FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

National T20 Blast Cricket School Cup Final and National Tennis Hot Shots Primary School Championships - Melbourne – will be held this Tuesday to Thursday 8 to 10 December. This is by far the biggest and highest achievement for our school. The cricket will be held at the MCG, whilst the tennis is at the Rod Laver Arena. We have participated in both sport and dance at many state level events, however, we have never performed on a national scale. Our school, students, staff and parents can all be very proud of this achievement, and for the 17 students involved, it promises to be an experience they will always remember.

To further add to this success, Cricket Australia and Tennis Australia are paying for all of the accommodation, transport, excursion activities and a majority of the meals. The cost for our school alone would have been close to $10,000. We wish all the students the very best and I know that myself and Miss Lavis are just as excited.

Good luck – Ewan Mackinlay, Jack de Steiger, Hamish Watson, Henry Gulliver, Josh Toll, Fletcher Weaven, Logan Wright, Hamilton Black, Rohan Jepson, Braydon Eddy and Angus Swan (cricket) and Fletcher Parker, Oscar Southwell, Tahlia Francis, Amelia Hearn, Delaney Emerson and Archie Gunn (tennis).

Congratulations Amelia Hearn – Last week Amelia auditioned, and was successfully selected for the 2016 Junior Riverina/Albury Dance Ensemble. This is a fantastic achievement and it will certainly open up some wonderful opportunities for her.

Amelia Hearn

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School Presentation Night – will be held this Friday, 11 December, starting at 7.00 pm SHARP, in our school hall. Awards for the year will be handed out and the school leaders for 2016 will be announced. We do hope to see you there.

To enable students to have a full, clean summer uniform to wear on this special evening, we ask that they come to school on Friday dressed in plain clothes (sleeves and covered shoes must be worn).

School Dance – will be held on Monday 14 December, in our school hall from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. As this is a school event, only students from our school are invited to attend. There is a gold coin donation as a fundraiser for Stewart House. It should be a great night.

Pool Party – This will be held on Tuesday 15 December at the Holbrook Swimming Pool, starting at 12.20 pm. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending. It’s a great way to finish off the school year. Permission notes need to be returned by this Friday, 11 December.

Motor Neurone Disease Ice Bucket Challenge – This will be held on the last day of the year, Wednesday 16 December at school, starting at
2.15 pm. Details are in the newsletter, including ice blocks for sale and for students to come dressed in blue. Mr Preston and I, of course will be the star attractions. Bring on the ice, we can’t wait!

Candy Canes Not Allowed At School – A reminder please that students are not allowed to hand out candy canes to other students at school. We have students who suffer certain allergies to foods and as a result we must notify all parents when food will be available at school along with the ingredients. On top of this, I have also had a good number of parents who don’t want their child consuming candy canes for dental reasons. Please leave all candy canes at home. Thank you.

House Sports’ Captain Elections and School Captain Speeches and Elections – Well done by the 10, Year 5 candidates running for leadership positions. Your outstanding speeches made the job of selecting four of you extremely difficult. All the very best for when the results are announced at the School Presentation night.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner – Congratulations to everyone involved in last Thursday evening’s graduation dinner. It was a great night, with all the Year 6 students a credit to their families.

Sports Assembly – Well done to everyone for their effort last Friday. It was a great assembly, well organised by Miss Lavis, well run by the Year 5 students and a great message delivered to all our students by our guest speaker, Australian cyclist, Taryn Heather. Congratulations to all award recipients.

2015 SPORTS ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all students who received awards at Friday’s special sports assembly. We have had a wonderful year in sport at Holbrook Public. Extra congratulations to the following students who received sports team awards for 2015.

