Term 3 Week 9 – Week Ending 11th September 2015

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!

Addison Skinner (K/1), Grace Murphy (2/3) and Hamish Newell (4/5/6)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Alana Kiss
2/3 – Shaun Petty
4/5/6 – Akiko Beatty, Harry Beaumont and Lily Lawler

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Citizenship Award for Week 7 was selected by MRS BAYL and goes to Lucas Sandry. Lucas was chosen for being so happy and polite EVERY time he goes to the office. Congratulations Lucas!

Premier’s Regional Spelling Bee!

Yesterday Isobella, Nigella, Akiko and Zsalea travelled to Millthorpe to compete in the Premier’s Spelling Challenge Regional Spelling Bee. In each Section (Junior and Senior) there were approximately 45 students from all over the Central West! All girls did very well in what many would consider to be an extremely nerve-wracking experience!!

Nigella and Isobella made it to the final 18 in the Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee Competition.

Zsalea and Akiko did very well and enjoyed the experience so much that they want to try out again next year!

Thank you to the families who transported their children and cheered them on! I know that they all enjoyed the experience immensely!

Milo T20 Cricket Cup for Years 4/5/6

Report from Mrs Kiely

Yesterday was a perfect day for playing cricket as the sun shone all day and was not too hot and not too cold...just right! The Year 4/5/6 students enjoyed a fabulous day playing four games against schools from the Cowra District- Cowra Public, Mulyan, St Raphael’s and St Edwards.
The Holmwood Strikers Boys A team played in the Competitive Draw and displayed a high level of skill and enthusiasm in each of their games, resulting in a convincing win in their final game.

The Holmwood Outback Girls played in the Non Competitive draw and displayed constant team play and focus which resulted in three wins for the day!!!

It was a fabulous day and well organised by Mr Matthew Tabbernor, Milo Cup Cricket Australia. Holmwood School are very appreciative of being invited into the town school sporting days as it provides excellent opportunities for our students to expand their sporting and social interactions.

The Cowra Cricket Season commences after the holidays and children can register at Cowra Sportspower on Friday 18/9, 25/9 from 4-5pm, Saturday 19/9, 26/9 from 10-11am or contact Terry Johns on 0425 204506 for details. Games are for boys and girls aged from 5 years onwards. Many of our Holmwood players are keen to form a team. Go Holmwood!

Highlights from the day were: the quick reflexes with coordinated fielding skills displayed by Sam, Will Skinner and Matthew, Hamish displayed precision and consistent bowling skills, Oliver and Harry formed a dynamic duo as the Beaumont Boys when batting, Damien was well prepared as captain with a full cricket kit and kindly shared his bat with his team.

In the Girls Team, Claire displayed great leadership as captain of the team, Taylah was an exceptional batter scoring many runs, Anna demonstrated superb bowling skills, Katelyn and Kara were consistently reliable as fielders, Lilly Whitty was a brilliant wicketkeeper, Lara and Annaliese displayed new skills and were supportive of their team.

We thank Tayla Davis for her assistance as the Girls Coach for the day and she complimented the girls on their team play and efforts! I hope all students continue to enjoy this great game and develop lifelong skills and friendships.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
PE Teacher

Thank you to Mrs Kiely and Tayla for coaching and supervising our students throughout the day. I’m sure that the students will be keen to participate again in 2016!
**Bathurst Goldfields and Australian Museum Excursion**

K/1 and Years 5 and 6 travelled to Bathurst today to visit the Australian Museum (K/1) and the Bathurst Goldfields (5/6). Thank you to Ms Edgerton, Mrs Lewis, Cheri and Tayla who organised and accompanied them on the Excursions. I’m sure a great day was had by all! Stay tuned for photos of their Excursions in next week’s Newsletter!

**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!

**BOSTES Registration**

This week our school was nominated as one of twenty schools across NSW to take part in the very first BOSTES Registration Process. BOSTES stands for the Board of Studies, Teaching and Education Standards. BOSTES was created by the NSW Government in 2014 to sustain and improve the already high standards of achievement in NSW Schools.

The Registration Process involved a visit from two BOSTES Inspectors who came to our school on Tuesday to conduct an examination of how our school complies with several Department of Education policies and procedures, along with the curriculum areas of Mathematics and PD/H/PE. Along with our Education Director Maree Angus, I was interviewed about the way in which we comply with these standards and guidelines at Holmwood Public School.

