Term 4 Week 2 – Week Ending 16th October 2015
We are full into the swing of things as we approach the end of week two. This week has been a busy one with concert practice, music with Mrs Hodges, the Tyke-Oh Drumming workshops, Kindergarten transition and fitting in normal weekly lessons.
It’s great to see that all students have returned to school with a positive manner and eager for all the exciting activities that we have planned for the term.

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

Liam Beaumont (2/3), Lily Lawler (5/6) and Caleb Crowe (K/1)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Keith Monssen, Samuel Lawler
2/3 – Bella Cummings, Katie Boatwood
4/5/6 – Hamish Newell, Zsalea Mansley, Claire Lewis

Library/PE – Micah Murphy, Charlize Light, Lara Collins

CITIZENSHIP AWARD
The Citizenship Award for Week 10 was selected by Mrs Skene and goes to Tarni Sheen for always being a willing morning helper.

Tyke-Oh Drumming Workshop
On Wednesday we had Kiyomi from the Tyke-Oh Drumming come to Holmwood. The students were divided into two sessions for a 50 minute hands on drumming experience. The students were very engaged and thoroughly enjoyed this Cultural experience. We would like to thank the P&C Committee for providing the funds so that our students could enjoy this experience.
K/1/2 students practising their Drumming skills.

Jaydan concentrates hard on Tyke –Oh Drumming.

In the coming weeks permission notes will be sent out to those students attending the Excursion with a list of what to pack.

**Kinder Transition**

On Tuesday we welcomed the new excited Kindergarten students for 2016. Nine little students lined up excited but a little nervous for the first time at “Big School”. They were welcomed by all the school and the Year 6 students were a great help in the K/1 Classroom. We learnt about Nursery Rhymes and completed a craft on Humpty Dumpty. Skills that they began to learn were, routines, following directions, lining up, raising hands to answer questions, cutting skills and colouring in, group work and collaboration skills, listening and singing just to name a few.

We still have three more transition dates which are as follows:

**Tuesday 20th October – 9:30-11:30am**
**Tuesday 27th October – 9:30-11:30am**
**Tuesday 3rd November – 9:30am – 11:30am**

While the New Kindergarten students settled into the K/1 Classroom all other years moved up a year level. Thank you to the Year 6 students who assisted in the K/1 and the 2/3 classes.

Some of the busy activities that were happening in the K/1 room for Kindergarten Orientation.

**Kiama Excursion – COUNT DOWN**

20 – Sleeps to Go

It is only 20 sleeps to go until the annual end of year Whole School Excursion will be upon us. Just a reminder that **payments are due next Friday the 23rd October 2015.**
HPS BIG TOP CIRCUS!

Concert practice is well underway, students learning their lines, classes learning their dances, whole school performances happening on Tuesday afternoons and on Friday with Mrs Hodges, and Marimbas being played. The excitement is building.

This week students were consulted with their thoughts on costumes that they would like to wear and have all contributed ideas of what will look best. Students in 4/5/6 will need to start to bring in their costumes so that we are not leaving it to the last minute.

Thank you to those students who are volunteering their lunch time to help with props and painting backdrops. There will be plenty of time for everyone to help in the coming weeks with painting and preparing props and accessories for the day.

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Canteen News- NO CANTEEN IN WEEK 6

We are advising you that during week 5, 4th and 6th November and week 6 9th, 11th, 13th November there will be no canteen operating.

Regards

Attachments

- Kiama Excursion Permision Note
- Netball Selection Trial Dates
- Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive Lessons Information

K/1 News

Another busy term has begun in the K/1 Classroom. Huge excitement was had last Friday when Mrs Kiely’s son — Adrian flew over Holmwood School in his fighter Jet. Such a loud noise but a very exciting few seconds as they flew overhead extremely fast and loud.

This week we welcomed the new Kindergarten students for 2016. Nine lovely little students forwarded into the K/1 classroom ready for a fun and exciting morning of Nursery Rhymes and learning.

Our English Sessions for Term 4 will be similar to Term 3. We will have Reading Rotation groups for the first hour, four mornings a week. This is focusing on Oral Reading, Comprehensions, Phonics, word work, and the listening post. Then we move into Spelling, Grammar and Writing focus. This term we have a writing stimulus corner where students can choose a writing picture prompt card and write a story. We will also be learning about Poetry and rhyming words.

In Maths this week we have spent many Maths lessons learning new Maths games for addition, substraction and whole number. We hope to be playing lots of number based games this term to build upon our understanding of number operations. Concert practise is well under way, we are learning new dances and moves for the big event. The K/1 Class are making posters to advertise the big event on Thursday 3rd December.

In PD/ Health this week we began looking at an online interactive website called Hectors World. This program demonstrates the importance to young children of responsible on-line behaviours. It offers guidance on managing risks when using the internet.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher
2/3 Class News
This term I have decided to conduct a Spelling pretest with the students on Mondays. This is a great way for me to gauge the improvements the students have made over the week and to see how effective our Spelling activities have been. The students are also enjoying the thrill in witnessing their own improvements achieved.

