FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – congratulations to Mr Preston and the Year 4 class for their wonderful efforts running last week’s assembly.

There will be no assembly this Friday. The next assembly will be held on Friday 4th March and run by the Year 1 class with Star of the Week presented by Year 2 and Kinder. We hope to see you there.

“Maroon For a Day” – was organised by the NSW Department of Education on the same day across the state to raise money for flood relief for Queensland schools. Floods damaged more than 90 Queensland Public Schools. It was held last Thursday with a mufti day – for a money donation, students may come dressed in maroon for the day. Thank you everyone for your support. We raised $254.50.

Miss Murphy’s class meeting – this will be held this Wednesday 23rd February starting at 3.30pm.

Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival – this will be held today in Henty and we wish all those students the very best.

Southern Riverina Boys Cricket Trials – unfortunately, this was cancelled due to the wet weather. It will now be held tomorrow in Holbrook. Congratulations to AJ Bender and Harrison Weaven who were chosen from our school following trials, to attend. We wish them all the best.

Suade Performance & Workshop – this will take place this Friday at our school. We are very lucky to be having such a highly accredited international group coming to our school to work with our students. The day has been funded through Murray Arts with which we jointly wrote a submission for funding at the end of last year. Mullengandra PS will also be coming, which will be great. Year 3 parents will be running a BBQ lunch on the day.

The cappella group Suade will present a one hour performance followed by vocal workshops. Suade are on their way to Tumbafest in Tumbarumba, NSW and Murray Arts arranged for the funding and workshops to occur while they are in the region.

The Suade group consists of 5 young energetic male singers who act as a role model for school students, especially boys. Through music, the participants see that they can enjoy singing, performing and participating in the Arts.

Benefits include:
- Exposure to leading Australian a cappella group
- Increase in musical knowledge and skills
- Appreciation for opportunities in music industry

School Council Parent Nominations – this is included in today’s newsletter. We need 2 new parent representatives. Nominations close on at 12.00 noon on Friday, 4th March 2011.

Student Attendance – a reminder that a student is only allowed up to 15 days leave a year (does not include sick leave and exemption applied for to the Principal prior to the leave) and that those days up to 15 must be for an approved reason. This may be due to:
- misadventure or unforeseen event
- participation in special events not related to the school
- domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member
- attendance at funerals
- recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions.

(as indicated in the policy)
Reasons such as going to town to do the shopping or working on the farm are not valid.

**Please note** – student attendance is not only regularly checked by the school, but also the department as was the case just over a week ago. Students identified with unsatisfactory attendance will be required to attend a meeting to please explain why.

Students not attending school due to being away on holidays will need to apply for exemption to the Principal prior to going away. If you don't, then it will be recorded as leave and you can only have 15 days for the entire year.

Partial absence applies in the same way – we must record all absences between 9.20am and 3.20pm. This also applies to students who regularly come to school late in the morning or who are picked up early in the afternoon. Parents should be reminded of their legal obligations under the Education Act (1990).

If you have concerns at all please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**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 with this newsletter but if you wish to make payments earlier, these can be done at the office. We currently sit at 10% - early days but it would be great if we could raise this to 70%.

Mr Jason Weaven  
Principal

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
School photos will be on Wednesday 23 February. Envelopes have been sent out. Envelopes for family photos are available from the office. Please return all envelopes with money enclosed on photo day Wednesday 23 February. If you choose not to buy photos could you please return the envelopes on the day. All students will be having their photos taken anyway. Full summer school uniform is to be worn by all students (no sports uniforms)

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS**
The University of NSW Australasian Competitions are open to students from Year 3 to Year 6. The form is available later in this newsletter. All cheques are to be made out to Holbrook Public School. Forms must be returned by 14 March.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Attached is the Final Roster for Term 1, I hope this suits everyone, thank you to everyone, especially the new parents who have offered their time. If these times do not suit please swap with someone else on the roster. Please arrive at 9am or before, sign in at the office. Collect baskets from office, lay the baskets out in front of the canteen or in the hall (suit yourself) in front of the canteen has worked well as it triggers the kids minds about lunch orders in their bags, make sure each basket has the right class cooler bag in the bottom. Place orders in appropriate class baskets and deliver to the bakery no later than 9.45am. We encourage you to have time out and enjoy a cuppa at the Bakery when you deliver the baskets.

If orders come in envelopes please re write order on paper bag which are in the island bench in the canteen, 10c for paper bags.

If baskets are in need of a wipe over please do so, spray and wipe and cloths in canteen.

Children *are* now allowed to be with parents except for in the canteen, if bad weather please use the hall.

Thank you to those who have already done their duty, your time is very much appreciated.

Jenni Papworth

**Golden Tongs – helpers needed.........**

Friday the 25th February 2011 will see the commencement of the Golden Tongs Challenge for 2011. Starting us will be Year 3. At this stage we need some more helpers.

*If you are a parent/grandparent/guardian of one of our Year 3 students and are available to assist with the BBQ on the above mentioned date please contact Tracy Swan on phone 60365292 or email thebushswans@hotmail.com or Sophie Hearn on 60365258*

Thankyou
Tracy Swan - Coordinator
BBQ MENU AND PRICE LIST.

Brought to you by our Year 3 Parents.