After almost two and a half hours of interviewing and showing evidence, the feedback received was very positive! I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff at HPS for the continual GREAT work that they do each and every day. I would also like to thank our Director Maree Angus, and Principal School Leadership Officer Bruce Inwood for their support leading up to this week. While this was a nerve-wracking experience, I am pleased that we were chosen as one of the first schools in NSW as it only serves to make our already fantastic school even better!

**DRAFT Anti-Bullying Plan**

The staff have finalised a draft Anti-Bullying Plan and this was tabled at the last 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.

**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. Please ensure permission notes are returned by Monday 14th September.

**Year 5/6 Personal Development Day**

Mrs Skene has organised Donna Middleton from Cowra Community Health to deliver the Stage 3 Personal Development Sessions next WEDNESDAY. This is a component of the Stage 3 PD/H Program. Mrs Skene will accompany the students during the session. Please ensure permission notes are returned by next TUESDAY 15th September. If you have any questions please contact the school and speak with Mrs Skene.

**Bush to Beach Fundraiser MUFTI Day!**

The Year 4/5/6 class will be hosting a Bush to Beach Fundraiser next 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. Please return order forms with payment by TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER. Thank you for supporting the BUSH to BEACH Project!

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!

Staffing - Term 4
For the first three weeks of Term 4 I will be taking Long Service Leave and heading off to China! Ms Edgerton will be relieving as Principal in my absence. The 4/5/6 class will be taught by Mrs Knight on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and by Mrs Kiely on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I will return to HPS on Friday 23rd October with lots of exciting stories to share!

Kinder Transition
This year’s Transition dates are as follows;

- Tuesday 13th October - 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 20th October – 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 27th October – 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 3rd November – 9:30am – 11:30am

We are all looking forward to meeting our new Kinders for 2016!

School Driveway Reminder
Just a reminder to parent’s dropping or picking students up from school that the school driveway that leads to the teacher’s car park is not to be used as a drop-off or pick-up zone. This is to ensure the safety of all students. Parents are required to pick up and drop off their children at the front of the school. Your co-operation is appreciated.

K/1 News
We are on the countdown to holidays and with that come lots of finishing off activities. We are all working hard to finish our blends activity books, busy learning our sight words and we are all moving up in our reading levels.

L3 groups have been slightly different this term. Students are still in their ability groups, but have been completing Comprehension activities, cloze passages and answering questions on the books that they have been reading over a one - two week period to further develop their understanding of what they are reading. “Reading Eggs” is also up and running in the classroom and students are enjoying the opportunity to extend their Reading, Comprehension and Spelling skills in a fun and exciting way using technology. Just a reminder that students can download the Reading Eggs app onto iPads, iPhones and Tablets to continue their learning at home.

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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal
In Maths this week students have been learning about fractions. This has included learning about halves and quarters and how we can divide a group of objects into halves or quarters. We shared pretend ‘Pizza’ with our friends in halves and quarters and learnt that pizza can be divided many times to share. This is known as a fraction of an object.

This morning we had some very excited K/1 students lined up ready to head to Bathurst Mineral and Fossil Museum. During the week we have been discussing some of the items and things we may see in the museum. We are all very excited to see the skeleton of the Tyrannosaurus Rex. Watch this space for some exciting photos next week.

In English this week we have been focusing on using the correct punctuation in our writing and in particular experimenting with punctuation to engage the reader. To help us remember the different types of punctuation we can use to ensure our writing makes sense, we incorporated some Kung Fu moves and called it “Kung Fu Punctuation!” This has been great fun for the energetic students and I hope it helps them to remember to use the correct punctuation. During recess and lunch some of the girls were doing Kung Fu punctuation moves all over the playground!

In Maths we have been focusing on different strategies for addition, with our ‘warm-up’ sessions focusing on 3x tables (which by the way most of us have perfected!) and now we are moving to our 4x tables. Keep up the super work 2/3!

Everyone (students and parents/caregivers included) will probably be happy to read that there will be no homework in Week 10! Yippee! I can hear you all saying. My only request is to please ensure you keep reading EVERY night - thank you! News Topic for Week 10 is: Free choice.

Have a terrific weekend!
Mrs Fiona Skene
2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News
Week 9 has been extremely busy with lots of extra-curricular activities in the 4/5/6 classroom. On Monday we enjoyed our fourth Gymnastics lesson and are a little bit sad that next week will be our last week. A reminder to all students that PCYC run Gymnastics Classes of an afternoon and as ALL HPS students are now members of the PCYC, enrolments for next term are being taken now - just speak to Kim or Shane.

