FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – The next assembly will be held this Friday 1 April and will be run by the Year 6 class with Star of the Week presented to Year 1 and Year 2. We hope to see you there.

Easter Scripture Service – this will take place next Tuesday 29th March in our school hall starting at 9.45am. Parents, Grandparents and Guardians are more than welcome to attend.

School Council – a meeting was held last Monday and discussed included school finance, school plan for 2011, staffing update, playground equipment and sandpit, projector screen for the hall, school emergency management plan, new maintenance contract, Cybersafety program, Term 1 student reports and interviews. The election of office bearers was also held and congratulations to Hugh Satchell our new President and Andrew Watson our new Secretary.

A big thank you to our departing President Stuart Swan and Secretary Anna Coughlan who have given the school great service, particularly Anna, over many years and we really appreciate their wonderful input and support.

New Term 1 Student Effort Reports – these will be sent home to parents by their child’s respective teacher by the end of this week. Please note this is not an academic report, but on effort in English and Mathematics. It will also include your child’s effort with regards to in-class development and personal development and a small comment. Teachers will also indicate if they wish to see you for a parent/teacher interview.

Creative Catchment Kids Forum Workshop – this will be held this Friday at our school and will involve students from other schools in our area. The students will spend all day looking at topics like: What is natural resource management? Why is the Murray catchment so important and so special? How a project might be developed and implemented. Where to from here: - how to do projects - what is expected. Should be a great day and one our students will really benefit from.

Riverina Dance Audition – Mrs Preston has the School Dance Troupe rehearsing hard in preparation for their upcoming audition which will be held next Monday morning, 4th April. I know parents have been busy helping out with making costumes, so hopefully we do well and get selected to again be in the Riverina Dance Festival to be held in Wagga Wagga on Friday 24th June. Wishing you all the very best.

Albury Girls Basketball Trials – congratulations to Alyce Parker for her effort at last week’s Riverina Basketball Trials in Albury. Alyce wasn’t selected but did very well and still has next year to go.

Rugby League Albury Trials – all the best to Brady Peake, Lewis Bowen and Harrison Weaven who will all be attending the Albury RL U11’s Trials this Thursday in Albury after school. All the best also to Jordan McClutchie and Tuhiwai McClutchie who will be attending the Open’s Trials.

Riverina Soccer Trials – congratulations to Harrison Weaven who was successful in gaining selection at last week’s Albury trials and will now attend the Riverina Soccer Trials in Albury this Friday. All the best Harrison.

School Cross Country Carnival – this was held last Friday and was a very successful day. Thank you to Miss Lavis for doing a great job organising everything. Thank you also to all the staff for helping set things up and to the great number of parents who helped out on the day, your support was wonderful. Finally, congratulations to all of the students for their wonderful efforts!

Paul Kelly Cup – this will be held next Monday 4th April in Culcairn. Mr Preston and Mrs Wedgwood are busy organising the details. We will be joining with St Pat’s school. All the best students.

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal

School Fees for 2011

Thank you to all those who have paid their school fees

We are currently at 37%

Student Absences/Late Arrivals

Please note that with our new Student Absences/Late arrival recording procedure all students arriving late to school must be signed in at the office by parent/guardian before going to classroom. Students will receive a Late Pass to give to the teacher. We thank you for your cooperation.
The P&C Association are holding a Trivia Night & Auction on Saturday 21 May in the school hall. Please keep this date free. More details in Term 2.

Teena Last
P&C President

Wirruna Bull Sale
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Tracy Swan – P&C Committee

CANTEEN ROSTER

Old Mobile Phone Collection
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DANCE 2011

Riverina Dance Festival
Dancing has begun again for the year. A few weeks ago, Mrs Wedgwood & I auditioned 76 very eager dancers to select a dance troupe to audition for the Riverina Dance Festival. Due to Riverina Dance Festival regulations, a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 40 dancers are required for any one piece. We have selected 37 dancers from Year 1 to Year 6. We are busily preparing for auditions on the Monday 4th April and have our piece “The Child Within” moving along very nicely.

My aim to have the children in full costume for the auditions.

The following is a list of costumes we require. If you are able to lend or donate any of the following, it would save us time and money with costumes.

- 2xDenim overall (approximately size 12)
- Old fashioned hats (golfers hat)
- Black jackets, skirts and pants (For Yr 6 dancers)
- Black dancing shoes
- Pretty old fashioned dresses
- Frilly skirts & blouses

GRAEME SPENCER

Monday 14 March, we welcomed Sydney Dance Company dancer & choreographer to Holbrook Public School for a Dance Workshop for the students in the dance troupe. He worked with the troupe for an hour giving them lessons on technique, movement and choreography. After that Graeme did a similar session with dancers from James Fallon High School. The afternoon was dedicated to 32 teachers from around the Riverina who enrolled to work with Graeme on repertoire, technique and choreography elements. The course was been a great success and has had far more interest than anticipated.

