Friday’s School Assembly – well done to Mrs Ross and the Kinder students who did a great job running last Fridays assembly – their first. This week’s assembly will be run by Mr Preston and the Year 4 students 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, its strengths, its 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.

We received an Award – wonderful news received this morning regarding our school receiving the “Shipshape Award” in recognition of the improvements to the front of the school. We started last year and have spent a lot of time trimming trees, planting new trees, establishing new gardens and signage, as well as resurfacing the carpark. It looks great and the recognition is well deserved, especially to our hard working P&C members and President, Teena Last. The P&C’s support has been excellent and very much appreciated. Well done everyone.

Congratulations, Harry Nunn – Harry represented Riverina in basketball last week in Sydney and I was sent this email from his coach, Mr Justin Graham. I really enjoy putting these things in our newsletter. Very proud of your efforts, Harry – great role model for our school.

“We had a very successful carnival last week, both on and off the court. We finished 8th out of 14, one of Riverina’s best finishes in many, many years. But more important was the accolades we received off the court. Many officials and other regional manager and coaches had nothing but positive remarks about the sportsmanship showed by both the players and parents of the Riverina.

Throughout the carnival, the parents and players were very positive and supportive of each other and myself, and they all should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves and represented your school”.

Regards
Justin.

New Hall – we found out during the week great news in that we will be receiving additional work with regards to the new hall – it includes air conditioning, covered walkways, cementing and drainage and a sink and power in one of the storerooms. This really is fantastic and will finish off the hall really well so that we can use the hall to its best capacity. Obviously with these works to be
completed, the hall will take longer to finish, but we are more than happy to wait as this additional work will be very beneficial to our school. I want to congratulate and thank Teena Last, Sarah Tescowthick and Stuart Swan for their wonderful efforts and support in trying to gain as much as we can for our school. Personally, it was very much appreciated.

- **Pre-school Visits** – Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students spent some time with the preschool students last week and a very enjoyable time was had by all. This was a really valuable experience for the pre-school students before they go to ‘big school’ next year and I would like to congratulate Mrs Ross and Mrs Wedgwood who came up with the idea and worked with the Holbrook Children’s Centre to get this organised.

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

- **Peer Support Camp** – this Thursday and Friday, students in Year 6 will be attending a Peer Support Camp held at Wymah Resort, between Holbrook and Albury. The school is subsidising this for the students and a big thank you to Mrs Wedgwood for organising this. Should be a great experience.

- **Netball Knockout Match** – this will be played next Monday morning in Holbrook against Culcairn starting at 9.30am. We wish Mrs Preston and the netball team all the very best with their match.

- **Cross Country Training** – our school team will again be under the guidance of Mr Tom Last who will start training with the team tomorrow and will continue over the next few weeks leading up to the SR Cross Country Carnival to be held on Friday 28th May in Holbrook. Tom did a brilliant job last year with 17 students qualifying to attend the Riverina Cross Country Carnival. We really do appreciate parents like Tom supporting the school and helping the students to achieve at a higher level.

- **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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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- **Friday 14 May**
  - Hayley Brennan
  - Jackie Marshall

- **Monday 17 May**
  - Lorraine Ross
  - Kim Emerson

**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.

**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.

**VISIT TO THE HARRY JARVIS WING**

Mrs Ross and Kindergarten will be walking to the Holbrook Hospital this Wednesday 12 May at 9:30am. The students will spend time talking with the residents at the Harry Jarvis Wing, sing some songs and share morning tea. We will be back at school by 11:30am.

**LIFE EDUCATION**

A reminder to all students in Kindergarten to Year 4 that Life Education notes and money needs to be returned as soon as possible.

**TOONSCHOOL VISIT**

Toonschool visit will be held on Wednesday 19 May. Conducted by popular, award winning Cartoonist/Author-Illustrator, Jeff “Joffa” Taylor, these innovative workshops have proven to be highly successful in providing students with a deeper understanding of the importance of School and Community Values, whilst enhancing individual skills and confidence.
All class will be attending the visit during the day and cost will be $5.00 per student. Attached to this newsletter is a permission note to attend.

**MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE – RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL**

Winners:  
1st Debbie Sheather  
2nd Belinda Hallam

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

Kristie Preston  
Organiser

**PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE**

Premier’s Sporting Challenge will start this week and go for 10 weeks. Students are asked to record their activities into their log book. Class teachers will explain the details to the students and maintain the process within class time.

**VISIT TO THE CHILDREN’S CENTRE**

On Monday 3 May Kindergarten walked across to The Children’s Centre. The students enjoyed reading one of their favourite Big Books to the pre-schoolers. Everyone joined in together for some singing and then playtime outside.

