Term 4 Week 3 – Week Ending 23rd October 2015
The term is just flying by with all the extra curricula activities that have been happening around the school. Thank you to the Year 6 students who on Friday took on their leadership responsibilities to conduct their group rotation games as a follow up from the Youth Leadership Day held last term, which coincided with the presentation of the Buddy Bench.

Students of the Week!
Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!

Layla Hood, Eloise Newell, Lilly Whitty

Merit Awards were presented to:
K/1 – Lily Hood
2/3 – Shaun Petty, Brittney Worth
4/5/6 – Christian Petty, Will Lawler, Nigella Stevenson
Library/PE – Micah Murpy, Alana Kiss, Charlize Light, Shaun Petty, Will Skinner

Citizenship Award
The Citizenship Award for Week 10 was selected by Mrs Knight and goes to Chelsea Leister. Chelsea was chosen for being a delightful, smiling and polite student in the playground! Well done Chelsea!

Kiama Excursion
13 More Sleeps
We are getting very excited with less than two weeks to go until the Annual Whole School Excursion. A reminder that Final Payments are Due Tomorrow. We will be finalising all information by the end of this week, which includes confirmation to all venues of numbers attending. Next week we will send out an Itinerary and a final information letter of ‘what to pack’.

A Huge Thank You to Samantha Boatwood, our Canteen Manager, who has made a generous contribution from Canteen proceeds towards our bus costs for this Excursion.

HPS Big Top Circus
The Bi-annual Holmwood Public School Concert will be held on Thursday 3rd December (evening performance) at the Cowra Civic Centre. Preparations are coming along nicely. Mrs Hodges will be back on Friday of this week to help with performances and the Marimba piece. A reminder to students in 4/5/6 to bring their costumes to school as soon as possible so that they are ready for the Dress Rehearsal. All students are required to wear a black T-shirt and black shorts or leggings for the Gymnastic Performance. These can be worn to the Civic Centre on the night. There will be a Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday 2nd of December at the Civic Centre.

Kinder Transition
This week we had our second Transition to Kindergarten on Tuesday. Nine very busy students worked well in the classroom with their Year 1 peers. They learnt how to play games, turn take, listen to stories, and rotate around activities in preparation for next year and for L3 Reading Groups. They practised their fine motor skills with play dough and sequenced the order of events for Nursery Rhymes.

We have two more exciting Transition days:
Tuesday 27th October – 9:30-11:30am and Tuesday 3rd November – 9:30am – 11:30am
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 $4, plus $1 gold coin donation, with proceeds going to the Cancer Foundation to raise money for Teenage Cancer. Your generosity is always appreciated. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us for an enjoyable morning tea.

**Buddy Bench**

Last term Mrs Skene entered a competition run by 105.1 2GZFM, in conjunction with Bunnings Warehouse, to win a Buddy Bench for our school and we were very excited when we were notified that we were one of the lucky schools to win.

The Buddy Bench is designed to foster inclusiveness to all students in the school, and the requirements for sitting on the Bench are when a student feels lonely it encourages other students to include them in their play/games.

If a student chooses to sit on the Bench, they must say yes to the first friend who invites them to play, or walk and talk.

If they see a friend when they are sitting on the bench, invite them to play, or walk and talk. Two friends, sitting on the bench can turn to each other and invite each other to play or walk and talk.

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**Calendar**

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Term 4 Week 5

| Mon 2nd Nov  | Canteen |
| Tues 3rd Nov | Kinder Transition 9:30-11:30am |
| Wed 4th Nov  | Depart for Kiama Excursion @ 7am NO Canteen |
| Fri 6th Nov  | Return from Kiama approximately 8:45pm NO Canteen |

Term 4 Week 6

| Mon 9th Nov  | NO Canteen |
| Tues 10th Nov| NO Canteen |
| Wed 11th Nov | NO Canteen |
| Thur 12th Nov| NO Canteen |
| Friday 13th  | NO Canteen |

Kind Regards,
Heidi Edgerton
Relieving Principal

K/1 News
This week in the K/1 Classroom we have been very busy learning our Spelling words, discussing Rhyming words in our topic Nursery Rhymes. Our Reading Groups are going well with students making progress in their Oral Reading and Comprehension activities. Our Writing is coming along with the help of using picture prompt cards to get our minds thinking about adventurous story writing.

