



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 2 – Week Ending 24th July 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 1 Students of the Week!



*Chelsea Leister (K/1), Harry Beaumont (4/5/6) and
Leetisha Nestor (2/3)*

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Makayla Toohey and Samuel lawler

2/3 – Charlotte Collins and Tarni Sheen

*4/5/6 – Taylah Boatwood, Lilly Whitty and Matthew
Russell*

*Library/PE – Lucas Sandry, Mackenzie Nestor and
Anna Russell*



CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Citizenship Award for Week 1 was selected by MRS HUBBARD and goes to **Oliver Beaumont**. Oliver was chosen for always showing beautiful manners when attending the office. Well done Oliver!



Life Education Van – Healthy Harold!

Next **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 were sent home with last week's Newsletter – please ensure these are returned to the school by next Wednesday.



Book Club

All orders for the latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue are due with payment by **FRIDAY 31st JULY 2015**.

Lachlan Valley Learning Community Education Week Concert



To celebrate the launch of the Lachlan Valley Learning Community, as part of Education Week celebrations, a Grand Concert and Art display will be held **NEXT WEEK**. The

Concert will take place next Wednesday, 29th July and Thursday, 30th July commencing at 7pm featuring students from all Public schools in the Cowra and Canowindra area. 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 are available from the school office and cost \$10 per adult, \$5 per student and \$20 per family. All proceeds from the Concert will be donated to Careflight and Stewart House. If you wish to purchase tickets for the Concert, please send the

money into school with an indication of which night you wish to attend. Seating will be strictly limited due to the size of the Civic Centre and if required, a reserve list will be established.

A Matinee Performance will also be held on Wednesday 29th July at 12:00pm. ALL Holmwood students not involved in the performances will be attending this Matinee at no cost. Please find attached a Permission Note to be signed and returned to school ASAP.

HPS students who are performing in the Concert received their Permission Notes on Tuesday along with information about costumes, tickets and the dress rehearsal next Tuesday – please contact me at school if you have any questions regarding any of this.

It will be a terrific night celebrating the amazing talents and skills of all our Public School students in Cowra and Canowindra.

HPS Annual Pie Drive

Please support Holmwood Public School's Annual Pie Drive. **Orders are due back at school on Monday 3rd August with delivery date on Thursday 13th August. Additional order forms available from the office.**



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!

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.

PCYC Gymnastics Lessons

As has been the case for the past few years, we will again be attending the Cowra PCYC for our Annual Gymnastics Program later this term. In order for students to attend gymnastics lessons, they **MUST** be a member of the Cowra PCYC. Attached to this week's Newsletter are individualised Membership Forms.

FOR HPS students who attended Gym last year – Please check over your Membership Form to make sure all details are correct, SIGN and return to school.

FOR NEW HPS students this year – a Membership Form is attached for completion.

The PCYC Membership Fee is covered in our Gym fees – you do not need to pay this as extra. 2015 Fees for Gym will be just \$10 per child. This covers 5 x 1 hour lessons as well as transport via bus to and from school to the PCYC. A Permission Note for Gymnastics will come out with next week's Newsletter.

Head Lice



We have been notified of a few incidents of Head Lice on the last week – thank you to those parents who informed the school so that ALL families could be reminded to please check your child's hair. If eggs or live lice are present, they must be treated before your child is able to return to school. The only way to eliminate Head Lice is for everyone to be vigilant, so please take a few moments to check!

Calendar

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 – all students attending Education Week Concert – Night Performance No 1.
Thurs 30th July	Education Week Concert Night

	<i>Performance No 2. Life Education Van</i>
Fri 31st July	<i>Canteen, Scripture Book Club Orders and Payment due</i>
Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 3rd August	<i>Canteen Pie Drive Orders due</i>
Tues 4th August	<i>Guide Dog Talks – K-6 – 12pm</i>
Wed 5th August	<i>Canteen</i>
Thurs 6th August	<i>Jeans 4 Genes Day Canteen and MUFTI</i>
Fri 7th August	<i>Canteen District Athletics - Canowindra</i>
Term 3 Week 5	
Mon 10th Aug	<i>Canteen</i>
Wed 12th Aug	<i>Canteen</i>
Thurs 13th Aug	<i>Pie Drive Delivery Day Mrs Lewis – Principals meeting – Mrs Knight 4/5/6</i>
Friday 14th Aug	<i>Canteen, Scripture</i>

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Education Week Concert Permission note to watch Matinee Performance
- PCYC Membership Forms

K/1 News



Well what a finish to last week with snow all around. What an exciting experience for everyone. I hope all had the chance to go and explore the snow! It will be something that we will remember for many years to come I'm sure. It certainly provided the

students with a great writing stimulus on Friday which they all captured very well. On Friday when some of the teachers were snowed in, the Year 2 students joined the K/1 class for the day. We had a great day writing about the snow, making a dinosaur diorama, playing maths games and dancing for sport.

