FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Well done to the school leaders for their efforts running the assembly, for their first time, last Friday. This week’s assembly will be run by the Year 1 class and will start at 11.00 am. We do hope to see you there.

School Photos – will be held this Thursday 18 February. Students are to wear their full school uniform (no runners). It is very pleasing to see so many students (nearly all) continually wearing their full school uniform every day. I have already had several visitors to our school this year make the same positive comments.

Lunch Time Interest Groups – will be run again this term by the staff, who are giving up their time to do this. Dance, vegie garden, choir, film, sewing, craft, and library are some of the great opportunities we are offering our students!

Sporting Schools – will be run again this term by the staff, who are giving up their time to do this. We receive a large amount of funding to run this in our school and, as a result, many of our staff have become accredited to coach within this program, which is fantastic. This term it is tennis.

School Dance – Congratulations to the large number of students who tried out for the School Dance Troupe that will audition for the Riverina Dance Festival. Even though you all can’t be selected, it is great to see so many of you having a go. Thank you again to our staff, who are giving up their time once again to make this available to students.

Riverina Boys Pre-selection Cricket Trials – Last Wednesday, Rohan Jepson and Logan Wright attended these trials in Albury. Both boys did very well and can be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Rohan on gaining selection to attend the Riverina Boys Squad Trials to be held in Deniliquin on Monday 29 February. All the best Rohan!

TERM 1, WEEK 4 DIARY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thu 18 Feb</td>
<td>School Photographs FULL SUMMER UNIFORM MUST BE WORN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 19 Feb</td>
<td>School Assembly run by Year 1 at 11.00 am • SR Swimming Carnival (Lavington) • Pool for Sport from 1.00 pm to 3.20 pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TERM 1, WEEK 5 DIARY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mon 22 Feb</td>
<td>School Council Meeting at 3.45 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 26 Feb</td>
<td>School Assembly run by Year 3 at 11.00 am • Clean Up Australia Day • Pool for Sport from 1.00 pm to 3.20 pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

P&C IMPORTANT DATES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wed 9 Mar</td>
<td>Wirruna Bull Sale - 6 slices needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 16 Mar</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting 7.30 pm in the library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 11 May</td>
<td>P&amp;C AGM 7.30 pm in the library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival – This will be held this Friday in Lavington. All the best to our school swimming team!

School Fees for 2016 – As decided by the School Council last year, the school fees for 2016 will be $30.00 per child (no family discounts will be available). Envelopes will be sent out in the near future but, if you wish to make payments earlier, these can be done at the office.

Jason Weaven
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Canteen Roster</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 19 February</td>
<td>Tamarin Hughes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 22 February</td>
<td>Margot Pitzen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 26 February</td>
<td>Cassandra Young</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please ensure that all envelopes are returned with payment on or by Thursday 18 February if you wish to purchase school photographs this year. Please note: Students are required to wear full summer school uniform with black polished shoes on school photograph day.
THE SPROUTS THANK YOU, KYLIE

A big thank you goes to Kylie Durant, who has donated a variety of vegetable seedlings for our gardening club.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED

Once again, our School Council has decided to keep the school contribution fees for 2016 to a very low $30 per child.

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

This money allows us to purchase teaching resources as well as writing books, stationery, art supplies and library books. All of which your child benefits from.

Remember, every cent counts!

Congratulations and thank you to those 13 families who have already contributed to their child’s learning experience.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Season</th>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Sizes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Summer</td>
<td>Short Sleeve Polo Shirt</td>
<td>4, 10, 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Shorts</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Girl’s Summer Dress</td>
<td>4, 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winter</td>
<td>Long Sleeve Polo Shirt</td>
<td>4, 6, 8, 10, 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fleece Jacket</td>
<td>10, 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boys’ Trousers</td>
<td>8, 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tartan Pants</td>
<td>4, 8, 10, 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tartan Skirt</td>
<td>4, 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tartan Tunic</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Windcheater</td>
<td>6, 10, 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sport</td>
<td>Sports Shirt</td>
<td>10, 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sports Shorts</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Track Pants</td>
<td>4, 6, 12, 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accessories</td>
<td>Back Pack</td>
<td>One size</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

$5 ea

P&C News

WIRRUNA BULL SALE

The Wirruna Bull Sale will be held on Wednesday, 9 March. We need about 6 slices for this day which can be left at the school office before 9.00 am that day. If you are able to help, please contact Margot Pitzen on 0407 658 401.

P&C MEETING

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 16 March at 7.30 pm in the school library. We would love to see you there.

AUSSIES OF THE MONTH

Mathew Mulloy-Ellison, Year 2
An excellent work ethic and lovely manners

Nethanael Tepper, Year 3
Continuous excellence in all areas and kindness to others
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Isaac Bennetts, Year 1

Ned Harrison, Year 1/2

**AWARDS**

**Miss Mills**
Cheyanne Chattaway – For displaying a wonderful work ethic
Abby Pincott – For demonstrating fantastic listening skills

**Miss Luff**
Alice Hearn – Her keen and enthusiastic approach towards all learning
Liam Mathewson – His sensible and well-mannered behaviour

**Miss Murphy**
Georgie Cardile – For being a very kind friend and a wonderful helper
Ryder McKillop – For outstanding participation and effort during our maths activities

**Mr Preston**
Molly Barr-Smith – For showing eagerness and enthusiasm towards her learning
Hannah Lennon – For settling in well to her new school

