FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

- **Whole School Assembly** – congratulations to our school leaders for running the assembly last week. This Friday’s assembly (11am) will be run by the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the Star of The Week will be from the Kinder class.

- **SR PSSA Swimming Carnival** – this will be held this Friday at Henty and we wish all the students the very best.

- **Class Meetings For Parents** – this will take place instead of the Parent Information Evening. Each class meeting will take place on a different day after school starting at **3.45pm**. 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.
  - Wednesday 17th February – Year 4
  - Thursday 18th February – Year 3
  - Monday 22nd February – Year 2
  - Tuesday 23rd February – Year 1
  - Wednesday 24th February – Year 5 & Year 6 combined meeting (as they work as a stage)
  - Thursday 25th February – Kinder

- **School Council Parent Nominations** – this is included in today’s newsletter. We need 4 parent representatives. Nominations close this Friday 19th February.

Mr Jason Weaven  
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

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BOOKCLUB

Bookclub is due back on Wednesday 17 February before 11.30am. No late orders will be accepted.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEES

The School Council has decided to keep the fees for 2010 the same as last year - $30 per child and $50 per family. However, unlike last year, the fees will not be paid into a School Library Account and hence cannot be claimed as a tax benefit. The money will be put into the school's normal operating account and used to directly benefit all the students in the school. The money is invaluable and really does benefit the students and the school greatly. At $30 per child, that works out to be around 75 cents per week to educate your child. Good value for money!! We only achieved 55% of students paying in 2009, so let’s see if we can increase
this figure. You can pay in full or by instalments. Thank you for your support.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
The Holbrook Public School P&C Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd March @7.30pm in the school library.

Items for discussion include:
- Election of Office Bearers for 2010
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- Amendments to the Constitution of the Association as follows:
  - Set the membership fees for the parents to become financial members of the P&C. (currently $1 per family - must be a paid member to be able to vote).
  - Number of meetings per year.
  - Quorum.
  - Monetary contributions to the following:
    - Contribution to Whole School Performance.
    - Payment of Affiliation Fees for District and Riverina Sport.
    - Contribution to the School Library.
    - Class Contributions for supplies.
    - Contribution to students representing Riverina and NSW in sport.
    - Contribution to the Riverina Dance Festival.
    - Sponsorship of Presentation Night prizes to students.

All parents are welcome to attend to have input into these amendments. For further information please contact Teena Last, President on 60362970

**SCRIPTURE NEWS**
A Year 4 Anglican Scripture Teacher is urgently needed every Tuesday from 9.15am – 10am. Please contact Mr Ian Fawcett on 69331085 for further details.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
New students wishing to open a school banking account, with Westpac Bank, there are forms available from the school office.

**RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL**
There has been an overwhelming show of interest in the Riverina Dance Festival auditions at school. With 75 dancers and only 30 positions, there will inevitably be lots of disappointment for those who don’t make the cut. The first cut was made Thursday with only 40 going through. This group will again be cut back to the main roles and back up dancers required.

For those girls and boys who do not make the final cut there will be plenty more opportunities to dance during the year. We have booked the Australian National Ballet, who are coming to school in August to conduct workshops with the entire school.

Those who do make the troupe will be required to audition in week 9 and 10 of Term 1. If we are successful in our audition we will be required to perform in Griffith on Friday 4th June 2010. This will mean lots of hours of rehearsals, costume design and making. Fingers Crossed!! Mrs Preston

**HENTY SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
We are looking forward to the S.R.P.S.S.A swimming carnival in Henty on Friday. There are about 30 swimmers who will be representing Holbrook Public School. We wish all the swimmers ‘Good Luck’ and know they will make our school proud.

Permission notes will be sent home early in the week for those who qualified.

Congratulations to our School Swimming Champions:
- 12 years boys Hugh Locke, Runner-Up Matt Lyons
- 12 years girls Sarah Bahr-Withers, Runner-up Leneen Marshall
- 11 years boys Jackson Gibbs, Runner-up Charlie Walters
- 11 years girls Tayla McCallum, Runner-up Mimi Trescowthick
- Jnr boys Jacob Emerson and Austin Todd, Runner-up Harrison Weaven
- Jnr girls Alyce Parker, Runner-up Emma Coughlan

Mrs Preston

**YEAR 3 & 4 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY & HSIE**
During Science & Technology Year 3 and 4 have been looking at ‘Built Environments.’ Within the unit we have looked at how buildings have adapted over time, the process of building and energy-efficient design features. Last Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have a walk around the new ‘School Hall’. Ben, Adam and
Mark very kindly spoke to our students about where the building is up to, design features, energy efficient element as well as the design, structure and reasons behind decisions. The children asked many great questions to enhance their knowledge and we would like to thank the workers for their time, expertise and flexibility.

