



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 5 – Week Ending 14th August 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!



Katie Boatwood (2/3) and Taylah Boatwood (4/5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Lucas Sandry

2/3 – Brittney Worth and Mackenzie Nestor

4/5/6 – Zsalea Mansley, Katelyn Judd and Oliver Beaumont

Library/PE – Lucas Sandry, Brodie Rye and Will Lawler



CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Citizenship Award for Week 3 was selected by MRS SKENE and goes to **Charlotte Collins**. Charlotte was chosen for being a polite, courteous and kind member of the 2/3 class. Well done Charlotte!

HPS Annual Pie Drive

Pie Delivery Day is TODAY! Could all families who ordered pies in the Pie Drive please ensure you pick your orders up from school **THIS AFTERNOON between 2:30pm and 4:00pm**. Thank you for your support of this school fundraiser!

District Athletics Carnival

Last Friday 17 students from Holmwood travelled to Canowindra as part of the Cowra Small Schools Athletics squad to compete at the Cowra PSSA District

Athletics Carnival. All students gave it their best effort on the day and many personal bests were recorded.

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in progressing to the Regional Carnival in Dubbo in a few weeks' time;

Oliver Beaumont – Senior Boys High Jump

Claire Lewis – Senior Girls High Jump, Senior Girls Discus, Senior Girls Shot Put

William Lawler – 13 years 100m

Taylah Boatwood – 11 years Girls Discus

Harry Beaumont – Junior Boys Long Jump, Junior Boys Shot Put

Matthew Russell – Junior Boys Discus

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note and information relating to the Regional Carnival. We wish our HPS athletes good luck!



Taylah, Oliver, Harry, Matthew, Will and Claire – HPS Regional Athletics Carnival Representatives!



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 for our school, so please ask your family and friends to support Holmwood PS! Thank you!

Jeans for Genes

A MASSIVE thank you to all families who supported last week's Student Council Fundraiser – Jeans for Genes! The amount raised by our school was \$96.15! Thank you to those families who supplied delicious treats for morning tea and to the students who remembered to bring their 20c pieces and bought lots of yummy food! Well done to Mrs Kiely and the Student Council on another terrific fundraiser!



Annaliese is served by Lily at the Jeans for Genes Fundraiser Canteen last week!

Gymnastics Classes start MONDAY!



We will be attending Gym Classes from Week 6 until the end of the term. The School and the P&C are generously subsidising Gymnastics Classes for each student (normally \$5 per lesson plus transport). This year the cost will be just \$2 per student per lesson (total \$10). Please return the PCYC Membership Form, the permission note and \$10 to school before Monday 17th August.



Good Luck Hamish and Lily!

Next Monday Hamish Newell and Lily Lawler will head to Dubbo to compete in the Regional NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition.

Hamish and Lily progressed from the Local competition which was held last term and will come up against 8 other teams from all over the Western Region. The top two teams in Dubbo will then progress



to the State Final in Sydney later in the year. From all of us at Holmwood – GOOD LUCK Hamish and Lily!!

Reading Eggs

As you are aware, over the last two weeks the K/1 and 2/3

classes have been using the Reading Eggs Program as part of our English lessons. A short survey is attached to the Newsletter this week. I ask that parents please fill out this Survey and return it to the school before Thursday 20th August. Your feedback and thoughts will play a vital part in the staff deciding whether we should purchase a Site Licence for the school. Thank you.

Ms Heidi Edgerton

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Surveys

I am delighted that this term our school, like many other public schools in the State, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey. The Survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide Survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The Survey is a great opportunity for our students in **Years 4, 5 and 6** to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me Survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the Survey is confidential. The Survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours on Wednesday 26th August. Participating in the Survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in Years 4, 5 and 6 with this week's Newsletter. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Wednesday 26th August**.

Year 3/4 Excursion to the Materials Recycling Facility

As part of our studies in the HSIE Unit "Co-operating Communities", Year 3 and 4 students will be going on an excursion to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) on Wednesday 26th August. We will be leaving school at 9:30 and will be returning by recess time. While at the MRF we will be shown how the Recycling Station works and have the chance to ask lots of questions about what this service means to the Cowra Community. Attached to this week's Newsletter is a permission note. There is no cost for this excursion as Cowra Council have generously paid for our bus transport.

Year 6 Graduation Jumper

Students in Year 6 have come to me with several proposals in relation to getting a special Year 6 commemorative jumper for 2015. Mrs Hubbard has investigated a number of different options and attached to this week's Newsletter is an information sheet with sizing and pricing details. In the past, Year 6 students have ordered commemorative t-shirts (which have been considerably cheaper) however this year's Year 6 as a group, have come up with an alternative and would prefer to have a jumper instead. Please discuss this with your child and return the attached note as soon as possible.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 6	
Mon 17th Aug	NAIDOC Public Speaking Regional Finals – Dubbo – Hamish, Lily and Mrs Lewis (Mrs Knight 4/5/6) GYMNASTICS @ PCYC! Canteen
Tues 18th Aug	Guide Dog Talk – K-6 – 2pm
Wed 19th Aug	Canteen
Fri 21st Aug	Canteen Mrs Hodges – MUSIC!
Term 3 Week 7	
Mon 24th August	Canteen GYMNASTICS @ PCYC!
Wed 26th August	Canteen Year 3/4 HSIE Excursion to the Waste Management Facility – 9:30-11:00
Thur 27th August	Mrs Lewis – OCA Principals Meeting @ Holman Place (Mrs Knight 4/5/6)
Fri 28th August	Canteen Regional Athletics Carnival – Dubbo Scripture, Canteen
Term 3 Week 8	
Mon 31st Aug	Canteen GYMNASTICS @ PCYC!