Learning to ‘tell the time’ is a very challenging concept to learn, but the 2/3 classroom is up for the challenge! This week we have made our own analog clocks, learnt about the hour, minute and second hands, used the language of quarter past, quarter to, half past, o’clock and played matching analog and digital time games. With all this learning taking place the 2/3 class are fast becoming time experts!

During the Kindergarten Transition period on Tuesday the Year 1’s joined our classroom, whilst the Year 3’s went up and joined the 4/5’s. With this arrangement in place for 4 weeks, I knew I wanted to provide a teaching opportunity for the students that would be engaging, exciting, motivating and offer them a rich learning experience. With this in mind, I was very excited to inform the students on Tuesday that we would all be doing ‘Genius Hour’ or as we call it ‘Passion Projects’. During this time, students research and complete an inquiry project based on their passions – digging deep into what motivates and interests them. I am looking forward to seeing the finished projects when they are presented to the class in 4 weeks time.

Please remember homework is due tomorrow and next week’s News topic is: Who is your favourite football/sporting team and why? If you do not have a favourite ask someone from your family who their favourite team is and why?

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News
Wow!! What an exciting and extremely busy Term 4 Holmwood Public School have coming up!!!

As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, 4/5/6 are focusing on Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhymes in Literacy. Inspired by this text, the students will be creating their very own ‘Fractured Fairy Tale’ book!! The class is super excited about this project. I am looking forward to reading the adventures of Goldilocks, Sleeping Beauty and The Three Little Pigs, with an unexpected twist.

In PE, 4/5/6 have been developing their catching, throwing and hitting skills in a ‘friendly’ game of tee-ball. There were some fabulous fielding and batting skills on display. In a hotly contested match, scores remained tight with Harry’s team winning 5 homeruns to 4. Homework will remain as per normal whilst Mrs Lewis is away.

Thank you for an extremely enjoyable first week!
Mrs Knight and Mrs Kiely

Mrs K - Library, PE News

Term 4 is going to be a very exciting term with be lots of physical activity to get us fit for summer and inspiring learning to add excitement in the Library. The Student Council have planned a major charity fund raiser and they also plan to organise a Helping Hamper Appeal.

In PE, the children are learning the skills needed to play Bat and Ball games from K-6. These skills will be used in games during sport each alternate week. The other weeks we will all be keeping fit as we dance our new moves in preparation for our big Concert!

Now that the warm weather is here and the pool is open, it is a great time for children to go to the pool in preparation for our Annual Swimming School. Swim and Survive are vital lifetime skills and it’s lots of fun as well, especially at our beautiful Cowra Aquatic Centre.

This term we were very fortunate to receive a Sporting School Grant. This will enable HPS to employ Casey White, a highly skilled AFL player and coach to teach the children from K-6 valuable fitness, ball and strategy skills over four sessions in November.

Please see attached a very informative parent flyer that outlines strategies for Good Health at school and at home.

Student Council Events
THREE CHEERS for the Term 3 Student Council who organised successful and enjoyable student activities last term.

The elections for the Term 4 Committee were held last week and the new Committee is:
- President- Christian Petty
- Vice President - Taylah Boatwood
- Secretary- Lilly Lawler
- Vice Secretary - Lilly Whitty
- Treasurer- Lara Collins
- Vice Treasurer - Matthew Russell.
This term the Student Council Committee will hold a Bandana Mufti Canteen Day on Thursday 29th October, at 11.30. Bandanas will be on sale from the office for $5 with proceeds going to Cancer Foundation to raise money for Teenage Cancer. Your generosity is always appreciated as are your generous food donations of fruit salad cups, cakes, muffins, slices etc. It will be a colourful mufti dress theme. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to join us for an enjoyable experience.

This Term in Library Skills we are focusing on Humourous Australian Poems by famous Australian Poets, which the children are thoroughly enjoying and also learning to recite! Poems are always fascinating and popular amongst children and adults of all ages. Poems are a valuable way to train the brain to be smarter and quicker at recalling and processing …which skills we all want to develop and retain! Thank for your wonderful support and I look forward to a very exciting Term 4.

My Kind Regards, Mrs K.

P&C News

The P&C are URGENTLY looking for volunteers to help out with selling of snow cones at the Cowra Picnic Races on Saturday 7th of November. Please contact Karen Beaumont if you are able to help out.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 16th November at the Services Club at 6pm. All parents welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE COWRA CORROBOREE

The Cowra Corroboree is a drug and alcohol free event and all members of the community are invited to attend. The Cowra Corroboree will be held on Saturday 31st October at the Corridor Project, Darbys Falls Road, Cowra. Gates Open at 4pm.

Little Athletics Registrations

A reminder that Little Athletics Cowra invites all children aged between Under 6’s and under 17’s to join our family friendly sporting association.

The second Registration date is Monday 14th September between 4 – 6 pm and Thursday 17th September and also 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.

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.