FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

- **Friday’s School Assembly** – well done to Miss Murphy and the Year 1 students who did a great job running this Friday’s assembly. There will be no assembly this Friday due to the SR PSSA Cross Country Carnival in Holbrook.

- **Providing great opportunities for our students** – as you can see from today’s newsletter, our school is focussed on providing as many opportunities for our students across a large variety of different activities. In the newsletter today, students from our school are participating in activities including sport (Rugby League, Cross Country and AFL); Debating, Environment Workshops, Dance and Leadership (Peer Support and Weekly Assemblies). During these experiences, students develop skills, knowledge and responsibility.

A big thank you to the wonderful teachers our school has who continue to give up their time to ensure that our students continue to enjoy these opportunities. Thank you also to our parents who continue to make themselves available to support the students and the school. Together, we achieve great success!!!!

- **Public Education Day** – takes place this Thursday. The NSW Department of Education and Training is the largest and best resourced system in the country, boasting talented and experienced teachers. It is recognised as a world leader in general education, literacy and numeracy, vocational education and training and technology.

Teachers in the NSW Public Education system are producing excellent results through innovative programs, which are being studied and applied around the world.

Public Education Day is a day to recognise the learning successes of our students, highlight the commitment and professionalism of our teachers throughout the system, and to focus on the future of public education. It’s also a day to reflect on the achievements of public education across the board.

Only public education is open to all citizens and potential citizens, without any distinction of creed, culture or wealth.

Public education is fundamental to a democratic society. Teachers, students and parents in public education make a significant contribution to our community. The values of Public Education are worth celebrating, promoting and defending.

- **State Dance Festival** – wonderful news that our school dance troupe has been asked to nominate for the State Dance Festival to be held in Sydney. If successful our students will travel to Sydney during the 7th-11th September 2010 and perform at the Everest Theatre in Sydney. The festival is a showcase of NSW government students from Kindergarten to Year 12. To be nominated is a fantastic achievement in itself and is just rewards for the commitment our school, students, parents, staff and in particular, Mrs Preston, have shown towards dance in our school. It would certainly be a great experience for our students if we were in fact successful.

- **Rugby League Mortimer Shield** – congratulations to Harry Nunn, Jordan McClutchie and Tuhiai McClutchie for their excellent efforts in Temora last Wednesday. The boys joined with The Rock Central School to form a team, which was a totally new experience for both schools. It turned out to be a fantastic day as the boys from both schools got along amazingly well. The boys played Temora PS going down 22-8 (they were the eventual winners); Junee PS winning 22-0; and Junee North PS winning 10-8 giving us the title of Classic Shield winners for the day – great achievement considering it was the first time for both schools. Congratulations to Harry Nunn who was named best player for our team.

A big thank you to Steven Schultz from The Rock Central School for inviting us to join his school who didn’t have enough to participate in it alone. We look forward to both schools doing a few more things together in the future.
• **Paul Kelly Cup** – this was played on Friday at Culcairn and congratulations to all of the boys on their wonderful efforts. We went down in our first game to a very good side from Lockhart CS; in the second game we lost a close one by 4 points to Great Kengal and in our final game we played really well to defeat Culcairn PS by 18 points. A big thank you to Mr Preston who organised everything and to Tony Brennan who gave up his time to help with training at school and coach the team on the day. Thank you also to the very large number of parents who not only supported on the day, but at School Council and P&C Meetings and in the wider community. We all agree that participation for our students is the most important thing.

• **Debating** – congratulations to our students involved in the Junior and Senior Debating Teams who were successful last Thursday against Henty. An amazing effort considering the circumstances and a big thank you to our wonderful parents, Bruce, Sarah and Marg who gave up their time both on the day and at school rehearsing.

• **Parent Information Evening for New 2011 Kinder Parents** – this will be held in our School Library on Wednesday 2nd June starting at 7pm. We invite any parents who will have a child starting school next year (or the year after) to come along to our informal evening to meet other parents, staff and to find out more about the excellent programs our school has to offer. Come and ask questions and enjoy supper with us. We hope you can join us.

• **SR District Cross Country Carnival** – this will be held in Holbrook this Friday and we wish all of our students the very best. Parents, we will need your support on the day to help run the carnival, both as an official or with the canteen. We appreciate your support.

