Term 4 Week 1 – Week Ending 9th October 2015

Term 4 Begins!
Welcome back to all students, staff and parents! I trust you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the time spent with family and friends. It was great to see all the students return on Tuesday, full of news about their holidays. Term 4 is traditionally our busiest term and this year is no exception with Kinder Transition days, Year 6 Orientation to High School, our Kiama Excursion and School Swimming Program just to name a few! Please ensure you stay updated on all the coming events via the Newsletter and School Website.

Students of the Week!
Congratulations to our Week 10 Students of the Week!

Makayla Toohey (K/1), Tarni Sheen (2/3) and Zsalea Mansley (5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Chelsea Leister, Addison Skinner
2/3 – Jaydan Wright
4/5/6 – Katelyn Judd, Anna Russell, Kara Lunnon

Library/PE – Keith Monsen, Jake McVicar, Katelyn Judd

CITIZENSHIP AWARD
The Citizenship Award for Week 10 was selected by TAYLA and goes to Eloise Newell. Eloise was chosen for her excellent behaviour during the Bathurst Museum Excursion! Well done Eloise!

Thank You!
Thank you to the large number of parents who attended our end of Term 3 Assembly. The students performed some excellent items and it was great to see such a large audience!

Year 2/3 were fantastic Kung Fu Punctuation experts at last term’s Assembly!

There were many impressive Dinosaur Projects shown by the talented K/1 class!

Year 6 students ran the Assembly beautifully at the end of last term!
Bush to Beach MUFTI Fundraiser
Thank you on behalf of the 4/5/6 students, to all the families who supported our Bush to Beach BBQ and MUFTI Day. Huge thanks also to ALDI-Cowra for generously donating $50 towards the food costs and to Doug and Lesley Cumming (Claire’s grandparents) for helping to cook the BBQ! We raised $309.50 towards our Excursion costs!

Addie being served by Taylah and Katelyn at our MUFTI Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser.

Thank you to Lesley and Doug Cumming (Claire’s grandparents) for helping out with cooking the BBQ!

Save the DATE!
The bi-annual Holmwood Public School Concert will be held on Thursday 3rd December (evening performance) at the Cowra Civic Centre. The title of this year’s production is.....”THE HPS BIG TOP CIRCUS”! Rehearsals have already started as this show is going to be a musical extravaganza! Be sure to mark the date in your diary!

Anti-Bullying Plan
Our updated Anti-bullying plan was tabled at the last P&C Meeting and feedback from parents received. As of this Term, the HPS Anti-bullying Plan will take effect. This term ALL students will be completing their annual Cyber-bullying lessons during class as part of this plan.

Tyke-Oh Drumming Workshop
Next Wednesday, 14th of October we will be having a visit from EZ Japanese who will conduct a Tyke-Oh Japanese Drumming workshop for our students. This interactive hands-on workshop is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about Taiko, Japanese greetings, counting and more. Thank you to our P&C Association for generously donating the funds to pay for our students to enjoy this wonderful experience.

Kiama Excursion – COUNT DOWN
27 – Sleeps to Go
It is only 27 sleeps to go and the annual end of year Whole School Excursion will be upon us. Final numbers and payments are required by Friday the 23rd October 2015.
If you haven’t let the school know if your child is attending the Excursion could you do so by Monday 12th October so that finalisation of numbers can be organised.
Attached to this Newsletter is your families balance as of today 8th October.
In the coming weeks permission notes will be sent out to those students attending the Excursion with a list of what to pack.

Bush to Beach Excursion Update
Over the holidays Mrs Lewis and Miss Gee from Collaroy Plateau PS were busy setting up contact details for all the parents from HPS and CPPS as well as distributing billeting information and email addresses for all the students in 4/5/6 and 5G. If you are in 4/5/6 and have not checked your emails please ensure you do so – you may have lots of messages from your Collaroy friends! With the combined MUFTI day totals from both schools – Holmwood - $309.50 and Collaroy Plateau - $2,700.00 we have just about reached our bus fee total of $5,500.00. We will continue to run some additional fundraisers this term to help pay for some of the extras (pool entry, ferry tickets, etc). Well done to everyone!

Staffing – Term 4
For the first three weeks of Term 4 Mrs Lewis will be on Long Service Leave and travelling through China! I will be relieving as Principal and will have Fridays as my Admin day. The 4/5/6 class will be taught by Mrs Knight on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and by Mrs Kiely on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Lewis will return to HPS on Friday 23rd October with lots of exciting stories to share!
Kinder Transition
This year’s Transition dates are as follows;
- Tuesday 13th October - 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 20th October – 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 27th October – 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 3rd November – 9:30am – 11:30am
We are all looking forward to meeting our new Kinders for 2016 NEXT TUESDAY!!

Book Club
Attached is the latest Book Club. Orders are due back on Friday 23rd October.

Calendar

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K/1 News
Welcome back to what will be a very busy Term 4. We have many exciting activities planned for the term both in and out of the classroom.

Our English Unit that we are studying this term is Nursery Rhymes and Poetry. The students are very excited to get started on our first Rhyme “Humpty Dumpty.” We will also be extending our Writing by using picture prompt cards to tell a story based on the images that we see.

This term the staff have decided that we will be teaching our own classes for PD/Health, with a focus on cyber bullying.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons we will be having Concert practice in order to get everything ready for the HPS Big Top Circus in December. Therefore, no Science and HSIE subjects will be taught this term. We have replaced it with CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts).

Homework has started this term. Please ensure that your child completes their homework and readers each night and returns them to school on Friday for marking and change of readers. Just another reminder that each student needs a glue stick so PLEASE purchase a new glue stick for your child with their name on it to use. Thank you!

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News
Welcome back to a very busy and productive Term 4! Where has this year gone? I trust you all had an enjoyable break with your family. We have a lot of learning to do in the classroom before the School Excursion to Kiama in Week 5 and School Swimming in Weeks 6 and 7, so we will therefore be very busy little bees in the 2/3 classroom! On Tuesday, the students were given their new Term 4 Homework Grid and Reading Record Sheets. Please ensure homework is returned to school on Friday. Dojo points are awarded in the class to those who complete their homework.

Everyone has settled back nicely to the class routines with everyone embracing Daily 5 rotations in English once again. In Maths this week we have been focusing on Position which has been lots of fun drawing maps and using positional language to give directions to follow routes on our maps.

Kind Regards,
Heidi Edgerton
Relieving Principal

Attachments
- Whole School Excursion Payment Letter
- PCYC Cowra Activity Schedules
- Book Club – Issue 7 – Due back Friday 23rd of October
News topic for Week 2 is: Free choice of topic. Show and tell something or recount an experience.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News
Mrs K’s Years 4-5-6 Newsflash.

This term has commenced in an exciting way with happy, refreshed and enthusiastic students and staff. This will be an eventful term with inspiring learning opportunities for all students.

During the next three weeks Mrs Amylee Knight and I will team teach Years 4-5-6. We have specific focus areas which will ensure that all learning areas are completed in all subjects. This will enhance the learning outcomes for each child and also assist children to learn skills required to adapt to different teachers, in preparation for success at High School.

In Numeracy my focus areas will be statistics, probability and data, which are practised every day. In Literacy our text study is Roald Dahl’s “Revolting Rhymes” which are short stories with a humorous twist based on traditional fairy tales.

A Homework Sheet will be sent home each week and due before Friday please. These need to be returned in a homework folder. The weekly spelling test will be each Friday and words need to be revised each night to achieve 100% and to join the prestigious 100% Club!!

PE skills will focus on extending fitness, co-ordination and reflex skills and team co-operation skills. These are used in bat and ball games which will be played in team sport eg: softball, volleyball, tennis etc.

Library lessons will continue for K-6 students with a slight variation, so if all books are returned on Thursday it will be very helpful please.

The Student Council will hold the Term 4 Elections over the next week and their major charity fund raiser will be to organise a Mufti Bandana Day/Morning Tea Canteen for Thursday 29th October.

Bandanas will be on sale from the office from next week for $5 and all proceeds will go to assist the prevention of teenage cancer. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Thank You for your support.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Amylee Knight and Mrs Deirdre Kiely
4/5/6 Class Teachers

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at the Services Club at 6pm. All parents welcome.

Community News

COWRA SWIMMING CLUB

WANTED
TEAM MEMBERS FOR
THE 2015-2016 SEASON

CLUB NIGHTS
TUESDAYS 6PM

SQUAD TRAINING
AVAILABLE

FRIENDLY
ENVIRONMENT

UNDER 7S
ARE FREE!
AND WILL RECEIVE
A T-SHIRT AND BAG

EVENTS FROM
12.5M - 400M

JOIN NOW! FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO
COWRASWIMMING.ORG.AU

Little Athletics Registrations

It’s that time of year again! Little Athletics Cowra invites all children aged between Under 6’s and under 17’s to join our family friendly sporting association.

Registration dates are Thursday 10th and 17th September and also Monday 14th September between 4 – 6 pm at the Triathlon canteen, Twigg Oval or you can register online at www.laansw.com.au.

Children born after September 2012 are eligible to join The Tiny Tots, fees remain at $80. Under 6’s – Under 17’s remain at $85. Registrations for a third child will have a discount of $5. Club shirts may be purchased at
Mr Embroidery. Shorts are to be black with no logos.
An orientation day will be held on Thursday 8th October at 5:30pm. Why not come along learn some new skills, make new friends all while being active and having fun. Little Athletics is a totally voluntary organisation. Parental assistance is vital for the smooth and successful running of activities on Thursday afternoons. We encourage all parents to not just drop off their children but to stay and volunteer and be a part of your child’s athletics afternoon. If we don’t have enough volunteers we can’t run all the events the children love to do.
The season begins on Thursday 15th October. A later start time of 5:30pm has been implemented to help parents who work late to be involved. For any other information please feel free to call Tracey (Secretary) on 0427 234 60 or Russell (President) on 0417 658 210.