FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

- **Thank you to Abigroup** – as I have mentioned earlier, Abigroup supported the school by donating the gravel to resurface our car park. Everyone agrees that it looks a lot better. Last Wednesday we organised for Tony Edwards and Chris Carpenter from Abigroup, along with Kyle from EPH who delivered all the gravel for nothing, to visit our school so myself, School Council President, Stuart Swan and our school leaders could thank them for their generosity and so they could see how much of a difference it has made to our school.

- **Friday’s School Assembly** – congratulations to Miss Finlay and the Year 2 class for running the assembly last week. This week’s assembly will be run by Year 6. We do hope you are able to come along support the students.

- **Riverina Dance Festival Audition** – this will take place tomorrow at the Sporting Complex. The students involved and Mrs Preston have given up a lot of their time and put in a great amount of effort rehearsing regularly and we wish them all the very best with the audition.

- **Easter Whole School Assembly & BBQ** – this will take place this 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.

- **NSW State Swimming Championships** – this will be held this Wednesday and Thursday at Sydney’s Homebush Aquatic Centre. We had 10 students who made the Riverina Team to attend the carnival in Sydney. We wish Alyce Parker, Tayla McCallum, Claudia Allworth, Sarsha McCallum, Isabelle Coughlan, Hugh Locke, Austin Todd, Jacob Emerson, Harrison Weaven and Will Holmes all the very best.

- **Murray Darling Forum** – this will be held at our School today and will involve around 30 students from other schools. Should be a great experience for the students from our school involved in it. Mrs Wettenhall has organised the forum in conjunction with Mr Dunlop, Principal of Burrumbuttock Public School.

- **Active After School** – this will be the last week for this term and as a result will involve a special excursion to Ten Pin Bowling in Wodonga at no cost to the students. The will be leaving on the bus around 3pm and what a great way to finish of Lawn Bowls for the term. A big thank you to Mrs Ross who ran lawn bowls for the term, with the help from other teachers and along with some great support from parents and the Holbrook Ex-Serviceman’s Club. A great time had by all!

- **Year 6 to Visit Preschool** – this Wednesday morning to perform for them their item for this Thursday’s assembly. I’m sure both the Year 6 and Preschool students will all enjoy the occasion.

- **Easter Ecumenical Presentation** – this will take place tomorrow at St Pat’s School. The Primary students will walk down for a 9.45am start, followed by the Infant students for a 10.30am start.
School ANZAC Ceremony – this will be held on Thursday 22nd April at school starting at 11am. Parents and visitors are more than welcome to attend.

School Cross Carnival – this will be held the first Friday back of Term 2 – 23rd April. In the newsletter is information about the day including a request for helpers. If you can help out please return the form to let us know.

Furniture for Sale – all for sale at $5. Items include student tables and chairs, pinboards, cupboards – all money raised to go back to the school to benefit the students. First in, first served. See Mrs Mullavey in the office.

Safe Holidays - all the very best for a relaxing and safe Easter holidays. A reminder that Monday 19th April is a School Development Day (staff only) and students return to school on Tuesday 20th April.

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal

P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS
The AGM was held last Tuesday evening. The Office bearers elected at the meeting are as follows: Teena Last, President, Che Jepson, Vice President, Tracy Swan, Secretary, Bev Holmes, Treasurer and Judith Mullins, Publicity Officer. Congratulations to all of these people. I look forward to working with you all throughout the next 2 years. Other items discussed at the meeting included the annual motions, setting of the membership fee at $1 per family and setting the quorum number for each P&C Meeting at 5; also tabled was the updated Rules of Association and Constitution of the Association. Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting, your input is very much appreciated and respected. If you would like to become a financial member of the P&C, you can join at any general meeting held throughout the year. The next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 4th May, @7.30pm in the school library.

Teena Last
President P&C Association

CANTEEN NEWS - IMPORTANT
We are very short of helpers for the canteen next term. If we don’t get any more helpers the canteen will not be running. If you are able to help please return the attached form by the end of this week.

RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL AUDITIONS
On Tuesday, 38 Year 1-6 students will be audition for this year’s Riverina Dance Festival. All students have worked very hard during the last 6 weeks as we have put together a wonderful 1920’s Charleston inspired piece. A big thank you to Michelle Galvin who helped put the finishing touches on the choreography and has added her expertise and flair. Another big THANKS to Trish Bahr, Jackie Marshall, Wilma Black, Trudy Jenkyns, Christine & Kel Lyons for their sewing skills and to Fiona Anderson for running errands and shopping. We have almost completed 38 magnificent costumes in readiness for tomorrow. I would also like to thank the P&C and Justine & Neil Lund for their continued support and financial contributions – thank you!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish our troupe all the very best and let them know how proud of them I am. It has been a pleasure working with them and we will be dancing in Term 2 whether we get into the Festival or not. Good Luck Troupe!!

