From the Principal's Office

School Assembly – This Friday’s school assembly will be run by the Year 3/4 class and will start at 11.00 am. We do hope to see you there.

SR Cross Country Carnival – All the best to our students as they compete today at Burrumbuttock.

Peer Support Camp – Our Year 6 students will be participating in a two-day camp to focus on their leadership skills, and prepare themselves to deliver the Peer Support program to the rest of the school each week. It’s a very valuable experience indeed.

P&C Meeting – The next meeting will be held this Wednesday night at 6.30 pm in the school library. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Paul Kelly AFL Cup – The next level of the Paul Kelly Cup will be played this Thursday in Wagga. We wish Mr Preston and the team all the best.

School Athletics Carnival – A reminder that this will be held on Monday 18 May at Albury’s Alexandra Park. It should be great, as the track has just been resurfaced – a $1.1 million dollar project. All students are expected to attend, as all teachers will be attending the carnival.

2014 Annual School Report – Yes, 2014 is correct! Every year, I need to complete a report based on the previous school year. This can be found on our school website http://www.holbrook-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/, but if any parents are unable to access this, then please contact me for a hardcopy.

Student Computer Programs for Students to Access from Home – Our school has introduced two new programs to help support the students' learning in literacy and numeracy. This is part of our School Plan and the Strategic Direction Excellence in Learning. Teachers will either have provided, or be about to provide, each student with their personal log on details to access both programs. The content is closely monitored by their teacher. The students find the two programs enjoyable and are beneficial to their learning and reinforcement of concepts learnt at school. Please don't hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you need to know more. The two programs can be found at the following websites:


New School Plan 2015-2017 – This is available for all parents and the community to read. It is on our school website http://www.holbrook-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/, but if any parents are unable to access this, then please contact me for a hardcopy.

The plan focuses on three strategic directions and their purpose:
1. Excellence in Learning
2. Excellence in Teaching
3. Excellence in Leading

Each week, I will focus on one strategic direction so that you can help gain a closer understanding. This week will be Excellence in Learning, and so I
have attached a page for your information. You will see the purpose, what it is, and why it is important. You will see clearly set out, the roles of the staff, students, parents, community and leaders. Also mentioned is what we want to achieve (improvement measures and products) and how we will go about making these achievements (processes and practices).

Our school is really focused on improving results in literacy and numeracy. The introduction of the Department's Policy Local Schools, Local Decisions has enabled our school to be creative and better able to cater for the needs of our students then ever before.

Our school has invested close to $100,000 in additional funds to gain the best results we can in literacy and numeracy, and more importantly, best cater for your child’s individual learning needs. Through additional staff, we have smaller classes and extra support.

Through increased staff professional learning, our teachers are putting in place the most effective programs to best support your child’s literacy and numeracy. Our school’s planning, structures and systems have changed with regards to teacher programming and assessment, resulting in more effective teaching and learning and improved tracking of results.

Our school is very excited and committed to achieving, for your child, Excellence in Learning!

Jason Weaven
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 8 May: Kirsty Tepper
Monday 11 May: Candy Bartels-Waller
Friday 15 May: Tamarin Hughes

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to participate in this year’s Reading Challenge, which runs from 3 March to 21 August, 2015. The reading lists and all other information will be available from the school library and can also be downloaded from the website: www.nswpremiersreadingchallenge.

SPARE LAPTOPS WANTED

We are asking for donations of spare laptops for Meg’s Children Nepal. Meg’s Children Nepal is an Australian, not for profit charitable trust, which supports and enhances the lives of 20 Nepalese children who do not have family to cater for their basic needs.

OUR 2015 CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS

Our school is thrilled to be involved in this year’s Creative Catchment Kids (CCK) program. This year, the following students Maggie Jamieson, Ellen Mathie, Jade Hunt, Ben Klose and Michael Walters will represent our school. At a recent workshop the students were involved in a tutorial on how to develop a school reader based on a Local Land Hero who is managing a pest species in our region. As well as completing a book this year, the CCK team will be involved in a field trip, a celebration event and a World Environment Day activity. The Creative Catchment Kids program is an initiative of Wirraminha Environmental Education Centre, at Burrumbuttock and is supported by the Murray Local Land Services.

Over 60 schools from the Murray and Riverina regions are involved in this engaging initiative.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

For those wishing to order a photograph of the School Captains or House Captains, please complete the order form below and hand it into the office by Friday 8 May 2015. The cost for these photographs is $15 each.