Matthew flies off the mini-tramp in a forward somersault.
Congratulations to Annaliese who mastered some challenging skills this week during Gym!

We had four students represent HPS at the Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee in Millthorpe on Wednesday - well done to Akiko, Zsalea, Nigella and Izzy! At the same time, the rest of the 4/5/6 class were attending the Milo Cricket Cup day with Mrs Kiely and Tayla!

Today Year 5 and 6 are off to Bathurst for our HSIE “Goldfields” Excursion. What a busy week!! I’m sure we will have lots of photos next week for the newsletter, including one of the HUGE gold nugget Mrs Lewis is bound to find!

Don’t forget homework is due tomorrow and there will be no homework next week. ALL students need to have their Silver Sword activities ready to hand in to me by next Friday - please ensure that your SIX activities are brought to school ready to be marked over the holidays.

Kind Regards
Jenny Lewis
4/5/6 Class Teacher

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at the Services Club at 6pm. All parents welcome.

Community News

COWRA SWIMMING CLUB

WANTED
TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON

CLUB NIGHTS
THURSDAYS 6PM

FUN FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

UNDER 15S ARE FREE!
AND WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND BAG

EVENTS FROM 12.30M - 4.00PM

JOIN NOW! FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO COWRA.SWIMMING.ORG.AU

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.

GET WELL BRENT!
On behalf of all HPS staff, students and families we wish ex-student Brent Kiss, son of our wonderful cleaner Bec and Dave’s grandson, a speedy recovery in Canberra hospital following his accident last week. Get well soon Brent!! 😊😊😊
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 234 60 or Russell (President) on 0417 658 210.

Cowra Early Childhood Services
Cowra OOSH (Out of School Hours Care)

Vacation Care Program
September/October School Holidays
21/9/15 – 2/10/15

Bookings for the upcoming school holidays are open and filling fast, call now to avoid disappointment.

Contact Admin on 63422338
A variety of craft and physical play experiences will be provided to the children throughout each day with the following highlights
Mon 21st: Horticulture gardening, Hair Salon
Tues 22nd: Hand Ball Tournament, Magic Painting
Wed 23rd: Cricket Day
Thurs 24th: Sakura Information experiences, Sushi Rolls, Origami
Fri 25th: Science Fair
Mon 28th: Aboriginal Dancing, research using technology
Tues 29th: Park Obstacle Course, wool crafts
Wed 30th: Bike Safety Day, excursion to skate park
Thurs 1st: Pie making, Stain Glass pictures
Fri 2nd: Dress-up in our favourite team colours for sports in the park, art and craft for Morongla show entries
SPRING MOVIES

A ROYAL NIGHT OUT—2PM Saturday 19 September
Drama/Romance, Rated M, 97 Minutes

Starring: Bel Powley, Sarah Gadon, Emily Watson
On V.E. Day in 1945, as peace extends across Europe, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are allowed out to join the celebrations. It is a night full of excitement, danger and the first flutters of romance.

Hosted by the Cowra Musical & Dramatic Society
Tickets at the Door—Concession $15, Adults $20
Ticket price includes finger food and refreshments

HOME —10.30am Wednesday 23 September
Animation/Adventure/Family Rated PG, 94 Minutes

Featuring Voices Of: Jim Parsons, Rihanna, Steve Martin
When Oh, a loveable misfit from another planet, lands on Earth and finds himself on the run from his own people, he forms an unlikely friendship with an adventurous girl named Tip who is on a quest of her own. Through a series of comic adventures with Tip, Oh comes to understand that being different and making mistakes is all part of being human. They come to discover the true meaning of the word home.

Hosted by the Cowra Youth Council
Tickets at the Door—Adults at children’s prices
Single $6, Family $18

FURIOUS 7 — 7.30pm Wednesday 23 September
Action/Crime/Thriller, Rated M, 137 minutes

Starring: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson

Deckard Shaw seeks revenge against Dominic Toretto and his family for his comatose brother

Hosted by the Cowra Youth Council
Tickets at the Door—Concession $8, Adults $10

BOOK OF LIFE —2.00pm Thursday 1 October
Animation/Family, Rated PG, 90 minutes

Starring: Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana, Channing Tatum
Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart, embarks on an adventure that spans three fantastical worlds where he must face his greatest fears.

Hosted by the Cowra Leo’s Club
Tickets at the Door—Adults at children’s prices
Single $6, Family $18

Cowra Civic Centre Theatrette
** LARGE SCREEN AND AWESOME SOUND **