



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1 – Week Ending 17th July 2015

Welcome Back to Term 3!

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that all families had a great winter break and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. The students have come back ready and refreshed for another busy term, and I am sure have all had a growth spurt over the holidays! We have lots of extra-curricular activities again this term, so please keep an eye on the coming events in our newsletter.

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 10 Students of the Week!



Isobella Stevenson (4/5/6), Mackenzie Nestor (2/3)
and Tyler Charnock (K/1) - absent

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Lilly Hood and Alana Kiss

2/3 – Brodie Rye and Liam Beaumont

4/5/6 – Damien Harding, Kara Lunnon and Sam Lynch
Library/PE – Chad Charnock and Sascha Pettit

music. Well done Portia!

End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all parents, families and community members who attended our end of term Assembly. It certainly was a musical extravaganza with the new marimbas and lots of beautiful singing! Below are some photos taken during the student performances.



Year 5 and 6 playing "Viva La Vida" on the marimbas.



Taylah, Isobella, Will, Thomas and Annaliese played Click Sticks for the end of term Assembly.



CITIZENSHIP

AWARD

The Citizenship Award for Term 1 Week 10 was selected by MRS HODGES and goes to **Portia Mansley**. Portia was chosen for her outstanding behaviour and willingness to have a go at all activities during



Year 2/3 performed a wonderful rendition of "I Just Love ABBA".



Micah, Addison, Eloise, Macey, Lilly and Madison playing the marimbas.



It was great to see so many parents and community member attending our end of term Assembly!

Staff Development Day

On Monday staff attended our Term 3 Staff Development Day. The focus for this Professional Development Day was the implementation of the new Teacher's Award Initiative, completion of the National Consistent Collection of Data for Students with a Disability and the Personal Development Plans for all staff. Staff also looked at effective programming and assessment strategies across both Mathematics and PE/PD/Health.



Life Education Van – Healthy Harold!

On **Thursday 30th July** the Life Education Van will visit Holmwood PS. All the students look forward to this event each year and Harold the Giraffe is always popular with students of all ages. The cost for each child to visit the Van is \$10.00 however the school will subsidise \$3.00 per child, therefore the **cost per child will be reduced to \$7.00 each**. This includes a workbook which students get to keep.

A permission note and an order form for merchandise is attached to this week's Newsletter.



Congratulations Nigella!

On behalf of all staff and students I would like to congratulate Nigella Stevenson who has been offered a place at the Aurora College Selective High School based on her results from the Selective High Schools Test which she sat for in March. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of Nigella's effort!



Book Club

Attached to this week's Newsletter is the latest Scholastic Book Club Catalogue. All orders with payment are due by **FRIDAY 31st JULY 2015**.

Lost and Found

At the end of last term a Pandora bracelet with 5 beads on it was found in the school grounds. If this belongs to you, or you know who owns it, please contact Anthea or Julie in the office.

Lachlan Valley Learning Community

Over the past two terms Principals and staff from schools in Cowra, Canowindra and surrounding districts have been meeting regularly to discuss the formations of the group called the Lachlan Valley Learning Community.

This group of public schools has joined together to emphasis and highlight the importance and strength of public schools and the power of a Kindergarten to Year 12 education within this area. The group have been looking at ways that each school complements each other as well as how we can recognise the diversity we have within our school communities.

To celebrate the launch of the Lachlan Valley Learning Community this year, as part of Education Week celebration, a Grand Concert and Art display will be held. The Concert will take place on Wednesday, 29th July and Thursday, 30th July. The official launch will take place in the Theatre of the Cowra Civic Centre on Wednesday, 29th July commencing at 6pm followed by a Concert at 7pm featuring students from all schools and then a second performance will be held on Thursday, 30th July. The Art Show will be held in the Cowra Library and it will run from the 28th July till 28th August.

Tickets for the Concerts will be available from all schools and will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per student and \$20 per family. Seating will be strictly limited due to the size of the Civic Centre. All proceeds from the Concert will be donated to Careflight and Stewart House.