This week has been another busy week in the classroom. Students have settled into the new routines happening in the classroom with L3 and Daily Five. Students are moving between groups for Reading and will continue to read each day with a parent helper or teacher. This week our Writing Focus has been information reports on the Tyrannosaurus Rex. The students Writing skills are improving every day and I am seeing that they are very engaged and have a lot of knowledge to share about Dinosaurs, which is coming through in their Writing. Well done Kindergarten and Year 1.

In Kitchen Chemistry in the Stage 2 class students learnt about polymers and the changing state of liquids to semi solids by making Slime. Students predicted and recorded the reactions of the materials when mixed together to form a chemical reaction.



Stage 2 students making "Slime" on Wednesday afternoon

Stage 3 students were also learning that chemical reactions can occur when using ingredients in the kitchen. As we made ice cream in a bag, we watched liquid turn in to a very yummy solid. Unfortunately some had a break in the bag and ended up with some salty tasting ice cream!! A lot of interesting Chemistry is actually needed to make ice cream. For example, think about how you start out with refrigerated ingredients and need to cool them down to turn them into ice cream. How do the ingredients change during this process? How important do you think it is that they get cooled to a certain temperature? The temperature that the salt lowers the ice to is called the freezing point. When a freezing point is lowered, such as by adding salt to water, the process is called freezing-point depression.



Stage 3 students had great fun making ice cream in Science this week.

Have a good weekend ready for a busy Education Week next week.

Kind Regards,

Ms Heidi Edgerton

K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

What an amazing end to last week - SNOW around Cowra. ! The view from my bedroom window on Friday morning was both breathtaking and surreal. Never did I imagine that I would wake in Cowra to 5-10 cm of snow covering our property, giving us a majestic winter wonderland. Apart from the wonderful scenery the snow offered, it also gave Cheri and myself no power, no running water, tree limbs across our driveways and dodgy phone service! Thank you to Ms Edgerton and Mrs Kiely for looking after the 2/3 students that made it to school on Friday.

The snow did also provide us with some wonderful Writing opportunities this week in our Daily 5 Literacy Group. The students were given a winter snow scene as inspiration to get their Creative Writing skills working. We were required to use descriptive language and WOW words to give detail to what we could see, hear, smell, feel and taste. Some of us thought the task was going to be too challenging, but once we got started everyone thoroughly enjoyed the exercise and we are looking forward to some more creative and descriptive writing activities next week!

In our Reading this week we have been focusing on a new Comprehension strategy called 'Check for Understanding'. The strategy teaches the children to stop frequently and check, or monitor, whether they understand what they are reading. This typically is a quick

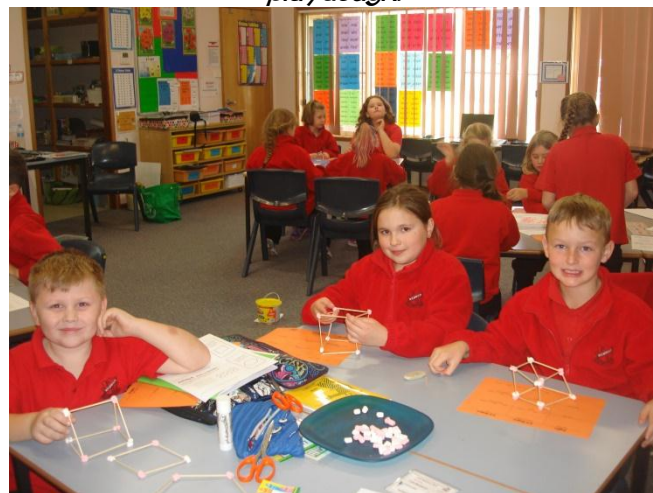
summary of what they've read, starting with 'who' and 'what.' Our first lesson was a huge success and we will continue to use this strategy in Reading and will be introducing more strategies to help with our Reading.

In Maths this week we have been very busy making, describing, comparing, constructing, drawing and discussing 3D objects! This has kept us very busy and engaged in a variety of activities using paper nets, play dough, mini marshmallows, tooth picks and deconstructing everyday packages!

I have included some photos of our Maths lessons this week.



