Students of the Week

Congratulations to our Week 5 Students of the Week!

Jack Lawler (Kinder), Lilly Hood (Stage 1), Leetisha Nestor (Stage 2) and William Skinner (Stage 3)

Week 4 Merit Awards went to;
- Kinder – Daniel Hoy
- Stage 1 – Lucas Sandry
- Stage 2 – Bella Cummings
- Stage 3 – Lara Collins

Library/PE – Ruby Light, Brodie Rye, Zsalea Mansley

CITIZENSHIP AWARD – WEEK 5 – KATIE BOATWOOD

Katie was chosen as the Week 5 Citizenship Award winner by Mrs Knight for being a wonderful carer of our school environment.

Congratulations to all students!

Dental Visit

On Tuesday we had a visit from Robyn Browne, our school dental nurse. All students who returned notes received a free dental checkup and a note was sent home with children on Tuesday advising of any recommendations for future dental work.

Good Luck Regional Swimmers!

Good luck to Hamish Newell, Thomas Seeers and Harry Seeers who will be swimming at the Western Region PSSA Swimming Carnival in Dubbo tomorrow!

Swimming for Sport – TOMORROW!

Swimming is on again tomorrow! Don’t forget to pack:
- Swimmers
- Towel
- Rash shirt
- Sunscreen
- Goggles (if required)
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers to go in.

A reminder to all students that the Holmwood Swimathon is only a few weeks away and students are hopefully busy getting sponsors! Last year our school raised approximately $1,200.00 in sponsorship, so this year we are aiming to beat that!

Cowra Festival of International Understanding

As most parents would be aware, the Annual Festival of International Understanding starts next week in Cowra. This year the guest nation is Tonga. Our school will again take part in the window display competition and Mrs Knight has done a fantastic job organising our school entry to be placed in the shop front window of KS Floral Designs. Thank you to Kelly Skinner (Will and Addie’s mum) for agreeing to host our entry! This week students have been putting the finishing touches on their Tongan inspired artworks during HSIE lessons, ready to be displayed and judged on Saturday 12th March. Be sure to pop down to KS Floral Designs and check it out!

Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day

Our Stage 2 and 3 students have been invited to attend a combined Cowra Schools Hockey Gala Day to be held on Friday 18th March. This will involve ALL students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and will be run similar to last year’s event.

Students will be met by Ms Edgerton and Mrs Skene at Cowra Public in the morning, and will walk over to the Cowra Hockey Fields for a 10am start. Children will mix with other students from the other Cowra Primary Schools and Small Schools in fun, skills-based activities throughout the day, with games to follow in the afternoon. The day will conclude at 2:30pm after which students will walk from the Hockey Fields to the Cowra Public School to catch buses home.
There is no cost for this excursion, however ALL students attending MUST have a mouthguard. We have a supply of these available at school for sale at $5.00 each. Shin pads are also encouraged, but not essential as there will be some available for our students to use on the day. Long socks are also encouraged in order to hold shin pads in place!

Please find a permission note for all Stage 2 and 3 students to attend with this week’s newsletter.

Harmony Day!!
This year our school will again be taking part in “Harmony Day” celebrations. Harmony Day celebrates our rich cultural diversity and the theme is “Everyone Belongs”. At HPS we will be celebrating Harmony Day by...

- Coming to school dressed in ORANGE (the ‘official’ Harmony Day colour) – if you don’t have orange clothing – pink, red or yellow are all OK!
- Cooking a FABULOUS Tongan cultural feast for lunch. Kinder will be making appetisers, Stage 1 will be preparing entrée, Stage 3 will be making the main meal and Stage 2 will be cooking dessert!
- Sharing a meal together in celebration of our cultural diversity!

To cover the food costs for Harmony Day, each child is asked to contribute $6 for their FOUR course lunch.
Parents are also invited to attend the lunch with the students and staff at a cost of just $6 per person.

If parents would like to assist with cooking activities in any class, please let the school know by completing the Helpers Note attached to this week’s Newsletter...the more the merrier!
Please find a HARMONY DAY Lunch Form attached to this week’s Newsletter – forms and payment are due to the school by MONDAY 21st March – this is to assist with catering quantities.