As well as all these events, a new Logo has been developed to draw together the elements of our districts. The blue outline symbolise the two rivers—Lachlan and Belubula, the green hills, valley and fertile plains of our area and the rising sun to signifies the light that comes through the power of education.



HPS Annual Pie Drive

Please find attached to this week's Newsletter Pie Drive Order Forms for this year's Annual Pie Drive. **Orders are due back at school on Monday 3rd August with delivery date on Thursday 13th August**

Plastic Newsletter Folders

An important message from Mrs Hubbard and Mrs Bayl
Could all students and parents please return their plastic Newsletter folders to school? For those without folders, it would be appreciated if you could please replace yours if you have lost it. Each family was issued with a plastic folder at the beginning of the year. By having a plastic folder, you are assured of receiving ALL important notes, documents and attachments to each week's Newsletter. Your attention to this is appreciated.



Earn and Learn

It's back! Woolworths Earn & Learn started on Wednesday 15th July. When anyone from our school community - staff, parents or friends shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers to place on a sticker sheet. You'll get one sticker for every \$10 you spend. Once completed, sticker sheets can be placed in the collection box at Cowra Woolworths or dropped in to school. The more Earn and Learn stickers we collect,

the more resources we are able to buy from our school, so please ask your family and friends to support Holmwood PS!

Thank you!

Calendar

Term 3 Week 2	
Mon 20th July	Canteen AECG Meeting – 2pm Cowra HS P&C Meeting – 6pm @ Services Club WOOD RAFFLE drawn
Wed 22nd July	Canteen
Friday 24th 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 Dress 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. Life Education Van
Fri 31st July	Canteen, Scripture Book Club orders and payment due
Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 3rd August	Canteen Pie Drive Orders due
Tues 4th August	Guide Dog Talks – K-6 – 12pm
Wed 5th August	Canteen
Thurs 6th August	Jeans 4 Genes Day Canteen and MUFTI
Fri 7th August	Canteen District Athletics - Canowindra

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Book Club Catalogue
- Life Education Van Permission Note and Merchandise Note
- Pie Drive Order Forms

K/1 News

Welcome back to Term 3. This Term we have another busy time coming up for all. In English our routines will slightly change a little each day. L3 Groups will now turn into reading groups where instead of rotating around six different activities each day,

students will be given a different activity each day, these will develop reading skills, writing skills, listening and comprehension. Reading groups will go for 20-30 mins each day. Spelling activities have also changed and you will see that in this week's homework, students have a variety of activities that they can choose to complete each week, please ensure that they choose a different activity each time.



Caleb, Lucas and Madison working hard in class this week!



Our Theme Unit this term is Dinosaurs. Students will be discussing, reading about and writing information reports on many different aspects of dinosaurs. If your children have any books, toys, plastic dinosaurs or anything on dinosaurs please feel free to bring it in and share it with the class. Students will have the opportunity to select a dinosaur of their choice and research information about it, presenting it in a poster format to the rest of the class. More information will be given out next week with homework.

In Science this term in all classes we will be exploring kitchen chemistry. We will be cooking some exciting recipes, making ice-

cream and melting chocolate, and changing the state of materials from liquid to solids and melting back to liquids again. We will be exploring how materials can combine together to make a new product such as slime, and determining what happens when solids and liquids are heated and cooled. A very fun and exciting topic is ahead for all students k-6.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

Welcome back to an action packed Term 3! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing time with your family. We have enjoyed hearing all about the holiday news in our 'News' time this week. All students have settled back into class very nicely and are enjoying a few changes we have made to our routines. Following a lengthy explanation with the students, the new homework grid and reading record sheet went home on Tuesday – if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are making some changes to our English Session this term. I am introducing a Literacy structure called 'Daily 5', which teaches independence and gives children the skills needed to create a lifetime love of reading and writing. It consists of five tasks that will be gradually introduced over the coming days. The five tasks are: Read to Self; Work on Writing; Read to Someone; Listen to Reading; and Word Work. Once all of the five tasks have been introduced and the children are fully engaged working independently in Reading and Writing, I will be able to work with individuals or small groups focusing on areas of need. I am hoping that the children will enjoy this change and thoroughly enjoy our 'Daily 5' sessions! Once again, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact me.

