Term 3 Week 4 – Week Ending 7th August 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 3 Students of the Week!

Caleb Crowe (K/1), Brodie Rye (2/3) and Sam Lynch (4/5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Jay Kennedy and Macey Rowley
2/3 – Katie Boatwood and Layla Hood
4/5/6 – Hamish Newell, Lily Lawler and Akiko Beatty

Library/PE – Lilly Hood, Eloise Newell, Liam Beaumont, Katie Boatwood, Hamish Newell and Sam Lynch

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Citizenship Award for Week 3 was selected by SAMANTHA and goes to Macey Rowley. Macey was chosen for being so well-mannered and polite when going to the canteen and buying her lunch time treats. Well done Macey!

Life Education Van – Healthy Harold!

All students had a fantastic time last week visiting the Life Education Van and LOVED seeing Healthy Harold! The messages that the students learn through participating in the Life Education Van are so important and I wish to thank all the parents who continue to support this valuable learning experience for their children. Following are some photos taken during our visit to the Van!

LVLC Education Week Concert

Congratulations to all students involved in last week’s LVLC Education Week Concert at the Civic Centre! I have heard so many wonderful comments about the talents of our Marimba players and how cleverly crafted the combined schools items were. I am sure all parents who attended were so proud of their children!

Congratulations to – Marimba Group – Zsalea Mansley, Akiko Beatty, Katelyn Judd, Claire Lewis, Anna Russell, Kara Lunnun,
Nigella Stevenson, Oliver Beaumont, Will Skinner, Lily Lawler, Lara Collins and Lilly Whitty AND Mrs Hodges.

**Combined Choir** – Portia Mansley, Layla Hood, Charli Light, Akiko Beatty, Lily Lawler and Anna Russell.

**Combined Drama Group** – Kara Lunnon, Lily Lawler

**Comperes** – William Lawler and Isobella Stevenson

**Art Exhibition** – Addison Skinner, Brittney Worth, Zsalea Mansley.

Mrs Hodges with the Marimba group on stage at the LVLC concert last week.

The Art Exhibition is set up at the back of the Cowra Library and features works of art from all schools in the LVLC. It is free to go and have a look and is open until the 28th August.

**HPS Annual Pie Drive**

WOW!! Thank you to all families who supported this year’s annual pie drive! Thanks to the huge efforts of everyone who participated, this year’s total profits have exceeded last years!! Congratulations to our Top 3 Pie Sellers!

1. Lara and Charlotte Collins - $559.00 in sales!
2. Claire Lewis - $403.50 in sales
3. Macey Rowley - $341.00 in sales

The delivery date for all pies will be Thursday 13th August. Parents will need to collect pie orders from school from 2:30pm-4:00pm. Any enquires – please phone Anthea in the office. URGENT – Plastic Bags are needed for Pie orders!!! Please send in to school!

**The “NED Show”**

Last Friday all students K-6 were treated to the “NED” Show. The students were highly entertained by Kathryn and the overarching message was:

- N – Never Give Up
- E – Encourage Others
- D – Do Your Best

There are some NED YO-YO products for sale until tomorrow. If you wish to purchase one please see Anthea in the office.

**District Athletics Carnival**

The District Athletics Carnival will be held TOMORROW at The Canowindra Oval, Canowindra starting at 9:30am. A program of the day’s events was sent home with all athletes on Monday. Good luck to all students competing! GO HOLMWOOD!

**Earn and Learn**

It’s back! Woolworths Earn & Learn started on Wednesday 15th July. When anyone from our school community - staff, parents or friends shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers to place on a sticker sheet. You’ll get one sticker for every $10 you spend. Once completed, sticker sheets can be placed in the collection box at Cowra Woolworths or dropped in to school. The more Earn and Learn stickers we collect, the more resources we are able to buy for our school, so please ask your family and friends to support Holmwood PS! Thank you!

**Gymnastics Classes**

We will be attending Gym classes from Week 6 until the end of the term. The School and the P&C are generously subsidising Gymnastics classes for each student (normally $5 per lesson plus transport). This year the cost will be just $2 per student per lesson (total $10). Please return the permission note and $10 to school before Monday 17th August.
Morning Drop Off Time
Please note that the time for drop off at school in the morning is 9:00am. Over the past few weeks we have had some children being dropped off by parents as early as 8:35am. The time before school is teacher’s preparation time and teachers should not be expected to look after children who are dropped off early. The morning supervision starts at 9:00am, therefore if you bring your child to school earlier than this, you will be expected to wait and supervise them until morning duty starts. The only children who are permitted to arrive before 9:00am are those that catch the Woodstock bus. Your attention to this is appreciated.