AFL
Sr: Ewan Mackinlay – Excellence
Jnr: Delaney Emerson – Encouragement

Netball
Sr: Jade Hunt – Encouragement
Jnr: Audrey Lieschke – Sportsmanship

Tennis:
Fletcher Parker – Encouragement

Cricket
Sr: Ewan Mackinlay – Excellence
Hamilton Black – Encouragement

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

If you have some free time in your calendar in Term 1 next year to help with the canteen on Monday and/or Friday mornings, please email Georgie Millard on georgy2@tpg.com.au. Not only is the process simple, it only takes around 45 minutes out of your day and your child loves to see you there.

A TRUCK LOAD OF THANKS

A massive thank you to Kelly Glass of Jayfields Nursery for their donation of garden soil and to Kenny Hamilton for the donation of his time and truck to deliver it. Our work in the garden will continue next year.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 11 December: Bec Cardile
Monday 14 December: Naomi Kingston

Jason Weaven
Principal
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**Monday 7 December 2015**

**Touch Football**  
*Girls:* Lara Pardey – Sportsmanship  

**Rugby League**  
*Jnr:* Will Satchell – Encouragement  
*Snr:* Logan Wright – Encouragement  

**Rugby Union**  
*Snr:* Jack de Steiger – Excellence  

**League Tag**  
*Snr:* Tia Charles – Sportsmanship  
*Jnr:* Maddie Black – Encouragement  

**Basketball**  
*Girls:* Kasey Henry – Sportsmanship  
*Boys:* Fletcher Parker – Encouragement

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**BREWSTER THE BULLDOG’S COUNTRY HOLIDAY - FREE READING**  
Tomorrow, all students will be treated to a free reading of *Brewster the Bulldog’s Country Holiday* conducted by CSU Primary Education students. There will be colouring competition for students aged 5 to 9.

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**  
On Friday 11 December, all students are invited to come to school dressed in casual clothing (covered shoulders and closed-in shoes must be worn). This is to ensure that they have a clean summer uniform to wear that evening for our Presentation Night. *In the evening, please ensure that your child wears black school shoes, the correct hair accessories and no jewellery.*

**IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE**  
Our annual presentation evening will be held this Friday 11 December, 2015 at 7.00 pm in the school hall. We cordially invite all parents and friends of our students to attend. At the presentation evening, we award students who have achieved excellence, consistent improvement, citizenship and sporting achievements. Each year, the awards are sponsored by the local community. If you would like to make a donation towards the book prizes this year, it would be greatly appreciated and your name will be listed in our presentation night program as a recognition of your valuable contribution to our school. Donations of cash or cheques, made out to Holbrook Public School, can be handed in to our office.

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**END OF YEAR TREAT**  
At some stage during the last week, the teachers would like to treat the students to a fruit tube. Fruit Tubes contain the following ingredients: Reconstituted fruit juice (Apple, Grape, Pear, Orange, Pineapple, Passionfruit, Mango, Blackcurrant), Colours (102, 110, 150d, 163), Flavours, Thickener (466). If you do not wish your child to consume them, please contact the school by Friday 11 December, 2015.

**MND ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE:**  
Come dressed in blue for MND and be entertained as we drench Mr Weaven and Mr Preston in ice cold water. For those of you who don’t remember, our only two male staff members were strangely absent when the rest of us were ice bucketed last year, and might we add, during a much cooler clime. So mark Wednesday 16 December at 2.15 pm in your diaries as the day of retribution.

The P&C will be selling:  
Zooper Dooper iceblocks………………………….50¢  
Ice cream cones dipped in blue………………….$1

All money raised will go to MND Research in Australia. If you do not wish your child to consume these foods, please notify their classroom teacher by Tuesday 15, December 2015.

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**COLLECT MEDICATION**  
Year 6 students who have medication at school are to collect it from the office on Wednesday 16 December.

**RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS**  
All library books must be returned to the library by Monday 14 December 2015.

**LOOK THROUGH LOST PROPERTY**  
Please have a look through the lost property box in the office. Any unclaimed items will be either donated to the op shop or our second hand uniform shop.
BEAT THE PRICE RISE

As of 1 January 2016, there will be a price increase on some of our uniform items. We have been fortunate to keep our prices steady for a few years; however, our suppliers have had an increase in production costs which then has a flow on effect. Now’s the time to purchase uniforms and beat the price rise.