The News topics for Term 3 will be:

1	School holidays.....share with your class what you did on the school holidays
2	Tell us all about your family. Who? What their interests are?
3.	Who am I (animal)? Choose a "secret" animal to talk about and describe it to the class. Give hints about what it looks like, what it eats, where it lives and how many legs it has. See if anyone can guess the animal using only the descriptions provided.
4	Free choice of topic. Show and tell or recount of an experience.
5	Prepare and present a 1 - 2 minute speech on a topic you are passionate about e.g. a sport, animal, music, or a big topic like 'protecting our oceans'. If you can, try to have your speech prepared on palm cards for your News day.
6	Choose a simple activity (i.e. making a paper airplane/making jelly/washing the car) and write a procedure for it to share with the class. Remember to include: a title, a list of all the things you need (ingredients/equipment) and step by step instructions.
7	Describe a favourite celebration – Choose a favourite family celebration. Describe and recount what happens at that celebration. Where? When? Why do you have that celebration? Who with? What do you do? Is there special food to eat? Why is that celebration important to you?
8	Do you have a hobby? If so, what is it? If not, what is your most

	favourite thing to do in your spare time? Explain it to the class and please give your reasons.
9	Please describe your favourite meal. What it is and how do you prepare/cook it?
10	Free choice!

Our Health topics for Term 3 will be:

K-2 – 'I am Special'

3-4 – 'My Growing Self'

5/6 – 'The Human Body'

We are looking forward to our annual visit from Healthy Harold in Week 3, which will supplement our Health Program nicely.

That's all for now and I hope you have all managed to stay warm this week! Enjoy your weekend!

Regards,

Mrs Fiona Skene

2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News

Welcome back to all 4/5/6 students and their families.

This term is shaping up to be another busy one with lots of learning IN and OUTSIDE of the classroom!

Our English novel for this Term is the classic book – "The Silver Sword" by Ian Serraillier. We will be starting this next week and look forward to reading about the Balicki family as they struggle to survive and escape Poland during War World II.

Our writing focus for the first few weeks of Term will be on Descriptive Writing. This week we kicked things off with a "Show, not Tell!" activity, which required students to think of an emotion and draw what a person feeling that emotion, would look like. Then we had to write a short paragraph using some of these descriptive

cues we had listed, to describe a character who was feeling that emotion – the tricky part was we weren't allowed to actually SAY what the emotion was. It is very hard to describe someone who is feeling angry, without using the word angry! This was a



great exercise to expand on our vocabulary, and the 4/5/6 class did a great job! We have since displayed these on our classroom wall.

Maths this week has been all about Multiplication and all grades have been working on "expanded" and "contracted" multiplication strategies. Our timed operations challenges resumed again for the Term this week, with lots of students setting themselves a goal for the Term, to improve on their time and accuracy.

On Wednesday this week we started a new "STEM" series of challenges. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and involves us THINKING and working in teams to complete a designing/making/building task. Everyone had a great time trying to work out the best way to build a "Pom-pom Launcher" and after the 30 minute time period; all six groups had designed and built some sort of a structure. The great thing was that every group's design looked different! We tested them out and it was great to see how far the Pom-pom's flew through the air. Through lots of discussion and brainstorming, many groups applied scientific reasoning to their structure such as adding weights, building it on an angle, making it rigid, securing it to a table for stability and so on. They used trial and error, refined their ideas and adapted when things didn't work! Well done 4/5/6. I wonder what our next STEM challenge will be?



Kara, Christian, Thomas and Isobella working on their Pom-pom Launcher during our Wednesday STEM Challenge.

HSIE also started up again with all classes this week. This term Year 5/6 are learning about "GOLD"; 3/4 students will be investigating all about "Co-operating Communities" and K/1/2 will explore "Wet and Dry Environments" .

Homework resumed THIS week for the 4/5/6 class and is due tomorrow. Don't forget you earn 2 DOJO points every time you hand in your homework! News topic for Week 1 and 2 is 'free choice' .

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