Mrs Preston

RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Last Wednesday, Harry Nunn travelled to Albury to participate in the Albury PSSA Rugby League trials. There were a number of boys there from other schools in the area. Harry was successful in being selected to represent the Albury PSSA team at the Riverina trials in Wagga on Friday 23 April. Well done Harry. We wish him all the best.

Chrissy Lavis
(PSSA co-ordinator)
RIVERINA REGIONAL PRIMARY CHOIR

Last Friday Jemma & I travelled to South Wagga Public School to participate in the Riverina Regional Primary Choir. We sang “Early In The Morning” and “Little Fishy”. There were three groups; Higher, Middle & Lower. We did some interesting warm ups. We both had a fantastic day.
Leneen Marshall

Year 3 & 4 Excursion
Two weeks ago, Year 3 & 4 walked down the main street looking at the buildings in our community. After stopping for a quick lunch break at the park we continued on to the Museum. Here we looked at photos of Holbrook in the past and made comparisons about Holbrook today and yesterday. We also took the opportunity to look at the other displays within the museum and all students completed an information booklet. A big thank you to Rob Taylor, Anna Watson and Lorraine Ross who volunteered their time to come with us and offer their assistance. A big thank you to Arthur Larcombe, who spoke to the students about Holbrook’s history. He added much detail to the already wonderful displays and photos.
Mr & Mrs Preston

BILLABONG INFORMATION EVENING
Holbrook Public School will be holding a Billabong High School Information Evening on Tuesday 11 May at 7pm in the Library. Mr Phil Carroll, Principal of Billabong High School will talk about where the school is heading, school achievements and answer any questions. This evening is open to parents with children in Years 4, 5 and Year 6. Please fill out the attached reply slip for catering purposes.

STUDENTS DOING WELL OUT OF SCHOOL
Leah Watson with her winning entry-A Paper Mache Hot Air Balloon and her prize which was the Mega Art set. Leah came first in the junior Section of the Art Show. Well Done Leah.

Yr 2 BBQ - Thursday 1st April
We have heard a little whisper that this Thursday THE EASTER BUNNY will be hopping through Holbrook and wants to visit all the children at Holbrook Public School. Keep a look out over lunch he may appear at any time!

There will also be a guessing competition with a large jar of delicious Easter eggs. Whoever guesses the correct number or closest to the correct number wins the jar of eggs! 20c a guess, proceeds to P&C.
AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Isabella Harrison – Being a kind & friendly class member
Tyron Heritage – Enthusiastic participation in class discussions

Miss Murphy
Maggie Jamieson – for taking pride in the presentation of all her work
Angus Swan – For producing an excellent piece of artwork

Miss Finlay
Becky Bulle – For excellent work in her maths test
Chloe Williams – For being a good friend to others in our class

Mrs Preston
Annabelle Walters – Always using beautiful manners
Tom Parker – Helping others in class

Mr Preston
Bailey Martin – 100% in spelling
Erica Bayliss – 100% in spelling

Miss Lavis
Jackie O’Keefe – Great work in maths
Jordan McClutchie – Settling in well to HPS

Mrs Wedgwood
Taylah Ebner – Top attitude in English and a very positive outlook
Sarah Bahr-Withers – A conscientious effort & excellent results

Mrs Dunn
Matthew Flewin – Terrific improvement in reading & writing

Mr Weaven
Ellen Mathie – For fantastic procedure writing on making a crumpet
Aylee Jenkyn – For fantastic procedure writing on making a crumpet

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Hamish Watson, Emma Lanz, Georgia Papworth, Michael Simpson, Riley Ross, Samantha Wilkinson, Jordan Cheshire, Gabi Widdows, Olivia Hearn

BILLABONG HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
AT HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

I am interested in attending the Billabong High School Information Night on Tuesday 11 May at 7pm.

Number of people attending:..............................................

Name:..................................................................................................................................................................

HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER

Name:.............................................................................................Contact No:..........................................................

Email :...............................................................................................

Yes I am able to help
☐ Monday only
☐ Friday only
☐ Monday & Friday
☐ Only on these date

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 1 April (end of Term 1)
HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL – CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our school Cross Country will be held at the Holbrook Golf course on Friday 23 April 2010. The backup date, if needed, is Friday 30 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 Mrs Ross’s, Miss Murphy & Miss Finlay’s classes 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, but there will be no recess canteen so students will need to bring their own fruito, recess and plenty of drinks.

Children will need to wear their sports uniform and a hat.

We will need parents to assist on the day manning checkpoints. If you can assist us please fill out the form below and return to Mrs Dunn as soon as possible before Monday 31 March.

Ruth Dunn
Cross Country Co-Ordinator

HPS Cross Country Carnival – Friday 23 April, 2010

Name:..........................................................................................................................................
Child’s Name:.....................................................................................Class:.................................