YEARS K-2 REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016

Would you please supply the following clearly labelled items for your child’s use.

- 1x Large glue stick per term
- 1x Squeeze pump soap
- 1x A4 lined exercise book (for homework)
- 1x Box of tissues per year
- 1x Document folder (for home readers, notes etc. please avoid plastic folders, as they crack)

Please ensure that your child/ren have these items ready for the commencement of the 2016 school year and continue to have a supply throughout the year. All items need to be labelled clearly.

YEARS 3-6 REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016

Would you please supply the following clearly labelled items for your child’s use.

- 2x A4 lined exercise books (for home learning) (Reasonable quality and not lecture pads. 64 or 96 page is plenty - no bigger)
- 4x Glue sticks (constant supply)
- HB lead pencils (constant supply throughout the year needed)
- Red and blue pens (Year 5 and 6 only - constant supply throughout the year needed)
- Sharpener
- Soft white eraser
- Scissors
- Ruler with cm and mm (not steel or bendy)
- Coloured pencils
- 1x box of tissues (for class use – to be brought in at beginning of year)
- Mathematical set containing protractor and compass (Years 5 and 6 only)
- Library bag – to allow borrowing of books
- Good pocket dictionary
- Small to medium pencil case (no large pencil cases)
- Textas (optional)

• NO NOVELTY STATIONERY ITEMS ALLOWED AT SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY CAUSE DISTRACTIONS
• NO LIQUID PAPER/WHITE OUT ALLOWED
• NO FOLDERS NEEDED

Please ensure that your child/ren have these items as soon as possible and continue to have a supply throughout the year. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Thank you,
K-6 Teachers

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

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PRE-Loved Uniforms IN STOCK NOW!

Summer Sizes
- Short Sleeve Polo Shirt 4
- Girl’s Summer Dress 10, 16

Winter
- Long Sleeve Polo Shirt 6, 8, 10, 12
- Fleece Jacket 10, 14
- Boys’ Trousers 8, 14
- Tartan Jacket 4, 8, 10, 12
- Tartan Skirt 6
- Windcheater 6, 8, 10

Sport
- Sports Shirt 10
- Track Pants 4, 6, 8, 12, 14

Pre-Loved Uniforms

When: Monday 14 December 2015
Where: School Hall
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (There will be no supervision before 6.00 pm)
Dress: Smart, casual (Please wear sensible, covered dancing footwear)
Entry Fee: Gold Coin donation will be taken on entry and will be forwarded to Stewart House

Please bring your own water bottle (labelled) and either a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as we will be cutting it up to share amongst the children.
AWARDS

Miss Mills
Caidence Meyers – For making a super-duper effort to complete her work more quickly

Miss Luff
Alex Gunn – Being kind and helpful to others
Mahleigha Jolly – Excellence and enthusiasm in all tasks

Miss Murphy
Beau Meyers – For effort and enthusiasm during our computer lessons
Hayley Vankerkoerle – For always listening well to instructions

Mrs Preston
Rainbow Koppens – For being a kind, caring and thoughtful class member
Molly Pitzen – Wonderful application of skills and knowledge

Mr Preston
Digby Gulliver – For great use of personification during creative writing
Amelia Tepper – For great use of personification during creative writing
William Mathie – For excellent work with time on an analogue clock

Miss Lavis
Tyron Heritage – Perseverance and willingness to attempt new things
Jezabella Wheeler – Making a consistent effort in maths

Miss Peterson
Aaron Heritage – Perseverance and independence in maths
Seth Webb – His effort and success in maths

Mrs Wedgwood
Oscar Southwell – Having a great sense of humour and making me laugh
Year 6 – Making their Year 6 Graduation ceremony so special

