



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 10 – Week Ending 26th June 2015

Another BRILLIANT Term!

Congratulations to all students on a brilliant Term 2! The past 10 weeks have flown by and it's hard to believe we are the end of another term of learning. I would like to thank the incredibly hard-working HPS staff and wish them all a well-deserved and relaxing holiday! Mrs Patten, as we know is off on extended Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year and I know all the staff and students (particularly Year 2/3) will miss her. We look forward to having Mrs Patten come back for a visit and we may be able to persuade her to come and help out with some of the artistic elements for our end of year concert! To all our HPS families – enjoy the two week break, stay safe and we will see you all back for another busy Term 3.

**School resumes for all students on
Tuesday 14th July.**

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 9 Students of the Week!



Macey Rowley (K/1), William Skinner (4/5/6) and Layla Hood (2/3) - absent

Merit Awards were presented to;

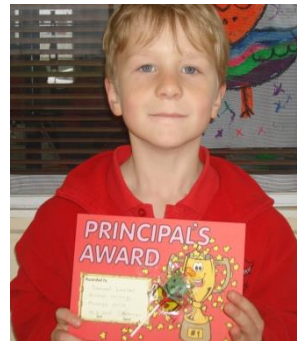
K/1 – Jay Kennedy and Madison Wright

2/3 – Jaydan Wright and Brodie Rye

4/5/6 – Damien Harding, Zsalea Mansley and Annaliese Cameron

Library/PE – Harry Seears, Harry Beaumont and Mackenzie Nestor

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 BAYL selected **Samuel Lawler** to receive the Citizenship Award. Samuel is always polite and always smiling whenever he comes to see Mrs Bayl in the office. Well done Samuel!*

NAIDOC Week!

This week we have enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC week, with lots of interesting and fun activities at school. On Monday Mrs Lewis accompanied four of our student leaders – Oliver, Nigella, Isobella and Hamish, to Cowra High School for the official flag-raising ceremony and plaque unveiling. This was a lovely ceremony followed by a delicious morning tea provided by Cowra High.



Oliver, Hamish, Isobella and Nigella at the Cowra High School NAIDOC Week Official Flag-raising Ceremony.

On Wednesday we held our NAIDOC Week Activity Day and it was great to see students (and teachers) come dressed in black, red and yellow. We started off

our morning with the official unveiling of our NAIDOC Week plaque, which was performed by Rachel Newell. The plaque was generously provided to our school as well as all other Cowra schools, by the Cowra Local AECG. It is situated next to the office door and reads "As you take your next step please remember the first people who walked this land. We acknowledge the Wiradjuri Custodians of this land, on which this school stands". Please be sure to check it out the next time you are up at the school!



Rachel unveiling our NAIDOC Week Plaque.

Following this, the students were divided into five groups with our Year 6 students taking on the role of group leaders. Each group rotated through a range of Aboriginal inspired activities including Aboriginal Art with Mrs Patten, Story-telling and learning about the Bardi Jaawi community in Western Australia with Ms Edgerton, Aboriginal symbols and bark painting with Rachel, Aboriginal music and making clap-sticks with Mrs Kiely and cooking 'Johnny Cakes' with Mrs Lewis. Eloise and Makayla were given the honour of cutting our NAIDOC Week cake, which looked and tasted absolutely amazing, and was made by Samantha Boatwood, Priscilla Pettit and Karen Beaumont – thanks ladies!! All in all, it was a fantastic day!



Makayla and Eloise cutting the NAIDOC Week Cake!



Layla and Kara enjoyed cooking (and eating!) Johnny cakes!



The "Emus" group learned about the Bardi Jaawi Community School in Western Australia.



Anna enjoyed Bark Painting – the results from all students were fantastic!



Lilly and Katelyn completed some beautiful dot paintings.



Decorating and playing Clap-sticks – the “Brolgas” group had fun with Mrs Kiely.

We are all looking forward to attending the NAIDOC week concert at Cowra High School on Friday!

Heather Brae Fund-raiser

Thank you to all families who promptly picked up their orders from the Heather Brae fundraiser last Friday. We hope you all are enjoying your slices and biscuits!

HPS Leaders!

Congratulations to Damien Harding, Claire Lewis, Lilly Whitty, Zsalea Mansley, Akiko Beatty, Thomas Sears and Matthew Russell on their selection to be part of the Junior Committee for Cowra’s Nature Based Adventure Park! All students submitted a written application for this position and attended their first meeting on Monday afternoon, along with around 20 other students from all the other Cowra primary schools. Claire was voted in as Vice President on the committee and Lilly and Matthew were voted in as our HPS Publicity Officers. The leadership skills, confidence and passion that these students have shown in taking on this opportunity is outstanding – well done!

RED Food Day Canteen tomorrow!



Don’t forget that tomorrow is Red Food Day at the Canteen! Orders for LUNCH are pre-orders only. Recess will still operate as normal. All students will receive a FREE Icy pole. Thank you to Samantha for coordinating Red Food Day and for all her efforts in managing the canteen again this Term.