I ______________________________ of year ________
would like to purchase:
Qty: _______ School Captain photograph(s) at $15 ea
Qty: _______ House Captain photograph(s) at $15 ea
Enclosed is $______________
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HOLBROOK, N.S.W. 2644.
Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

Jason,

I am writing on behalf of the Holbrook Sub Branch of the RSL to thank you and your pupils for the help and co-operation you gave us in the Commemoration of the Centenary of ANZAC.

Please convey our thanks to all the pupils who marched and teachers whom participated.

Thanks also for your kind invitation to attend your school’s ANZAC Service. The members in attendance were most impressed with the content of the Service and the able way it was presented by the pupils. Please pass on our congratulations to the pupils (and teachers of course) concerned.

Once again, the pupils of Holbrook Public School were a credit to their school and their teachers.

Yours Sincerely,

William Harrison
Hon Secretary

CHANGE OF DATE
MOTHERS’ DAY GET TOGETHER
Where: Coffee and Cake $8 at J&B’s Gourmet Café
When: Monday 11 May from 9.00 am to 11.00 am
RSVP: Margot Pitzen on 0407 658 401
It’s a great opportunity to come and meet the new P&C committee and other parents!
RSVP Margot Pitzen 0407 658 401

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Holbrook Landcare and Food by Sarah King require your help to assist with a P&C fundraiser. Landcare will be having a luncheon at the Holbrook Town Hall on Wednesday 3 June 2015. We will need the following people to:

Do food preparation: 9.00 am and 12.30 pm
(Approx. 6 people)
Help clean up: 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm
(Approx. 4 people)
We will also need some cakes and slices made for the morning tea (without nuts please and with ingredients listed).
If you can help with any of the above, please contact Margot Pitzen 0407 658 401

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 6 May 2015 at 6.30 pm. All welcome!

Thank you

P&C News

STEWARD HOUSE RAFFLE

The SRC is an active organisation in our school. The SRC has decided to support a raffle conducted by Stewart House. By participating, you could win you and your family a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. 1800 children from public schools across NSW and ACT attend Stewart House each year. Holbrook Public has been able to make use of their facilities, with several children attending earlier this year. An envelope is attached to this week’s newsletter. It costs $2 to enter. Please return your envelopes to the office by Friday 22 May.

Thank you for your help.
Holbrook Public School SRC

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

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HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION YET?
School Council have decided to keep the school contribution fees for 2015 to a low $30 per child.

That’s just 15¢ per child, per school day!

These fees allow the school to purchase teaching resources as well as writing books, stationery, art supplies and library books.

Remember, every dollar counts!

Congratulations to those 57 families who have already contributed to their child’s education!

There is still time for our remaining families to contribute before the end of Term 2.

AWARDS

Miss Mills
Harriet Bull – For fantastic independent recount writing
Cooper Glass – For his amazing attention to detail in craft

Miss Luff
Laycii Freund – A superb understanding of addition strategies
William Wood – A great improvement in literacy

Miss Murphy
Harry Capell – For contributing well to our class discussions and for his excellent general knowledge
Wil King – For impressive reading, writing and spelling this week

Mrs Preston
Stirling Heriot – For his interest and enthusiasm during ANZAC lessons
Cruz Schirmer – For beautiful poetry writing
Isabella Weaven – For being the Year 2 “IT Guru”

Mr Preston
Olivia King – For reading with expression and enthusiasm
Zoey Meredith – For working very well during literacy

Miss Lavis
Cordelia Clarke – Working well in maths
Lara Pardey – A fantastic effort in English

Mrs Wedgwood
Sophie Ellison – Always doing her very best in English
Will Satchell – Huge improvement in reading fluency

Miss Peterson
Braydon Eddy – His outstanding improvement in maths
Hamish Watson – His creativity in writing tasks

Mr Weaven
Jim Henry – For great work in personal development
Tadium Maher – For knowledge and use of the computer in class
Julia Mathie – For reading with great expression
Matilda Nevinson – For great work in personal development
Izak Schirmer – For great work in personal development
Angus Swan – For really putting in time and effort to improve his maths skills
Millie Walsh – For consistency and excellent results in maths

VALUES AWARDS - PARTICIPATION
Junior: Mathew Mulloy-Ellison
Senior: Maddie Black

**STAR CARD WINNERS**
Yellow Playground Star Cards
Holly Hall and Angus Wright

Blue Classroom Star Cards
Jasmyn Hughes and Tadium Maher

**25 NIGHTS READING AWARD**
Sam de Steiger, Stirling Heriot, Alex Power, Lily Walters

**50 NIGHTS READING AWARD**

**75 NIGHTS READING AWARD**
Harry Capell, Cooper Glass, Aylee Jenkyn, Mathew Mulloy-Ellison, Lachie Parker, Annabel Pincott, Zac Spencer, Nethanael Tepper, Lily Walters, Reuben Wilton

