



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 9 – Week Ending 19th June 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!



Chad Charnock (2/3), Nigella Stevenson (4/5/6) and Portia Mansley (K/1)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Harry Seears and Eloise Newell

2/3 – Leetisha Nestor and Shaun Petty

4/5/6 – Katelyn Judd, Anna Russell and Oliver Beaumont

Library/PE – Lilly Hood, Brittney Worth, Taylah Boatwood and Claire Lewis

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 MR JEFFRIES selected **Mackenzie Nestor** to receive the Citizenship Award. Mackenzie shows kindness and caring towards other classmates and always offers to assist others when they require help. Well done Mackenzie!

NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition

HUGE Congratulations to Hamish Newell and Lily Lawler who represented Holmwood PS at the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge which was held at Cowra Public School on Monday. Lily and Hamish prepared a four minute speech on the topic – “We all stand on sacred ground – learn, respect and celebrate!” Both students spoke AMAZINGLY well!! So well in fact, that they ended up placing 2nd out of 7 schools and now progress to the Regional NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge to be held in Dubbo in Term 3. I would like to also say a HUGE thank you to Rachel Newell who coached Lily and Hamish in the weeks leading up to the challenge – a fantastic effort and result!



Hamish and Lily at the NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition this week.

Heather Brae Fundraiser

The expected delivery date for the bakery treats is tomorrow. **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. Please find attached to this week's Newsletter an updated

account showing the balance owing on your child's Excursion.

3 Way Interviews



Thank you to all parents who have attended 3 Way Interviews this week with their children. The staff greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak at length with each parent about how their child is progressing in all aspects of their schooling. I am pleased to announce that this year we have had **100% attendance** from all families at 3 Way Interviews!!! This serves to illustrate the strong home-school partnerships the school has with all students and their families.

Dental Visit



Dental 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 as at this stage **we are waiting on forms from 24 students!**



NAIDOC WEEK

Next week Holmwood PS students will take part in a variety of activities to mark NAIDOC Week. Oliver, Hamish,

Nigella and Isobella will be our School Representatives at the NAIDOC Official Flag Raising Ceremony at Cowra High School on Monday morning with Mrs Lewis. On Wednesday we will be having an Official NAIDOC Plaque Unveiling by Rachel Newell, followed by a full day learning about Aboriginal Culture through participating in art activities, storytelling, music and dance. Please come dressed in **RED, YELLOW and BLACK!** The NAIDOC Cake will also be shared amongst all students. On Friday we will be attending the NAIDOC Week Concert at Cowra High School from 11:30-12:45pm. This will be at no cost to students – please sign and return the Permission Note attached to this week's Newsletter. It should be a fantastic week for students and teachers alike!



End of Term Assembly

Our End of Term Assembly will be held next Thursday 25th June at 1:45pm SHARP. Mrs Hodges will be with us and

we have a "Musical Extravaganza" planned with marimbas, drums and the Choir singing, along with Lilly and Hamish's NAIDOC Public Speaking speech. It will be a fantastic afternoon of entertainment so please invite family and friends to come along. See you there!

Calendar

Term 2 Week 10	
NAIDOC WEEK	
Mon 22nd June	Canteen NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony at Cowra HS 10am School Dental Visit and "Brush-in"
Wed 23rd June	Canteen Official NAIDOC Week Plaque Unveiling NAIDOC Activity Day – come dressed in RED, YELLOW and BLACK!
Thurs 25th June	End of Term Assembly @ 1:45pm
Fri 26th June	Red Food Day Canteen (Free Icy Pole for every child), Scripture NAIDOC Concert at Cowra HS – all students K-6 LAST DAY OF TERM – Mufti Day!
School Holidays	
Saturday 27th June – Monday 13th July inclusive	
Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 13th July	Staff Development Day Mrs Lewis – LVLC Meeting 4:30pm Mulyan PS
Tues 14th July	All Students Return
Wed 15th July	Canteen
Fri 17th July	Scripture Canteen
Term 3 Week 2	
Mon 20th July	Canteen AECG Meeting – 2pm Cowra HS Wood Raffle drawn P&C Meeting – 6pm @ Services Club
Wed 22 nd July	Canteen
Friday 24 th July	Canteen

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Excursion letter re payment update
- NAIDOC Concert Permission Note
- Red Food Day Menu – last day of school!

