FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Well done to Miss Murphy and the Year 1 class for their great efforts running the assembly last Friday. We all really enjoyed your performance, *Five Little Speckled Frogs*, which involved singing, dancing and drama. It is obvious that the students had rehearsed this for some time, which requires a lot of effort by their teacher. Well done Year 1! This week’s assembly will be run by the Year 3 class and will start at 11.00 am. We do hope to see you there.

The School Veggie Garden – is coming along well. The students did some planting last week, under the guidance of Miss Peterson, who continues to give up her lunch times to provide opportunities for these students!

Creative Arts – is a syllabus requirement that must be taught in every classroom, by the teachers. Creative Arts involves the focus areas of music, visual arts, drama and dance. Equal time and effort should be given to each focus area by the teachers. Anything else provided for the students is a school decision and is dependent upon interest, staff expertise, time available and cost. Examples of this include whole school performance every year, school dance, school choir, art and drama days. This is however, different to sport, where it is a mandatory requirement that every school must ensure that every child does at least 2 hours of physical activity every week and participate in a school cross country, athletics and swimming carnival. Our school is actually audited in this area. To reinforce this further, the NSW Premier even set up the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Program to operate in schools for every student.

As a Principal, I have a very strong interest in Creative Arts, which may surprise some of you. Until last year, I was the Principal representative for 6 years on the Riverina Regional Arts Committee (Primary and High School), for over 190 schools. When I was in Griffith, I initiated and became the director of a major creative arts performance, to showcase the creative talents of our students. It ran for two days every year, involving 25 schools, 500 students and a budget of over $50,000. I’m pleased to see, that after 12 years, it is still running strong. I have formed a very close relationship with the Region’s Creative Arts Consultant. This has enabled me to gain various benefits for our school and staff over the years, here at Holbrook. This included Mrs Preston being given the opportunity to attend the Riverina Dance Festival, State Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular to enable her to gain experience to benefit our students. When I came to Holbrook eight years ago, there was no dance or choir, and the whole school performance wasn’t the spectacle event it is today! I’ve looked to provide opportunities for our staff to be trained and gain further expertise to enable our students to benefit from these increased opportunities.
pushed very hard to ensure the hall wasn’t just a hall, but a venue that we could successfully run a whole school performance in, every year, benefiting not only the students who love to perform, but parents also, who love to see their child perform! Lighting, stage curtains and a projector are expensive items!

As a Principal, I have never once asked for accolades. I have always encouraged parents to give credit to the wonderful teachers we have in our school, who continuously work hard, giving up their time and effort, to enable the students of our school, to participate and benefit from these great opportunities.

Please continue to support our school and focus on the many great things we already do to benefit every child!

**Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival** – Congratulations to all the students involved, for their efforts last Friday!

**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**

Friday 26 February: Cassandra Young
Monday 29 February: Brian Frana and Georgie Millard
Friday 4 March: Abby Paton

**SOUTHERN RIVERINA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Friday, 19 February, 28 eager swimmers headed to Lavington Swim Centre to participate in the Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival. All students swam really well, with most swimmers posting personal best (PB) times during the day. I was very proud of everyone’s effort, attitude and performance. The children once again looked amazing in their Holbrook Public School swim caps, that were very kindly donated by our P&C. Thank you ladies for your continued support.

We have a number of students who have qualified for the Riverina Carnival to be held at Albury Swim Centre on Monday, 7 March. They include: Annabel Pincott, Hamish Bull, Lucy de Steiger, Jasmine Young, Ella Lieschke, Audrey Lieschke, Maddy Wheeler and the Junior Girls relay team of Maddy Wheeler, Audrey Lieschke, Maddie Black and Molly Pitzen. Congratulations to all the qualifiers. Maddy Wheeler also took out the Junior Girls Runner-Up Champion award which was a hotly contested award this year.

Thank you to all the parents for transporting the children into Albury, supporting from the sidelines and for everything from reminding the children to put hats on, reapply sunscreen to taking happy snaps on the day – are all important and much appreciated. Thank you to Margot Pitzen, for being our school representative at the carnival and working as place judge all day, and to Andrea Wheeler, for managing the team while I was marshalling!

I am sure the children and parents slept well Friday night. I’d like to wish our Riverina swimmers all the best at the next level.

Mrs P

**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.
**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 15 families who have already contributed to their child’s learning experience.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to participate in this year’s Reading Challenge, which runs from 7 March to 19 August, 2016. The reading lists and all other information will be available from the school library and can also be downloaded from the website: [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html). If you require any other information, please contact the school.

