FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

- **Friday’s School Assembly** – congratulations to Miss Murphy and the Year 1 class for running the assembly last week. This week’s assembly will be run by Year 5, with the Star of The Week Year 2. We do hope you are able to come along support the students.

- **Harmony Day** - this Friday the staff and students will be celebrating Harmony Day. All students are asked to wear orange and/or headwear from another culture and make a gold coin donation. There will be various activities during the day run by the Student Representative Council, including a parade of headwear in the morning, a guessing competition and an orange Olympics in the afternoon session. There will be some orange jelly in a cup for sale for 50 cents during long lunch. Guessing completion – How many orange M & Ms in the jar? – 20 cent entry All proceeds will go to UNICEF.

- **Easter Whole School Assembly & BBQ** – this will take place on the last day of this term, Thursday 1st April. The day will proceed as follows:
  - 12.00pm – Assembly (run by Year 6)
  - 12.30pm – BBQ (cooked by Year 2 parents)
  - 1.30pm – Easter Activities
  - 2.30pm – P&C Easter Raffle Draw

  Please come along and talk to the staff, have lunch with your child and have a look around the school. It promises to be a great day of fun and a good way to finish off the term.

- **Tennis Trials Friday** – last Friday Harry Nunn and Hugh Locke attended the Riverina Pre-selection Tennis Trials in Albury. The boys both did very well against some quality opposition, and although they didn’t get picked to go onto the next level, they both can be very proud of their efforts.

- **State Cricket Knockout Match** – this was played against Thurgoona PS last Wednesday at Thurgoona. Even though we lost, the boys can be extremely proud of their efforts, particularly the enthusiasm and attitude they showed throughout the day. Holbrook batted first and scored 9 for 73 off their 25 overs with Harry Nunn top scoring with 20 runs. In reply, Thurgoona made 119 runs off their 25 overs with the best of the bowlers Johnny ward and Michael Simpson each claiming 2 wickets. It was a great experience and opportunity to participate for all the boys, particularly as only 4 of the boys play cricket on the weekend. Many thanks to all of the parents who provided transport, helped with scoring and cheering. I certainly appreciated your positive comments on how good you thought the day was and how beneficial it was for the boys. Well done everyone.

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**TERM 1, 2010**

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**Student Attendance** – the Department’s Student Attendance in Government Schools Policy and Procedures has just been updated this year and is now implemented in schools. Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. Parents are responsible for:

- enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling
- ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school
- taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children.

The principal is responsible for ensuring that:

- students are enrolled consistent with the requirements set out in The Enrolment of Students in Government Schools: A Summary and Consolidation of Policy (1997) and the Memorandum Enhanced Enrolment Procedures
- attendance records are maintained in an approved format and are an accurate record of the attendance of students
- staff record accurately the attendance of each student in each lesson when lessons are conducted in a number of locations. Schools should develop a suitable proforma for recording the attendance of students at each lesson
- all attendance records including details of transfers and exemptions are accessible to the regional director, home school liaison officer and other personnel nominated by the regional director, Audit Directorate or nominated by the Director-General
- documented plans are developed to address the needs of students whose attendance is identified as being of concern, prior to referral to the Home School Liaison Program
- the school education director is or nominee is provided with regular information about students for whom chronic non-attendance is an issue and for whom school strategies have failed to restore regular attendance
- the school discipline policy addresses attendance issues, including truancy. It should provide strategies for encouraging good attendance and establish structures and procedures that support teachers in addressing issues of student non-attendance. In addition, in schools with attendance rates below regional primary or secondary averages, principals will develop and implement a School Attendance Action Plan that includes attendance targets, strategies, resources and timelines
- school staff are trained to implement school attendance policies and procedures and that personnel with delegated responsibility for maintaining attendance records are supervised
- parents and students are regularly informed of attendance requirements

- all cases of unsatisfactory attendance and part or full day absences from school are investigated promptly and that appropriate intervention strategies are implemented.

Principals may record up to 15 days in a school year for students of who have provided an explanation of the absence which has been accepted by the principal. 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.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to sickness are frequent or prolonged.

Principals may grant:

- sick leave to students whose absences are satisfactorily explained as being due to illness
- an exemption from school attendance for periods totalling up to 50 days in a 12 month period for any one student

**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 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.

**Mr Jason Weaven**
Principal

**Canteen Roster**

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**School Contributions**

Thank you to the 32% of families that have paid their School Contribution Fees. Your support is greatly appreciated.
EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS
The support has been great so far. Don’t forget to hand your Easter eggs to the office.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders are due back on Monday 22 March before 11:30 am. No late orders will be accepted.

WANTED – EGG CARTONS
If you have any egg cartons that you are no longer using could you please send them in to Miss Lavis to use for craft.

YEAR 3 AND 4 WALKING EXCURSION
Just a reminder that Year 3 and 4 will be walking down the main street to the Wool Pack Inn Museum on Wednesday 17th March. The cost of entrance into the museum is $1 per person. Please send the money into the class teacher by Wednesday morning.

On the way we will be studying the different building in our main street to make comparisons between modern and historic buildings.

We will be leaving school at about 12 pm. All students will take their lunch and we will stop in the Ten Mile Creek gardens for a quick break and something to eat. This excursion covers both Science & Technology and HSIE programs and will allow students the opportunity to see first hand some of the significant places and artefacts in Holbrook’s history.