	P&C Meeting – 6pm - Services Club
Wed 2nd Sept	Canteen
Friday 4th Sept	Canteen Mrs Hodges – MUSIC!

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Year 6 Graduation Jumper Letter
- Reading Eggs Survey (Years K-3)
- Tell Them From Me Survey Permission Note – Year 4 – 6
- District Athletics Permission Note and Information
- Year 3/4 Excursion to MRF (Materials Recycling Facility) Permission Note

K/1 News

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are already half way through Term 3, where is this year going?

This week I have seen some fantastic Dinosaur projects coming in! They look amazing!! I'm so impressed at the extra effort all the students have gone to in creating their dioramas, craft projects and information reports. This week we have been researching information on the Brachiosaurus and wow - the writing that the students are producing is amazing. The students will be presenting their projects and presentations on Friday.

Amazing DINOSAUR dioramas made by K/1 students!

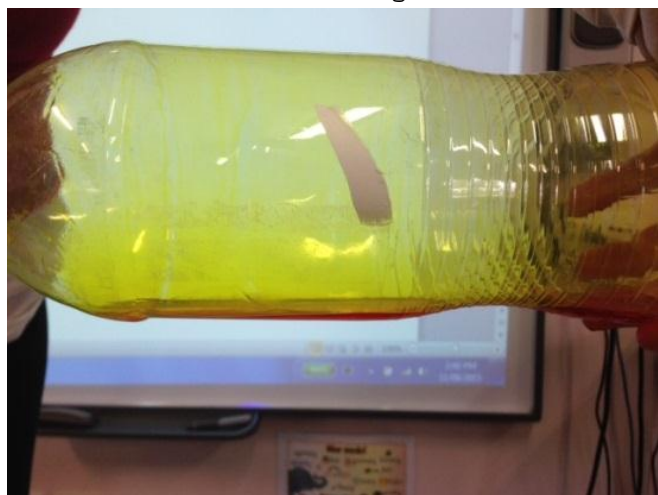


Science this week has also been exciting in each of the classrooms. The K/1/2 students have been learning about the properties of common materials we use in our daily lives such as plastics, timber, metal and glass.

The 3/4 class very excitedly made pancakes, cooked scrambled eggs and fried eggs and learnt that we

use the properties of heat not only to turn some liquids into solids as in the above kitchen Chemistry experiments but also we can use heat to melt solids to turn them into liquids such as in melting butter, chocolate and sugar. A very fun and exciting lesson!

The 5/6 students had an engaging lesson and learnt how to make a storm cloud in a bottle. Using common kitchen ingredients, a plastic bottle and a match we made a cloud in a bottle. The air inside the bottle mixes with the water and when a match is lit and dropped inside, the water droplets condense and form a cloud. We also added food colouring so we could see the cloud more clearly.



An example of Stage 3's Science lesson – a storm in a bottle!

Enjoy the weekend and enjoy all the pies.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

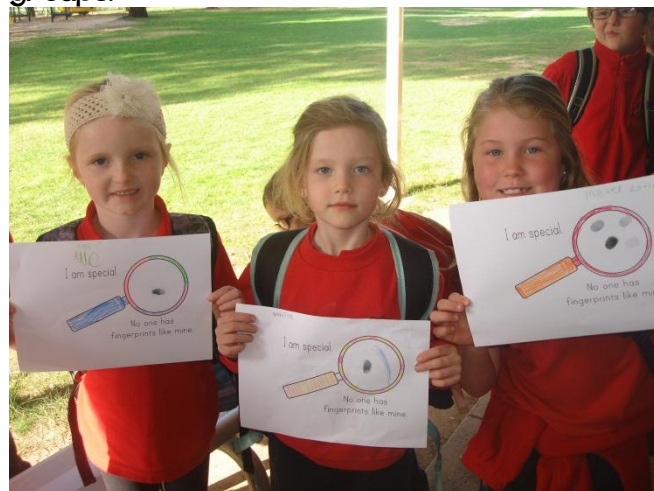
2/3 News

Week 5 has been another productive week in the 2/3 classroom. Once again, I have been amazed and astonished with everyone's enthusiasm with their creative writing tasks. Some students ask can they keep writing once their session has ended! It is wonderful to see the keenness and passion in the students.

In Maths we have been focusing on Number Patterns. We have been describing the number patterns and determining the missing numbers in the pattern. On Tuesday we borrowed Mrs. Lewis's buzzers and played a game, similar to a game show game, where everyone had to press their buzzer once they had determined the correct number pattern and what the missing numbers were. We had a whole lot of fun and some of the

students did not even realise they were actually doing Maths!