Could all parents of Year 6 students please complete and return the form (attached to this week’s Newsletter) to school by Friday 18th March 2016. If your child is NOT attending a Government High School next year, the forms still need to be returned to the school so that Anthea can complete all the paperwork.

Book Club
Attached to this week’s newsletter is this month’s Book Club Catalogue. All orders and payment are due by Wednesday 16th March.

Calendar

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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- Scholastic Book Club Catalogues
- Hockey Gala Day permission notes (Stage 2 and 3 only)
- Harmony Day Lunch Order Forms (K-6)
- Harmony Day Helpers Notes
- Expression of Interest for Year 6 Students enrolling in a Government High School in Year 7 2017 Forms (Yr 6 only)
- New to Netball Flier

Kinder News
This week we started our reading group rotations. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who are assisting in our classroom during reading time – your help is greatly appreciated by Mrs Lewis and all the...
children! We have been working hard on using our fingers to point to the words as we read them as well as spotting some of our sight words in our reading books. So far we can read the words I, am, mum, me, is, my and went!

Maths this week was all about patterns! We made patterns with coloured blocks, patterns with beads, patterns on the interactive whiteboard and even patterns with Mrs Lewis's stamps! Kinder are very clever at copying, making and extending patterns!

This week in HSIE we continued our “Celebrations” theme and focused on Chinese New Year! We watched some interesting videos on YouTube which told us the history of Chinese New Year and discovered that in Chinese Culture the colour red is lucky! Everyone enjoyed making Chinese dragon puppets and watching the Chinese New Year Parade on the interactive whiteboard – one of the dragons was so big and long it needed 200 people to carry it down the street! We are counting down the weeks until our school celebrates Harmony Day!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
Kindergarten Teacher

Stage 1 News
The weeks are flying by!!! Stage 1 have had a very busy and productive week.

This week in English, we continued to look at narratives and started to focus on the complication (problem) and the resolution of "Where's the Gold?" by Pamela Allen. In Grammar, Year 1 were introduced to Proper Nouns and were excited to discover that their own names are an example of a proper Noun. Year 2's Grammar focus this week was the use of the comma when listing more than two items. For example, "The fruit stall sells apples, carrots and pears."

Our news topic for week 7 will be ‘My Favourite Food’. Students are required to speak for a minute about their favourite food and why. They are welcome to bring in a recipe.

In Maths, this week we have been focusing on Patterns and Algebras. We have looked at number patterns, counting by 2's and 5's in Year 1 and more complicated number patterns for Year 2. The students have also been developing their knowledge of odd and even numbers.

In HSIE, all classes have completed art works and information projects related to Tonga for our window display and the Festival of International Understanding. (A big thank you to Will and Addison Skinner’s mum, Kelly, for the use of her shop window.) Make sure you check it out!!!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Amylee Knight
Stage 1 Class Teacher

Stage 2 News
Another busy week has past in the 3/4 classroom and I am extremely pleased to report that our Flat Stanley is having a sensational time visiting everyone’s home! On the weekend, he road on Bella’s horse and Jett’s motorbike and was nearly eaten by Jett’s pet goat; but luckily Jett saved the day and Flat Stanley is still with us!! There was another mishap with Jett’s goat that we probably won’t report here, but let’s say Flat Stanley has changed his colour a little bit after he came in contact with some liquid! The writing in the Journal has been absolutely superb and I am so pleased that everyone is really embracing this activity.

In Maths this week we started our subtraction challenge and I was blown away by some of the wonderful results first up. Let’s say on a whole, our class is faster at subtracting than adding! We also started our new topic on Length. Everyone enjoyed estimating the length and then checking their estimates by measuring various items and distances around the
classroom using a ruler, a metre ruler or the trundle wheel.
To finish off our Poetry unit this week, we used Liam’s Popcorn Maker (that he had brought to school for News) to create a Popcorn Sensory Poem. We cooked popcorn using the machine and then the students had to describe it, using visual imagery, and their five senses. The results were outstanding. So thanks Liam for bringing in the popcorn machine and allowing us to use it for our lesson.

News topic for next week is: If you could have one super power what would it be and why?
Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Fiona Skene
Stage 2 Class Teacher

Stage 3 News

Last week we said a sad farewell to Miss Camps who has been here with us for 3 weeks, we wish her the best with her future studies and hope that she can find work in Queensland in the near future! On Thursday we had a small class party to thank Miss Camps for the great effort she put in with our class.