Charli, Jaydan and Layla making 3D shapes using playdough!



Shaun, Katie and Liam had fun using marshmallows and toothpicks to make 3D shapes in Maths!

A reminder that next week's News topic is: **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. We have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about everyone's families this week. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Fiona Skene

2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News

Week 2 has flown by with the 4/5/6 students working hard in all areas of their learning! We started our new novel for this term - "The Silver Sword" and already are finding it a real "page-turner"! Our Descriptive Writing Focus continued as we used the exciting SNOW event that happened last week in Cowra, as our Writing stimulus. All students are using excellent descriptive words, wonderful figurative language and a wide vocabulary as they aim to push their Creative Writing skills - well done everyone!

Maths again this week focused on Multiplication and Year 5's grasped the very tricky extended Multiplication process. Year 4's whizzed through Contracted Multiplication and Year 6 applied their knowledge and skills to some trickier word problems. Extended Multiplication will be our Maths Homework focus next week, so please make sure you complete these as essential revision.

This year I will be entering a Junior (Stage 2) and Senior (Stage 3) team of two students in to the Premiers Spelling Bee Competition, which will be held in Millthorpe later this term. Students who were keen to try out for the school team received a Spelling Word List on Monday. Please take some time to go over these word lists as these will be used to select our words from, when we have our School Spelling Bee Knockout in Week 5!

It was great to see the smiles on ALL students' faces as they participated in Dance last week during Sport and PE. Our whole school sport afternoon on Friday was a great way to keep warm after a SNOWY cold day! We are looking forward to Dance again this week for Sport!



A reminder that Homework is due tomorrow. Week 3 and 4 News topic is "My Favourite Apps or Websites", Please come prepared to talk for 2 - 2 ½ minutes on this set topic.

Kind Regards

Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

During Term 3 there will be lots of activity and excitement in the Library, on the Oval and for the Student Council.

In PE and Sport the children will be keeping warm, fit and active learning new dance moves, gymnastic skills, skipping skills and circus tricks. Plus, the Premier Sporting Challenge will be continuing during the winter. It aims to encourage daily fitness activity and hence, increase the fitness skills of children and staff. The Athletics Squad will be busy training for the District Athletics Carnival, on 7/8/15 and Regional Carnival on the 28/8/15.

In Spring the Yr4/5/6 class will start training for the Annual Cricket Milo Cup Competition which will be held late Term 3.

THREE CHEERS for the Term 2 Student Council who organised successful and enjoyable student activities last term. The elections for the Term 3 Committee were held last Friday and the new Term Committee is



President - Isobella Stevenson

Vice President - Lara Collins

Secretary - Lilly Whitty

Vice Secretary - Oliver Beaumont

Treasurer - Claire Lewis

Vice Treasurer - Zsalea Mansley

The Parramatta Mission sent a most appreciative Thank You to Holmwood School and PWA for its fantastic donation of 175

items for the Homeless People. The scarves, beanies and socks were desperately needed especially during the recent extremely cold weather. This collection will continue during winter so any donations will be gratefully appreciated by many less fortunate people.

The Student Council Committee will hold a Planet Ark Tree Planting Day tomorrow, Friday 24th July. The trees and plants are kindly being donated by Bunnings and a representative is coming to assist the children with the beautification of our school and to teach the children about the importance of Landcare. Children can bring their own gardening gloves if they wish.

Thursday 6th August is Jeans for Genes Mufti/Gold Coin Day, Canteen and Best Dressed Teddy or Soft Toy Parade, which is always a lot of fun for everyone.

In the Library our **Term Challenge was won by K-Yr1. Three cheers for these little Book Bugs.** This competition has started again which means that all books are due back each week please, aiming for 100% returns, by all student, to keep the competition close. This Term in Library Skills we are focusing on Non Fiction Books enjoying Information Texts across the classes from K-6 and learning interesting new facts about Australian Animals, Extreme Animal Species and Endangered Animals. These topics are always fascinating and popular amongst children and adults, creating wonderful conversation topics.

Thank you for your wonderful support and I look forward to a very exciting Term 3
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library Teacher

very successful and the P&C will be continuing this fundraising venture throughout Term 3. The next meeting date has been set down for Monday 31st August at 6pm at the Cowra Services Club.

Michelle Whitty - P&C Secretary

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting on Monday night. The P&C Wood Raffle was drawn with TOM BEER being the winner. Thank you to Phil Rowley for his generous donation of wood and to all families who sold tickets for the raffle - the P&C raised almost \$500! The sales of chocolates have also proved

