Term 4 Week 7 – Week Ending 20th November 2015

Students of the Week!
Congratulations to our Week 6 Students of the Week!

Addison Skinner (K/1), Katie Boatwood (2/3) and Lily Lawler (4/5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Eloise Newell and Makayla Toohey
2/3 – Liam Beaumont and Mackenzie Nestor
4/5/6 – Thomas Seears, Hamish Newell and Claire Lewis

Library/PE – Macey Rowley, Brittney Worth, Katelyn Judd

School Swimming Scheme
Congratulations to all students on their excellent achievements over the past two weeks of swimming. Everyone has made excellent progress and learnt new skills...whether they are beginner swimmers or are the more capable Lifesaving group!

Thank you to the HPS staff, Di Browne, Grace Barron, Paschal, Sam and Meg for all your assistance during swimming. Special thanks to Mrs Corrie Bryant who came to the pool today to assess all our Lifesaving students. Students will have been informed of whether they passed their Level after today’s assessment.

A note will come home tomorrow advising the price and due date for Lifesaving Awards to be ordered.

Bush to Beach
Our exciting “Bush to Beach” excursion is now only DAYS away!! Please ensure you carefully read ALL information and return all forms and permission notes to the school URGENTLY. If you have any questions about the information packs, please contact Mrs Lewis at school – 6342 2172. Thank you to those families who have already completed and returned the required paperwork!

Our Collaroy Plateau visitors are due to arrive on Monday around midday and will spend the afternoon at school with the HPS students, going home on the bus with their billets! Our Icebreaker BBQ is on Monday night at the Cowra Pool from 6-8pm. A reminder that dinner is provided for all 4/5/6 students and CPPS students, as well as parents who are hosting billets – an RSVP for the BBQ was due back to school yesterday. Unfortunately we are not able to provide dinner for siblings, nor supervision for them at the pool. Parents will be required to look after and watch any children not in the 4/5/6 class. We are getting soooo excited and can’t wait!

All 4/5/6 students and billeting parents will have FREE ENTRY to the Pool on Monday evening.

Bush to Beach on Radio!
On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Lewis and Mrs Trisic (Principal of Collaroy Plateau PS) were interviewed by a journalist from ABC Local Radio about the Bush to Beach Excursion. The interview will go to air on Friday morning at approximately 9:10am, for anyone interested in tuning in to FM107.1.

Concert!!
The HPS Big Top Circus Concert is fast approaching. Just a few important things for parents to be aware of....
**1. Costumes** - ALL Students are required to have a BLACK T-shirt and BLACK shorts (or leggings) for the concert. All other costumes have been collected and/or made at school – parents do not need to make any costumes. **All parents need to provide is the black shirt and shorts.**

**2. Dress Rehearsal** – Our FIRST Dress Rehearsal will be held TOMORROW at school. All students will need their black shirt and shorts tomorrow – please label and send these in a plastic bag with your child’s name on the outside of the bag. We will keep their black shirt and shorts at school until after the concert.

**3. Full Dress Rehearsal at the Civic Centre** – We have booked the Civic Centre for full dress rehearsals on Wednesday 2nd December and Thursday 3rd December. Attached is a permission note for your child to attend these rehearsals. Students will be walked from Cowra PS Bus Stop to the Civic Centre in the morning and then walked back to CPS in the afternoon to catch buses home.

**4. Intermission** – HPS P&C are planning to sell home baked goods during intermission at the concert. They require donations of cakes, biscuits, slices etc so that they can make up cake trays as an additional fundraiser. All baked goods can be dropped to the Civic Centre on Thursday 3rd December or taken to Riverside Fruit Markets. **PLEASE HELP the P&C to raise funds to support your child!**

**5. The Night of the Concert** – All students will be required to be at the Civic Centre by 6pm. This will give staff enough time to get all students ready with make-up and costumes.

The concert should be finished by around 8:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Concert Tickets for sale**

Tickets are now available for the event of the year....the “HPS BIG TOP CIRCUS!!”. Tickets are $5 per person (children pre-school age and younger are FREE). The concert will be held on Thursday the 3rd December starting at 7pm at the Cowra Civic Centre.

If you would like to reserve tickets, please send in $5 per ticket to the Office and Anthea will organise tickets to be sent home with your child. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the concert, but seating is limited so be sure you don’t miss out!

**Year 6 Farewell**

On Monday 7th December we will be having the Year 6 Farewell party at the Cowra Pool. All Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to attend. A permission note and invitation is attached to this week’s Newsletter. Students will catch the Holmwood bus to Cowra Public where they will meet Mrs Lewis, and then walk down to the Cowra Pool. Students will need to bring all their swimming gear with them as well as $2.00 pool entry or season ticket card. A scrumptious afternoon tea and dinner will be provided (courtesy of the YEAR 6 “Wish List”!). HPS Staff will be supervising this activity and parents are asked to collect their child from the pool at 7pm. It should be a great night!

**Canteen**

Please note there will be **NO CANTEEN next Monday 23rd November.** Canteen will run as normal on Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th November.

**Presentation Night**

Holmwood Public School’s Annual Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 10th December 2015 starting at 7:00pm at the school. All students and families are encouraged to attend to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2015. It is expected that the Awards Ceremony will conclude at around 8:00pm, with supper to follow.

**ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BRING ALONG A PLATE FOR SUPPER.**

At around 8:30pm, “Santa” will make an appearance and will present each child with a lolly bag (to HPS students, friends and siblings). Parents do not need to provide a gift for their child. Presentation Night will conclude after Santa’s visit before it gets dark so that Staff can lock up. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Holmwood “Helping Hand” Hamper**

This time each year, the Student Council collect non-perishable food items to make up a food hamper for a family, who is in need, at our school. Any items that you can donate will be greatly appreciated but please check use by dates, as these pop up on all of us before we know it. We hope that we can soon fill the empty basket, or maybe two, as has been the case over past years. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as always.
Report Folders

Could all parents please return the red HPS Student Report Folders which were sent home with Semester 1 Reports in June. This is so we can add your child’s latest report to the folder to ensure it stays safe, ready to be handed out on Presentation Night. Thank you!

