FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Warm Welcome Back – for the start of the year. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. There are many things to look forward to this term including our school swimming carnival (next Friday) and completion of our new toilet block.

Staffing – Mrs Dunn has retired. Miss Finlay will continue to relieve until the position is filled by staffing. I anticipate that this will be for the first 4-5 weeks. Mr Clifford is working 5 days per week in the Reading recovery and STLTA position which will be absolutely fantastic. Miss Byles and Mrs Wettenhall will work part-time covering teacher relief and library.

Classes and teachers for 2011 – this must be arranged in accordance with the Department’s procedures and guidelines based around staffing entitlements, student enrolments and class sizes. As the Principal, I have to follow the rules in place when working out classes. Our student enrolment numbers for 2011 are due on Friday 16th February. The make-up of the classes could change, depending on final enrolments. We picked up nine new students today which was great news. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused, but it is out of my hands.

If at any time you wish to come in and see me and you would like me to explain how the system works, I am more than happy to sit down with you. The classes at the moment are:

- Kinder – Mrs Ross  
- Year 1 – Miss Murphy  
- Year 2 – Miss Finlay  
- Year 3 – Mrs Preston  
- Year 4 – Mr Preston  
- Year 5 – Miss Lavis  
- Year 6 – Mrs Wedgwood

All the very best for 2011!!!

School Assembly – our first assembly for the year will be held this Friday, in the hall, starting at 11am. It will be run by the Captain and prefects. Star of the Week will be presented by Year 3 and Year 4.

Class Meetings For Parents – this will take place similar to last year. Each class meeting will take place on a different day after school starting at 3.30pm. The meeting will give parents the opportunity to find out from their child’s teacher everything they need to know about what is happening in the classroom. The teacher will also discuss some things from a school perspective as well. Please make the effort to come along as it is in your child’s best interest. If you are unable to make it, and have questions, concerns, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

- Thursday 3rd February – Year 2  
- Monday 7th February – Year 3  
- Tuesday 8th February – Year 4  
- Wednesday 9th February – Kindergarten  
- Thursday 10th February - Year 5 & Year 6 combined meeting (as they work as a stage)

The Year 1 meeting is still to be advised due to Miss Murphy’s illness.

New Home Reading Program – this will be started this week and next individually in each class. Every child will be given a home reading journal to record their reading in. Teachers will keep a record of your child’s reading and awards will be given every 25 nights. Our aim is to improve the reading ability of every child in our school and to do this we need your support at home. Each teacher will talk about this more during their class meeting. A big thank you to our School P&C for funding the home reading journals for every child in our school.

School Homework Policy – this has been revised and I will attach it to the school newsletter next week and to our school website. Teachers will have copies at their class meeting and will talk about it more there. Some teachers may even send it home this week with their child’s homework and home reading journal. If you have any questions or concerns you can see your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

New Toilet Block – which includes a verandah and covered walkway continues to make good progress. It should be completed towards the end of this term and will be a great asset to our wonderful school.

Hot Weather – care needs to be taken for the remainder of this week and possibly next week with regards to the extremely hot temperatures. Parents might like to consider packing an extra drink bottle (freezing it as well), put sunscreen on before leaving home, consider what lunch they pack and make sure your child definitely has a hat (no hat, no play!). At school, we have taken the extreme weather into consideration and students are told to drink plenty of fluids, encouraged stay out of the hot weather during play times, and are allowed to take their bags into the classroom to protect their lunch and drink.

Positive Comments Encouraged – throughout the year, parents are continually making positive comments about the school, what happens, staff, different events like presentation night, whole school performance and many others, student behaviour and the how well the grounds look. I want to encourage more parents to make more positive comments about our great school and I want to put them in the newsletter each week so we can all share in the success. You can write them as a letter and drop...
them into the office for Tracey or myself or can email them straight to the school. Indicate clearly whether or not you want your name included and I will endeavour to include as many as I can each week in the newsletter.