The unit will also see us going on a walking excursion around the town to compare buildings both old and new and how design features have changed over time. This will also incorporate a visit to the museum to tie in with the HSIE unit ‘Place: then, now and tomorrow’. Notes will be sent home in the next couple of weeks to inform parents when this walk will take place.

Mr & Mrs Preston

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**AWARDS**

**Mrs Ross**
Kindergarten – For settling in so well to school
Year 6 – Being fantastic buddies

**Miss Murphy**
*Ellen Mathie* – For being a happy polite and helpful class member
*Hamish Watson* – For enthusiastic participation during maths activities

**Miss Finlay**
Jorgia Webb – For trying very hard in maths and English classes
Isobel Satchell – For always listening carefully to instructions

**Mrs Preston**
Jack Webb – working well in Year 3
Mikayla Akhurst-Joannet – Settling into HPS with ease

**Mr Preston**
Salena Barry – For settling in well in her new school
Thomas Beaumont – For a positive start to the new year

**Miss Lavis**
Leneen Marshall – 100% effort in all tasks
Ali Bulle – Some excellent creative writing

**Mrs Wedgwood**
*Jordan Cheshire* – An excellent start to the year in both maths & English
*AJ Bender* – 100% effort in English

**Mr Weaven**
*Damien Barry*, *Salena Barry*, *Henry Gulliver*,
*Josh Walsh*, *Mikayla Akhurst-Jouannet*, *Brianna Akhurst* – For settling in well at your new school

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Harry Nunn, Hugh Locke, Michael Simpson, Harrison Weaven, Braydon Eddy, Ella Cheshire, Charlotte Clarke, Matthew Lyons, Renay Watson, Harry Southwell, Will Holmes

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**EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS**

Donations of Easter eggs for the Easter Raffle can be left at the school office.

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**STAR OF THE WEEK**

Nicola Gledhill
Year 6
INTRODUCING THE GOLDEN TONGS AWARD

For a bit of fun and to encourage class participation and parent involvement the P and C have given their support to the Golden Tongs Award.

As the name suggests it has everything to do with significant school BBQ's following a weekly assembly such as Harmony Day, Book Week and Education Week that are held throughout the year.

The class nominated for each particular BBQ in the Roster attached is in charge of running the BBQ with the help of their parents. That class is able to add their own unique touch to the BBQ perhaps relating to the event that is being celebrated. Each class will have a Parent Coordinator who will assist in the organising and running of the day. Members of the P and C committee are available as support if needed.

At the end of the year, the class that has raised the most money at their BBQ will be presented with the “GOLDEN TONGS” Perpetual Trophy at the school Presentation evening.

We hope this achieves a number of things such as:- class/student involvement in fundraising and social events; the parent community coming together to get to know one another, their child’s class mates and become familiar with the school environment and it’s teachers. Lastly, to have fun - it’s always a great day with great food and company.

We encourage you to embrace this friendly competition and look forward to seeing you there.

Good Luck to All the Classes.

P AND C FUNDRAISING REPORT

As a P and C our primary role is to assist our Staff and School in providing as many opportunities and resources for our children and hopefully having lots of fun and meeting other families at the school in the process. We have an exciting year ahead for the School with many social and fundraising activities planned.

Attached is a copy of the Fundraising Calendar to date. If you have any ideas or are willing to assist at any particular event please feel free to contact the person nominated as the Co-ordinator for that event. Any help is always welcomed.

As you can see from the Calendar there are a number of School BBQ's again planned for this Year however this year the P and C have decided to do it a little differently. This year each class has been nominated to run a particular BBQ and have a chance at winning the Inaugural Golden Tongs Trophy. Attached is a Class BBQ Roster and information regarding this new Trophy. Year 2 and Kindergarten are yet to have a Parent Coordinator volunteer. Have fun getting your class and class families together to come up with ideas to make your BBQ unique.

A big Thankyou to Fiona Anderson for supplying drinks and iceblocks at the School Swimming Carnival.

The School has received two new books for the Library from the Penguin Fundraiser which was run at the end of last year. These new books are "Curious Boys Book of Adventure " and "Kitchen Garden Cooking for Girls "

For new parents to the School we have also attached a copy of the Final Fundraising Report from 2009 which details what activities the P and C were part of, what monies were raised and how these monies have been spent. It is the current view of the P and C that funds raised be used rather than sit in an account so that the children of those families who have assisted in raising those funds get the benefit of them. This would occur unless funds were being raised for a specific item of substantial value as happened with the COLA. We hope that you all embrace being part of this fantastic school and all efforts made to continue to provide as many opportunities and resources for the students of this school.
A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL HPS PARENTS

2009 has seen the Parents of Holbrook Public School students run, support and/or attend 21 specific fundraising events which included 4 School BBQs, 5 school sports or art events and 12 other fundraisers detailed below. In addition the parents have been involved in the set up of the new Canteen system and then provide weekly support through either working on the roster or support through ordering as 20% of the value of orders placed comes back to the school. The parents also through the P & C ran the Clothing Pool for most of the year prior to a decision being made to hand this over to the School. Finally lots of man and machine power provided by parents at the various Working Bees have seen a transformation of the School grounds.

