FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – the next assembly will be held this Friday 4th March and will be run by the Year 1 class with Star of the Week presented by Year 2 and Kinder. We hope to see you there.

Suade Performance & Workshop – this took place last Friday at our school and they were "absolutely brilliant". Both teachers and students were just impressed and really had a great time. They not only entertained, but taught the children lots of new skills. The relationship they had with the children and the way they communicated was outstanding. A big thank you to Murray Arts who funded the day. It was great to have students from Mullengandra PS join us, and hopefully we can do that again in the future.

Year 3 parents cooked the BBQ lunch and a big thank you to them for their wonderful efforts.

SR Swimming Carnival – congratulations to all the students for their efforts last Monday in Henty. We had a great day, with five age champions, one runner-up, 15 students qualifying to attend this Friday’s Riverina Swimming Carnival and our school awarded champion school. Well done to all of the parents for your great support and to Mrs Preston for her efforts organising the team.

Riverina Swimming Carnival – all the very best to the 15 students who will be representing the Southern Riverina and our school at the Riverina Carnival this Friday in Albury.

Riverina Cricket Trials – last Tuesday, Harrison Weaven and AJ Bender attended the SR Cricket Trials. Harrison was selected to then attend the Riverina Pre-Selection Trials in Albury on Friday. There he was one of 6 students selected to attend the Riverina Cricket Trials to be held in Deniliquin on Monday. A great effort and we wish Harrison all the best.

SR Netball & AFL Trials – these will be held tomorrow in Henty. Congratulations to those students selected to attend and we wish them all the very best at these trials.
Clean Up Australia Day For Schools – will be held this Friday. The students will clean up the areas they normally clean up each year. Students are encouraged to bring in gloves to wear. Bags will be supplied. Great to see the students supporting our local community.

AFL Players To Visit Our School – this Friday, the students will have a visit from some AFL players from the Greater Western Sydney club (GWS). The team is playing a trial game in Albury on the Saturday night. Should be a great opportunity for the students to ask some questions and to find out more about some of the players. Our school enjoys a very good relationship with the AFL and we thank them for continuing to provide us with so many good opportunities.

No toys or equipment at school - staff have told all students to leave their toys, sporting equipment and other personal belongings at home. That way we don’t have arguments about sharing or items getting damaged or stolen.

If students in Infant classes bring items to school for news, they will be stored safely in the classroom’s news box until the end of the day.

Arrival at School Before 8.50am - the school accepts no responsibility and provides no supervision for students who arrive at school before 8.50am. The Memorandum to Principals from the Director General of Education clearly states: “It is not the responsibility of schools to provide free child minding services for students for extended periods before and after school.” The main point for parents is a reminder that school starts at 8.50am for a 9.20am class time start.

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

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 31% - early days but it would be great if we could raise this to 70%.

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal

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. PLEASE NOTE: Computer Competition was left off the original note. If you wish to do the Computer Competition please fill out another form and send it back to the office with the money. We apologise for the inconvenience. All cheques are to be made out to Holbrook Public School. Forms must be returned by 14 March.

BOOK CLUB

Orders for Book Club must be returned to the office by 11.30am on Monday 7 March. Late orders will not be accepted.

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| **Week 7**          |
| Thurs 10 March      | Year 6 Orientation Day Billabong High School |
| Frid 11 March       | Assembly – 11am – Year 2 Stars of the Week – Yrs 1 & 4 |

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This Friday 4th March 2011 is clean up Australia Day. The students are asked to bring some plastic bags and gloves as we are picking up rubbish from around our school and outside our school grounds. Each class is designated a certain area to clean producing a much tidier environment to play and learn in.

GOLDEN TONGS WRAP UP.

Last Friday 25th February saw the commencement of the Golden Tongs Challenge for 2011. Kicking us off was our Year 3 parents. On the day they managed to raise $631.70. WELL DONE.

Thank you to the school community that supported our BBQ and a special thank you to those parents of our Year 3 students that gave up their time to cook / prepare and serve on the day.

Those wonderful people were; Sophie and Hugh Hearn, Sally Bulle, Martha Satchell, Kellie Black, Melissa Churchill, Jason Cheshire, Hayley Brennan, Rick Plunkett, Barry Hayden and Bev Holmes.

Our next BBQ will be on Friday the 8th April, the last day of the term, run by Year 4. If you are a parent/ guardian or grandparent of one of our Year 4 students and would like to help out, please contact Tracy Swan on 60365292 or email thebushswans@hotmail.com

Tracy Swan – Coordinator
HANDY TIPS FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

Selective high schools placement test – 17 March
If your Year 6 child is sitting the selective high schools test, you should receive advice about the location of the test by 3 March. Get some practise using the sample tests on this webpage

Anti-bullying environment
Our school actively prevents bullying by having programs such as peer support to encourage appropriate behaviour and build self-esteem and respect for others. We also have plans in place to deal with bullying or harassment and staff are trained to deal with these situations. You can get a copy of our anti-bullying plan from the school office. If you think your child is being bullied, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, the principal or the school office.

Lost property
To prevent your child losing their property, use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels. Remember to go through your child’s bag with them each night. If something doesn’t come home, ask at the office and check the lost property area.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE PARENT COUNSELLING SERVICE
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 scceaustr@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!

WODONGA APEX MOVIE NIGHT
Wodonga Apex MOONLIGHT CINEMA
Saturday 5th March
Venue: Neil Wilson Pavilion, Wodonga Racecourse
Brockley Street.
Movie: Yogie Bear
Gates open 7pm, movie starts at dusk
Cost: $5.00 per person (adults & kids)
PERMISSION NOTE – UNIVERSITY OF NSW AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS
(Students in Years 3 to 6 only) – to be returned by 14 March, 2010

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

_______Science Competition (to be held Wed 9 June)                      Yr._________
           (7.00 per child)                                             ____________________________

_______Mathematics Competition (to be held Tues 17 Aug)                Yr._________
           (7.00 per child)                                             ____________________________

_______English Competition (to be held Tues 3 Aug)                     Yr._________
           (7.00 per child)                                             ____________________________

_______Spelling Assessment (to be held Tues 22 June)                  Yr._________
           (10.00 per child)                                            ____________________________

_______Computer Competition (to be held Tues 24 May)                  Yr._________
           (7.00 per child)                                             ____________________________

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

Signature:__________________________________________   (Parent/Guardian)
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

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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
SRPSSA Swimming Carnival Report

On Monday 21st February 2011, Holbrook Public School swimmers headed to Henty for the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival. All students behaved and performed admirably. The day was very successful with Holbrook being awarded the Champion School. We also had a great number of our students winning individual champions and runners-up to add to the celebrations! (See below) Congratulations to those students.

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We had many students collecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates during the presentation which was wonderful; however, due to strict qualifying times at the Riverina Level, not all place getters will make their way to Albury. The following is a list of qualifiers for the Riverina Carnival on Friday 4th March. We wish them all the best!!

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I would like to extend our thanks to the organisers of the carnival who ran a tight ship, the weather was perfect and everything ran quickly and smoothly.
Also big thanks to all the parent and family who make the trip and supported our swimmers and cheered them on. A special thanks to Anna Coughlan (girls manager), Mel Parker (boys manager), Donna Parker & Kim Todd for timekeeping and everyone else for crowd control!! It is fantastic to see so much support from our community, such well behaved children and successful swimmers! Good Luck in Albury!!
Kristie Preston
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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Cut along here and return a.s.a.p
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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