Mr Weaven
Emily Black – For her outstanding achievement at Schools Spectacular
Eliza Capell – For her outstanding achievement at Schools Spectacular
Liz Holt – For her outstanding achievement at Schools Spectacular
Janita Nickel – For her outstanding achievement at Schools Spectacular
Amelia Tepper – For her outstanding achievement at Schools Spectacular

VALUES AWARDS – PARTICIPATION
Junior: Ned Harrison
Senior: Cianna Toll

STAR CARD WINNERS
Yellow Playground Star Cards
Stirling Heriot and Ella Lieschke

Blue Classroom Star Cards
Tahlia Francis and Daniel Koppens

150 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Wil King

175 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Primrose Heriot

200 NIGHTS READING AWARD
Georgie Cardile

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALTHY HEROES

Cheyanne Chattaway and Isabelle Gamble love the fresh summer taste of mandarins and bananas. Bananas give a great boost of energy, mandarins are easy to eat and both fruits contain a number of essential nutrients. These fruits make great food choices for the lunch box, plus they come in their own biodegradable packaging. Great job girls! We love to see our students eating healthily.

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics is offering school holiday programs at both our Albury and Wodonga venues, running both weeks of the holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a structured two hour program for primary school children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline and dance gym workshops which give children aged 5-16 years something a little different. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices* and times please call (02) 60411127 Albury or (02) 60241129 Wodonga or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

*Special offer for school students who have participated in a Flyaway Gymnastics school gymnastics program. Book in a friend and receive your session at 1/2 price. Please quote “school Gym Offer” and your school when booking in for this discounted price. Conditions apply.

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

Driving near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving. The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear warning lights on the bus flash. Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.
Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.
For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.
Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) at the bus stop, never on the opposite side of the road.
Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
STOP! One step back from the kerb.
LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! Whether it is safe to cross. Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road. While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never sit right at the kerb.
Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.
Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.
Teach your kids about time and place

My mum used to tell me, “There’s a time and place for everything Michael, and this is not the time and place to behave like that!”

My mum’s words came back to me as I watched three kids (tweens and early teens) try to out-wrestle and out-shout each other while they waited in an airport queue with their parents. Their noise and wrestling quite obviously disturbed and interfered with fellow travellers, but their parents made no attempt to rein in their behaviour.

I couldn’t help thinking that there is a time and place for this type of behaviour and THIS WAS NEITHER OF THOSE!

Time and place is a brilliant socialisation lesson for children of any age or era to absorb. It starts by asking yourself as a parent: “What does this social situation reasonably require of my children at their age and stage of development?”

In the above case it’s reasonable to expect tweens and teens to be able to stand in a queue without disturbing others for the ten minutes that it took to get service. It’s should be easy for that age group to show some self-control and consideration for others.

That timeframe maybe a stretch for under fives, but some parental attention to distract them from being bored may do the trick. The principle is the same regardless of age or a child’s developmental stage, but the application varies.

Socialising kids
It’s a parent’s job to socialise your kids. That is, it’s your job to develop a sense of OTHER so that they become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. Many kids have I. Plates when it comes to behaving in public so they need your assistance to behave according to the requirements of the situation – or according to the time and place. You do this by:

1. **Giving your kids social scripts**
   There are times when kids don’t know what to say or how to act in different social situations. “Here’s what you can say when you meet Mrs. Smith ……” is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, kids on the autism spectrum as well as kids who need extra help to get on with others.

2. **Regular behaviour rehearsal**
   Practise appropriate social behaviours at home so kids know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your kids’ meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. **Just-in-time prompts**
   It helps to remind in positive terms how kids should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant. “In church most people ……”

4. **Teaching good manners**
   Manners are social guidelines that teach kids how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. **Respectful use of consequences**
   While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the kids’ behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. And the best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the kids (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

Time and place is a great parenting message for kids to learn. It’s about consideration for others; it’s about self-control and above all else, it’s about fitting into different social situations.