Calendar

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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

K/1 News
This week in the K/1 class we have been very busy learning to comprehend, and develop strategies to make meaning out of the books that we are reading. We identify words and language in the text that help us to develop an understanding of the story and we answer questions about the books we read in our reading groups.

This week we have been exploring the website and learning how to use “Reading Eggs”. Many of the students have found this program enjoyable, interesting and best of all they are learning while playing educational games.

In Maths we have enjoyed learning about 3D shapes and identifying their attributes such as a triangle has 3 straight sides and three corners. We used paddle pop sticks to make as many shapes as we could, including a triangle and by adding in an extra paddle pop stick we made a square and kept adding one more stick until we made an octagon and right up to a circle. We also made shape monsters and wrote about each monster’s characteristics.

In all Science classes this week we learnt about matter. All states of matter take up space and have a mass. We completed experiments mixing liquids together to make solids such as cornflour slime, and mixing liquids together to make a new substance such as oil and vinegar mixed together to make salad dressing. Below are some of the students playing with cornflour slime to make a liquid and a solid depending on the temperature surrounding the slime. It took on the properties of liquid as we were able to pour it but also was a solid when it was in the container.
Thank you to all families who purchased pies. We are very pleased with everyone’s effort! Good luck to the student participating in District Athletics on Friday in Canowindra. Have a lovely weekend, and stay warm!

Ms Heidi Edgerton  
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News
We have had another busy and productive week in the 2/3 classroom. Daily 5 is still running very well and I have been super impressed with everyone’s efforts in their ‘Work on Writing’ Rotations with most not wanting it to end so they can continue with their creative story writing. All of the students are improving with their use of WOW words to help with their Writing and it is something we shall continue to focus on. Well done 2/3!

In Maths, we have all made a huge progress with our Place Value knowledge, understanding and communication. ‘We have had great fun using dice, playing cards, place value charts with concrete materials and the interactive whiteboard to help us learn this concept. I am so proud of everyone’s effort and enthusiasm and Jett even told me yesterday that Maths was his favourite subject because he can count past 1000!

In Health this week, the K/1/2 students were busy creating picture collages of their favourite things and being able to describe similarities and differences between themselves and others. The 3/4 students have been identifying their own strengths and learning to respect the rights of others that hold different values from their own. The 5/6 students are about to become educated experts on the human body and have started their group research projects on the body systems and their functions. We are looking forward to viewing these multimedia projects in a few weeks’ time.

A friendly reminder that homework is due tomorrow and next week’s News topic is: Prepare and present a 1 - 2 minute speech on a topic you are passionate about e.g. a sport, animal, or a big topic like ‘protecting our oceans’. Try to have your speech prepared on palm cards for your News day.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Fiona Skene  
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News
This week we have continued our Maths focus on ‘Fractions’ and have mastered both Mixed Numerals and Improper Fractions - tricky stuff! We also learnt how to simplify fractions into their lowest form eg 8/20 = 2/5. All students enjoyed completing a fun Mr Potato-Head activity which involved us revising these skills.

Our English novel ‘The Silver Sword’ has been our main focus this week in Reading as we are flying through the chapters! I expect that by Thursday afternoon we will have completed the reading of our novel and will be diving in to our matrix of activities next week.

This week we also completed our second STEM challenge - to build a Marble Run that enables a marble to travel more than 40cm. Again I was so impressed with the ingenuity and problem solving skills the 4/5/6 class showed. Our teamwork skills are also improving as we learn to work collaboratively. Well done to Christian, Thomas, Kara, Isobella and Sam who took out the points for the most co-operative group this week.

NEXT Wednesday we will be holding the HPS Spell-a-thon. This will be a selection for our Junior and Senior Spelling Bee Teams to complete at the Regional Spelling Challenge in Milthorpe later this term. All students who expressed an interest in trying out for the Team received their word lists in Week 2. I would suggest lots of practice between now and next Wednesday!!

Don’t forget Homework is due tomorrow! For District Athletes, your Homework will be accepted on Monday. Good luck to all 4/5/6 students competing!

Kind Regards  
Jenny Lewis  
4/5/6 Class Teacher
SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
69TH ANNUAL
WOODSTOCK
2015
SHOW

ENTRY
ADULTS 18
CHILDREN 12
PENSIONERS 4

9AM-4PM WOODSTOCK SHOWGROUND
CHW ROBINSON & LOFTUS STREET.
ENTERTAINERS, EXHIBITORS AND STAKEHOLDERS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.
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