Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week!

Layla Hood (2/3), Portia Mansley (K/1) and Lara Collins (5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;
K/1 – Madison Wright
2/3 – Jett Cummings
4/5/6 – Christian Petty, Thomas Seears and Lilly Whitty

Library/PE – Portia Mansley, Jett Cummings, Annaliese Cameron

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Citizenship Award for Week 6 was selected by MRS LEWIS and goes to Claire Lewis. Claire was chosen for being a helpful student to all staff, particularly before and after school when she has to wait for Mrs Lewis to go home. Well done Claire!

Milo T20 Cricket Cup for Years 4/5/6

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 4/5/6 students on this full day of cricketing fun! Please ensure your permission note is returned by next Tuesday. Students will need to meet Mrs Kiely and Tayla at Cowra PS at 9:00am, ready to walk over to the cricket fields. The students have been practising every recess and lunchtime and the Holmwood Huntsmen (Boys team) and the Holmwood Red Backs (Girls team) are in great form!

Congratulations Regional Athletes!

Congratulations to the six HPS students who competed in Dubbo at the Regional Athletics Carnival last week. Matthew, Harry, Taylah, Claire, Will L and Oliver all enjoyed the opportunity to compete at such a high-quality venue! Thank you to the parents who transported their children to Dubbo for this event – an experience I’m sure they will remember for a long time!

Bathurst Goldfields and Australian Museum Excursion

K/1 and Years 5 and 6 will be travelling to Bathurst next Thursday 10th September to visit the Australian Museum (K/1), and the Bathurst Goldfields (5/6). Please ensure all permission notes and payments are handed in to the office by next Wednesday. The cost for the K/1 Excursion is $6 and the 5/6 Excursion is $15.

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!

DRAFT Anti-Bullying Plan

The staff have finalised a draft Anti-Bullying Plan which was tabled at this week’s P&C Meeting. The plan outlines how Holmwood PS deals with allegations or instances of bullying in the school environment, including cyber-bullying, and how we aim to prevent, intervene and respond to such behaviours. If any
parents who did not attend the P&C Meeting would like a copy of the DRAFT policy, please contact the school office and we will arrange a copy to be sent home. We would appreciate any feedback from families in relation to this plan and would like to have all responses by the end of term. This is so that our updated plan can take effect from the beginning of Term 4.

Students attending Cowra HS in 2016
Year 6 students attending Cowra High School in Year 7, 2016 have been invited to participate in an Aptitude Test on Friday 11th September at Cowra PS starting at 9:30am. This test, along with other data will be used to determine whether your child may be best placed in a Gifted and Talented class being offered to Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) students next year. A flier is attached with information about this Program. There is also a Parent Information Evening on TONIGHT at the Cowra High School Library starting at 6:30pm where the Program will be explained in greater detail. If you wish your child to participate in the Aptitude Test next Friday please contact the school so that we can pass on their details to Cowra HS staff.

World Peace Day Youth Forum
Year 6 students have been invited to attend the Cowra Council World Peace Day Youth Forum on Tuesday 15th September from 11:30-2:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our School Leaders to meet and listen to guest speaker Laura John who was the 2014 Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations. Laura will share her experiences speaking at the UN General Assembly, the UNESCO Conference on Global Citizenship in Paris and the World Education Forum in South Korea. The Forum will be held in the Theatre at the Cowra Civic Centre and a light lunch will also be provided. A permission note is attached to this week’s Newsletter!

Year 5/6 Personal Development Day
Mrs Skene has organised Ms Donna Middleton from Cowra Community Health to deliver the Stage 3 Personal Development Sessions during the last week of Term. This is a component of the Stage 3 PD/H Program. Attached to this week’s Newsletter is a permission note outlining details of the day. Mrs Skene will accompany the students during the session. If you have any questions please contact the school and speak with Mrs Skene.

Absences
Students are required, as stated in the Education Act 1990, to be at school during all times that the school is open for instruction. At Holmwood PS, this means that students must be at school from 9:30am – 3:00pm each and every day.

