Term 3 Week 6 – Week Ending 21st August 2015

Students of the Week!
Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!

Jaydan Wright (2/3, Anna Russell (4/5/6) and Harry Seears (K/1)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Lilly Hood and Eloise Newell
2/3 – Shaun Petty and Liam Beaumont
4/5/6 – Kara Lunnun, William Skinner and Annaliese Cameron

Library/PE – Madison Wright, Grace Murphy and Christian Petty

Citizenship Award
The Citizenship Award for Week 5 was selected by MS EDGERTON and goes to Akiko Beatty. Akiko was chosen for being a respectful and responsible student. Well done Akiko!

NAIDOC Regional Public Speaking
Congratulations to Hamish Newell and Lily Lawler who competed at the NAIDOC Regional Public Speaking Competition in Dubbo on Monday. Hamish and Lily faced some extremely tough competition as students from as far away as Broken Hill, Dubbo, Spring Hill, Kelso, Gulgong and Cowra spoke about the NAIDOC theme – “We All Stand On Sacred Ground – Learn, Respect and Celebrate”. Hamish and Lily also got to meet Luke Carroll – a famous Aboriginal actor who has appeared in many movies and is currently presenting on ABC’s Play School. Unfortunately Lily and Hamish just fell short of making it to the State Finals in Sydney but thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I’m sure are keen to have another go next year! Thank you to the parents - Naomi, Shaun and Rachel for transporting them to Dubbo and for being a great cheer squad (along with Jack and George!).

Reading Eggs
As you are aware, over the last two weeks the K/1 and 2/3 classes have been using the Reading Eggs Program as part of our English lessons. A short Survey was sent home with the Newsletter last week. I ask that parents please fill out this Survey and return it to the school before Thursday 20th August. Your feedback and thoughts will play a vital part in the staff deciding whether we should purchase a site licence for the school. Thank you – Ms Edgerton.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Surveys
A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the “Tell Them from Me” Survey was sent home with students in Year 4, 5 and 6 with last week’s Newsletter. If you do not want your child or children
to participate, please return the form to school by Wednesday 26th August.

**Year 3/4 Excursion to the Materials Recycling Facility**

Next Wednesday the Year 3/4 students will be travelling to the Cowra Materials Recycling Facility as part of their HSIE studies on “Co-operating Communities”. Please be reminded that all permission notes need to be signed and returned as soon as possible.

**NAPLAN Results**

Today the parents of all students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results. Mrs Skene and I encourage any parents who have concerns or questions relating to their child’s NAPLAN to arrange an appointment to speak with us. Again I remind all parents that NAPLAN results are a ‘snapshot’ of your child’s performance in one test on one particular day. At Holmwood PS we use a wide range of assessment tools and strategies to provide a detailed Semester report of how each student is performing and NAPLAN is only one of these tools.

**Year 6 Graduation Jumper**

Attached to last week’s Newsletter was an information sheet with sizing and pricing details for the Year 6 commemorative jumper. Jeremy Ryan from “Mr Embroidery” has received some sample hoodie style jumpers this week so if students wish, they may head on down to Mr Embroidery to try them on for sizing. All orders and payment are due next FRIDAY 28th AUGUST.

**Regional Premier’s Spelling Competition**

This year we have entered a Junior and Senior team in the Premier’s Spelling Challenge to be held in Millthorpe on Wednesday 9th September. Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining a place in these teams following our school spelling bee this week;

- **Junior Team** – Zsalea Mansley and Akiko Beatty
- **Senior Team** – Nigella Stevenson and Isobella Stevenson

A permission note will come out next week. In the meantime, I am sure the girls will be practicing hard!

**Book Club**

The next edition of Scholastic Book Club is attached to this week’s Newsletter. Orders with payment are due back to school by Wednesday 2nd September.

### Calendar

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<td>Mrs Lewis – OCA Principals Meeting @ Holman Place (Mrs Knight 4/5/6)</td>
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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

### Attachments

- Book Club Catalogue
- NAPLAN Letters to Parents

### K/1 News

Another busy week has gone by. Thank you to those who have returned the Reading Eggs Surveys and just a reminder to those who haven’t, could they please do so as it will help in our decision making as to whether we will go ahead with the purchase of this resource for our school. On Friday the students completed the presentations of their Dinosaur Projects to the class. Each student did a
fantastic job in presenting their information to their peers. I must say we have some budding Palaeontologists among us now! The Dinosaur Unit has been a fun filled topic with lots of interesting writing being completed. Last week the students learnt how to make an information poster on the Brachiosaurus.