My Door Is Always Open – for anyone to come and talk to me about any concerns or questions that you may have. Please bring an open mind, be willing to work with me and the school and be mindful of the fact that I don’t always set the rules (the NSW Department of Education does), but I do have to enforce them. I often find by sitting down and talking and listening together and by providing parents with knowledge and information about policies and rules and regulations, gain a greater understanding of how things work and why and want to work with me and the school as a result. Don’t hesitate to come and see me.

A very warm Welcome to our New Families –

Paul & Narelle Emerson
James & Christine Capell
Brett & Kate Grunow
Matthew & Margot Pitzen
Chenae Williams
Brooke French
Nicholas Taylor & Melissa Sweetland
Paul & Thongphun Galvin
Linden & Amanda Gunn
George & Julia MacKinlay
Troy & Tamarin Hughes
Elizabeth Walsh
Mark Winter & Fae Peters
Louise Howell

Wonderful to have so many new families starting school with us this week, and not just new Kindergarten families as well. We wish the parents and their children all the very best at Holbrook Public School.

Australia Day Awards – congratulations to Alyce Parker and John Jacob for their awards. Alyce was awarded Junior Sportsperson of the Year which was thoroughly deserved following the many wonderful achievements she has made, including the fact she represented the Riverina in three sports throughout 2010. John was awarded the highest honour –Citizen of the Year which was thoroughly deserved as he does a huge amount of volunteer work in the community including the “above and beyond” he does at our school always making sure the school grounds are looking fantastic. What an asset he is to our school and why so many parents comment and appreciate what he does.

School Fees for 2011
As decided by the School Council last year, the school fees for 2011 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.

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal

Australia Day Celebrations - Alyce Parker (Junior Sportsperson )

John Jacob – Greater HumeShire - Citizen of the Year

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CANTEEN HELPERS
We are still looking for helpers in the Canteen on a Mondays and Fridays. If you are able to help please call Jenni Papworth on 60362483 or 0409362486.

MISS MURPHY AWAY
We wish to advise parents of Year 1 students that Miss Murphy will be away this week and possibly next week due to serious (but not life threatening) illness. Due to doctors orders she cannot physically work. The Year 1 Class Meeting will be organised when Miss Murphy returns. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and if anyone has any concerns please contact Mr Weaven.
NOTES ATTACHED
There are several notes attached to this newsletter. Could parents please return all notes filled out as soon as possible so we can get our records updated.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL
If parents wanting to receive the Newsletter by email, please fill out the attached form with details so a new email distribution list can be made up. If you received this service last year could you please fill out the form again so details can be updated correctly. The school newsletter is also available on our website along with notes.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be on Wednesday 23 February. Envelopes will be sent out very soon.

VISITING PERFORMANCE
The Impro Show Performance will be visiting the school on Thursday 17 February at 2.00pm. Cost will be $5.00 per student. Note is attached to this newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLBROOK NETBALL CLUB
Coaching Positions 2011 Season for Senior & Junior Grades
Applications to: Holbrook Netball Club, 34 Bowler St. Holbrook NSW 2644
All enquiries to 0427 865 063
We also welcome applications from any experienced netballers who are interested in being on the Selection Panel for the senior grades.
Closing date for applications is 14th Feb 2011.
Registration Day Thursday 24th Feb. Sporting Complex 4.00-6.30pm
No late registrations will be accepted after this day if there are sufficient numbers for each grade. If you are unable to attend registration day then you can register earlier by phone, contact Liz Keogh 60364110 or call in at Library Complex to pick up a registration form.
If this will be the first time you have registered with the Holbrook Netball Club and you are 16 or under a copy of your birth certificate must be attached to registration form.
Pre season Training for senior grades, Thursdays at Sporting Complex 7.00pm

HOLBROOK SWIM CLUB
Reminder to all members of Holbrook Swim Club that the Culcairn Carnival is this Friday. Please be there by 5pm for 5.30pm start.