At a recent Learning Support Team Meeting the staff discussed the increasing number of partial absences that students are having in our school. A partial absence occurs when a student is not at school for the full duration of the school day. This includes arriving late to school, being picked up early, attending appointments etc.

While there are occasions when a partial absence is unavoidable, for example attending a Funeral or going to a Specialist appointment, there are many reasons given for students being late to school which are unjustified. Examples include sleeping in, running late, staying up too late the night before, watching TV, unable to find shoes, and so on.

When a student is late to school the partial absence is noted in the class roll. These rolls are checked by Department of Education Home-School Liaison Officers at regular times throughout the year. If there are significant numbers of partial absences, further action may be taken in accordance with the Education Act. In some cases, there may also be grounds for a referral to the Department of Community Services for Educational Neglect.

If you have concerns or difficulties getting your child to school on time, please make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher. Again I wish to stress that HPS students must be at school by 9:30am every day.

“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! 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.

Last week an Expression of Interest was sent home 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.

**Bush to Beach Fundraiser MUFTI Day!**

The Year 4/5/6 class will be hosting a Bush to Beach Fundraiser on Thursday 17th September to help raise funds towards our excursion later in the year. Students are invited to come dressed in “BEACH” style MUFTI. On the same day, students in 5G at Collaroy Plateau PS will be having a MUFTI Day as well, but the students at Collaroy will be dressing in “BUSH” style!

In addition to having a MUFTI Day we would like to encourage all students to order a delicious lunch pack which will include a sausage bun with tomato or BBQ Sauce, a popper AND a chocolate treat. The cost will be $5.00.

As this will be our End of Term Assembly day, we would also like to invite parents, grandparents and younger brothers and sisters along to join us for lunch before our Assembly. Pre-orders are essential so we can make sure we have enough food. Attached to this week’s Newsletter is an order form. Please return with payment by TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER.

**End of Term Assembly**

Our End of Term Assembly will be held on Thursday 17th September starting at 1:45pm underneath the COLA. All families are invited to attend!

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**Calendar**

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Saturday 19th September – Monday 5th October inclusive

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

**Attachments**

- Year 6 – World Peace Day Youth Forum permission note
- Cowra High School GaT Class Flier – Year 6-7 students
- Year 5/6 PD Talk Permission Note
- Bush to Beach Fundraiser Lunch Order Form
K/1 News

We are fast approaching the end of the Term, so this means we are trying very hard to finish our Units in all our subjects. We are looking forward to going to the Dinosaur Museum in Bathurst next Thursday, so if you haven't returned your note and money please do so as ASAP.

It's very exciting! the school has purchased a site license for Reading Eggs for all students in K/1/2 and 3. We are able to use this in the classroom and at home.

Just a reminder that students can download the App onto an IPad, iPhone or Tablet to use at home. Mrs Skene and I will be using this Program in our Literacy Sessions each day. Please make the most of this Program and encourage your children to spend some time on it at home as part of their homework, for reading and word work.

The K/1 students have been practising their dance moves and are very excited to be a part of the Concert. Lots of excitement can be heard coming from our room during dance practice!

In Maths this week we have been learning to tell the time, reading the clock on the hour and half past the hour. We have learnt the order of the days of the week, the months of the year and the seasons associated with each month. This week it was great to see not only a change of month but a change in the season. We welcome 'Spring' and hopefully some much warmer weather as I think we are all over the cold.

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

Where has Term 3 gone? The busy weeks are certainly flying by very quickly! The warmer sunshine this week has been most welcome by all. Gymnastics on Monday provided some students with a few challenges and experiences they had not been able to achieve before, but once they believed in themselves, set their minds to it and stepped outside their 'comfort zone', the overwhelming joy of achievement and self-satisfaction was magnificent to see.