Madison and Lilly presenting their Dioramas to the class.

Jay gave a terrific presentation about Tyrannosaurus Rex!

In Maths this week the students have been collecting data on a variety of different topics and completing picture graphs, bar graphs and identifying suitable questions for collecting data.

During Science the K/1/2 students went on a material hunt in the playground to identify the different types of materials that items in our environment were made from. They identified that there are five main categories; - Plastic, Timber, Metal, Glass and Concrete.

In the 3/4 Science the students were learning about molecules of gases, liquids and solids and are moving on to learn how the effects of temperature from boiling to freezing points can change the state of matter and therefore change the molecule structure of the material.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

Once again we have had another action packed week in the 2/3 class. Last Friday in Creative Arts we were learning about the artist Pablo Picasso and in particular his portraits. First we read a storybook about Picasso and then watched a video about the artist and his Cubism art style. After studying the shapes, patterns and techniques that Picasso used in his portraits, we had to create our own Picasso style portraits. The students loved Picasso’s way of drawing facial features and the use of bright colours. Everyone’s artistic skills certainly did shine through for this activity. Some photos will come once we have completed the artwork.

Gymnastics on Monday was fantastic! We jumped, rolled, twisted and twirled for the whole hour. The entire class loved every minute of it and no one wanted the lesson to end. We are super excited for our second lesson next week. I have included some photos of the very talented gymnasts in the 2/3 class.

Charlotte and Layla working hard on core strength activities!

Bella bounces through the air on the air mattress!
This week in Maths, the Year 3’s have been focusing on multiplication and the Year 2’s on number patterns and multiplication. We have done some ‘speed challenges’ in the warm up time and everyone is improving with their quick mental recall.

Daily 5 is progressing along wonderfully! Our routine and activities are all running smoothly with everyone working super hard during this time which in very pleasing to see.

Please remember homework is due tomorrow. A friendly reminder that next week’s News topic is: Describe your favourite celebration - Choose a favourite family celebration. Describe and recount what happens at that celebration. Where? When? Why do you have that celebration? Who with? What do you do? Is there special food to eat? Why is that celebration important to you? Have a fantastic weekend with your family!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News
Week 6 has flown by! Thank you to Mrs Knight who took the 4/5/6 class on Monday while I was in Dubbo at the NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition, and again today while I had an Administration Day in the office. One of the highlights of the week was of course Gymnastics on Monday afternoon! It is so great to hear how much fun ALL the students in the school had and I know everyone is looking forward to next week’s lesson.

Anna, Claire and Lilly W at Gymnastics this week!

This week we held another STEM Challenge, with the aim to expand our skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This week we watched the beginning of the movie ‘Paper Planes’ which gave us the inspiration to design and make our own paper plane and see whose could fly the greatest distance. Some of us researched different techniques for folding paper planes on the internet, while others made planes based on their prior knowledge and experiences. In the end we had a wide range of designs ready to do battle! Then it was time for lift-off! Oliver’s plane flew an incredible 17.8m, with Will L in second place (14.3m) and Harry in third (10.6m). Afterwards we went back into the classroom to watch the end of “Paper Planes” and see the finalists in the World Paper Plane Championship. It was really interesting to see the different designs and launching techniques! We had a go at making the ‘Circling Clive’ model which was featured in the movie, and are looking forward to putting it to the test to see if it will out-fly Oliver’s plane later this week!

Nigella about to jump on the mini-tramp.

Finalists in the Paper Plane challenge lined up ready to go!

Our Maths focus this week has been on volume and capacity using cubic centimetres and millilitres. We have been practicing the formula for working out the volume of cubes and rectangular prisms - Volume - (l)
length x (b) breadth x (h) height and ensuring we are using the cubic symbol in our answers (eg 16 cm$^3$).

A reminder that 'The Silver Sword' activities are due at the end of the Term. I am pleased to see students using their time well during class and many are completing some of their work at home! Well done everyone!

Have a terrific weekend!
Kind Regards
Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News
Just a reminder that the next P&C Meeting is on Monday 31st August at the Cowra Services Club at 6pm. Hope to see you all there!

Community News