As a part of our Health topic "There is only one ME", the K-2 students learnt that their fingerprints are unique to them and that no one in the whole entire world has fingerprints like theirs. Most of them thought this fact was pretty cool and enjoyed comparing and contrasting their fingerprints with their table groups.



Addie, Madison and Macey with their fingerprints during PD/H lessons this week!

Don't forget homework is due tomorrow! Congratulations to those students that are earning DOJO points each week for returning their homework and completing their reading requirements each night. Keep up the great effort! Next week's News Topic is: **Choose a simple activity (i.e. making a paper aeroplane/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.**

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News

This week we started our "The Silver Sword" activity matrix and the students in the 4/5/6 class are enjoying the opportunities to choose their own learning activities. All students have to complete 6 activities from 18 different choices, so there is something for everyone! All activities are due by the end of the Term. So far we have seen some TV interviews where students have written a script and filmed an interview with one of the characters from the book; several author profiles, some movie poster

designs and lots of terrific poems. It is exciting to see the students so engaged and challenged with their learning.

This week Decimals have been our Maths focus and we have been practicing our skills in converting from decimals to fractions, determining the place value of tenths, hundredths and thousandths, as well as adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals. All students are working very well!

HSIE this week has been lots of fun. Year 5/6 completed an art activity and painted a "View From the Tent" where they had to imagine what they would see if they looked out their tent on the Goldfields. K/1/2 completed some tricky mapping activities this week as we looked at different wet and dry environments. Year 3/4 had a special visitor this week in HSIE - Deputy Mayor Judi Smith. Cr Smith spoke to the 3/4 class about her role on the Council and the types of things the Council does for our community. It was great to hear the questions the students thought of to ask and they listened beautifully. We thank Judi for coming to Holmwood and also for the lovely goodie bags she brought in for all the 3/4 students.



Mrs Lewis and the 3/4 students with Deputy Mayor Judi Smith.

Our Stage 2 Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday and we were ALL very impressed by the Spelling skills of all Year 4's! Congratulations to Zsalea Mansley and Akiko Beatty who were successful in progressing to the Regional Premier's Spelling Competition to be held later this Term in Millthorpe. The Stage 3 Spelling Bee has been postponed until next **Tuesday** as many

students in Stage 3 were absent this week due to sickness.

Kind Regards
Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

Three Big **Bravos** for the Holmwood Athletic Squad who braved the elements last week to compete in the District Athletics Carnival at Canowindra! The results were fantastic with top placings in many events and PB results and some of our athletes progressing onto the Regional CarnivalGO HOLMWOOD GO.

A special thank you to the many parents who attended the carnival and provided transport. Also, a special thank you to Mr Smith from Gooloogong Public School, who was the Small School's Manager at the Carnival.

Each year the Student Council hold a Jeans for Genes Day and once again it was a fabulous success due to the generosity of our kind hearted Holmwood Community. The combined Gold Coin and Canteen raised over \$95 which has been donated to this worthy cause. An email from the organisers thanked our school for the continued commitment, as it is greatly appreciated. Well done and thank you to our Student Council Committee.



Thank you to the Student Council for organising last week's Jeans 4 Genes Day Canteen!

The Winter Warmth Appeal has continued through August and we have another huge bag of scarves and beanies for the needy homeless people. I will deliver these to the Parramatta City Mission next week. It is still freezing at night and there are more people

in need each year, so if you can contribute over the next two weeks it is greatly appreciated. A heart felt Thank You to all the families who have donated to our Winter Warmth Community Appeal.

Over the coming weeks Years 4/5/6 students will commence fine tuning their cricketing skills and training for the upcoming Inter School Milo Cup Competition to be held on Wednesday 9th September at River Park. If parents could take their children to the nets at River Park for extra bowling and batting practice it would be wonderful. Plus it's great family fun to run together in the sun! A permission note will be attached to a Newsletter prior to the event.

Kind Regards,
Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library Teacher

Community News

NEW BIG SCREEN

PITCH PERFECT 2 (M)
Saturday 15 August
8pm



Cowra Civic Centre Theatrette
Tickets at the door
Concession \$8 Adults \$10
Hosted by Cowra Youth Council
In support of 'Hands Up for headspace'
Refreshments available

Cowra Community Cinema

NEW BIG SCREEN

BIG EYES (M)
Sunday 23 August
2.00pm



Cowra Civic Centre Theatrette
Tickets at the door
Concession \$10 Adults \$15
Hosted by Cowra Musical & Dramatic Society
Refreshments included in ticket price

Cowra Community Cinema

NEW BIG SCREEN

CINDERELLA (G)
Saturday 15 August
5.30pm



Cowra Civic Centre Theatrette
Tickets at the door
Adults at children's prices Single \$6 Family \$18
Hosted by Cowra Youth Council
In support of 'Hands Up for headspace'
Refreshments available

Cowra Community Cinema

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
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2015
SHOW

ENTRY
ADULTS \$8
CHILDREN \$2
PENSIONERS \$4

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