Bush to Beach

Our students currently participating in the Bush to Beach excursion are having a wonderful time, enjoying their billeting experience and all the activities that have been planned for them. More news and photos will appear in next week’s Newsletter.

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. 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. 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.

3. 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!

4. 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 Public Pool. All Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to attend. 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!

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
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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 order form sent home last week 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.

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

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
**P&C News**

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**

**Cowa 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