Dental Visit



Dental Screenings were conducted on Monday 22nd June by Dental Health nurse Robyn Browne. Letters regarding the outcomes from your child’s dental screening are attached to this week’s Newsletter.



End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all parents, families and community members who attended our end of term assembly this afternoon. It certainly was a musical extravaganza with marimbas and singing! Sadly Mrs Hodges was unable to attend this afternoon performance, however on behalf of all the students and staff I would like to congratulate and thank her for the amazing effort she has gone to, so that ALL students were performance-ready for this afternoons’ items. We look forward to having Mrs Hodges back at HPS again next term.

Calendar

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 P&C Meeting – 6pm @ Services Club WOOD RAFFLE drawn
Wed 22 nd July	Canteen
Friday 24 th July	Canteen Planet Ark Tree-Planting Day (K-6)
Term 3 Week 3 – EDUCATION WEEK!	
Mon 27th July	Canteen
Tues 28th July	Education Week Concert Rehearsal – Cowra Civic Centre
Wed 29th July	Canteen Education Week Concert MATINEE Education Week Concert – Night Performance No 1.
Thurs 30th July	Education Week Concert Night Performance No 2.
Fri 31st July	Canteen, Scripture

Have a wonderful relaxing holiday!

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Dental Screening Letter
- New Term 3 Canteen Menu
- Johnny Cakes recipe

K/1 News

Well after a very busy 10 weeks it's finally holiday time! Hooray!

We have had a fantastic time this term with lots of learning happening in the classroom - learning about pirates, writing stories, learning new songs, reading, counting and lots of number. In the K/1 class this week we have been finishing off all our activities that we have started throughout the term.

Thank you to Mrs Webster for teaching the K/1 class on Tuesday while I was away for a professional development day. The students had fun learning about the traditional fairy tale of "Jack and the Beanstalk". They completed sequencing activities, lots of word work and made their own Jack and the Beanstalk booklet!

NAIDOC activities day on Wednesday was a huge success. All students had a fantastic day completing many different types of Aboriginal activities from traditional dreamtime stories, to art works and dot painting on bark, music, cooking and learning about a remote community school in Western Australia and the traditional custodians of Bardi Jaawi country.

As the end of the term is here, it is time to say a sad good bye to the Pettit and Charnock children. You will all be missed in our school and we hope to see your smiling faces when you visit Cowra in the future. Good luck in your new schools and with your new adventures.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and we will see you in Term 3.

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

It's been business as usual in the 2/3 classroom, for Monday and Tuesday, at least! We have wrapped up **Spelling** with Revision sheets, listing each group's words for Term Two. A copy of which has been sent home to be pasted into **Homework** books! We still have one more reading of our current Oral Reading Fluency sheets to go, so our graphs, in the back of our Sight Words books, will also be complete; ready for a new Reading Focus for Term Three.

In **Maths** we have been busy answering **times tables** questions and matching number sentences to Number Stories.

It has been a wonderfully busy and productive second term. Congratulations to all our 2/3 students for the great efforts and progress you have made.

Good luck to the Pettit's and Charnock's. I know that you will easily settle into your new schools and locations.

Happy, safe holidays, everyone!

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

"Good Afternoon & Thank you Holmwood Students, Staff and Families!!"



I can't believe that it's time for my Long Service Leave to "kick in" tomorrow afternoon!! Needless to say that whilst I am looking forward to a much more relaxed Semester Two; I know that I will miss my "Home Away from Home" at Holmwood School. I am so proud of the 2/3 class for all their great efforts and enthusiasm for learning and for the fun times in Art that I have spent with K/1 and 4/5/6 each week. I know I shall also miss the teachers and staff; who all work together in such a dynamic and effective way to make learning fun, engaging and interesting. Mrs Skene is very excited to teach 2/3 for Semester Two and together ~ 2/3 and Mrs Skene~ will make a great learning team.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Kerry Patten

4/5/6 News

The end of the term has arrived and after a HUGE ten weeks of learning, I am sure that all the students in 4/5/6 are looking forward to the holidays!

Thank you to Mrs Knight and Mrs Kiely who taught the 4/5/6 class on Monday and Tuesday this week, while I attended the NAIDOC Ceremony at Cowra HS and a professional development course in Parkes. The students

have spent a busy week completing the final activities in their "The One and Only Ivan" character studies and their Rainforest projects. We all had such a fun day on Wednesday during our NAIDOC activity day and I was impressed with the leadership skills shown by the Year 6's as they "looked after" all the K-5 students in their groups.

Tomorrow's assembly will be a highlight as we show all our families the new skills we have learnt in music this term. We hope to see you there!

Sadly we have to say farewell to Ilyssa and Miah as they move to new towns and schools over the holidays. We will miss them!! To all the other 4/5/6 students, I hope you have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the break from routines! I look forward to seeing you all in 2 weeks, for a FABULOUS Term 3!

Kind Regards
Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News

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 raffle tickets in this raffle. If you need extra tickets please contact Anthea in the office.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