YEAR 1 HARRY JARVIS WING VISIT

On Wednesday the 23rd of March, Year 1 visited the Harry Jarvis Wing at the Holbrook Hospital. We entertained the elderly ladies by singing our “5 Little Ducks” song and some familiar nursery rhymes. We were introduced to a lady who was 100 years old! We thought that was amazing! We were then treated with some yummy popcorn and fruit platters. We had a lovely time visiting the Harry Jarvis Wing.

Community News

HOLBROOK AUSKICK

Auskick will commence on Sunday 17 April at 9.30am at Holbrook Sporting Complex for primary students aged 5-12 years. There will be no Auskick on Easter Weekend 24 April but will recommence on Sunday 1 May. For any further details contact Charlie Papworth on 60362867 or Bill Heriot on 60362386

HOLBROOK BASKETBALL CLUB

Nominations for Junior Basketball will be held at the Stadium at 4.15pm on Wednesday 6th April. All interested players from Years 3 to Years 9 are most welcome to attend. The Club would also like interested parents to help with the organisation and management of the teams. The competition will be held on Wednesdays starting on 11th May. Registration and game fees remain unchanged ($25 & $2) and will be due on Week 1 of the competition.

FEVER DANCE REGISTRATION NIGHT

Fever Dance group registration night will be held on Wednesday 6 April from 4.00pm – 6.00pm at St Patrick’s hall. Catering for all ages and styles of dance. For further information contact Michelle Galvin on 60368308.

DONT FORGET WE ARE COLLECTING OLD MOBILE PHONES

Collection box in the office
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Last Friday our school cross country carnival was held at the Holbrook Sporting Complex and Golf Course. The day turned out to be a beautiful day and all students tried their best. It was wonderful to see so many parents there to support their children.

A big thank you must go to the many parents who volunteered to help out with the carnival. It definitely makes the running of the carnival possible and much smoother. An extra thanks to Carla Bender who helped organise various aspects of the day and who assisted students who needed it on the course.

Thank you also to the teachers who assisted in setting up the course on Thursday evening and various jobs on Friday.

Congratulations to Lawson house who won the carnival with 347 points, Mackellar were second on 290 points and Paterson were third on 255 points.

The results for the carnival were:

5 Yr Girls
1st – Eliza Capell, 2nd - Heidi Klose,

6 Yr Girls
1st – Amelia Hearn, 2nd – Kate Bulle, 3rd – Emily Black, 4th – Lila-Lee Jack,
5th – Caitlin Holt

7 Yr Girls
1st – Emily Mulloy, 2nd – Kasey Henry, 3rd – Ella Cheshire, 4th – Phoebe Emerson,
5th – Maggie Jamieson

8 Yr Girls
1st – Tahlia Francis, 2nd – Aylee Jenkyn, 3rd – Alicia Pyers, 4th – Jorgia Webb,
5th – Abigail Webb

9 Yr Girls
1st – Olivia Hearn, 2nd – Freya Mackinlay, 3rd – Isobel Satchell, 4th – Becky Bulle,
5th – Chelsea Brennan

10 Yr Girls
1st – Jess Ward, 2nd – Emma Coughlan, 3rd – Georgia Papworth, 4th – Pippa Bowler,
5th – Annabelle Walters

11 Yr Girls
1st – Alyce Parker, 2nd – Claudia Allworth, 3rd – Sophie Killalea, 4th – Greta Mackinlay, 5th – Maddie Parker

12 Yr Girls

Those students who have been highlighted will represent Holbrook Public School at the Southern Riverina Cross Country Carnival, to be held in Holbrook on Monday 2 May 2011.

Congratulations to all students for their excellent efforts and sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

Chrissy Lavis
Cross Country Carnival Co-ordinator
CROSS COUNTRY 2011
Dear Principal

Mosquito-borne diseases: information for school communities

I am writing to seek your assistance in alerting your school community about a range of health risks associated with mosquito bites. Recent heavy rainfall and flooding in NSW has led to high numbers of mosquitoes in some parts of the state.

Mosquitoes can transmit a number of viral infections including Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus and there have been large numbers of these infections reported so far in 2011. More recently, a rarer but more serious mosquito-borne infection called Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE) has been detected in western NSW.

It is likely that the risk period may extend through until Easter.

I seek your assistance in promoting awareness about the prevention of mosquito bites among school students who live in western NSW and for any school groups planning to travel west of the Great Dividing Range on school camps or excursions.

Mosquitoes are most active around dusk and in the first few hours of the evening and again at dawn. Rivers, creeks, wetlands and recently-flooded land allows mosquitoes to breed and so people living near or visiting these areas need to be especially careful to prevent mosquito bites.

Recommended ways to prevent mosquito bites

- Cover up when outside and mosquitoes are active (especially around dawn and around dusk). Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting long pants and sleeves and covered footwear.

- Use an effective personal insect repellent on all exposed skin. The best mosquito repellents contain Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin.

- Re-apply personal insect repellent according to directions as protection wears off. The stronger the concentration of an insect repellent, the less frequently it will need to be applied to stop mosquito bites. Repellents containing low concentrations of DEET or Picaridin provide shorter periods of protection and need to be reapplied more frequently.
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