students learnt about friction as an invisible force that exists between an object and the surface it moves along. They completed a cool experiment using toy cars and racing them along different surfaces such as sand paper, paper towel, foil and material to determine which product caused the greatest friction.

We have had a fantastic 4 weeks with Mr Jeffries in our classroom. We have all enjoyed his exciting lessons and we will miss him very much. We have invited Mr Jeffries back to Holmwood Public School for our special School Assemblies and our Concert at the end of the year, so I'm sure we will see him again!

Have a great weekend

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

## 2/3 News

Spelling~ "ee" words

Grammar~ VERBS ~ doing words!!

Homework~ Hmm! Guess what I found on my very cluttered desk????

I apologise for completely forgetting to give out this week's homework!! I could be really mean and say that it is due tomorrow ~ however ~ I'm not that nasty!! Homework will be due **next Friday**. Be on the lookout for extra Maths sheets!!



**Reading~ Oral Reading Fluency and Sight Words** are still starring in our Reading Sessions! I'm pleased to see that there are quite a few more students approaching the 450 Sight Words total! How many words does your child know?!

**Writing/Text Types~ Procedures** ~ Here are some photos of our latest procedures~

**How to make 3D People & How to Make a Potato Person**



Sascha with her "Potato Person"!



Can you spot your potato person?

**Maths ~Multiplication, Times Tables & Division!!**

Times Tables Sheets are part of this week's (rather late) Homework!! There's no other way to get really accurate and quick with Tables knowledge than to practice, practice, practice!!

**Year 2's need to know their 2x, 5x and 10x; whilst Year 3's need to know these plus their 3x & 4x tables by the end of this term!!!**

**THIS WEEK IN THE ART ROOM**

**Stage One ~ Dot Art**

**Stage Two ~ Long weekend!**

**Stage Three ~ Experimenting with Perspective**

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kerry Patten and Mrs Fiona Skene

2/3 Class Teachers

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

Despite having a shorter week this week due to the Public Holiday, the 4/5/6 class have ploughed through a mountain of work!

We finalised our Information Report Writing topic last week and this week have moved onto Procedures. Our focus in our Writing is to make our 'steps' as specific as possible so that the person reading our instructions knows exactly what to do and how to do it! We tested this out with a paper plane making challenge. Everyone had to make their own version of a paper plane, writing a procedure on how to do it. We then swapped books with a partner and had to read each other's instructions, following them to the letter. If the instructions were good, we ended up with an identical looking paper plane. If the instructions were a bit vague...well, you can guess the result! It was a fun challenge and provided us with a lot of laughs...especially Harry's paper plane!

Maths this week has been focusing on Patterns and Algebra. We have been looking at number patterns and describing the "rule" to follow and working out the missing 'terms'. Some of the patterns have been easy, whilst some have proven to be very challenging! We also tackled our Maths Olympiad Challenge Number 2 on Wednesday. This is certainly stretching our brains as we attempt to solve 5 super tough word problems in each Olympiad! We are enjoying our weekly link-ups with Miss Gee's class at Collaroy Plateau PS and will continue this for the remainder of the term.

Our News Topic for the past 2 weeks has been "Masterchef Menus". We have listened to everyone's favourite entrées, main meals and desserts and everyone has been focused on using adjectives to describe their meals to the

point where they make our mouths water! Stand out presenters have been Annaliese (best description of chocolate pudding I have ever heard!), Christian (oozing, flowing, mouth-watering and steamy macaroni cheese!!), Sam (a description of a chocolate brownie that was so good we could almost taste it!) and Akiko (Hog's Breath cheese sticks that when you crack them the cheese flows out like melted butter!). We have really enjoyed this News topic! For the last two weeks of term, News will be Free Choice.

Kind Regards  
Jenny Lewis  
4/5/6 Class Teacher

### **News from Mrs Kiely**

The news of the day has to be our brilliant BOOK FAIR and WOW what a wonderful day! My heartfelt thanks to the children, parents, grandparents, Holmwood community and staff for a combined effort that resulted in a most successful and totally enjoyable day.

The children's presentations were very interesting and confidently spoken to a very large audience. Their costumes were outstanding and totally original, made with great creativity. The generosity of our community was again evident and we now have a large selection of new books for the children to borrow from the Library. Next year will be our 30<sup>th</sup> Book Fair at Holmwood School; hence it will certainly be a very special celebration...so save the date...Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

The Premier Sporting Challenge is progressing well and already in week 4. If you haven't started your challenge it is never too late as there are two catch up weeks over the holidays. The children and staff are becoming increasingly fitter and stronger and healthier this winter.

Today was Go Red For Women Day and many of the staff wore red and used today to promote the importance of Healthy Heart Awareness. In Australia more women die of heart disease than men and it still remains women's number one killer. As a mother, each of us greatly influences the lifestyle habits of our families and every mother wants the best for her family. To find out more visit [heartfoundation.org.au](http://heartfoundation.org.au) for free information and motivation.

Kinder and Year 1 students are enjoying being outdoors and setting up the winter veggie garden

as a part of the Live Life Well Unit in PE. They are learning life skills on how to grow their own vegies and to be fresh food gardeners. A winter garden is a wonderful holiday project and cheap and productive as well.



Makayla and Portia working in the veggie garden!

In Sport the children are enjoying learning Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games which have been based on Indigenous Culture and passed through the generations. These are activity based so are great for cardio fitness and developing co-operation amongst groups.

The Student Council have launched their Winter Warmth Appeal for the Homeless, so any donations of scarves, beanies, warm socks, gloves etc would be greatly appreciated. I will be taking our collection to the Sydney Mission in the holidays and each year it recognises the kindness of our Holmwood Community.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Deirdre Kiely  
RFF/Library Teacher

### **P&C News**

Great News - all the leftover pasta bakes made for the Canowindra Balloon Glow have been sold! Thank you to everyone for your support!

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.

Phil Rowley has kindly donated another load of firewood for a Wood Raffle. Please sell the tickets your family was given. The Wood Raffle will be drawn on the **20th June**. We thank Phil for his generous support again.

*Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary*



