Term 1 Week 5 – Week Ending 26th February 2016

Students of the Week
Congratulations to our Week 4 Students of the Week!

Taylah Boatwood (Stage 3), Madison Wright (Stage 1), Ruby Light (Kinder) and Katie Boatwood (Stage 2)

Week 4 Merit Awards went to;
- Kinder – Angel Wilkin
- Stage 1 – Tahlia Gee
- Stage 2 – Brittney Worth
- Stage 3 – Zsalea Mansley

Library/PE – Mia Kiss, Hayley Cameron and Hamish Newell

CITIZENSHIP AWARD – WK 4 – HAMISH NEWELL
Hamish was chosen as the Week 4 Citizenship Award winner by Mrs Lewis for being a terrific role model to the younger students and in particular assisting the new Kindergarten children settling in to school.

Congratulations to all students!

Western Region Swimmers!
Congratulations to the 15 Holmwood swimmers who competed at the Cowra PSSA District Carnival last Friday in Cowra. From all accounts our students swam their hardest with many recording a personal best time! Special congratulations to Hamish Newell, Thomas Seears and Harry Seears who were successful in progressing to the Western Region Carnival in Dubbo on Friday 4th March! Hamish and Harry will both compete in the 50m freestyle while Thomas will swim in the 200m Individual Medley. Good luck boys!!

Congratulations to our HPS representatives going on to the Regional Carnival in Dubbo next week – Harry, Thomas and Hamish

Dental Visit
All students received a consent form for Dental Screening with last week’s Newsletter. Screenings will be conducted NEXT Tuesday 1st March. This is a terrific opportunity for your child to get a free check-up and referral should any dental work be required. Thank you to those families who have already returned screening forms. If you haven’t sent yours in yet, please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

School Photos
Attached with this week’s Newsletter are school photo orders. We are thrilled with the excellent quality and speedy delivery of this year’s photos. Parents wishing to order a copy of the whole school photo are asked to send $25 in to the school office. For any concerns or questions regarding school photos please contact Cliff Dykes directly – ph 6342 3070.

ICAS Tests
The International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) Tests are run each year through the University
of NSW and are available to students in Years 2-6. These are external tests which the school administers. Tests are marked independently and students are given a report and Certificate detailing their achievements. ICAS Tests are OPTIONAL and parents are required to pay a fee if they wish their child to sit the tests. The tests and prices are listed as follows:

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If you would like your child to participate, please indicate which tests they are going to sit and enclose payment for each. Please return form with payment to school by Friday 4th March.

Swimming for Sport

Swimming for Sport starts tomorrow and will continue through until the end of Week 9 with our Annual Swimathon. Swimming for Sport will be held on Friday 26th February, Friday 4th March, Friday 11th March, Thursday 17th March and Thursday 24th March from 1:45-2:45pm. The cost for swimming each week is just $2 for the bus trip into town and $2 pool entry (free if your child has a season ticket). Students will need to be picked up from the pool at 2:50pm or will be walked up to Cowra Public by a staff member, to catch buses at the end of the day. If Kinder parents wish to come a little earlier to assist their child with changing back into dry clothes, you are more than welcome - please be at the pool by 2:45pm.

What to bring for SWIMMING: PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME.

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Goggles (if required)
- Sunscreen
- Rash Shirt
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers

Please return permission notes and payment for School Sport Swimming to the Office.

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<td>Hockey Gala Day [Stage 2 &amp; 3] National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence</td>
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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments
- School Photos
- Swimathon Permission Note and Sponsorship Sheet

Kinder News

Week 5 has been another busy week in the Kindergarten classroom. A big thank you to Mrs Webster who took the Kinder class on Tuesday and Wednesday while I was at a STEM Conference in Sydney and to Mrs Knight who taught K/1/2 today while I was in Orange at a Principals meeting. This week we have learnt the sounds r, m and d and have been learning all about measurement, specifically “length” in Maths. We have compared lengths of objects using direct comparison, as well as ordered up to 5 objects in length from shortest to tallest.

Next week we start our Reading Group rotations. Thank you to Rachel Newell (Monday and Tuesday) and Naomi Lawler (Wednesday) who have offered to assist in our room. We look forward to seeing you from 10:30-11:30am! Home Readers will also be sent home starting next Monday. If you haven’t sent in a Home Reading Bag,
please do so ASAP – this ensures our valuable reading resources are protected.

Our classroom is starting to look very busy and colourful with our “Under the Sea” artworks around the room. We have brightly coloured rainbow fish and stunning collaged seahorses – please pop in and have a look if you are visiting the school.

Stage 1 News
Nearly half way through Term 1 and Year 1/2 are settling in nicely to the 2016 routines. In Literacy, we have been focusing on Writing and the text type, narratives. Stage 1 is looking at the structure of narratives with an emphasis on the beginning, middle and end. We have pulled apart ‘Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge’ by Mem Fox to determine how stories work, before attempting to create our very own tales.

Stage 1 Maths this week has centred on Length. The students have measured items within our classroom environment using informal measuring units, such as paper clips, paddle pop sticks and shoes!! Interesting fact: The length of a Stage 1 student desk is 34 paper clips but only 7 paddle pop sticks.

Lastly, well done to Eloise and Harry for their superb representation at the District Swimming Carnival on Friday – a super effort!! Congratulations to Harry who placed 3rd in the Boys 8 year’s 50 metres freestyle. What a star!!
Until next week……
Kind Regards,
Mrs Amylee Knight
Stage 1 Class Teacher

Stage 2 News
Wow! Week 5 already! Term 1 is flying by quite rapidly, but as the saying goes ‘time flies when you are having fun!’ and that certainly is the case in our classroom.

We have finished reading our class book ‘Flat Stanley’ and the students have started their activities matrix; they are thoroughly enjoying the range and the challenges of the activities. I loved seeing some of the magazine advertisements created selling their very own special “Flat Spray” and some of their own designed flat characters. These activities will keep the students very busy and engaged throughout the rest of the term.

We have also been very busy writing more Poetry; doing Addition and Subtraction in Maths; finishing off our “Falling Back in Space Portraits” in Art; playing cricket in class Sport; and learning about the importance of Reduce, Recycle, Reuse & Refuse and the consequences to the environment if we do not do these very important things.
News topic for next week is: Free Choice. Thank you again to those wonderful people who diligently return their homework each week.
Have a wonderful weekend! Keep Cool!
Mrs Fiona Skene
Stage 2 Class Teacher

Stage 3 News
This week Stage 3 have been learning a little more about verbs and a lot more about the different types of pronouns and how we can use these and identify them in our writing. We have also been learning about the importance of comprehension while we are finishing “James and the Giant Peach” as a class. In Mathematics we are learning how to find the perimeter of particular shapes and when this might be needed in our everyday lives (we have some future Architects in Year 6!!). As my three weeks teaching at Holmwood School comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone who has welcomed me into the school and to all the Year 5/6 students for being such an incredible class to teach.
Miss Jessica Camps
Pre Service Teacher
Stage 3

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 21st March at the Services Club starting at 6pm. All parents welcome.

Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary