Term 1 Week 9 – Week Ending 25th March 2016

Students of the Week
Congratulations to our Week 8 Students of the Week!

Angil Wilkin (Kinder), Lily Lawler (Stage 3), Jett Cummings (Stage 2) and Jay Kennedy (Stage 1)

Week 8 Merit Awards went to;
- Kinder – Anabelle Newell
- Stage 1 – Portia Mansley
- Stage 2 – Grace Murphy
- Stage 3 – Lilly Whitty
- Library/PE – Jaydan Wright and Lara Collins

CITIZENSHIP AWARD – WEEK 8 – MAKAYLA TOOHEY
Makayla was chosen as the Week 8 Citizenship Award winner by Mrs Kiely for being a patient and responsible buddy to the Kinders. Well done Makayla!

Congratulations to all students!

Swimming for Sport – LAST DAY!
Our last day of Swimming for Sport was today! This was also our Annual HPS Swimathon. Congratulations to all students on the improvements they have made over the past 5 weeks of swimming. Thank you to the amazing swimming teachers – Mrs Skene, Ms Edgerton, Mrs Kiely, Della, Cheri, Di and Claire – without you all we would not be able to offer our Swimming Program during Term 1 for sport!

Thank you to Mrs Kiely and the Student Council, for the organisation of our Swimathon again this year. All swimming forms will be sent home with students following the Swimathon this afternoon. A reminder please that all sponsorship money is due back to school by the end of Term 1. Thank you for supporting our great little school!

Harmony Day
On Wednesday this week we held our Harmony Day Celebrations at school with a magnificent four course TONGAN meal which the children cooked and shared with their families. It was great to see so many HPS parents and community members join us as we celebrated the cultural diversity that is part of our Australian identity!

Mia, Ruby, Anabelle and Angel welcomed everyone to Harmony Day!

With a record number of 108 mouths to feed, the students did a wonderful job in cooking and serving each dish. The menu was based on Tongan cuisine with Kinder creating the appetizer – a Tongan Watermelon drink called ‘Otaï’. Entrée was a refreshing Coconut Confetti Salad made by the Stage 1 class; Stage 3 cooked a mouth-watering Pork and Noodle Stir Fry for the main meal and Banana Pancakes with Ice Cream and Maple Syrup for dessert was prepared by our clever Stage 2 students!
Special thanks to Cheri and the band of parent helpers who assisted in all classrooms with cooking the meals. Without your assistance we would not have been able to complete such a mammoth cooking task! We have included all the recipes with this week’s Newsletter. Below are some photos of the day.

A record number of guests turned up to this year’s Harmony Day feast!

Brittney, Hayley, Grace and Katie, assisted by Kelly, work hard at cooking banana pancakes!

Bethany, Bella, Jake and Liam were ably assisted by Jake’s mum Katie.

Big thanks to Tania for helping Jett, Layla, Charlotte and Shaun cook their Harmony Day dish!

Cheri, Jaydan, Brodie, Leetisha and Charli were a super organised cooking group!

Thanks to Leah and Nadine who helped in the Kinder room making ‘Otai!

Angel, Mia and Riley had fun chopping up all the watermelon with Melissa’s help!

Jack B, Anabelle and Jack L loved making ‘Otai with Barbara and Naomi.
**District Cross Country**

The Cowra District Cross Country will be held on Friday 20th May in Cowra. In the past, the Cowra Small Schools’ have been encouraged to send as many students as are able to run the distance to this event, without having to have a preliminary trial or selection process. This year however, due to the increase in numbers of students wishing to participate, Cowra Small Schools’ have been asked to follow the same guidelines as the other District Schools and send in only 6 runners in each age group (combined from ALL Cowra Small Schools).

