Term 3 Week 7 – Week Ending 28th August 2015

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

Mackenzie Nestor (2/3), Lilly Hood (K/1) and Damien Harding (4/5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Lucas Sandry and Caleb Crowe
2/3 – Bella Cummings, Leetisha Nestor
4/5/6 – Isobella Stevenson, Oliver Beaumont and
Nigella Stevenson
Library/PE – Caleb Crowe, Tarni Sheen and
Claire Lewis

CITIZENSHIP AWARD
The Citizenship Award for Week 6 was selected by MRS KIELY and goes to Lara Collins. Lara was chosen for being a respectful and responsible student at all times. Congratulations Lara!

Year 3/4 Excursion to the Cowra MRF
Yesterday the Year 3/4 students went on an excursion to the Cowra Materials Recycling Facility as part of their HSIE studies on “Co-operating Communities”. We had a very interesting visit and were shown around the whole facility by Anthony, our guide. The students got to see all the different materials that are collected for recycling, including e-waste, green waste and even old tyres and batteries! We also got to see the conveyor belt in action and watched the workers sort all of the materials that get collected in our recycling bins including glass, paper and cardboard, aluminium cans and plastic. Anthony gave us all a recycled pen and two recycled caps that were each made from 5 large plastic bottles! We got to ask lots of questions and had a very informative visit!

Thank you to Cheri for coming with us and taking lots of photos and to Mrs Lewis for driving the PCYC bus.

Year 3/4 and Mrs Lewis pictured in front of the Cowra MRF!

Take a close look behind the 3/4 students – what you can see are massive bales of crushed plastic bottles!

There was lots of noisy machinery at the Cowra MRF.
Year 6 Graduation Jumper
An information sheet with sizing and pricing details for the Year 6 Commemorative Jumper was sent home a few weeks ago. Just a reminder, that all orders and payments are due tomorrow FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST.

Good Luck Regional Athletes!
Tomorrow six students from Holmwood will travel to Dubbo to compete in the Western Region PSSA Athletics Carnival. We wish Harry, Taylah, Matthew, Claire, Oliver and Will L all the best and hope they run fast, jump high and throw as far as they can and enjoy their day! Don’t forget to wear black shorts/skins and white shirts as you are representing Cowra District at this Carnival. GO HOLMWOOD!!

Book Club
The latest Book Club Orders are due back to school with payment by Wednesday 2nd September.

Save the DATE!
The bi-annual Holmwood Public School Concert will be held on Thursday 3rd December (evening performance) at the Cowra Civic Centre. The title of this year’s production is…..“THE HPS BIG TOP CIRCUS”! Rehearsals have already started as this show is going to be a musical extravaganza! Be sure to mark the date in your diary!

Canowindra High School Transition
Next Tuesday 1st September will be the first Canowindra High School Year 6-7 transition day. Students attending Canowindra High in 2016 are invited to attend. Notes regarding the arrangements for the day have been sent home with students already. If you have any questions regarding transition please contact Canowindra High School directly on 63441305.

Bathurst Goldfields Excursion
Year 5 and Year 6 have been studying the topic “Gold” as part of their HSIE studies this term. To conclude this fantastic topic, students will be travelling to the Bathurst Goldfields on Thursday 10th September. While there we will take part in a guided tour of the Goldfields as well as get the chance to pan for gold! A permission note is attached to this week’s newsletter. The school is subsidising a portion of the cost for each child’s entry fee to the Goldfields as well as paying for the bus. The cost for students to attend the Goldfields excursion is $15 per child. All notes and payments are due by Wednesday 9th September.

Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum Excursion
On the same day as Year 5/6 head off to the Bathurst Goldfields, the K/1 class will be jumping on the bus and visiting the Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum. This Museum has amazing dinosaur exhibits and will be a wonderful culmination to the K/1’s theme for this term on Dinosaurs. The cost for students to attend the excursion is $6. Please find a permission note attached to this week’s Newsletter with all the details. Permission notes and payment are due by Wednesday 9th September.

Milo T20 Cricket Cup
This year HPS will again take part in the T20 Milo Cricket Cup, along with many of the other schools in Cowra. The Cricket Cup will be held on Wednesday 9th September. Mrs Kiely and Tayla will accompany the students on this full day of cricketing fun! Please find a permission note attached to this week’s Newsletter with details about the day. There is no cost for this excursion.

“Bush to Beach” Excursion
Over the past two terms, most parents of students in the 4/5/6 classroom would be aware that we have been participating in a weekly video-conference with a Year 5 class (5G) at Collaroy Plateau Public School. The basis of our VC’s has been Mathematical Problem Solving and both Miss Gee’s Maths students and the 4/5/6 class have been participating in the Maths Olympiad Competition. Miss Gee and I have been so impressed by the enthusiasm and interest both classes have shown in discussing and sharing information about our different schools that we have put our heads together and come up with what we both feel is an opportunity of a lifetime for both classes.
We are proposing a “Bush to Beach” excursion in Term 4 Week 8. This would be a week-long excursion where the city kids would get to experience two days living in the country, and our country kids would get to experience what living in the city is like!
5G would come to Holmwood and stay for two nights, billeted out in pairs with our HPS families. On Wednesday we would all travel down to Collaroy, where our HPS students would be billeted with 5G students and their families. While in the ‘bush’, students will get to experience what school is like in a small rural setting, visit “Watervale” Farm and shearing sheds and check out Wyangala Dam! In the city, our students would get to go to Manly Surf School, take a walk around Circular Quay, go on a ferry, visit Palm Beach (where Home & Away is filmed) and experience a large city school.