**STARCASE OF THE WEEK**

Ashton Lee McKie, Year 4/5

**AWARDS**

**Miss Mills**
Alexus Feltrin – For a tremendous effort during maths
Thomas Maclagen – For being a fantastic classroom helper

**Miss Luff**
Sienna Forrest – Always following the 5 L’s of listening
Holly Hall – Terrific time reading, calculating and recording in maths

**Miss Murphy**
Isla Forrest – For fluent and confident reading
Laycii Freund – For completing spelling activities quickly and accurately
Reuben Wilton – For being a very polite, friendly and helpful student

**Mrs Preston**
Harriet Bull – For being a hardworking student
Madison Lumsden – For excellent maths test results

**Mr Preston**
Angus Geddes – For asking great questions during numeracy
Indianna Paton – For excellent use of adjectives during creative writing

**Miss Lavis**
Julia Mathie – Honesty and Kindness towards others

**Mrs Wedgwood**
Cate Holt – Pushing herself to improve English skills
Portia Martin – A great interpretation of a cubist head in monotone

**Miss Peterson**
Tyron Heritage – Thoughtful predictions during comprehension tasks

**FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

**PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!**

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Ashton Lee-McKie – Consistently working hard in maths

Mrs Ross
Tayleah Flewin – Working hard with reading tasks
Henry Nevinson – Working hard with reading tasks

Mr Weaven
Isobel Atkinson – For being kind, friendly and helpful
Jasmine Lieschke – For her beautifully presented bookwork
Dominic Valena – For being a conscientious, hardworking student

VALUES AWARDS - RESPECT
Junior: Eleanor Coats
Senior: William Mathie

BEST CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD
This award is given to the most attentive and responsible class at assembly. The winner is: Year 2

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 3

TIDY TED AWARD
Awarded to the tidiest classroom. The winner is: Year 1

STAR CARD WINNERS
Yellow Playground Star Cards
Trey Laird, Angus Wright
Blue Classroom Star Cards
Lucy de Steiger, Jasmine Lieschke

BRONZE MATHLETICS AWARDS
Jim Henry, Hamish Livermore and Nethanael Tepper

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Annabelle Bickley, Aaron Gamble, Isabelle Gamble, Digby Gulliver, Queenie Heriot, Jaide Hughes, Wil King, Madison Lumsden, Justin Nisbet, Harrison Shea

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLBROOK NETBALL CLUB
REGISTRATIONS AND TRAINING

Registrations: All junior and senior registrations need to be submitted ASAP so that teams can be finalised. Forms are located at holbrookfnc.com.au

Senior Trials commence: Thursday, 3 March at 6.00 pm.

U16 and U14 training commences: Thursday, 3 March at 5.30 pm.

U12s and U10s training commences: Thursday, 17 March at 6.00 pm - for season launch only. Starting time after this will be 4.30 pm.

Please contact holbrooknetball@gmail.com for any queries.
MINI-TRIATHLON TRAINING

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 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

Checkout the Triathlon Facebook page for more information regarding the event on Sunday 6 March 2016.

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### 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
HPS Cross Country Carnival

This year, our school Cross Country carnival will be held at the school oval on Thursday, 17 March (Term 1, Week 8). All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are involved.

The carnival will commence at **10.00 am** with a walk around the course. Races will begin as soon as the teachers judge everyone to be ready. Students will resume usual classes after the carnival.

Students will need to bring their own food and plenty of drinks.

Students will need to wear appropriate shorts, t-shirt and sneakers for the race and a broad brimmed hat. House colours may be worn. (Mackellar – green, Paterson, red, Lawson – blue) Face paint and similar products are not to be used at the carnival.

We are in need of some parents to assist on the day by manning checkpoints around the course. Every effort will be made to place parents on a checkpoint where they can see their child run. This helps to improve safety of the students whilst they are running the course.

If you are able to man a checkpoint, please fill out the form below and return to Miss Lavis by Thursday, 3 March 2016 (Term 1 Week 6).

Chrissy Lavis
Cross Country Co-ordinator

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**HPS Cross Country Carnival – Thursday 17 March**

☐ I am able to man a checkpoint on Thursday, 17 March 2016

Name: __________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________ Class: ________
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.

PERMISSION NOTE – UNIVERSITY OF NSW AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS
(Students in Years 3 to 6 only) – to be returned by Friday 26 February, 2016

Please enter my child/children in the following competitions. (Please tick where appropriate).

☐ Science Competition (to be held Tues 31 May) _____________________ Yr._______
  ($8.00 per child) _____________________ Yr._______

☐ Mathematics Competition (to be held Tues 16 Aug) _____________________ Yr._______
  ($8.00 per child) _____________________ Yr._______

☐ English Competition (to be held Tues 2 Aug) _____________________ Yr._______
  ($8.00 per child) _____________________ Yr._______

☐ Spelling Assessment (to be held Wed 15 June) _____________________ Yr._______
  ($11.00 per child) _____________________ Yr._______

☐ Computer Competition (to be held Tues 17 May) _____________________ Yr._______
  ($8.00 per child) _____________________ Yr._______

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

Signature:__________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)