**AWARDS**

**Mrs Ross**  
Seth Webb – Enthusiastic participation in class activities  
Aaron Heritage – Great computer work

**Miss Murphy**  
Ada Crain – For always taking pride in the presentation of her work  
Josh Toll – For being a kind and cooperative class member

**Miss Finlay**  
Alanah Black – For answering some tricky grammar questions very well  
Olivia Hearn – For being a great teacher and student helper

**Mrs Preston**  
Lachlan Bulle – Excellent test results in literacy & numeracy  
Mackensie Melbourne – Working hard in all areas of school

**Mr Preston**  
Damon Brennan – For writing very descriptive sentences in literacy  
Alyce Parker – For always maintaining a responsible mature attitude towards school

**Miss Lavis**  
Charlie Walters – Putting in a top effort in maths  
Layne Parker – Working hard on all English tasks

**Mrs Wedgwood**  
Tayla McCallum – An excellent approach and attitude to all activities  
Michael Simpson – For great efforts in maths & English

**Mr Weaven**  
Philippa Bowler – For wonderful work and effort in maths  
Lily Last – For excellent writing, reading and drawing

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Georgie Ferguson, Hamilton Black, Mikey Walters, Faith Smith, Jackson Gibbs, Destiny-Lee Francis, Andrea Seymour, Harry Nunn

**AUSSIES OF THE MONTH**

**Junior**  
Aylee Jenkins – Being kind, thoughtful & friendly

**Senior**  
Tuhiiwai McClutchie – Happy, friendly approach to all school activities
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**.

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**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**.

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**PARENT TIPS FROM THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Helping your child with shapes and objects**

What can you do at home?
- Use boxes and containers of different sizes to play “stacking” games.
- Ask your child to help you put away the groceries and talk about which things will stack easily.
- Make biscuits using cookie cutters or make pretend biscuits from modelling dough. Talk about the shape of each biscuit.

More ideas in a variety of languages at  
My Mum

By KINDERGARTEN

My Mum gives me hugs. Ned

My Mum and I like planting flowers together. Emma

My Mum loves to get presents from us. Fletcher

My Mum kicks the football with me. Hamilton

My Mum likes making friends. Oscar

My Mum loves me. Georgie

My Mum likes cleaning up the house. Seth

My Mum and I shout ‘hooray’. Elizabeth

My Mum has a picnic with me. Isabella

My Mum likes swimming in the pool. Caitlin

My Mum loves giving me a hug. Ella

My Mum plays football with me. Rohan

My Mum likes taking me for a drive in the car. Tyron

My Mum loves getting cuddles from me. Lily

My Mum plays with me outside. Tyler

My Mum likes it when I give her a necklace. Alyssa

My Mum and I love to go shopping together. Cordelia

My Mum loves me. Abigail

My Mum loves cuddles and kisses from me. Aaron

My Mum loves getting presents from me. Andrea

My Mum goes horse riding with me. Logan.
COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Working Kelpie Pups
8 weeks old – Black & Tan
2 Females, 3 Males
Both parents are excellent workers. The mother is a terrific paddock & yard dog. Father a great yard dog.
For further information contact Donna or Fraser on 60366167 or 0408132910

Billabong Little Athletics
AGM Tuesday 25th May 2010  Henty Public School Library  7.30 pm
Please note that executive positions are needed to be filled in order for the Club to continue.
Please come and give your support

SOUTH WEST SLOPES POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION
An Open invitation to all students, teachers, parents and friends of Holbrook Public.

South West Slopes Polocrosse Association invites you all to come and see Polocrosse in action.
Holbrook Equine Centre - Racecourse Road
Sat 15th and Sunday 15th from 8.30am each day
FREE ENTRY
Canteen facilities.
All grades will play each day on four fields.
Come and see what all the fuss is about with your fellow students.
Think Rugby, think netball......now add galloping horses!!!
Students doing well out of school

Johnny and Jessica Ward competed in the Australia Junior Classic at Albury 2010. Photo 1 is of Jessica Ward playing No 1 on her horse TJ for Victoria, she is heading for the area to shoot a goal. Photo 2 is of Johnny playing No. 1 for NSW on his horse Zulu heading for the area to shoot a goal.

During the first week back at school Johnny Ward, Jessica Ward, Hugh Anderson, Digby Anderson and former Holbrook Public School student Hanna Scobie all attended a week of coaching in Albury at the Equestrian Centre from some of Australia’s top horsemen and women who play polocrosse, camp draft, train horses and have represented their country in these various fields.

After the coaching finished Jessica and Hugh were asked to represent Victoria for the Aust Junior Classic Polocrosse Comp.

Johnny was asked to Captain the NSW team that he and Hanna had been selected for. Over the weekend they all played some terrific games of polocrosse against the other states and ended up in the final against each other NSW v VIC.

Victoria won the final by 3 goals in a very close game all the kids played so well in some very trying conditions. At the presentations on Sunday afternoon Jessica Ward was awarded the best No2 player and she won a new racquet a great effort for Jessica and TJ as she was competing against some extremely good 12 year old children from around Australia.
## Fundraiser for Riverina Dance Festival

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