**100 NIGHTS READING AWARD**
Annabelle Bickley, Annabel Pincott

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**
Miriam Coats, Jade Hunt, Tara Jepson, Daniel Koppens, Tadium Maher, Henry Nevinson, Izak Schirmer, Zac Spencer, Hayley Vankerkoele, Lily Walters, Logan Wright

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**Holbrook Bakery**
Traditional Cakes & Pies
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**BOUNCE**
Psychotherapy & Sports Injury Rehabilitation
Sarah Finlay
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E: bouncephysiotherapy@bigpond.com
Holbrook District Hospital, Bowler St, Holbrook NSW 2644
COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLBROOK COMMUNITY MARKETS MEETING

Where: Grimwood’s Store
When: Friday, 8 May at 9.30 am
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and help.
Thanks

HOLBROOK BASKETBALL

Boys and girls basketball starts Wednesday, 6 May. If you are interested in playing, please contact Robyn Hicks on 0488 470 102.

AUSKICK

Auskick is going into its 3rd week and we have had a great number of kids each session. Parents are required to register their child online to be eligible to participate each week. You can do this by going to aflauskick.com.au and follow the prompts. Kids need to be registered with the Football Club or Auskick program to be able to play Thursday afternoon game. For further enquiries phone Wes Black 0437146801

ABILITY LINKS NSW

Ability Links is a NSW Government funded program to assist people with a disability live an inclusive and fulfilling life within their community. I will be attending the library every month on the following days from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm for anyone who would like more information or assistance.

2 June 2015
7 July 2015
4 August 2015
1 September 2015
29 September 2015
3 November 2015
1 December 2015

James Patton
Linker - Ability Links NSW, Intereach
Phone: 02 6051 7800
Direct Line: 02 6051 7810
Mobile: 0434 730 758
Address: PO Box 131 Albury NSW 2640
Website: www.intereach.com.au
Good luck to our Year 3 and 5 students who start NAPLAN next Tuesday. Why not have a go at these numeracy questions.

Share 180 marbles between 3 people?

How many marbles will each person get?
- 20 each
- 30 each
- 45 each
- 60 each

What's the missing number in the pattern?
50, 100, 150, □ 250, 300, 350

Each bus can carry 40 passengers?

How many passengers can 10 buses carry?
- $4 \times 100$
- $100 + 100$
- $500 - 200$
- $40 + 40$
Strategic Direction 1: Excellence in Learning

Purpose
Why do we need this particular strategic direction and why is it important?

Every student in our care is to be engaged in meaningful and focused learning experiences that provide the opportunity for them to achieve their full potential as a learner, a leader and a caring and productive citizen.

We aim to put personalised learning at the centre of our school culture so that every student and staff member develops the capacity to sustain life-long learning.

People
How do we develop the capabilities of our people to bring about transformation?

Students: Develop their capacity to play an active role in their own learning. To have the essential skills in literacy and numeracy, being productive and creative users of technology as a foundation of success across all areas of learning.

Staff: Create a school culture that is professionally supportive, proactive and strengthen teacher capacity to improve learning outcomes.

Process
How do we do it and how will we know?

Regular ongoing monitoring of student data through school-based assessment, Literacy and Numeracy continua, PLAN data and external assessments to ensure differentiated learning.

Implementation of How2Learn strategies to develop higher order thinking and learning/teaching strategies.

Staff are engaged via their Performance and Development Framework with professional learning that is purposeful and directly linked to the school plan.

Learning and Support team will have rigorous identification and monitoring processes to ensure high levels of support for identified students.

Products and Practices
What is achieved and how do we measure?

Products:
Teachers plan collaboratively to support the individual learning needs of each student through ongoing assessment and programming.

Through professional learning, all teachers demonstrate consistency of best practice through the use of professional development framework.

Programs and assessment tasks reflect changes to pedagogy and curriculum.

What are our newly embedded products and how are they integrated and in syno with our purpose?

Practices:
Assessment data to monitor achievements and gaps in student learning are used extensively from planning for particular student groups and individual students.

Systematic use of the K-6 Literacy and Numeracy Continuum and the use of whole school assessment procedures, to drive explicit teaching and improve student outcomes.

Curriculum programs and teaching practices effectively develop the knowledge, understanding and skills of all students, using evidence-based teaching practices and innovative delivery mechanisms.