Bearing this in mind, Mrs Briggs from Koorawatha will be compiling a list of ALL small schools’ students who wish to attend the District Cross Country event AND are capable of running for the majority of the distance. Depending on the number of students from each school, we MAY need to hold a HPS “trial” early next term. If there are only 6 nominees in an age group, then those runners will be put forward. Now that we are aware of this change, we will endeavour to hold a combined Small Schools’ Cross Country Carnival next year in Term 1. Unfortunately the short timeframe this year has not made this possible.

The distances for Cross Country are as follows:
- 8, 9, 10 years – 2000m (2 kilometres)
- 11, 12, 13 years – 3000m (3 kilometres)

If your child is interested in nominating for the District Cross Country event, and they are able to run the above distance, please complete the attached note and return to school to Mrs Kiely by Friday 1st April.

**End of Term Assembly**

All parents and community members are invited to our end of term Assembly to be held on Thursday 7th April starting at 1:45pm sharp, under the COLA. We look forward to seeing items from each class, as well as our usual Reports and Class Awards. Hope to see you there!

**Combined Schools Hockey Gala Day**

The Hockey Gala Day has been rescheduled and will now be held on Friday 1st April. The time, venue, walking arrangements, etc will run exactly the same as originally planned. 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. 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.

ALL students attending MUST have a mouthguard. Shin pads and long socks are also encouraged, but not essential as there will be some available for our students to use on the day. Ice blocks will be available for sale at the Gala Day for 50c each.

**Happy Easter!**

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish all students and their families a very Happy Easter Long Weekend! We hope you enjoy the time with friends and family and the Easter Bunny finds you all on Sunday night!

**Calendar**

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**Kind Regards,**
Jenny Lewis
Principal

**Attachments**

- Harmony Day recipes! YUM! YUM!
- District Cross Country nomination form (8-13 year olds)
- 1 box of fundraiser chocolates per family

**Kindergarten News**

What a super busy week we have had!! Harmony Day on Wednesday was a huge highlight and our Kinder students LOVED participating in their very first HPS
Harmony Day! A huge thank you to Leah, Melissa, Barbara, Naomi and Nadine for all of their help in assisting our littlest Masterchefs prepare our Tongan watermelon drink called ‘Otai’! We hope everyone enjoyed tasting it!

This week we also finished another set of our Jolly Phonics sounds and today each student will have received another 2 sets of sound cards in their bag to add to their growing pile! We are looking forward to showing all our parents and friends how clever we are with our Jolly Phonics at our end of term assembly in Week 11.

Have a wonderful Easter weekend!
Kind Regards,
Mrs Jenny Lewis
Kindergarten Class Teacher

Stage 1 News
This week we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates the cultural diversity of Australia. On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have Naomi (Samuel’s mum), Rachel (Eloïse’s mum), Carmel (Chelsea’s nan), Gemma and Willa (Harry’s mum and little sister) join us to help prepare the Coconut Confetti Salad. There was lots of slicing, dicing, grating and mixing happening. It was a great opportunity to also do some Mathematics and measurement. All of the students were involved in this activity and really enjoyed themselves.

We were lucky enough to have some delicious, juicy, scrumptious, tingly on the tongue Granny Smith apples left over. The students used this opportunity to come up with a range of adjectives to describe...
the taste of the apple. From this they created their own sentence about the ‘Granny Smith Apple’.

In Grammar, Year 2 looked at the use of the exclamation mark!!! As a whole class we were able to come up with sad sayings, ‘afraid’ phrases (I am so scared!!!) as well as happy exclamation marks. (Awesome!!!) Year 1 developed their knowledge of common nouns and were able to come up with a range of common nouns...dog, bear, truck, table.

In Maths, Stage 1 focused on time. We worked on o’clock (big hand to the 12) and half past (big hand to the 6). We investigated both digital and analogue time using the Interactive Whiteboard online activities, our Maths Plus text books, our bodies and through individual class clocks.

The term is flying by with only two weeks remaining.