Health classes this week have been a hub of activity. After studying their own facial features and uniqueness the 3/4's started sketching some wonderful self-portraits - I can't wait to see the finished products. The K-2's on Tuesday had a lesson with Mrs Carter on Individual Needs and Wants and the difference between a Need and a Want. Yesterday, the 5/6's started presenting their Body Systems PowerPoint Presentations. The quality of presentations has been outstanding and they are to be commended on the effort and work they have put in to achieve such excellent presentations.

Concert rehearsal is providing us all with some fun and an opportunity to express ourselves artistically and show off our talents through dance, acting, gymnastics and singing! Our class still has some choreography to finalise and decide on, but the children are certainly enjoying enhancing their skills during the practice time! I loved seeing some the Year 3 girls out with hula hoops at lunch time trying to fine-tune their skills.
News each week has certainly been entertaining us all. Thank you to those students who prepare and make an effort with their News topics each week. Next week’s News topic is: Please describe your favourite meal. What it is and how do you prepare/cook it?

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News

Week 8 has been a terrific week in the 4/5/6 class! We celebrated our third birthday in two weeks with Akiko, Taylah and Matthew all turning a year older! We have also been very spoilt by having three lots of birthday cake!! YUMMO!

This week we have continued working on our English Studies activities, developed our skills in 3 Dimensional shapes, written letters to home from the perspective of a person leaving the Goldfields, designed a community garden, saved ‘Fred’ in our latest STEM Challenge, broken PB’s in division timed challenges, spoken about our pets (one was a strange ‘motorbike’ pet!) and even had ‘BLAZE’, Christian’s pet join us in class, VC’d with Miss Gee, jumped and tumbled our way through Gymnastics, practiced our Cricket skills, watched BTN, learnt how to do reverse alphabetical order and had a Spelling Bee AND squeezed in Concert practise! What a week and it’s only Thursday!

Four of our Year 6’s attended Canowindra High School on Tuesday for their first transition visit. From all accounts, it was “AWESOME!” It is great to see our Year 6’s come back happy, excited and confident about heading off to High School at the end of the year.

Don’t forget homework is due tomorrow!
Have a terrific weekend!
Kind Regards
Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who were able to make it to this week’s P&C Meeting. The latest Wood Raffle was drawn and the winner was Cindy Bates. Thank you to all community members and families who bought and sold tickets. Approximatley $600 was raised!
The P&C voted to donate $1000 towards the cost of hiring the bus for the Bush to Beach excursion later in the year. They also voted to pay for each child to attend the Taiko Japanese Drumming Workshop to be held early next term. The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at the Services Club at 6pm. All parents welcome.

Community News

Will, Taylah, Katelyn, Thomas and Harry attempting to “Save Fred” during our STEM challenge this week.

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Little Athletics Registrations

It’s that time of year again! Little Athletics Cowra invites all children aged between Under 6’s and Under 17’s to join our family friendly sporting association.

Registration dates are Thursday 10th and 17th September and also Monday 14th September between 4 – 6 pm at the Triathlon canteen, Twigg Oval or you can register online at www.lansw.com.au.

Children born before September 2012 are eligible to join The Tiny Tots, fees remain at $80. Under 6’s – Under 17’s remain at $85. Registrations for a third child will have a discount of $5. Club shirts may be purchased at Mr Embroidery. Shorts are to be black with no logos.

An orientation day will be held on Thursday 8th October at 5:30pm. Why not come along learn some new skills, make new friends all while being active and having fun.

Little Athletics is a totally voluntary organisation. Parental assistance is vital for the smooth and successful running of activities on Thursday afternoons. We encourage all parents to not just drop off their children but to stay and volunteer and be a part of your child’s athletics afternoon. If we don’t have enough volunteers we can’t run all the events the children love to do.

The season begins on Thursday 15th October. A later start time of 5:30pm has been implemented to help parents who work late to be involved.

For any other information please feel free to call Tracey (Secretary) on 0427 423 460 or Russell (President ) on 0417 658 210.