☐ I am able to man a checkpoint for Friday 23 April

☐ I am able to man a checkpoint on the backup date on Friday 30 April
On Tuesday the 23rd of March, Harry Nunn, Hugh Locke and Will Holmes travelled to Coolamon to participate in the Southern Riverina football trials. The South’s played Coolamon in the first game and won by a whopping 51 points. Our second game was against Wagga where we won by a tighter margin of 5 points. After a lunch break we were up against Cootamundra where the game was again very close and we went down by 5 points. Playing for third position we were against Wagga again where this time they ‘pipped’ us in the dying moments by a measly 5 points.

An outstanding effort was shown from our three boys with Harry making it on to the next level, which is to play for a position in the Riverina team. A very big thankyou goes out to Reon Holmes, Mandy Locke and Di Nunn for all their help and support on the day.

Adam Preston
COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLBROOK FOOTBALL CLUB - AUSKICK
Holbrook Footy Club Auskick program for 2010 will start on Sunday 18 April at the Sporting complex start time 9.30 am.
We will have Sunday 25 April off due to Anzac day and resume registrations on the following Sunday 2 May with a BBQ.
Further enquiries to Bill Herriott or Charlie Papworth.

BOB THE BUILDER AT BUNNINGS ALBURY

Come and enjoy the fun at Bunnings Albury this Easter. Special celebrity appearance from Bob the Builder 11am – 2pm. The Easter Bunny will be here handing out chocolates. Fire Brigade visit – talking on smoke detectors and changing batteries. Jumping castle, kids DIY workshops, Adult DIY workshops, balloons, hot cross buns and lots of giveaways. Saturday 3 April , Bring the kids and enjoy our family fun day.

DANCE IS BACK
Fever dance studio registration day Wednesday 21st April 3.30-5.00@ St Patricks School Hall.
Jazz,ballroom,hip hop workshops modern expressive ALL AGES Term fees appreciated on registration day
Contact Michelle Galvin ph 60368038

ALBURY LIBRARY/MUSEUM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Re-use Recycle
Use recycled materials to create fabulous wearable art. Bring along some old clothes that can be cut up to create something new!
Lavington Library – 02 6058 5500
Tuesday 6 April 2010
2.30 – 3.30pm
For Primary School children
Bookings essential

Going Potty
Change a boring terracotta pot into a fabulous pot plant with paints, stick on bits and lots more!
LibraryMuseum - 02 6023 8333 and Lavington Library – 02 6058 5500
Tuesday 13 April 2010
2.30 – 3.30pm
For Primary School children
Bookings essential

Stretching a Tale
Yoga for kids! This is Storytime with a physical focus. In ‘stretching a tale’ children will become the story characters – moving and stretching into yoga poses. For 3 – 7 year olds
LibraryMuseum - 02 6023 8333
Thursday 15 April 2010
11am – 12 noon

Out of the Picture Frame
This is an opportunity for children to be inspired by works of art and work with local artist, Catherin Geard, to develop their own artwork. The children’s work will be exhibited at the Art Gallery as part of the Kids Picks exhibition (7 May – 25 July)
Albury Art Gallery – 02 6051 3480
For Primary School children
Bookings essential
Holbrook Netball Club Social Trip

The Holbrook Netball Club are proposing to organise a one day bus trip to Melbourne to watch two of the exciting teams involved in the ANZ Championships for season 2010. Many of the girls who represented Australia in the sport of Netball in 2009; including captain Sharelle McMahon, our Net Set Go regional representative Susan Pratley, Kimberlee Green, Caitlin Thawites, Catherine Cox and Julie Corletto just to name a few will be playing on the day. This would be a great opportunity to watch professional netball at an international level.

Saturday the 12th is the Long weekend in June which coincides with a General Bye in both the Hume League and the J.C.King Park Albury Competition.

Costing at this stage would be approx $65 adult and $60 for children (15 and under) this includes bus trip there and back plus tickets to the game.

Numbers would have to be confirmed by Thursday 8th April. Full Payment in by Thursday 15th.

Any enquires or payments to Liz Keogh 0427865063 or Leonie Hibberson at the CTC Centre.

If you will already be in Melbourne but would like to join us for the game Tickets would be Adults:$22 and Children:$14.
Celebrate Easter with Holbrooke Public School

Friday 1st April – 12.00pm
A fun way to finish off Term 1!

We really enjoy celebrating Easter just as much as we really enjoy you coming to see our wonderful school and all the amazing things our very talented students can do.

Why not come and celebrate Easter with us?

You are invited to join Holbrooke Public School as we enjoy a range of Easter activities:

- 12.00 to 12.30 – School Assembly – run by the Year 6 Class
- 12.30 to 1.30pm – BBQ Lunch – cooked by the Year 2 parents
- 1.30pm to 2.30pm – Easter Activities – lots of fun!
- 2.30pm to 3.20pm – P&C Easter Raffle – over 70 prizes to be won!

It promises to be a great day so make sure you come along to show your support of our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please call Holbrooke Public School on 6036 2021.

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