Kiama Excursion!
What a fantastic three days we had last week exploring Kiama! Despite the rain we all had a fantastic time.

The rainforest was amazing and who would have it any other way with amazing amounts of water rushing over the waterfall. The views from the tower at the Illawarra fly would have been spectacular if it wasn’t for the fog; however it was enjoyable walking through the tree tops in the canopy of the rainforest in the rain. Many of the students enjoyed the visit to the beach on the first afternoon for the very first time, collecting sea shells, drift wood and making sandcastles and playing in the waves. All students were very well behaved and on a number of occasions the staff from the venues complimented the students on how good their behaviour was! So congratulations to everyone for a fantastic time away!

A huge THANK YOU to the parents helpers- Naomi Lawler, Matthew Newell, Caleb Murphy and our cook Karen Beaumont - you did an amazing job with the food and helping all our students. We hope that you enjoyed your time with us, and you have recovered from three very busy days!

Below is a small sample of photos taken during the excursion.

We love the rain!! Those rain ponchos sure came in handy!

The meals were delicious! (thanks Karen, Naomi and the crew!)
School Swimming Scheme – Weeks 6 & 7
Swimming will continue EVERY day next week from 1:45-2:45pm. Please ensure your child has the following items;

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Rash Shirt
- Sunscreen
- Goggles (if required)
- Clothing for Mrs Lewis’s Lifesaving Group – Level 4 – shorts and t-shirt; Level 5 – long pants and long-sleeved shirt

It is encouraging to see the improvements that many of the students have made in just a few days!

Students who are participating in Mrs Lewis’s Lifesaving group will have the opportunity to be assessed by Mrs Corrie Bryant next Friday 20th November – a note regarding Lifesaving testing with further details will go home with these students next week, once testing times have been finalised.

Selective High Schools Test for Yr 7 2017
If your child is in Year 7 in 2017 and you wish for them to take part in the Selective High Schools test, applications are now due.
Go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement for application details. Applications close on 16th November 2015. If you require further information, please contact the school for an information booklet.
All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10th March 2016.

Staffing 2016
This week Mrs Patten has notified me that she will be continuing her Long Service Leave throughout 2016. Mrs Fiona Skene has happily agreed to continue to relieve in Mrs Patten’s position for the duration of next year. The class structure for 2016 is currently being looked at, with several “plans” ready to go depending on final enrolment numbers. We wish Mrs Patten a wonderful time in 2016 and look forward to seeing her at some of our end of year functions.

Bush to Beach
Our exciting “Bush to Beach” excursion is fast approaching. Teachers from Holmwood and Collaroy are busily finalising all the paperwork and information...
packs. These will be ready to send home TOMORROW with all 4/5/6 students. Please ensure you carefully read ALL information and return all forms and permission notes to the school next week. If you have any questions about the information packs, please contact Mrs Lewis at school – 63 422 172.

Asthma Medications - URGENT
This term the staff has noticed a number of students bringing Ventolin puffers to school to relieve symptoms of hay fever or asthma. These students are able to self-administer their own puffers, however the school must have a record of this and signed consent from the parent, for their child to do so.

Any children who have “asthma” listed as a medical condition on their school enrolment form are required to have an asthma management plan. These are completed by your child’s doctor. Mrs Hubbard has gone through all enrolments and for any asthmatic students, attached this documentation to your newsletter last week. Please complete all paperwork and return to school as soon as possible.

AFL “Sporting Schools” Grant
This year HPS applied for a grant under a new program called “Sporting Schools”. Our application was successful and as a result, we have secured the services of Casey White, a development officer from AFL Australia to deliver a series of four AFL workshops to all students K-6. These will be held each Tuesday morning from Week 6 – Week 9. Our first session held this week was terrific and the students thoroughly enjoyed learning new sporting skills.

Cherry Tree Avenue – Cowra Council
Since 1988 Cowra Council has committed to the completion of ornamental trees connecting the Cowra War Cemeteries to the Cowra Japanese Garden. The ornamental trees are donated by Japanese individuals and organisations whose contribution is acknowledged on a plaque bearing the donor’s name and the name of a local primary school student. Students listed on donor plaques are invited to attend the tree planting ceremony, to make contact with the tree’s Japanese patron and to take an active interest in the ongoing Cowra-Japan relationship.

Council is inviting any students from Holmwood who would be willing to be added to the list for inclusion on future plaques. There is no cost to the students. Please note that donations are received at irregular intervals and it may be some time before a tree becomes available and a student is paired with a donor. Students names are removed from the list at age 15. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call the school – 63422172.

Dates for your Diary
End of year events are rapidly approaching. Please note the following dates for your diary...

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Concert Dress Rehearsal – Wed 2nd December
Concert Night Performance – Thurs 3rd December
Year 6 Farewell – Mon 7th December
Presentation Night – Thurs 10th December
Last Day of Term – Wed 16th December

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| Term 4 Week 8       | Mon 23rd Nov | BUSH TO BEACH Excursion! Collaroy Plateau PS visits Holmwood PS. Icebreaker BBQ for all students at Cowra Pool – 6pm-8pm |

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**Kind Regards,**  
Jenny Lewis  
Principal

**Attachments**
- Book Club Issue 8
- Bostes Parent Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabus’s

**K/1 News**

This week we have returned to a very busy week again starting the intensive swimming scheme every day for two weeks. On Tuesday we had Matt and Casey join us from the Sydney Giants AFL team to share with us some new skills in kicking, passing and playing the game.

On Wednesday we learnt about Remembrance Day, discussing the significance of the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. We learnt about the men and woman who went to war and paid our respects to those fallen and those affected by war in the past and present day. Students made poppies to lie at the base of the school’s flag pole.

