FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Next School Assembly – congratulations to Mrs Ross, Mrs O’Brien and the Kinder students for running a great assembly last Friday. This Friday’s assembly will be run by Year 4 with Star of the Week presented to Year 3 and Year 5. We hope to see you there.

Riverina Regional Director to Visit – Mr Colin Parker visited our school to meet our excellent teachers, our wonderful and talented students and see the amazing things our students are able to do. He enjoyed his visit and was very impressed by what he saw, and commented particularly on how well the school grounds look. We appreciated Mr Parker’s wonderful support.

Training & Development For Our Staff – our school and staff are very fortunate to have many opportunities to participate in training and development, offered by our department. It is important that our staff remain up to date with the latest training and that school continues to improve the student’s level of learning. The staff should be congratulated on their willingness and keenness to participate in training that will make them a better teacher and enable the students to benefit. Recent training has included Accelerated Literacy, Best Start (Kinder teachers), technology and office management.

Debating – congratulations to our debaters who took on Culcairn PS last Wednesday in Culcairn. Our junior team had a win, while the senior team, although not winning, did extremely well. A big thank you to parents who helped with transportation.

Leadership Training for Students – our 4 leaders, Ali, Jacob, Isabelle and Abby attended this last Thursday in Albury. They all had a great time and learnt a lot. Well done and thank you to Sally Bulle for taking the students to it.

Thank you School P&C – for their wonderful efforts running the P&C Auction on Saturday night in the school hall. It would have been good to see more people attend, but that was their loss, as a really good, fun, relaxing night was had by all. Well done especially to Teena, Bev, Kylie, Kate, Chrissy, Tom and Ian for your efforts on the night. Thank you to those people who came along, especially those who don’t have children at our school. We appreciate your support.

Riverina Girls Touch Trials – Maddie Parker and Aylce Parker are attending this today. We will report on how they went next week.

Riverina String Camp – Claudia Allworth in Year 5 is attending the camp today and tomorrow in Wagga. I’m sure Claudia will have a fantastic time and learn lots. Congratulations to Claudia who gaining selection to attend, as students are not automatically accepted. They have to apply first, show that they have the necessary skills and be supported by their school. We look forward to finding out about Claudia’s experience.

State KO Netball – congratulations to our Girls netball team who defeated Culcairn PS last Wednesday in Culcairn. The girls one 20-8 and now take on Thurgoona PS within the next two weeks. A big thank you to Mrs Preston for coaching and training the team and to the parents who helped with transportation.

Year 5/6 Rugby League Mortimer Shield – this will be played tomorrow in Temora. Like last year, we are again joining with The Rock Central School (we appreciate the strong relationship the two schools have and the opportunities provided for our students). We also have a student from Mangoplah School in the team as well, which is fantastic. All the best to Brady Peake, Lewis Bowen, Harrison Weaven, Tushiwai McClutchie, Jordan McClutchie, Johnny Ward, Will Holmes, Damon Brennan and Austin Todd.

We will also have Hannah Scobie, Alyce Parker and Maddie Parker joining with the girls from The Rock to play Flag Football. Should be a great day for all.
Riverina Final Netball Trials – all the best to Aylce Parker who is attending the netball trials on Friday.

NSW State Rugby League Championships – all the best to Harrison Weaven who will be playing Rugby League for Riverina in Wyong all of next week.

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal

TERM DIARY – TERM 2

Week 5

Monday 23 May
Riverina Girls Touch Trials
School Council Meeting – 3.5pm

Tuesday 24 May
Uni NSW Computer Tests
Yr 5/6 RL Mortimer Shield Temora

Friday 27 May
Riverina Final Netball Section Trials
Assembly – Year 4 – 11am
Stars of the Week – Yr 3 & Yr 5

ASTHMA AWARENESS DAY

MAY 26th Week 5
One in nine children and one in ten adults are affected by asthma and 400 Australians die of asthma each year. Several children are affected by asthma in our own school.

The school is holding a fundraiser to raise awareness and money for asthma research and asthma support programs. This will be held on Thursday May 26th. Students will have an ‘out of uniform day’ - they can come to school dressed as anything which begins with a letter from the word ASTHMA (e.g. A-apple, S-swan, spider etc). Gold Coin donations will be sent directly to Asthma Foundation NSW with whom we are registered to run this event. Your support of this fundraising event will be greatly appreciated and may one day help to save the life of an asthmatic.