This week in Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of Subtraction. We have been completing subtraction stories, take away on the numberline and playing subtraction games. Whole number is very important so we have been trying very hard to understand place value for two and three digit numbers.

This week in Hectors World we are developing awareness of Cyber Bullying. The students learnt about personal information and how to protect themselves when using the Internet. We discussed ‘safe websites’ and what to do if we don’t feel comfortable on the computer. The aim is to teach students safe behaviours when using the Internet.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 Class News
Another busy week in the 2/3 classroom brings us to the end of Week 3 already! On Friday for Sport our class put their batting, fielding, running, throwing and catching skills into action whilst we played a game of tee-ball, which was so much fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all. I can’t wait for our next game to see everyone’s skills developing and improving.

In English our Daily 5 Rotations are still proving to be a great success with everyone thoroughly engaged in our Spelling activities, Reading Groups, work on Writing and Listening Post. Our focus in Writing for the next few weeks will be Explanations. We are learning to explain how something happens. Our current topic is “How does a sea turtle grow into an adult?” We are only at the beginning stages so far with organising and obtaining our ideas and information from several videos that we have viewed and discussed for our Writing task. This activity is keeping us very busy and I’m looking forward to our published Explanations.

News Topic for Week 4 is: Bring in your favourite book from home. Share 3 ideas why you like it. We have really enjoyed this week listening to everyone’s favourite football/sporting teams and the reasons why they are their favourite team. Please remember homework is due in on Friday. There have been very few Reading Records completed and included with homework this term. PLEASE ensure you complete these after your child reads each night – thank you! I did hand out new sheets at the start of the term, if you require another sheet please let me know.

Have a wonderful week-end!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 Class News
Year 4/5/6/ have had a relatively quiet yet productive week!

In Personal Development and Health, lessons have been focused on Cyber Safety. So far this term, we have looked at the world of online posting. An in-depth and engaging discussion regarding the use of social media ensued. The students also discussed online gaming and some of the apps available. Some of us (including myself) learnt how to set up restrictions for apps and internet use on Ipods, Ipads and other Tablets. We also explored and debated the importance of downloading, playing and buying age appropriate games.

In Maths the students are learning about Fractions and Decimal patterns. This can be quite tricky and concrete materials often help. We have also been focusing on different types of
Angles, Polygons and Year 5 have begun to discover the correct way to use a Protractor. Year 4/5/6 continue to work hard, thrive and succeed in all areas. They are a pleasure to teach. (-: 

Mrs Knight and Mrs Kiely
4/5/6 Class Teachers

**P&C News**

The P&C are **URGENTLY** looking for volunteers to help out with the selling of the snow cones at the Cowra Picnic Races on Saturday 7\(^{th}\) November, or at the Cowra Night Festival on Friday 11\(^{th}\) December.

Please contact Karen Beaumont if you are able to help: 0419 229755.

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

**Community News**

**Shearer Wanted** to shear two Alpacas. Please phone Cherie on 6342 5563 if you are able to help.

**PCYC Cowra News**

**Junior Disco**

There will be a fancy dress Halloween Junior Disco for Kinder to Year 6 children on Friday, 30 October, running from 6pm to 8pm at PCYC’s Young Road building. Entry is $5.00 per person and there will be a sausage sizzle and canteen in operation. Prizes and games on the night, with prizes for the best dressed and scariest little monster, so dress up, come along and have some fun!

Music and lights provided by Laurie’s Disco. Supervision by PCYC Police, Staff and Volunteers.

**Kids Fitness Classes**

PCYC Cowra will soon be launching Les Mills ‘Born to Move’ classes for 8 to 12 year olds. The class is focused on fitness through fun and movement while developing and improving balance, coordination and self-esteem. The class incorporates dance, martial arts and yoga moves for all to enjoy.

Mitchell White has completed the training to instruct the classes and will be visiting schools in the next few weeks to put on free demonstrations before the program begins at the PCYC.

**Keeping informed**

Please contact Cowra PCYC on 6341 2035 for further information about any of the activities on offer or check out the “Cowra PCYC” Facebook page or the website [www.pcycnsw.org.au/cowra](http://www.pcycnsw.org.au/cowra).

You must be a PCYC Member to participate in any of the PCYC activities. Yearly membership is $5.00 for under 18’s and $10 for ages 18 and older.