Remember to keep up the reading. 10 minutes a day is ideal.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Amylee Knight
Stage 1 Class Teacher

Stage 2 News
We have had another wonderful week in the 3/4 classroom. It’s hard to believe that the term is coming to an end soon. Where has the time gone? The time has certainly gone by very quickly, but we have achieved a great deal of learning in and out of the classroom. One thing I wanted to mention was the improvement I have seen in the swimming pool over the last few weeks - it has been incredible! Well done everyone!

A big, big thank you to our parent helpers, Tania Collins, Nadine Light, Katie McVicar and Kellie Murphy who very kindly gave up their time to help us cook our delicious Tongan banana pancakes for our Harmony Day lunch yesterday. We thoroughly enjoyed having them in the classroom and we could NOT have done it without them! Thank you also to those families that joined us for lunch yesterday. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Wishing you all a very happy, safe and relaxing Easter with your family.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Skene
Stage 2 Class Teacher

Stage 3 News
This week we have been finishing off a number of projects that we have started in the classroom; such as our ‘James and the Giant Peach’ projects, our weavings and dream catchers, information reports on Tonga and our mini research reports for Science on the anatomy of plants and animals.

In English we have been unpacking and constructing Exposition Writing, learning about the features of persuasive texts in advertising, debating and expressing one’s opinion in a formal way.

Also this week we had a fantastic morning on Wednesday cooking for Harmony Day. In Tonga the traditional foods are predominately fresh tropical fruits, coconuts, and a wide variety of fresh seafood. Another popular meal is succulent roasted pig cooked on an open fire. Our modified recipe was based on the concept of the roasted pig and we made a traditional ‘Barbeque Tongan Pork Mince Stir Fry’. We would like to thank our parent helpers - Mrs Russell, Mrs Judd, Mrs Lawler, and Mrs Seears for helping on Wednesday morning with our cooking.
On Thursday it was a fun filled afternoon at the pool for the HPS Annual Swimathon to end our weekly swimming sports sessions. All the students have gained in confidence and in their swimming abilities. Well done to everyone on a great effort in the pool.

Enjoy the long weekend
Ms Heidi Edgerton
Stage 3 Teacher

P&C News
The Holmwood P&C are now selling Cadbury chocolates and lolly bags as a fundraiser.

ONE Box will be sent home with EACH family today for parents to sell as a P&C fundraiser. Additional boxes are available to be sent home – please call Anthea in the office to arrange this. PLEASE help us to support your child at our school.
All monies need to be returned to the school office by the end of Term 2. THANK YOU!

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 with an adult to raise funds. Please contact Karen Beaumont – 0419 229755 if you need more information or have any concerns or questions about the chocolate fundraiser.

The next P&C meeting will be held Monday 2nd May at the Services Club starting at 6pm. All parents welcome.
Michelle Whitty
P&C Secretary

Community News
Cowra Early Childhood Services
OOSH (out of school hours care)
Vacation care Program
Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2016
Vacation care will run on Tuesday 26th April (public schools pupil free day) if a viable number of bookings are received before Friday 15th April 2016.

Bookings open for our next vacation care program on Monday 14th March
Limited positions available, book quickly to avoid disappointment.

A variety of craft and physical play experiences will be on offer to the children throughout each day.

COWRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Registrations are open for Cowra Junior Rugby League for ages under 6 to under 16.

Games are played Saturday morning at River Park for 6's to 12's. The boys in under 13's to 16's compete in the Group 10 Junior Rugby League competition and play teams from Orange to Oberon.

Register online at http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-2182-42141-0-0 or attend our Registration day on Friday 18 March at 4pm (birth certificate required for all new players).

Players 6 - 12 years cost is $80 which includes shorts and socks.

Players 13-16 cost $120 which includes shorts and socks, plus 13's receive bag & jacket, 14's training singlet and hoodie and 15 & 16's get a CJRL polo shirt and flat hat.

Please register as soon as possible so we can get our teams sorted.

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 at try at netball and it's FREE.
All this information plus more is available on our website http://cowrana.nsw.netball.com.au/