Judy Wettenhall (60369255/0409369282)

DEBATING

Congratulation to both the senior and debating teams who performed beautifully against Culcairn Public School on Wednesday the 18th May. Both teams represented HPS with enthusiasm, confidence and pride. The junior debaters of Emma Coughlan, Jack Watson, Georgi Papworth & Angelena Ross successfully debated the topic that, “We should wear school uniform”. The senior team of Jacob Emerson, Ali Bulle, Sophia Ross & Isabell Coughlan came a close runner-up in their debate about “Is competition good for us?” Both teams were amazing. Jemma Lang & Tom Parker delivered interesting and humorous speeches to entertain the crowd. Well done!

Mrs Preston

NETBALL NSWPSAA KNOCKOUT

After Debating, the Netball team played Culcairn Public School at the Culcairn oval. Again the team of Aylce Parker, Abby Parker, Jessica Slattery (Captain), Hannah Scobie, Isabelle Coughlan, Sophia Ross, Jemma Lang, Hayley Wilkinson & Ali Bulle represented Holbrook Public School proudly. The girls jumped to an early lead and led all day. They played with determination, quick thought and sportsmanship to win the game 20 to 8. Holbrook Public School now play Thurgoona Public School at a date to be arranged in Round 3 of the NSWPSAA State
Knockout. A fantastic effort!! Thank you to all the parents for your support in getting the girls to Culcairn. Thank you to Jodi Parker for umpiring a terrific game & to Donna Parker for scoring.

Mrs Preston

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2011

This year marks the tenth year of the Challenge and students in year K-6 can register simply by entering information about the books they have read on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website below.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

Booklists are available to download from the website which is accessible at school, home or the local library. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a NSW Government initiative encouraging students to read quality literature as a leisure activity, enhancing their literacy levels.

If you have any questions or need assistance please see Ms Byles in the school library. The Challenge starts now and all entries need to be completed online by 25 August 2011.

AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Portia Martin – Always being attentive & well mannered
James Webb – For being a valued member of our class
Kindergarten – Great work & assembly practice

Miss Murphy
Emma Lanz – For very near & well presented bookwork
Elizabeth Holt – For being a friendly & cooperative class member

Mrs Landale
Josh Toll – For trying really hard in maths this week
Abigail Webb – For being a lovely friend to all her peers

Mrs Preston
Matilda Fiddles – Great poetry writing during English
Jasmin Adams – Great poetry writing during English
Chloe Parker – Working hard during maths groups

Mr Preston
Yr 4 Debating Team – For excellent achievement in the debate
Chelsea Brennan – For excellent recount writing
Will Cheshire – For working very well in maths

Miss Lavis
Hugh Anderson – Writing some entertaining poems
Hannah Scobie – Some excellent poetry writing

Mrs Wedgwood
Snr Debating Team – Excellent preparation & presentation of our debate
Jemma Lang – Great effort & presentation of her speech
Damon Brennan, Chelsea Cronin – Representing the SRC capably
Riley Ross – Top effort in English & great use of adjectives in poetry

Mr Weaven
Tuhiwai McClutchie – Excellent efforts in English, particularly with alliteration poetry
Mikey Walters – Fantastic work in writing
Philippa Bowler – Excellent reading and writing
Johnny Ward – Excellent homework record & careful presentation of work

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Hamilton Black, Braydon Eddy, Emma Coughlan, Brayden Webb, Greta Mackinlay, Anna Ptizen, Becky Bulle bailey Martin, Austin Todd

STAR OF THE WEEK

Amelia Hearn

KINDERGARTEN
Casual Relief School Crossing Supervisor Required

Would you like to become a School Crossing Supervisor

School Crossing Supervisors have an important role to fulfil; they make a substantial contribution to the safety of school children and road safety in general.

The RTA currently has one vacant Casual Relief School Crossing Supervisor positions in Holbrook. The position will be advertised from 11 May 2011 and the closing date for the applications is 27 May 2011.

For further information or to obtain an application form please contact Amanda Burgess, Coordinator School Crossing Supervisor Program on: (02) 6938 1144.

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