SPARKLE CHEER ACADEMY
Want you to tumble, dance, cheer and fly all the way to Nationals with us this year.
Regional are in July, States in September and Nationals are in October / November with local Eisteddfods and other appearances too.
No previous skills or experience needed. Please email us at sparkle_cheerdancefitness@hotmail.com (there is an _ between sparkle and cheer) or call us on 0415 191 146 for details of times and costs.
Join in this one of a kind team sport which can take you not only around Australia but around the WORLD!

BILLABONG LITTLE ATHLETICS
Club nights will commence from Tuesday 8th February 2011, NOT Tuesday 1st as previously advertised. Thank you

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS – ALBURY
Due to technical difficulties the film “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs” could not be shown last week but will now be screening on Friday 4th February 8.00pm at the Albury Swim Centre, Noreuil Park. Normal pool entry fees apply.
This is a fun children’s movie, based on the book of the same name.
Rachel Buchan
Cultural Services
Albury City Council
ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2011
(8 Years – 12/13 Years)

The school’s swimming carnival will be held on Friday 11 February 2011, for all students turning 8 this year to 13 years of age. The back-up date in case of bad weather will be Tuesday 15th February 2011.

Children who come to school by bus will be dropped off and picked up at the pool. The Kindergarten, Yr. 1 and remaining Yr. 2 students will be brought to school and picked up as usual. Eligible students from Year 2, and all others in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who walk, ride bikes or come by car should go straight to the pool in the morning, and leave from there in the afternoon. The carnival will commence at 9.20 a.m.

Everyone will need to bring swimmers, sunscreen, drinks, snacks (fruit), a hat and towel, as well as $1.50 for pool entry (unless they hold a season ticket). A shirt or t-shirt must be worn whenever students are not in the water—this can be the school sport shirt or one in house colours — PATERSON red; LAWSON blue; MACKELLAR green. Students with UV proof swimming shirts are encouraged to wear them.

Lunch can be ordered from the school canteen as usual. Orders will be picked up from the pool and delivered at lunchtime.

Swimming events will include Freestyle (across the pool, 33m, 66m); Breaststroke (across the pool, 33m, 66m); Backstroke (33m, 66m); Butterfly (33m, 66m); Junior and Senior Freestyle (100m for boys and girls—this is an open event at the Zone Carnival); Senior and Junior girls and boys medley (2 lengths of each stroke); Junior and Senior relays for boys and girls. (Junior—8, 9, 10 yrs.; Senior—11, 12, 13 yrs; Open—all ages)

Students can only enter one distance for each stroke, plus the 100m freestyle and/or medley, e.g. if your child swims in the 33m backstroke, they are not eligible to swim in the 66m backstroke. Please discuss this with your children so they will know which events to enter on the day.

Only students who are 8 years or over this year and who swim in the 66m races (2 laps of the pool) will be eligible to qualify for placement in the Zone carnival. Children enter in the age group that they turn this year.

Children under 10 cannot stay at the pool after the carnival unless supervised by parent/guardian.
If you can help on the day, please indicate on the Permission note, which should be returned by Friday 4th February.

Kristie Preston

SWIM & SURVIVE PROGRAM

The School’s Swim & Survive program will re-commence this Friday 4th February. For this Friday only (4th Feb) 8yr olds will join us to determine eligibility for distances. From Friday 18th Feb, only children from Years 3 to 6 are involved, and they will walk to the pool each Friday after lunch. All children should bring a towel, swimmers, sunscreen and $1.50 for pool entry unless they are season ticket holders. Children in Kindergarten, Yr. 1 and Yr. 2 will remain at school for sport.

Buses will pick up children who normally travel by bus from the pool in the afternoon, and will also pick up any Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 bus children from the school. All other children will go home from the pool – see options below. Children under 10 cannot stay at the pool unless supervised by parent/guardian.

Please return the permission note by Friday 4th February to your class teacher.

ANY CHILD WITHOUT A NOTE WILL STILL WALK TO THE POOL BUT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SWIMMING ACTIVITIES.
PERMISSION NOTE – SWIM & SURVIVE PROGRAM 2011
Years 3 to 6 only (8 yrs 4th February only)

Return by Friday 4th February – any child without a note will still walk to the pool but will not be permitted to participate in swimming activities.