**Miss Lavis**
Ella Cheshire – Displaying an enthusiasm for her learning
Jaide Hughes – Excellent times tables’ results

**Miss Peterson**
Izak Schirmer – Working hard on multiplication
Jasmine Young – Creative narrative writing

**Mrs Preston**
Zaydan Feltrin – For completing spelling activities quickly and accurately
Jack Pitzen – For a mature approach to his learning
Charlie Young – Beautifully presented bookwork

**VALUES AWARDS – CO-OPERATION**

Junior: Reuben Wilton
Senior: Abby Holt

**BEST CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD**

This award is given to the most attentive and responsible class at assembly. The winner is: Year 5/6

**FIRST CLASS READY AWARD**

Awarded to that class who has consistently been prompt when lining up at morning assemblies, and after lunch and recess. The winner is: Year 1/2

**TIDY TED AWARD**

Awarded to the tidiest classroom. The winner is: Kindergarten

**STAR CARD WINNERS**

Yellow Playground Star Cards
Wil Jenkyn, Ryder McKillop

Blue Classroom Star Cards
Hannah Lennon

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Tayleah Flewin, Digby Gulliver, Laura Koppens, Caidence Meyers, Zac Power, Oscar Preston, Oscar Southwell
SPONSORSHIP:

The following businesses of Holbrook sponsor our newsletter. Please support them when you can.

Pest Control
Carpet Cleaning
6036 9598
0437 369 593
pestpac Pty Ltd.

Open 7 Days! Ph: 6036 2049

Holbrook Bakery
TRADITIONAL CAKES & PIES
Coffee Shop
169 Queen Street, Holbrook NSW 2644. Ph: 02 6036 2049

Lieschkhe Motors Pty Ltd
David Lieschkhe
Dealership Principal
76 Albert St
Holbrook, NSW 2644
Phone: 02 6036 2841
Fax: 02 6036 3391
Mobile: 0439 308 702
Email: info@lieschkheholden.net.au

Landmark Harcourts
MARGOT PITZEN // Real Estate Manager
T: (02) 6036 2033 // M: 0407 555 401 // F: 02 6036 2645
realestate@landmarkpitzens.com.au
156 Albert Street, Holbrook, NSW, 2644
Landmark Pitzens incorporating Landmark Harcourts
Landmarkharcourts.com.au

Jayfields Nursery
Native Plant Specialist
www.jayfieldsnursery.com.au | 02 6036 7235

Holbrook Stores
Groceries, Hardware
Soil, Sand & Gravel

Billabong High School
Excellence and success in a supportive community

At Billabong High School...
We provide a quality education for all students in a very caring environment while offering a broad range of academic, sporting, cultural, community and extra-curricular activities.

Junior Curriculum and Electives on Offer:
- Agriculture
- Child Studies
- Commerce
- Drama
- English
- Food Technology
- Geography
- History
- Industrial Technology
- Information and Communication Technology
- Japanese
- Maths
- Music
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Technology
- Science
- Sport
- Study Management
- Technology
- Textiles
- Visual Arts

For more information, contact:
Mr X Wawrukiewicz, Principal
Phone: 02 6036 8373
Fax: 02 6036 8373
Address: Gordon Street, Currarong NSW 2540
Email: billabong.ps@det.nsw.edu.au
Web: www.billabong.h.schools.nsw.edu.au
You can also follow us on Facebook at Billabong High School

BHS Ad 07/11
COMMUNITY NEWS

MINI-TRIATHLON

The mini-triathlon consists of a 2km bike leg, 66m swim and 700m run and has been opened up to all primary aged students this year. Registrations are being taken online.

When: Saturday 20 and 27 February 2016
Time: 8.30 am
Where: Holbrook Swimming Pool

What do I bring?: Your bike, helmet and a drink bottle
What do I wear?: Runners and a T-shirt

AFTERNOON TEA

Holbrook Rotary is holding an afternoon tea for Margaret and Roger Geddes.

When: Thursday 18 February
Time: 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm
Where: Holbrook CTC
Details: Contact Kerry Morton on 0407 484 745

Aqua Fitness

At Holbrook Swimming Pool

• Tue: 9.00 am • Wed: 6.00 pm • Sat: 8.00 am

Classes: 45 minutes duration
Cost: $12 p.p. plus pool entry or season ticket
Minimum age: High School
Enquiries: Margot Pitzen on 0407 658 401
Please complete the form below if you wish your child (Years 3 to 6 only) to undertake one or more of the University of NSW Australasian School Competitions. Please enclose payment with your returned form.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Competition</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Fee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Science Competition (to be held Tues 31 May)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$8.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mathematics Competition (to be held Tues 16 Aug)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$8.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>English Competition (to be held Tues 2 Aug)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$8.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spelling Assessment (to be held Wed 15 June)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$11.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer Competition (to be held Tues 17 May)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$8.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

I enclose $________________________ entry fees. (Cheques to be made payable to Holbrook Public School)

Signature:__________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. “I want...” “Give me...” “It’s mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means its something they grow out of...or they’re supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I’m not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child’s propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children’s personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents’ wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material!

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents’ greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

**Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:**

1. **Expect kids to help**
   With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. **Think ‘gang’**
   It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because it’s boring. “We put ourselves out for each other” is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3. **Don’t let them get away with meanness**
   Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

4. **more on page 2**

Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.
How to raise a child to be a giver...

Develop a sense of other
Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

Encourage giving
During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven’t changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I’m sure they’d say they’d hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!

Michael Grose

Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.