It all sounds amazing!! And the best part is we are aiming to do it at MINIMAL cost to the students! Fundraising efforts between both schools will hopefully raise the $5,500 bus quote and with the generosity of our families, the costs for accommodation will be zero.

Attached to this week’s Newsletter is an Expression of Interest about this amazing opportunity. I urge all 4/5/6 parents to read it over and consider being a host family for two nights, as well as, what this experience will mean to your child.

Miss Gee and I are planning to hold an information night regarding the Bush to Beach excursion and will do this together using the VC at school. Parents from Collaroy Plateau and Holmwood will have an opportunity to ask questions to both of us as well as each other.

The students in the 4/5/6 class are very excited about the possibility of attending the Bush to Beach Excursion, as am I! Please return the EOI forms as soon as possible, so that Miss Gee and I can work on the next stage of our planning.

K/1 News
Well where is the Term going? It’s hard to believe that we are at the end of week 7! Concert practice has begun! Last Friday Mrs Hodges joined us in preparing for the whole school performances, music, dancing, singing and all hands on deck getting ready for the big performance. The students are excited and the teachers are working hard to organise costumes, dance moves and actions. During Gymnastics we are practicing our skills and learning new moves to incorporate into our concert performance.
This week has been a very busy week in the classrooms. Normal routines have had a bit of a change-about as on Monday we had Gymnastics, and Wednesday morning we had the 3/4 students go on their excursion with Concert practice in the afternoon.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a K/1 Excursion permission note to the Australian Mineral & Fossil Museum in Bathurst on Thursday 10th September. The cost is $6 per child and we are heading on the bus to Bathurst with the Year 5 and 6 students as they are going to the Goldfields for their HSIE excursion. Please return the note and money to school as soon as possible.

In Science this week the K/1 students enjoyed learning about plastics and how it was made. They had a great lesson and made rubber bouncy balls from water, borax, glue and corn starch. The Year 3 and 4 students learnt about the molecule structure of solids, liquids and gases and the 5/6 class were engaged in a mini class assignment on changing states of matter.

Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

Another busy week has flown by in the 2/3 class! Once again, Gymnastics on Monday was loved and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Even though we have only had two lessons, I can already see the improvement in everyone’s skills and development and it is pleasing to see everyone extend themselves to their full potential and ‘try’ new skills.

Our focus in Maths this week has been gathering and organising data and then displaying this data in tables, picture graphs, and column graphs. This has been great fun interviewing fellow students to collect the data and then interpreting this data once it has been displayed in a graph. Today we incorporated packets of Smarties (the chocolate variety!) into the data collecting lesson and each student had to predict what they thought would be the most likely colour in their packet and then create a column or picture graph to represent the data (colours) in each packet. Everyone enjoyed the treat of eating the Smarties at the end of the lesson!

On Tuesday In Health, the 5/6’s had their final lesson to complete their Human Body Systems PowerPoint presentations. We are looking forward to viewing these next week and learning more about the human body. The K-2 Health class created some gorgeous self-portraits on Wednesday. After creating a tissue paper background and exploring and discussing our body and our uniqueness, the students eagerly began drawing their portraits while adding their own unique touches. I was super impressed with the finished products and have included some photos.

Eloise, Jay, Brodie, Harry and Jaydan with their PD/H Artworks!
I have to say thank you to every student that consistently returns their homework, and I have been amazed and impressed at the increasing number of students returning their completed homework each week. The results are showing in our Spelling tests with everyone’s results progressively improving. Keep up the great work 2/3!

News topic for Week 8 is: Do you have a hobby? If so, what is it? If not, what is your most favourite thing to do in your spare time? Explain it to the class and please give your reasons.
Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News
This week the 4/5/6 class have worked hard again in all areas of their learning and are making terrific progress, especially in Maths. This week our topic was ‘Division’ and we discovered how to calculate averages, how to divide with and without remainders, as well as how to express remainders as a whole number - e.g. 5r2, as a fraction - 5 2/5 and also as a decimal - 5.4.

Our lesson on averages on Tuesday was a marathon session!! We looked at how averages are used to give us important information - such as average temperature, average rainfall and average batting scores in cricket. We were then given a packet of Tiny Teddy biscuits and assigned the task to see how many teddies we could stack on top of one another before our pile fell over. We did this three times and then had to work out our average score. Then we had to work out the average score for each table group. This was a little harder as we had more data to work with. Finally we worked out the average score for the whole class. This meant adding up everyone’s score and dividing it by the number of people in our class, which on Tuesday was 22! We also used the same data set to work out the mode, the median and the range! Here are our findings,

- The average Tiny Teddy stack was 7.2!
- The lowest score was Akiko with 4.
- The highest score was Matthew with 11.
- That meant our range was 7.

The mode (the number that occurred most frequently in our data set) was also 7 (it occurred 6 times).

And last but not least, the median (the middle number in our data set) was... you guessed it... 7!
We think that 7 might be our lucky number!

Gymnastics was a hit again on Monday and it was great to see ALL students participating with such enthusiasm and willingness to have a go. Kim was very impressed with everyone’s great attitudes!

Lara and Katelyn show their flexibility.

Visual Arts this week focused again on faces and we all made “extended faces” today using our school photos as the basis for our Art. Concert rehearsals have started and I am very impressed with the number of students who have already learnt their lines! Keep practicing them at home and please make sure you have your script at school each day. Don’t forget Homework is due tomorrow.

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 THIS Monday 31st August at the Cowra Services Club at 6pm. Hope to see you all there!
SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
69TH ANNUAL
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ENTRY
ADULTS $8
CHILDREN $2
PENSIONERS $4

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AMATEUR EVENTS
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