SAUSAGE
- with bread $1.50
- with onion/coleslaw $2.00

BURGERS
- with bread $2.50
- with onion/coleslaw $3.00

CHICKEN
- with bread $3.00

STEAK
- with onion/coleslaw $3.50

DRINKS
- water $1.00
- Juice $1.00

Special Extras
- JJs $0.50
- Zooper Dooper $0.50

GOLDEN TONGS CALENDAR

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AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Emily Black – Writing the numbers 1-10 very neatly
James Webb – Conscientious work in all activities

Miss Murphy
Ned Satchell – For being a wonderful helper
Isabella Harrison – For being a very hardworking student

Miss Finlay
Jade Hunt – For her beautiful manners she uses.
Matthew Flewin – For writing a great recount this week

Mrs Preston
Olivia Hearn – Showing initiative during class time
William Cheshire – Always working quickly & quietly

Mr Preston
Tom Parker – For always working to the best of his ability
Destiny-Lee Francis – For excellent bookwork

Miss Lavis
Brad Peake – Excellent maths test results
Isabelle Coughlan – A top effort in all areas of English

Mrs Wedgwood
Hayley Wilkinson – Excellent attitude & results in maths
Daniel Morton – Improved work habits in English

Mr Weaven
Hannah Scobie – For great encouragement at the girls cricket trials

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Jackson Gibbs, Rohan Jepson, Tahlia Francis, Paris Giddings, Harrison Weaven, Austin Todd, Jack Watson, AJ Bender

STARS OF THE WEEK

Greta Mackinlay
Year 5
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 6.00pm

FREE PARENT COUNSELLING SERVCIE
The State Government funded helpline, Parent Line NSW (managed by CatholicCare) provides a unique free support service to parents across NSW. Highly skilled professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to take calls from parents and carers about any parenting issue, from tips on how to manage the morning routine, to concerns about distant adolescents to complex challenges of living in blended families. It is the only free counselling service available to parents during any part of their parenting journey, at any time of the day or night, anywhere in NSW. It’s convenient because parents can call when it suits them, they don’t have to arrange child care to talk to a professional counsellor and they can call as many times as they need.
We have a website for parents, carers and professionals (www.parentline.org.au) with a range of tip sheets for parents about contemporary issues facing families today, some parenting stories written by our counselling team that normalise parenting challenges and some links to other NSW wide services.
We have free promotional items that we can send out to you – fridge magnets, posters and pamphlets. Please feel free to email us on info@parentline.org.au or contact our administration office on 8968 1102.
Our telephone counselling line is 1300130052 and is available for the cost of a local call from a land line.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Spain, Japan and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scce Aust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Year 4 Assembly
‘Kaito’s Cloth’
HPS Cross Country Carnival

Our school Cross Country will be held at the Holbrook Golf Course on Friday 25 March 2011. The backup date, if needed, is Friday 1 April.

The day will commence at 9.20am with roll call and a walk around the course. Races will begin as soon as the teachers judge everyone to be ready.

Children will need to go straight to the Sporting Complex on the day. The students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will walk back to school when they have finished their races. At the conclusion of the races, the remaining students will walk back to school for lunch and afternoon activities.

Lunch orders will be collected at the Sporting Complex on the morning. Students will need to bring their own fruito, recess and plenty of drinks.

Students will need to wear appropriate shorts and t-shirt 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 need a lot of parents to assist on the day by manning checkpoints throughout 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 Wednesday 9 March.

Chrissy Lavis
Cross Country Co-ordinator

HPS Cross Country Carnival – Friday 25 March

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________________________________________  Class: ______________________

☐ I am able to man a checkpoint on Friday 25 March

☐ I am able to man a checkpoint on the backup date Friday 1 April
## HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C LUNCH ORDER ROSTER – TERM 4

**PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM, SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE AND HAVE ORDERS TO THE BAKERY NO LATER THAN 9.45AM**

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**Emergency Contact Numbers:** Jenni Papworth 60 362 483 Jodi Ross 60 362 452 Thaya Carman 60 363 730 Jackie Marshall 60 362 480

**NOTE:** If you are unable to do your day, please arrange a swap with another person on the roster. People on the emergency list are only to be contacted in the event of someone not arriving for their allocated day.
Holbrook Public - School Council Elections - 2011

The School Council is now calling for nominations for Parent members of the Council for the coming year.

There are four (4) positions available. Four positions are filled by parents elected by the school parent community and the fifth position is automatically filled by the President of the P&C, or an executive member of the P&C.

The School Council consists of 9 members: the 4 parent members, P&C President, 2 staff members, a community member, and the Principal.

Membership for Council is for elected/appointed members of the Council will be two years, commencing the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting. Elected/appointed Council members may hold office for no more than two (2) terms of office consecutively, i.e. elected/appointed members may hold office for no more than four (4) years consecutively. Membership of more than 4 consecutive years can only happen with the approval of the School Education Director for Riverina Central Area, Mr. John Dowling.

The School Council is an important part of our school and all parents are encouraged to consider joining the Council or nominating another parent.

Nominations close at 12.00 noon on Friday, 4th March 2011. If there are more than 4 nominations, voting forms will go out with the Newsletter on Monday, 7th March 2011 and will need to be returned to the School by 3.20pm on 11th March. The names of the elected parent representatives will appear in the School Newsletter on Monday, 14th March 2011.

If anyone would like to know more about the Council or the role of the parent representative, Anna Coughlan, Teena Last or myself would be more than willing to help.

Jason Weaven, Principal
Holbrook Public School

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2011 SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

CANDIDATE’S NAME……………………………………………………………………………

PROPOSED BY (PLEASE PRINT)…………………………………………………………

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER……………………………………………………………

SECONDED BY………………………………………………………………………………

I AM WILLING TO ACCEPT NOMINATION

SIGNED………………………………………………. DATE……………………………

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS 12.00 NOON FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2011.

N.B. 1. Forms must be handed in to the School Office by the due date.
      2. If you wish to nominate more than one person, additional forms can be picked up from the School Office.
      3. Copies of the School Council Constitution are available at the School Office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM - WEEK 9 - MONDAY, 21st MARCH 2011