FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

- **Friday’s School Assembly** – well done to the School Leaders who did a great job running last Friday’s assembly. This week’s assembly will be run by Mrs Ross and the Kinder students – their first time at running an assembly and will start at 11am. We do hope you are able to come along and support the students.

- **Information Evening with Phil Carroll** – can I please encourage all parents who have a child in Year 4 or Year 5 or Year 6 to come along and listen to Billabong High School’s new Principal, Phil Carroll, speak about the school, it’s strengths, it’s programs and where he wants to take the school in the future. I don’t have many names as yet, which is a little disappointing considering Phil is giving up his time to make himself available to the parents of Holbrook Public School. The evening would also be beneficial for any parent who already has a child attending Billabong High School. It will take place in the Holbrook Public School Library starting at 7pm. A return slip is attached to today’s newsletter. Please make the effort.

Our students can be very proud of themselves – the students of Holbrook Public School continue to impress people, especially those who visit our school. As a school, the staff work hard to teach the students about responsibility, pride, confidence and maturity. The email sent to me from our ANZAC Day assembly guest speaker, Warrant Officer Wally Meurant of the Australian Army, not only shows that our school does an excellent job, but our students are ‘first class’.

Hi Jason, thanks again for having me as guest speaker for your ANZAC Day ceremony, it was an honour for me to be able to represent the Australian Defence Force at Holbrook & to address the Holbrook Public School.

Could you please pass on my sentiments to all involved with setting up the assembly & for providing refreshments afterwards, all of which were very well done & much appreciated (the cakes were yummy!).

I would appreciate it if you would also pass on to the Student Council leaders personally from me how very well done the ceremony was; I know that this is not an easy task & to see the efforts put in & the way in which the school pulled together to make this ceremony a fitting tribute deserves acknowledgement, regards,

Wally Meurant

- **Pre-school Visits** – Kinder will be visiting the Pre-school today, Year 1 this Wednesday and Year 2 this Thursday with our students spending some time with the preschool students before they go to ‘big school’ next year.

- **Active After School Program** – this will start next Monday 10th May. Mr Preston, with the help of other staff, will be doing soccer. This will run for 7 weeks. The response has been great. A big thank you to Mr Preston for organising this.

- **NAPLAN Tests** – this will take place next week, Tuesday to Thursday, for all students in Year 3 and Year 5.

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

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal

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| Mon 3 May   | Kinder to visit Pre School – 10.30am  
| Tues 4 May  | P&C Meeting – 7.30pm - Library  
| Wed 5 May   | Year 1 to visit Pre School – 10.30am  
| Thurs 6 May | Life Education van visit – K – Yr 4 Year 2 to visit Pre School – 10.30am  
| Friday 7 May| Walk Safety to School Day Assembly – 11am – School Hall – Kindergarten Star of the Week – Yrs 1 & 5  

| **Week 4**  |  
| Mon 10 May  | Active After School commences  
| Tues 11 May | Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing Information Evening with Phil Carroll – BHS Principal  
| Wed 12 May  | Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing Life Education van visit – K – Yr 4  
| Thurs 13 May| Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing  
| Friday 14 May| Assembly – 11am – School Hall Year 4 Stars of the Week – Yrs 2 & 6  

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm in the school library.
All welcome.
CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 7 May  
Lorraine Ross  
Anna Allworth

Monday 10 May  
Fiona Anderson  
Anna Coughlan

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the 34% of families that have paid their School Contribution Fees. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Sale of Uniforms will only be done on Mondays from now on. Orders can be left at the office during the week but will only be filled on Mondays.

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub orders are due back to school by first lunch on Wednesday 5 May. No late orders will be accepted.

LIBRARY NEWS
Help is needed in the school library covering books. If you are able to help in some way please see Marlene on Mondays or Wednesdays.

STEWART HOUSE DONATIONS
Reminder that donation for Stewart House are due back to the school by Friday 7 May to go in the draw for a $4000 family holiday to the destination of choice. Envelopes can be returned to the school office.

OUR CREATIVE CATCHMENT STUDENTS
Students from our school recently took part in the first workshop to start off the CREATIVE CATCHMENT STUDENTS program. This year-long program is to encourage students to get involved with improving the environment across the Murray catchment of NSW.

The students who attended were Matthew Lyons, Sarah Bahr-Withers, Samantha Wilkinson, Jordan Cheshire, Michael Simpson & Madeline Winnett.

The students were great ambassadors for our school. Sincere thanks to the parents and teachers who drove the students to the workshop.

As part of the program, our students have identified a small project to complete between now and November. The students will be asked to report on their project at a workshop in November or December. The students will also feature in a DVD being made to document the project. Each student will receive a copy of the DVD as a way of celebrating their contribution to healthier land and water.

The program is an initiative of the Murray Darling Association and is being funded by the Murray Catchment Management Authority with support from the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Our students will participate in the next workshop in May. We are looking forward to watch them complete and report on their project later this year.

Judy Wettenhall

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
This will be held throughout NSW on Friday 7 May 2010. The day is to promote community road safety as well as the positive health benefits of walking. We hope you can participate in this very relevant event. Students are encouraged to walk to school with parents and carers this Friday.

TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY
Last Tuesday 27 April twenty eight students travelled to The Rock to participate in the touch football gala day. The students played four games against other teams from Southern Riverina schools. All the students played well and displayed excellent sportsmanship. The day was also a chance to select a boys and girls team to represent Southern Riverina at the Riverina trials. Harry Nunn and Hugh Locke were selected in the boys team to play in Albury on 17 June. Sarah Bahr-Withers, Tayla McCallum and Layne Parker were selected in the girls team to play in Wagga on 24 May. Congratulations to all students who participated in the day. It was great to see the enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by all participants. A big thankyou to the parents who supported the students on the day.