School Magazine Pre-orders

This year we will again be compiling a Holmwood Public School Magazine. Each student in the school will have their own page where they create a personal profile and submit a piece of writing which they are proud to have published in the magazine.

As well as student pages, we feature photo pages of some of the events we have participated in during the year, P&C, Student Leader and Principal Reports and a special page to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2016.

The magazines are printed in colour and bound and as such are expensive to produce. To cover the costs of printing and paper, the school charges $6.00 per copy. If you would like to pre-order a copy of this year’s School Magazine, please complete the attached order form and return with $6 payment to the school office by Wednesday 9th December. Magazines will be distributed on Presentation Night. There will be some copies for sale however once we run out, there will be no further copies available.

Dates for your Diary

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

**Bush to Beach Excursion (Years 4/5/6)** – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th November

**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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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Year 6 Farewell Invitation
- School Magazine Pre-order Forms
- Concert Dress Rehearsal Permission Note
2/3 Class News

The HPS Big Top Circus is fast approaching and we are in full swing with Concert rehearsals, making props, sewing costumes, fine tuning dances and ensuring it will be a wonderful musical extravaganza! With that said......I'm sure you can appreciate that any spare time we have had over the last week we have spent on the concert! The children are thoroughly enjoying it and getting very excited about presenting it to their families and friends.

In Maths we have been focusing on Mass. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the hands on activities using balance scales and learning all about hefting and estimating the weight of objects, measuring objects using kilograms and grams. It has certainly been a fun few days in the Maths classroom.

Once again, the AFL on Tuesday was a huge hit with the children. I was very impressed with how the skills of catching and throwing have improved with everyone in the class. We all learnt some AFL new Markings which were called Teddy Bears, Zombies and Supermen! The children picked them up very quickly, and looked like professional AFL players!

In this heat, we are loving being in the pool for Swimming.

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

4/5/6 Class News

Week 7 has been a busy one in the 4/5/6 classroom as we begin to finalise more of our units of work. Our magazine pages for the School Magazine are looking great and everyone has worked hard to put the finishing touches on our Children’s Books - ‘Fairy Tales with a Twist’! We look forward to reading these to the younger students in the school when we return from our Bush to Beach excursion next week!

Swimming has been lovely this week, as the weather has been warm, and the water cool! Well done to the 4/5/6 students for assisting the younger children in the change rooms at the pool. Good luck to all students undertaking their Lifesaving assessments today!

Don’t forget next Monday our Collaroy visitors arrive! All students in 4/5/6 are invited to attend the Icebreaker BBQ at the pool on Monday night from 6-8pm. See you there!

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

P&C News

Thank you to the parents who turned up to Monday night’s meeting. There are a couple of end of year activities the P&C will be involved in and we need your help!

1. The P&C will be holding a cake stall at the School Concert during Intermission. We need donations of baked goods PLEASE! These can be brought to the Civic Centre on Thursday 3rd December OR dropped off at Riverside Fruit Markets to Karen Beaumont.

2. The Cowra Night Markets is on Friday 11th December. Holmwood P&C will be running the Snow Cone Stall again this year as well as a Lolly Bag Stall. We need donations of bags of lollies (please send these into school) as well as volunteers to run the stall. Please let Karen Beaumont know if you are able to help. It is from 4:00pm – 9:00pm.

Community News

Cowra Early Childhood Services

OOSH (out of school hours care)

Vacation Care Program
December 2015 - January 2016

Bookings for the upcoming school holidays are open now and filling fast

Call now to avoid disappointment
Admin on 63422338

A variety of craft and physical play experiences will be on offer to the children throughout each day with the following highlights,

Thursday 17th Dec - Giant movie day with all the trimmings
Friday 18th Dec – Snow Globe making, Totem tennis, cricket in the park
Monday 21st Dec – Christmas cooking, sock wrestling
Tuesday 22nd Dec – Bunnings visit us Christmas craft, Christmas Owls.
Wednesday 23rd Dec – Cooking Christmas pudding, making Christmas cards
Thursday 24th Dec – To be advised due to numbers

**Service is closed 25th December 2015 to 3rd Jan 2016**

Monday 4th Jan – Skipping competition, Woodwork
Tuesday 5th Jan – Technology Day bring your own devices if you choose
Wednesday 6th Jan – Nerf Gun war in the park BYO Nerf gun
Thursday 7th Jan – Karate Shidoin David Simpson will demonstrate and teach basic self-defence techniques
Friday 8th Jan – Skate Park excursion
Monday 11th Jan – Candle making
Tuesday 12th Jan - Excursion to Bunnings to participate in DIY workshop
Wednesday 13th Jan – Super hero dress-up day, Scavenger hunt
Thursday 14th Jan - Water play day, sprinklers & slip n slide in the park, sausage sizzle lunch
Friday 15th Jan – Laser Tag in the park
Monday 18th Jan – Cooking Day
Tuesday 19th Jan – Pottery Cassie Scammell will bring her pottery wheel
Wednesday 20th Jan – machine sewing making treasure bags and curtains
Thursday 21st Jan – Little Athletics competition
Friday 22nd Jan – Water war in the park, photo frame making
Monday 25th Jan – BBQ and Lamingtons to celebrate Australia Day

**Tues 26th Jan – Closed Australia Day**

Wednesday 27th Jan – Last day party, dress-up day