Mr & Mrs Preston

WIRRUNA BULL SALE
Holbrook P&C is catering for the Wirruna Bull sale on Wednesday 17th March. This is a fundraiser for the school. We are looking for donations of cakes, slices and muffins to sell on the day. If you are able to cook please contact Gina Weaven on 60205361. Cakes, slices etc can be dropped off at the school before 9 am on Wednesday. Thank you for your support.

BOOK CLUB

AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Lily Last – Enthusiastic participation in class
Oscar Southwell – Creating a great robot

Miss Murphy
Kasey Henry – For always being a happy, polite & helpful class member
Damien Barry – For improvement in all learning areas

Miss Finlay
Alanah Black – For some excellent answers in maths
Leah Watson – For always trying her best in all subjects

Mrs Preston
Matilda Fiddles – Great spelling test results
Renay Watson – Always trying her best
taylah Schirmer – Being a well-rounded dedicated student

Mr Preston
Jordan Eddy – For excellent results in spelling
Maddie Parker – For always being a conscientious & thoughtful student

Miss Lavis
Madelaine Winnett – A top effort on her writing tasks
Hayley Wilkinson – Working hard on all tasks

Mrs Wedgwood
Jackie O’Keefe – Consistent hard work and effort in English
Nick Bowler – Huge improvement in work output & neatness

Mr Weaven
Matilda Preston – For excellent journal writing
Jordan Cheshire – For great work in class on assessment tasks – outstanding illustrations

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Aylee Jenkyn, Johnny Ward, Jacob Emerson, AJ Bender, Taylah Ebner, Aaron Heritage, Sophia Ross, Daniel Hawkins, Sarsha McCallum, Alicia Pyers

STAR OF THE WEEK

Jessica Ward
Year 3
COMMUNITY NEWS

Bride’s Revisited – A Fashion Parade
Presented by ‘Health in a Hurry’
Camp Quality EsCarpade Entry Car 112

Date: Sunday March 21st 2010
Time: Parade starts 2 pm
Where: The Auditorium St Paul’s College

ADMISSION $15 – includes afternoon tea

Over 50 wedding dresses from different era’s
All funds raised go to Camp Quality to help kids living with cancer

HOLBROOK NETBALL CLUB
Reminder that Netball training starts this Thursday for Netta at 4.00pm and Mods at 5.00pm

HOLBROOK SWIM CLUB
PRESENTATION NIGHT
Friday 19 March – 6pm
Ten Mile Creek Gardens
BBQ, ball games & presentations
For more information contact Mandy Locke on 60362082.

FREE
Child restraint safety check

DATE: 5-10 April 2010
LOCATION: Fitties Culcairn
90 Railway Parade, Culcairn
Lioschke Motors
78 Allbury Street, Holbrook

You can have your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

Children’s car restraints will be inspected by RTA Authorised Restraint Fitters.

For more information contact the council’s Road Safety Officer Shelagh Merlin on 0427 224 754

An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.

Rural CareLink inc.

Presents an invitation to Rural Ladies

‘Birds in the Bush’
A Feel Good - Look Good Day

On Saturday, 17 April 2010
At the Recreation Hall, Baldale
From 9:30am to 4:15pm

Rural Ladies Only - Bookings Essential
To reserve a place, please ring
Lois @ 6026 3001 OR e.h. 6026 3733 by 10th April
Sorry we can’t cater for children - this is a day for ladies only

Rural & Regional Development
Industry & Investment
With support from:
Holbrooke’s Twilight Markets

Homemade Food Produce
Children’s Clothing
Photography
Handbags
Baby Swags
Artwork
Wine Tasting

Jewellery
Baby Bags
Beading
Sculptures
Plants
Knickknacks
and more...

WHERE • 10 Mile Creek
WHEN • Friday 26th March 5.30pm
Cost of Entry is $15 (drinks and nibbles provided)
RSVP 20th MARCH for catering purposes to either
☞ Margot Pitzen embrace@harboursat.com.au
☞ Abby Paton abbypaton@bigpond.com
☞ Tracy Swan thebushswans@hotmail.com
Please bring glass and chair/picnic rug

An All Women, No Children
Event brought to you by the newly formed
Four Leaves & the Holbrook Lions Club
HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL WINTER ORDER FORM AS AT 3/3/2010

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TOTAL COST
Thank you to those people who kindly offered their time to collate lunch orders & deliver them to the Bakery, as you would now be aware it is an extremely easy exercise and only takes a little over half an hour of your time and is quite a social morning, some even stayed at the Bakery for a cuppa after delivering the orders. We are now calling for helpers for Term 2, this is a great way for new parents, grandparents etc to get to know other parents of the school. If you are able to help on a Monday or Friday please fill out the form below and return to the office before Friday 26th March.

Unfortunately there are still no children allowed in the canteen for OH&S reasons. Any questions please call Jenni Papworth 0260 362 483 or Thaya Carman 0260 363 730

Look forward to working with you in term 2.
Canteen Committee

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**LUNCH ORDER ROSTER**

NAME: _____________________________

Yes I am able to help

- [ ] Monday Only
- [ ] Friday Only
- [ ] Monday & Friday

Only on these dates ________________________

Contact : Ph_________________     email:____________________________

I am able to help

- [ ] Once a Term
- [ ] Twice a Term
- [ ] Other (please specify)____________________________

Thank you to those who are able to help, please return this slip before 26th March.
SPONSORS  The following businesses of Holbrook sponsor our Newsletter. Please support them when you can.

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