I hereby consent to my child

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Year ___

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Year ___

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Year ___

attending the Swim & Survive Program being conducted at the Holbrook Swimming Pool from 2.00 to 3.25 p.m. on Friday 4th, 18th February & 4th March. (Please note Friday 11th February is the School Swimming Carnival). (SEE SEPARATE PERMISSION NOTE)

Please tick where appropriate:

____ My child/ren have a season ticket. (Please send in Week one so member numbers can be recorded)

____ My child/ren will pay $1.50 per week.

____ My child/ren should catch their usual bus home.

____ My child/ren should walk/ride their bike home from the pool. (Please circle which one)

____ My child/ren should stay at the pool after lessons have finished.

____ Other (Please specify), e.g. being picked up by ____________________________.

PLEASE INDICATE IN WRITING IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

Signature ______________________________________(Parent/Guardian) Date ______________

2011 SWIMMING CARNIVAL PERMISSION NOTE
(Years 3 to 6 only, plus eligible students in Year 2)

I give permission for my child/ren

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Year ___

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Year ___

to attend Holbrook Public School’s Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 6th February 2009, or the back up date of Friday 11th February, if required. I authorise the Teacher in Charge to seek medical attention for my child if considered necessary.

Please tick where appropriate:

____ My child/ren has a season ticket. (Please send in Week one so member numbers can be recorded)

____ My child/ren will pay $1.50 per week.

____ My child/ren should catch their usual bus home.

____ My child/ren should walk/ride their bike home from the pool (Please circle which one).

____ My child/ren should stay at the pool after the Carnival has finished.

____ Other (Please specify), e.g. being picked up by ____________________________.

Signature _________________________________________(Parent/Guardian) Date ______________

SWIMMING CARNIVAL HELPERS

I will be able to help at the Swimming Carnival on Friday 11 February 2011 (and the back up date Wednesday 16th February, if needed).

(Please tick where appropriate).

____ all day   _____ 9.20 to 11.00    ______ 11.00 to 1.00    ________  1.00 to 3.25.

My preferred job would be

____ Time keeping

____ Recorder/computer

____ Starter

____ Drinks for helpers

____ Ribbons

____ Setting up shade areas (approx 8.30am)

____ Computer

____ Pool recorder for races

____ Judge

____ packing up shade areas and equipment

NAME__________________________________Child’s name ________________________________

Phone __________________________
HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

31 January, 2011

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

From time to time the media approach the school requesting co-operation in photographing, filming or interviewing students. The school also seeks to promote the achievements of students by naming them in material provided to the media or by arranging for them to be included in photographs for newspapers and the Internet or vision for television stories.

If you are willing for your child/ren to be photographed, filmed, named or interviewed on topics that do not involve current issues or do not offer a personal insight, would you kindly sign the consent form below and return it to your child’s class teacher.

This consent applies to Holbrook Public School’s newsletters and publications, The Holbrook Happenings, The Border Mail, Radio Stations 2AY, Station FM105.7 The River, Star FM 104.9, ABC Station Goulburn Murray, and Albury/Wodonga Community Radio, the television stations Prime Albury and Wagga (Channel 7), and WIN (Channel 9).

You will be contacted specifically if your child may be required to offer an opinion on an issue or may be required to discuss something that could give a personal insight into themselves, your family or friends, or the request is from media outside the local area.

The school understands that there can be many reasons why families may prefer that their students do not appear on the media or Internet, and respects your wishes. If you sign this consent form, but later wish to withdraw it, please notify the school so we can adjust our records accordingly.

If you wish to discuss consent for your student to appear in the media or Internet, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Jason Weaven
(Principal)

PERMISSION NOTE– STUDENTS TO BE NAMED, PHOTOGRAPHED, FILMED ETC.