Chrissy Lavis
AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Georgie Ferguson – Settling in very well to her new class
Caitlin Holt – Settling in very well to her new class
Elizabeth Holt – Settling in very well to her new class
Abigail Holt – Settling in very well to her class

Miss Murphy
Brianna Akhurst – For great improvement in writing
Fletcher Parker – For always presenting his work beautifully

Miss Finlay
Josie McPhee – For some great answers in our maths classes this week
Faith Smith – For always being a great friend to others in Year 2

Mrs Preston
Jake Muller – For creative narrative writing
Lucy Ferguson – Settling in quickly to HPS

Mr Preston
Georgie Nicholls – Working well in class
Harrison Weaven – A great improvement in handwriting
Claire Holt – Settling in well into her new school

Miss Lavis
Jemima Lang – Some excellent poetry writing
Hugh Locke – Some excellent poetry writing

Mrs Wedgwood
Tom Holt – For settling in quickly to the Year 6 routine.
Welcome
Matthew Lyons – Excellent work ethic and completing poetry tasks

Mr Weaven
Taylah Schirmer – For always working hard, presenting work beautifully and getting great test results
Keilah McClutchie – For always showing great maturity in class and in the playground

Mrs Dunn
Ella Cheshire – Great drawings in Library & PD Health
Destiny-Lee Francis – Beautiful neat bookwork

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
William Cheshire, Aylee Jenkyn, Brady Peake, Jack Webb, Jacob Emerson, Alyce Parker, Fletcher Weaven

Mother’s Day Raffle
Prize: Large Hamper
Filled with mugs, soaps, kitchen appliances and much more!
Tickets available at Office for $1 each.
If you are willing to sell tickets to friends and family, please pick up a book of tickets from Mrs Preston or the Office.
Raffle will be Drawn Saturday 8th May 2010 at 12pm.
All funds raised help the HPS Dance Troupe!

Riverina Dance Troupe
2010

Welcome
COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLBROOK SWIM CLUB AGM
The Holbrook Swim Club A.G.M. will be held in Wednesday May 5th at 7.30pm in the Holbrook Public School Hall. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The club aims to provide a fun, safe summer sport for Holbrook's kids. If your kids enjoy swimming, come and get involved - it's not a lot of work.

National Simultaneous Storytime 11.00am Wednesday 26 May 2010 at the Holbrook Library
We are delighted to announce that the 2010 National Simultaneous Storytime book is “Little White Dogs Can’t Jump” written by Bruce Whatley & Rosie Smith. In this book, Smudge and his family have got a problem to solve - Smudge's legs are so short that he can't jump into the car! One of the children in the family devises a series of ingenious ways of getting Smudge into the car, but none of them work. Finally, it is Mum who solves the problem.

We welcome young children to come to the library to be a part of this national event. National Simultaneous Storytime is a campaign organised by the Australian Library and Information Association, in which a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously to children in a variety of venues around Australia. This campaign promotes the value of books and encourages young people to read, share books and become involved in other fun and engaging literary based activities. The campaign is an integral part of promoting the value of reading and literacy within Australian society.

At the Holbrook Library
Thursdays 11.00a.m.
(note: changed from Wednesdays to Thursdays)

Mother’s Day Flowers

Flowers on sale Saturday 8th May outside the NEWSAGENTS
Bunches from $15, Boxes from $25
If you wish to place an order, phone Wilma on 60362193.
Just a Reminder!

Riverina Dance Festival

Tickets go on sale today!! Ring the Griffith regional Theatre on (02) 69628452.

**Evening Performance (7pm -9:30pm)** – Adults $15, Children $10.

**Matinee Performance (12:30pm – 3pm)** – All Tickets $10.

Please ensure permission notes for Griffith are back by **Wednesday 5th May**.

**T-Shirt orders** are due Friday 7th May.

Mother’s Day Raffle

Tickets are $1 each.

1st Prize is a Hamper full of china, photo albums, plates and bath products as well as 1 rose. Second prize is a potted rose.

Roses donated by Donna Parker.
Ticket books are available from school.

Tickets will be sold at the Newsagents Saturday 8th May with the **prize drawn at 12pm Saturday**.

LAMINGTON DRIVE

FUNDRAISER RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL

Attached is an order form for the Lamington Drive Fundraiser for the Riverina Dance Festival. Money and orders are due back to the school by Friday 14 May and orders will be ready for pickup on Wednesday 2 June.
# Fundraiser for Rivervina Dance Festival

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HOLBROOK BAKERY 02 6036 2049

Monday 3 May, 2010
Miss Lavis’ English Group

Year 5 and 6 students in Miss Lavis’ English group completed writing tasks on the ocean during Term 1. They invented a mode of transport that would travel on or in the ocean. Then they had to build a model of their type of transport and write a procedural text to accompany it. Here are some of their creations.

Well Done!
STUDENTS DOING WELL OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Success at The Royal Easter Sydney Show for Johnny Ward and his horse Zulu. Johnny along with former student Hannah Scobie represented NSW in the Sub junior Under 12’s competition. They played four games in total. Johnny’s team won three out of four games and were therefore declared overall winners. They were presented with a medal and blue rosettes for their horses. On the last night of the show all polocrosse kids were invited to be part of the grand parade by the Royal Sydney Show Society, a great honour. Well done Johnny and his horse Zulu.

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:.................................................................................................................................................................
The following businesses of Holbrook sponsor our Newsletter. Please support them when you can.

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