Well Done to all Parents for any role you have had in supporting the School – from attending an event arranged, placing a canteen order, making a cake, buying a raffle ticket to providing manpower.

So how are these funds being used ?????? This year has seen the P & C hand over the sum of $34407 to the School for the purchase of a varied number of items which included: -


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These events are not just about raising money to be put towards our children’s school so they might have as many opportunities as possible but also a chance for us parents to get together.

THANKYOU TO ALL PARENTS FOR BEING PART OF THE FOLLOWING IN 2009

**SCHOOL BBQs**
- Harmony Day BBQ
- Education Week BBQ
- Book Week BBQ
- NAIDOC BBQ

**SPORT AND ART EVENTS**
- Swimming Carnival
- Cross Country
- Riverina Cross Country
- Athletics Carnival
- Whole School Performance

**OTHER FUNDRAISERS**
- Lamington Drive
- Wirrunda Bull Sale
- Easter Raffle
- Henty Field Day
- Bright Smiles Colgate Fundraiser
- Smartaid Photo Cards
- Boo Buddy
- Home Sorted
- Educational Experience
- Stuck On You
- Penguin Books
- The Crimson Butterfly

**CANTEEN**
Set up of new system, assisting on Roster or support through ordering

**WORKING BEES**
Man and machine power

A BIG THANKYOU TO TRACY THE ENGINE ROOM OF OUR SCHOOL

Thankyou to Tracey our unflappable Office Manager !!!! Tracey has been a wonderful support to the P and C and especially the Fundraising Committee. Thankyou for your patience in waiting for the items to go into Mondays Newsletters, the extra touches you put on the items so that they will be noticed and the grace in which you deal with being constantly interrupted whilst these fundraising events are on the go.
**P&C FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENTS 2010**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HOLBROOK FOOTBALL CLUB**
Under 14s Training will commence on Thursday 25th February at 4.30pm at the Holbrook Sportsground. All interested players and parents are welcome to attend.

**GYMNASTIC CLASSES**
Jarrod Hibberson has expressed his willingness to run gymnastics classes for primary age school children. Due to Jarrod’s work commitments, classes would have to be held on Sundays, possibly alongside Auskick.

At this stage we would like anyone interested in participating to please let us know by Friday 19th February, bearing in mind that gymnastics cannot run without parental involvement as well.

Please call either Vicki Schurr on 60363558 or Anna Coughlan on 60369266 to express your interest.

**TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2 PM @ LIBRARY COMPLEX HOLBROOK**

$10 including Devonshire Tea

A romantic dramatisation of some of the events preceding and following the coronation of Queen Victoria, focusing on her early reign and romance with Prince Albert in the 1830s.

For more information, contact Library complex on 60 363262

**MUSIC EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS**

Mr Stephen O’Connell has been appointed as Director of the Murray Conservatorium based in Albury. Stephen comes to Albury from 11 years as Director of the Goulburn Regional Conservatorium where he built a strong relationship with public schools, including the production of an annual schools music week that involved every school in the Goulburn district.

Schools are encouraged to build on the existing programs sourced from Murray Conservatorium, which – although an independent, not-for-profit organisation – is part-funded by the Department of Education and Training.

In the next year the conservatorium is planning to extend its services to more remote schools where possible through the use of video conferencing for teaching and learning in music.

It has come to the attention of the Murray Conservatorium that Mr Peter Ratnik, the former director of the Murray Conservatorium, is now offering music teaching services to schools and that he has formed a company using the name ‘NSW Regional Conservatorium’. Please be aware that this has nothing to do with the Association of NSW Regional Conservatoriums that is part-funded and supported by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

For further information on the Murray Conservatorium and the music education services available to schools, please contact the Director, Mr Stephen O’Connell, on telephone 0414 254325.
Holbrook Public - School Council Elections - 2010

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, 19th February 2010. If there are more than 4 nominations, voting forms will go out with the Newsletter on Monday, 22nd February 2010 and will need to be returned to the School by 3.20pm on Friday, 26th February 2010. The names of the elected parent representatives will appear in the School Newsletter on Monday, 1st March 2010.

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

2010 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 19TH FEBRUARY 2010.

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.
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