Term 1 Week 7 – Week Ending 11th March 2016

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

Name Withheld (Kinder), Samuel Lawler (Stage 1) Liam Beaumont (Stage 2) and Christian Petty (Stage 3)

Week 4 Merit Awards went to;
  Kinder – Mia Kiss
  Stage 1 – Chelsea Leister
  Stage 2 – Charli Light
  Stage 3 – Annaliese Cameron

Library/PE – Angel Wilkin, Bella Cummings and Katelyn Judd

CITIZENSHIP AWARD – WEEK 6 – TAYLAH BOATWOOD
Taylah was chosen as the Week 6 Citizenship Award winner by Mrs Skene for being a kind, caring and courteous student.

Congratulations to all students!

Well done Regional Swimmers!
Congratulations to Hamish Newell, Thomas Seears and Harry Seears who competed at the Western Region PSSA Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last week. The boys swam close to their times and enjoyed the experience (especially the merchandise shop!!)

Cowra Festival of International Understanding
Thank you to Mrs Knight for the fantastic job on our entry in the window display competition for this year’s Festival of International Understanding. Mrs Knight spent a few hours on Monday afternoon setting up HPS’s entry in the window of KS Floral Designs in Kendal Street. Thank you to Kelly Skinner for agreeing to host our entry this year. If you haven’t had a chance to check it out, be sure to head down this weekend during the Festival parade.

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 TWO 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!

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! The LUNCH will start at 12:30pm under the COLA.

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 last week’s Newsletter...the more the merrier! Please return all HARMONY DAY Lunch Forms to the school by MONDAY 21st March – this is to assist with catering quantities.

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!

Thank you to those students who have already returned permission notes. Please ensure all notes are returned by next week.

Could all parents of Year 6 students please complete and return this form 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. If you have any questions please contact Anthea in the office on 6342 2172.

Western Region Hockey and Netball
Any Primary aged Boys wishing to try out for Western Region Hockey or Girls wanting to trial for Western Region Netball are asked to see Mrs Lewis for further information.

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Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Kindergarten News
Firstly a huge thank you to Mrs Webster who taught the Kinder students on Monday and Tuesday. The students enjoyed completing lots of fun activities, games and stories as well as continuing with their regular English and Maths lessons. Another set of letter/sound cards were sent home on Wednesday (red set) and I am excited to say that we are now almost at the half-way mark in learning our 42 Jolly Phonics sounds!

Big congratulations to all the Kinders who are remembering to bring their Home Reader Folders to school each day. If your child hasn’t brought home a Home Reader
yet, please send in a plastic zip-lock bag or pencil case so that we can send home books for reading at night. Thank you to the wonderful Kinder parents who have been reading with their children every day - it really helps with their reading development!

This week in Maths we have been focusing on our numbers 1-10. On Wednesday we had a special lesson on the number 8. We listened to the story “Eight” by Lyn Lee, which is about a toy octopus. After that we made our own octopuses being sure to carefully count out 8 legs. They look so colourful hanging in our classroom!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
Kindergarten Class Teacher

Stage 1 News
What a hot, yet productive week we have had in Year 1/2. This week the students were introduced to “Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley” by Aaron Blabey. Pearl and Charlie are friends who are quite different to one another. We discussed how we were like both characters in the book before completing Writing and Comprehension tasks related to the characters, their attributes and their appearances.

During news we heard about everybody’s favourite food. What a healthy group of children! Among the favourites we had sushi, prawns, bolognese and only a handful of chocolates. Yum! Yum!

In Maths, we focused on Whole Numbers. As a whole class, we participated in an interactive number line. Students had to place a given number on a large number line, which ranged from 0 to 100. As a group, we will able to successfully place all numbers in order. Year 1/2 also revised and further developed their knowledge of place value.

Don’t forget to check out our window display at KS Floral Designs in Kendal Street.

Malo (Thank you in Tongan)
Mrs Amylee Knight
Stage 1 Class Teacher

Stage 2 News
I know I keep saying it, but the weeks just keep flying by so quickly!

Our focus in Maths over the last week has been on measurement and in particular length. We have completed a variety of activities that the children have really enjoyed and engaged in. Our first activity was ‘Snake Measurement’, where in groups of 3 or 4, the students used computers to research the lengths of a variety of Australian snakes. Using measuring tapes, rulers, newspaper and tape, they then created their own snakes using the exact measurements and then converted the unit of measurement using metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Another fun and hands-on activity was our ‘Mini Olympics’ we held last Friday. Again, the students were placed in groups and measured how far they could throw a discus (frisbee), a shot-put (mini beanbag), javelin (a plastic bowling pin) and long jump. Their results were recorded and again converted into m, cm and mm.

News topic next week is: What is your favourite TV show? Why? Tell your class all about it.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
Stage 2 Class Teacher
**Stage 3 News**

Another busy week has flown by and it’s hard to believe that we are at the end of week 7. This week the students in Year 5 and 6 have been focusing on Tonga - the Guest Nation for the Festival of International Understanding. We have completed an information report on the traditional foods for Tongan people and researched their traditional cultures and clothing. From the information obtained about traditional foods, Years 5 and 6 will be having a vote to decide which delicious meal we will be making for our Harmony Day feast.

In Maths this week the students have been practicing their times table challenge. Each day they are speeding through 100 mixed multiplication questions and trying to beat their own time and number of correct answers. While learning about multiplication the students have been playing card games and dice games to assist their fast memory recall of multiplication facts.

![Katelyn, Lara, Lilly and Lily playing multiplication games during Maths this week](image)

We have now finished our Poetry unit for this term, during this unit we have learnt about acrostic poems, similes, metaphors, alliteration, limericks, onomatopoeias and personification. Next we will be learning about persuasive writing.

![Have an enjoyable weekend](image)

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**P&C News**

The Holmwood P&C are now selling Cadbury chocolates as a fundraiser. Boxes will be brought out to school to be distributed to families who indicate they would be willing to sell them. If any parents have businesses, they are easy to pop on the counter, or even the kids may be able to go door-to-door to raise funds. Please contact Karen Beaumont – 0419 229 755 if you need more information OR are able to lend a hand!!

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

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**Community News**

**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.

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