Have a great weekend and catch up on some more rest ready for another busy week next week.

Kind Regards,  
Ms Heidi Edgerton  
K/1 Class Teacher

**2/3 Class News**

Nearly to the end of Week 6 and I keep asking myself where has this Term gone? For those of you who had children attend the Whole School Excursion, I hope you have enjoyed the numerous stories that will be lifelong memories for your children. With all the hype and excitement before we departed on our excursion last Wednesday……..Kiama and the surrounding area certainly did not disappoint! Even though the weather was not the kindest to us, we all embraced the real-life experience of it raining in the beautiful Minnamurra Rainforest and not one child whinged or whined about the experience! For the record, neither did the adults attending!! The highlights for me would have to be the magnificent waterfall at Minnamurra, which was worth the trek in the pouring rain and then witnessing the joy and fun that the children experienced at Jamberoo Action Park – we all loved the Taipan! Thank you again to Ms Edgerton for her amazing organisational skills and the work and effort that she put in to ensure that everyone enjoyed the whole excursion.

Back in the classroom this week and we have very been busy as usual! We have thoroughly enjoyed writing about our excursion memories and experiences. AFL on Tuesday was a huge hit and of course everyone is enjoying being back in the pool in this warm weather and learning to swim.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mrs Fiona Skene  
2/3 Class Teacher

Macey and Addison making poppies for Remembrance Day on Wednesday.
4/5/6 Class News
After our amazing excursion to Kiama last week, this week has been ‘business as usual’ in the 4/5/6 room as we work hard to complete units in our core subjects. Maths this week has focused on subtraction and all students are demonstrating good skills in trading and subtracting numbers up to 6 digits and with decimals.

We have written recounts of the excursion in Writing and after reading the students ‘take’ on their experiences at Kiama I can safely say that they had an amazing time! ‘Best excursion ever…I wish I could go back to Jamberoo…it poured rain but the waterfall was amazing…’I loved seeing all the animals at the zoo’ and so on. Congratulations to Ms Edgerton for her efforts in organising the Kiama excursion and thank you to Mrs Skene, Cheri and parents Naomi, Karen, Matthew and Caleb for being such great helpers and role models to our students. I wonder where we will be going in 2016…?

Concert preparations are also speeding up and Cheri has been working with all students in 4/5/6 in organising their costumes and getting their props made. As we are on the Bush to Beach Excursion in week 8, all of these details MUST be finalised by the end of week 7 (next week).

Speaking of Bush to Beach…we now have a logo! Publicity has also been building with ABC Radio keen to do an interview with us and the National Farmers Association coming through with some sponsorship dollars as well. Please ensure you read all materials and sign all forms in your Bush to Beach packs which will come home with your child TOMORROW.

with Swimming and AFL lessons, this week has been a very sporty one! A reminder to all students in my lifesaving group - please make sure you bring your clothes to swim in EVERY day.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely
Term 4 certainly has proven to be an exciting and eventful term for everyone with lots of interesting learning happening in the Library, new sporting skills and games in PE/Sport and an industrious Student Council planning successful school activities.

Three Big Bravos to the Student Council for organising a most successful Bandana Day. This couldn’t have happened without the generous support of our children, families and community who bought bandanas, made a gold coin donation, provided food to sell and bought cash to buy the scrumptious goodies. Plus, everyone who contributed to the excitement of the day by coming dressed in colourful clothes for our muffin day!

The combined effort raised an incredible $243.30 for the CANTEEN Foundation which assists teenagers with cancer. THANK YOU for your kind heart and helpful nature.

The final Student Council event for 2015 is to organise the Holmwood Helping Hamper Appeal. Each year the school collects non-perishable food items to assist a family who are experiencing difficulties and in need of our support. Items may be left in the basket in the office over the next 4 weeks. Thank You for your generosity as it is always greatly appreciated.

During Sport in weeks 6-9 all the children and teachers will have the wonderful opportunity to learn new AFL skills from a professional coaching instructor, Mr Casey White. This is as part of the Sporting Schools Program which is funded by the Commonwealth Sports Commission. The coaching lessons are free for children and will be each Tuesday morning, so the children will need to have suitable running shoes, hat, sunscreen and water bottle. This will coincide with the Annual Swimming School, weeks 6-7. Hence, our children will continue to be super fit and strong, ready for summer.

During the Excursion week the children who attended school thoroughly enjoyed working in the Library with me. Our learning tasks focused on a Humorous Circus Unit based on Australian Stories and Poems. We held our own circus with creative circus skills and tricks. The cooler weather enabled our group to use our new Minkey Hockey sticks to learn new skills which was really exciting. We certainly have some skilful children with advanced ball control and stick work. Prior to the excursion all staff attended an afterschool training session based on developing the Sporting Ability in all children. This training session was run by the Dept of Sport/Rec and the kit was generously left for HPS to use for the remainder of the year. So the children who were at school thoroughly enjoyed using the equipment and learning new games which they will teach to their friends when they return from the excursion.

Could any outstanding Library books pleased be returned tomorrow as Library books and wet swimmers do not make a happy mix! Thank You to the children who have already returned their books. Our town library has an excellent source of books for children and families to borrow so that home reading can continue and be enjoyed by everyone.

Thank for your wonderful support during this very exciting term.

Kind regards,
Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library Teacher

P&C News
Thank you to Michelle Whitty, Tina Lunnon, Rachel and Matt Newell and Jenny Lewis, along with Kara, Claire and Dylan for their help in manning the Snow Cone Stall at last week’s Picnic Races. A total of $366.00 was raised. The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 16th November at the Services Club at 6pm. All parents welcome.