• **School Website** – we have launched our school website which can be found at the web address at the top of the newsletter. Thank you to Miss Lavis and Mrs Mullavey for their work involved in helping to set this up. A lot more information will be added daily over the next few weeks and then it will be regularly updated with information as required. Some of the things you will find there include our school newsletter, permission notes, P&C/Canteen news and information, photos, school information, Annual School Report and Class information. There are some limitations to what we can put on our website, but any suggestions on how we can improve it would be appreciated.


• **National Reconciliation Week 2010** - will be held across Australia from 27 May to 3 June. This year marks the 14th anniversary of National Reconciliation Week with the theme ‘Reconciliation: Let’s see it through!’ National Reconciliation Week offers an opportunity for all Australians to focus on reconciliation and celebrate the rich culture and history of Indigenous Australians. National Reconciliation Week began in 1996 to provide a special focus for nationwide reconciliation activities. It is a time to reflect on achievements so far and to renew commitments to reconciliation by exploring ways to help create a better future for Indigenous Australians. National Reconciliation Week coincides with 2 significant dates in Australia’s history which provide strong symbols of the aspirations for reconciliation. The week begins on 27 May with the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum which removed clauses from the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Indigenous Australians. It also gave the Commonwealth Government the power to make laws on behalf of Aboriginal people. The week ends with the anniversary of the High Court of Australia’s judgement in the Mabo case on 3 June 1992. The decision recognised the Native Title rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and overturned the myth of terra nullius - that the continent was empty of people and the land unowned before European settlement in 1788.

  “I will encourage actions that make good intentions mean something. Actions speak louder. I challenge all of us to think anew, because through new thoughts old habits will be broken, new ground will be broken.” - Australian of the Year, Mick Dodson, National Press Club address, 17 February 2009.

• **Furniture for Sale** – all for sale at $5. Items include student tables, blackboards and 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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**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2011**

Enrolments for 2011 are now been taken. You can see Tracey at the office to enrol. We need to know so that staffing for next year can be organised. Thank you.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Friday 28 May**

Christine Lyons
Judith Mullins

**Monday 31 May**

Anna Coughlan
Thaya Carman
**NEEDED!**

**Cakes and Slices for Regional Cross-Country**
Parents of runners please bring your contribution to the Sports Stadium Canteen on the day - Friday May 28th. Parents who aren’t stationed around the course will be asked to assist in the Canteen during the day......from where you can easily get to cheer your child over the finish line!

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**
A reminder that sale of school uniforms will only be one on MONDAYS from now on. Orders can be left at the office during the week but will only be filled on Mondays.

**CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS MAY WORKSHOP- CULCAIRN**
On Wednesday last week, six students travelled to Culcairn to attend the second workshop for ‘Creative Catchment Kids’, run by the Murray Darling Association, and sponsored by the Murray Catchment Management Authority.

The students had a very interesting time, listening to an informative presentation on Threatened Animal Species in the catchment, creating a ‘pretend’ Woodland and discussing the project they will complete at our school. All in all a wonderful learning experience, and an opportunity to realise that there a lots of little things we as individuals can do protect and care for our environment.

Special thanks to Mrs Cathy Wilkinson for helping with transport on the day—much appreciated.

Judy Wettenhall

**LAMINGTON DRIVE – RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL**
Lamington drive orders can be picked up from the school canteen on **Wednesday 2 June between 3.00pm – 3.30pm**. If you are unable to pick up, please phone the school office to make other arrangements. A total of $200 profit was made for the dancers travelling to Griffith for the Riverina Dance Festival. Thank you to everyone who ordered and a big thank you to the Holbrook Bakery for organising this fundraiser.

**DEBATE REPORT**
Well done to the debating teams last Thursday. The students portrayed great strength under pressure and overcame a massive hurdle. A very big thank you to Mr Bruce Allworth, Mrs Sarah Trescowthick, Mrs Marg Killalea and all the parents involved on the day. These days would not be possible if it wasn’t for your help and support.

Adam Preston

Congratulations to the Senior Debate Team who performed extremely well and came home with a win. They debated a very strong Henty side. Their topic was ‘That Mobile Phones are more of a Nuisance than a Convenience’. Holbrook was the affirmative. The team of Mimi Trescowthick, Sarah Bahr-Withers, Tayla McCallum and Sam Wilkinson, had very strong and logical arguments and relevant rebuttals. Well done on a great team effort. A particular thank you to Sarah Trescowthick and Bruce Allworth for their invaluable assistance.