K/1 News

Last Friday the students from the K/1 class said farewell to Mr Jeffries in Pirate style. They all had a fantastic day treasure hunting in the playground, making pirate maps, finding treasure and having a party. It was a fantastic day and the students were sad to say good bye. However Mr Jeffries indicated that he will return to HPS at the end of the year for our class parties. This week will also see an end to the Pirate Theme, however I have a fantastic unit planned for next term with even the possibility of a little Excursion to accompany the unit.



Mr Jeffries and the K/1 Pirates searching for treasure in the playground!



Madison and Portia enjoying their Pirate Treasure at the K/1 Pirate Party last week!

This week in Literacy the K/1 students have been working hard to complete any unfinished work, reading their best, learning Comprehension strategies when they are reading and learning about descriptive words or Adjectives that describe a Noun (person, place or thing).

In Maths, students have been learning about positional language and how we use this type of language to describe where items can be located on a map or grid, such as left, right above, below, next to and on or over. We also use positional language to help with locating objects and giving directions.

In Science the Year 3 and 4 students had a fun afternoon making balloon rockets to further investigate how forces move in a particular direction and objects cannot move by themselves, they need some kind of force to make them move.



All students are looking forward to the end of term Assembly next week to show off their Marimba skills that they have been learning with Mrs Hodges, it will be a great afternoon.

Have a great weekend
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

Spelling~ "ee" words. Test this Friday!!

Grammar~ ADVERBS ~ HOW? WHEN? and WHERE? We have been working diligently this week, in our classroom!! Spot all the adverbs!! 1] When have we worked? 2] How have we worked? And 3] Where have we worked? 2/3 students please dazzle your family with your answers!!!

Writing/ Text Types~ "How to Make Hot Dogs and Cool Cats" by accurately following a procedure!

Homework~ Next week is Homework-free!! There will be Spelling Revision sheets with your Term Two words to paste in your books, as a record of this term's Spelling and a handy practice sheet!!

Maths ~Multiplication, Times Tables & Division!! **Keep learning your Times Tables!** This week we made and matched arrays, repeated addition and x number sentences to each other, with help from the Twister game!!

A BIG Thank you to the students and their families who have already come to our interviews. We appreciate the interest and support you give to your child's learning.

THIS WEEK IN THE ART ROOM

Stage One ~ Colour Diffusing Paper Designs

Stage Two ~ "Farm Perspective"
Stage Three ~ "The Road to Perspective"

Kind Regards,
Mrs Kerry Patten and Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teachers

4/5/6 News

Another week down and with just one week to go until the end of term it has been action stations in the 4/5/6 classroom as we finalise all our units for the Term.

Thank you to Mrs Knight who took the 4/5/6 class on Monday while I attended the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge with Hamish and Lily, and to Mrs Kiely who taught 4/5/6 on Tuesday while I held 3 Way Interviews.

We have finished our reading of the "One and Only Ivan" and this week completed an exciting "Paper Bag" Character Study. We all selected one of the main characters from the novel and completed a series of activities related to how our character had changed over the course of the book and GAVE EVIDENCE from the book to justify our reasons - we glued these to each of the four panels on the outside of our bag. The most interesting task was where we had to select 10 objects to place in our Paper Bag that had some relevance to our character. It was great to see the 4/5/6 students "thinking out of the box" as they consolidated their comprehension skills and inferred meanings.



Lily, Claire and Will with their Paper Bag Character Studies!

Our HSIE Units are also coming to a close. K/1/2 has plans in place for a fun Transport

party to be held next Wednesday, 3/4 have completed their incredible "Hides" as part of learning about State and National Parks, and Year 5/6 are all working on their final Rainforest personal interest project at school. Next week there will be no HOMEWORK as we will be working on revision in Spelling and Maths in class and have lots of exciting NAIDOC activities to participate in. We are also looking forward to our end of Term Assembly which will feature our marimbas and drums! See you all next Thursday at 1:45pm!

Kind Regards
Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who attended the P&C Meeting on Monday 15th June. The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Monday 20th July** at 6pm at the Cowra Services Club. Please consider coming along to have a say in your child's education.

Due to low ticket sales, the P&C Wood Raffle has been extended and will be drawn on the 20th July. Please HELP us to HELP all Holmwood students by selling tickets in this raffle. If you need extra tickets please contact Anthea in the office.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