On Friday all students were very eager to begin our Swimming for Sport. All students were swim tested and put into their groups and are now developing their swimming stroke to participate in our up and coming Swimathon.

Last week most of the class finished their Art Therapy Projects of painting Mandalas. They have done an amazing job of transferring their designs to canvas prints and painting them bright colours. This week we started our new projects of dream catchers and weaving hoops. Students are asked to bring in suitable items to hang on or weave into their designs.

In reading we are currently half way through our novel “James and the Giant Peach” and we are responding to the Comprehension questions with more clarity and depth in our responses, with a focus on descriptive language and using grammar and punctuation. Enjoy the week end!

Ms Heidi Edgerton
Stage 3 Teacher

Library and Sport News

It has been a wonderful sporting start to the year at HPS with the success of the Holmwood Swimmers at the Small Schools Carnival and District Carnival. Three enormous cheers to our successful swimmers Hamish Newell, Thomas Seears and Harry Seears, who will be our HPS Representatives at the Regional Carnival on Friday 4th March at Dubbo!!! A special thank you to the Newell and Seears families for providing the transport.
Last Friday was the commencement of our Summer Sport Swimming Program for K-6. Students were graded according to their swimming ability and then placed in the appropriate swimming group. We thank Della, Di and Claire for their expertise and all teachers for making this program available for all our students. We also thank Mr Phil Dowd, who generously provides the bus transport at minimal cost.

The Tadpoles Swimming Program for Kinder students and less confident students provides opportunities for swimming and water confidence that each child will enjoy. The structured swimming activities will assist them to learn water confidence and water safety skills.

Attached to last week’s newsletter was your child’s Swimathon Information and Sponsor Sheet. This is the Student Council’s main fundraiser for the year. All proceeds go towards assisting your child’s learning by reducing the cost of the annual excursion and by purchasing new PE and Sporting equipment for our school. The generosity of the Holmwood families is always greatly appreciated.

The exciting PE news this term is the commencement of a Cricket Fundamental Skills program for K-6 students, funded by the Sporting Schools Program. Mr Matt Tabbernor, the Regional Cricket Manager, is leading the exciting 4 week program, focusing on the development and extension of bat and ball skills. These essential gross motor skills improve hand eye co-ordination and will easily transfer to all other games and sports.

During Swimming for Sport weeks, K-1-2 Library books will come home on Monday, via Cheri, to avoid books being damaged in wet swimming bags. If all Library books could be returned each Thursday it would be greatly appreciated and assist me enormously, as Friday is an exceptionally busy day!

I value your wonderful support and I look forward to another exciting week.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF Teacher and Librarian

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

Community News

COWRA YOUTH COUNCIL MOVIE NIGHTS
The Cowra Youth Council is hosting a movie night at the Cowra Premiere Cinema (Formerly Cowra Community Cinema), Cowra Civic Centre Theatrette

- **Friday 4th March**
  - 5:30 pm "Inside Out" (PG)
  - **Special Prices**
    - Single ticket $6
    - Family ticket $20

- **7:30 pm "The Visit" (M)**
  - Concession $8
  - Adults $10

Hosted by the Cowra Youth Council
Candy Bar Open

- **Sunday 6th March**
  - 2pm "The Dressmaker" (M)
  - Concession $15
  - Adults $20

Refreshments included in ticket price

Hosted by the Friends of the Cowra Regional Art Gallery

COWRA NETBALL

2016 Season dates are:
- Seniors will commence 2nd April @ 1pm
- Juniors from 10 yrs & older will commence 2nd April @ 11am
- 5-9 yrs will commence 7th May @ 11am

2016 Registrations costs:
- Seniors (18 years +) - $130
- Juniors (11-17 yrs) - $100
- NetSetGo (5-10yrs) - $55 (All participants receive a NetSetGo pack)

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE ONLINE ONLY NOW & ALL PLAYERS HAVE TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE PLAYING.

We are also holding some ‘Come and Try’ days for anyone new to netball that would like to have a try at netball and it’s FREE. SEE ATTACHED FLYER!

All this information plus more is available on our website [http://cowrana.nsw.netball.com.au/](http://cowrana.nsw.netball.com.au/)