Leneen Marshall entertained the audience with an entertaining speech about all her pets. Thanks Leneen.

Kate Wedgwood
PEER SUPPORT CAMP
Last Thursday, 13 and Friday 14 May, Year 6, went to ‘The Wymah Valley Retreat’ for their Peer Support Training. It was a fantastic place to stay, with great food, top accommodation and very challenging activities to participate in. It was a great excursion, with Year 6 behaving and performing extremely well. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, and they received many compliments on their behaviour, work ethic and manners. During the camp, each person learnt a lot about themselves, and about managing and working with a group. This program has been working very successfully at Holbrook Public School for over twelve years, and provides support for all the children in our school and encourages leadership, co-operation and care of others. All of us would like to sincerely thank all the parents who drove us to and from the camp. Your time and effort is much appreciated.
A huge thank you to Mrs Marsden for all her help and to Miss Lavis for camping overnight.
Everyone had a fun, but very tiring time.
Kate Wedgwood

STATE DANCE FESTIVAL
This year The HPS Dance Troupe has sent in a nomination for the NSW State Dance Festival. The Riverina Dance Festival will be our audition for the State Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students, staff and school. If successful our students will travel to Sydney during the 7th-11th September 2010 and perform at the Everest Theatre in Sydney. The festival is a showcase of NSW government students from Kindergarten to Year 12.
The Riverina Dance Festival is the first step in the process and is coming around very quickly. It is less than 2 weeks before we head to Griffith to perform and the troupe and I are getting very excited. Thank you again to the school community for all your help and support during the entire process.
Kristie Preston

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Kasey Henry – For excellent narrative writing

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**Freshly Made:**
- Rolls w. Ham or Roast Chicken & Salad $4.00
- Salad Roll (no meat) on request $3.00

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- Tea/Coffee $1.00

**Homebaked:**
- Cakes and Slices 50c

**Southern Riverina Drink Bottles:** $10.00 each

SOUTHERN RIVERINA SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY
HOLBROOK SPORTS STADIUM FRIDAY 28 MAY 2010

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Angela Ross – Neat work in Library and PD Health
Emily Mulloy – Great improvement in reading

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Jordan McClutchie, Tuhia McClutchie, Alanah Black, Jessica Ward, Tyler Hooper, Jackie O’Keefe, Thomas Beaumont, Abby Parker, Jade Hunt

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Emily Saunders
Year 6

Logan Wright
Kindergarten

School Holidays Movie at the Library Complex
Friday 9th July 2.30pm cost $8.00 each includes a drink & a packet of chips.
Bookings not required. Phone 02 6036 3262 for further information. Running time 87 mins.

ABABY SHOWER
WITH A DIFFERENCE

We are honouring a 'baby shower' for abandoned and unwanted babies cared for by winners at Uganda. Babies born into desperate poverty, abandoned babies, malnourished babies, found in pit latrines, garbage dumps, left at hospitals and police stations. We believe that no matter where they were born they are precious and we want to celebrate their birth and life just as we would one of our own!

You can be a part of their transformation from garbage dump to health, safety and a future.

25th May 2010 from 12.30 to 3pm
Meeting Room, Holbrook Library Complex
Light Luncheon Provided.

Phone: Sharon Barkers-Waller
60363163
We enjoyed playing ‘The Music Man’ at Friday’s Whole School Assembly.

Matilda, Matthew and Ben bought in bird nests and snail shells as part of our HSIE topic ‘The Need for Shelter’.

We had fun time visiting the Holbrook Children’s Centre.
Parent Information Evening for 2011 New Kinder Parents
Holbrook Public School
Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June – 7.00pm

We welcome the opportunity to invite you to an informal information evening to be held in the library at Holbrook Public School on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June starting at 7pm.

You will have the opportunity to meet staff and other parents while enjoying supper and tea and coffee. We will provide you with an insight into the quality teaching and learning programs we have to offer. We are also available to discuss your child’s readiness for school and any other questions that you may have.

We are very proud of our students, the high standards achieved and the values taught. Our doors are always open.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you.

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