I give permission for my son/daughter

Name______________________________

Year____

Name______________________________

Year____

Name______________________________

Year____

Name______________________________

Year____

to be named, photographed, filmed and interviewed, in the circumstances outlined above on this consent form and in Holbrook Public School’s newsletters and publications, The Holbrook Happenings, The Border Mail, Radio Stations 2AY, Station FM105.7 The River, Star FM 104.9, ABC Station Goulburn Murray, and Albury/Wodonga Community Radio, the television stations Prime Albury Wagga (Channel 7) and WIN (Channel 9); and school and/or Department of Education and Training related promotions on the World Wide Web.

(Note: If you wish to specifically withhold consent from any of the above media, school newsletters or publications, or World Wide Web, but retain permission for the remainder, please exclude them by crossing them off the form).

I understand that this consent remains until 16 December, 2011, and if I wish to review my consent I should contact the school.

__________________________________ (Parent/Caregiver)  Date ____________________
To assist our school staff to meet the needs of your children and to comply with departmental regulations, we need up to date information and details relevant to your child/ren. Would you please complete the following and return the sheet to school as soon as convenient. Thank you for your co-operation.

PUPIL’S NAMES _____________________________________ CLASS (e.g. Yr. 4) ________________
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CLASS ________________
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CLASS ________________
____________________________________
CLASS ________________

ADDRESS _____________________________________ PHONE -Home ________________
-Work (Mother) ________________
(Father) ________________
FAX ________________
MOBILE (Mother) ________________
(Father) ________________

EMAIL _______________________________________

1. My local Doctor is __________________________________________. I give permission for the Doctor to be called if required, and an ambulance to be used if an emergency occurs.

2. Permission is/is not given for my child/ren to leave Holbrook Public School grounds for lunch. (If the answer is “is”, please indicate where – e.g. home, Ampol Service Station etc.) __________________________________

Special disabilities and allergies (e.g. deafness, defective vision, limb deformity, allergy to bee stings, penicillin, plants etc)

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Alternative contact if parent unavailable.

NAME ___________________________ ‘PHONE NO. ________________

ADDRESS _____________________________________________________________________________________

Local Excursions

During the year a number of local excursions are held for which we need your permission. At all times you will be given details of these through the newsletter. The following permission note will ensure that your child/ren can participate in these excursions. Permission to leave the School grounds during school time for a reason not included below must be requested in a letter each time when appropriate. These excursions will include:-

* visits to local churches for Ecumenical services.
* the Holbrook Shire Hall.
* the Sporting Complex.
* walks around the local area that are linked to units of work being studied in class.

At all times students will be accompanied by a teacher.

I give my permission my child/children to participate in the excursions and activities named above. I understand that students will be walking, accompanied by a teacher.

PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE NEXT PAGE
Scripture class to be attended (please tick)

(a) Combined (Anglican/Uniting/Christian Fellowship) ________
(b) Catholic ________
(c) Not to attend ________

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS  (Please circle where appropriate)

BUS  Yes  No

If yes, please circle the bus run normally used -

Woomargama  Culcairn Road
Sydney Road (Clifton/Little Billabong)  Wagga Road
Mountain Creek  Jingelic Road
Ralvona Lane

WHICH DAYS

e.g. Monday to Friday; not Wednesdays

________________________________________

IF YOUR CHILD/REN ARE NOT GOING TO BE ON THE BUS, OR ARE GOING HOME ON A DIFFERENT BUS, THE SCHOOL MUST BE NOTIFIED.

WALK  Yes  No

If yes, please tick which gate is normally used -

Albury Street crossing  Swift Street

PICKED UP  Yes  No

BIKE  Yes  No

If yes, please tick which gate is normally used –

Albury Street crossing  Swift Street

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE MET AT THE SWIFT STREET GATE

To help us keep your child/ren safe, please let us know if there are any changes in the usual arrangements.

Your signature here will cover all aspects of this Information Sheet.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________

(Parent/Guardian)

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Jason Weaven (Principal)
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I would like to receive the school newsletter by email. My address is:

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I give permission for my child/ren...........................................................................................

to attend “The Impro Show” on Thursday 17 February at 2.00pm.

Cost is $5.00 per child is enclosed.

Parent’s Signature:................................................................. Date:........................................