FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

- **Riverina Dance Festival** – this was held on Friday in Griffith and how proud everyone was to see our students performing on the big stage. They were amazing!!!!

  On Friday I spoke with various Riverina and State Personnel from the Department of Education, as well as fellow Principals from across the Riverina and it was stated by many that gaining selection to perform at the Riverina Dance Festival has become pretty much the highest achievement for a school as it involves both boys and girls from various year levels (in our case Year 1 to Year 6), it involves many schools at the same time and is extremely competitive to get into. Only those schools displaying outstanding quality gain selection. Principals also stated the experience it creates for their students and what support it creates from the parent community, especially as your child doesn’t have to wait until they are in a certain year level to perform.

  Congratulations to all of the students – you have worked very hard to get where you are and you deserve this wonderful experience and opportunity.

  Thank you to Mrs Preston for making this possible for our students – your time and efforts were definitely worth it and appreciated by all. We are very fortunate to have you at our school.

  Thank you also to Miss Murphy and the parents who helped get the students ready with make-up and their costumes. Wonderful work!!

  Finally, I want to congratulate our parents. You have shown tremendous support for Mrs Preston and the students, all because you too realise just how big performing at the Riverina Dance Festival is. Your support and kind words shown on Friday were very much appreciated by everyone.

  Everyone on Friday, including other schools, was able to see just what outstanding talent and students our school has. We were performing on the Riverina stage. I am sure that you will agree, that participating in the Riverina Dance Festival in 2011 is very much a priority for our school to work towards.

  Congratulations everyone!!!!

- **Friday’s School Assembly** – congratulations to Miss Finlay and the Year 2 students for running a great assembly last Friday. This Friday’s assembly will be run by Mrs Wedgwood and the Year 6 students and will start at 11am. We do hope you can come along and support the students.

- **Parent Information Evening for 2011 Kinder Parents** – this was held last Wednesday and was a great night, both socially relaxing and informative. Thank you to the parents who attended and special thanks to the entire staff who were there on the night to help and answer any questions parents might have had. It was very much a whole school approach, which was very well supported by our School P&C who were also there to help out and support new parents. If anyone would still like to find out more, don’t hesitate to contact me to arrange a meeting.

- **State Knockout Basketball Match** – this was played on Wednesday and congratulations to the boys for their efforts as they had a win against Lake Albert Public School from Wagga Wagga. A big thank you to our coach Mr Clifford and the many parents who helped out and supported the team.
• **School Council Meeting** – a meeting was held on Monday afternoon and discussed was school finance, new hall, new toilet block, student enrolments and staffing for 2011, parent information evening for 2011 kinder parents, student participation, school website and update on other projects. The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th August at 3.40pm.

• **Principal away** – I will be away all week as coach of the Riverina Girls Hockey Team. If you have questions or concerns please see Mrs Wedgwood or Mrs Ross.

• **Paul Kelly Cup** - the entire staff of Holbrook Public School would like to apologise for not being aware of the history attached to the Paul Kelly Cup.

  Our school made the decision to only involve Holbrook Public School students this year as we were always of the belief that our school fielded a team and if we did not have enough students, we would then ask students from St Patrick’s School to join us to form a team.

  When we spoke to the AFL who organises the Paul Kelly Cup, they told us that this is exactly the way the teams are organised between schools in other towns like Henty and Lockhart.

  We also made the decision as a whole staff, supported by our School P&C and School Council, to give our students more opportunity to participate. The AFL were more than happy for us to involve Year 4 students as most other schools involved in the competition already do the same.

  It was not our intention to upset the St Patrick’s School or people in the Holbrook community. We apologise if we have.

  We appreciate the Principal of St Patrick’s School, Mr Rob Unsworth, meeting with us to discuss the situation. Both schools and staff want to deal with this issue and move forward in a positive way.

  As a staff, Holbrook Public School has agreed to work with St Patrick’s School Staff to promote the Paul Kelly Cup in the best interest of the community of Holbrook.

  We hope that this clarifies the situation and that the two Holbrook schools can continue to work together in the best interest of all students and the community of Holbrook.

**Staff of Holbrook Public School**

• **Community Relations** - I have been concerned about some chatter going on around town with respect to the staffs of both schools. The principal of the HPS, Jason, and myself have become so concerned about that we met on Wednesday afternoon. I can say that from both our points of view there is no issue between the staff or indeed between the two schools.

  We agreed that a vibrant community such as Holbrook needs and deserves two schools who both offer alternative and complementary educational opportunities.

  The staffs in the past have visited each other for a drink and we will again be doing this later in the term.

  We have agreed that when the building is completed at HPS that their whole school will come for a visit to us, we will go for a visit to them and then we will have lunch at the submarine together.

  Jason and I are aware that the issues of the Paul Kelly Cup and the selection policy has caused some angst. We have discussed the issues and we are jointly going to draft a policy that will address the situation.

  We have also agreed that we should encourage potential parents to visit both schools and look at what the schools have to offer so that an informed choice that best serves the needs of the child can be made.

  R. J. Unsworth
  Principal St Patrick’s Primary School, Holbrook

• **Riverina Cross Country Carnival** – this will be held on Tuesday 15th June in Griffith. We will be represented by 18 students from our school and we wish them all the very best.

• **Furniture for Sale** – all for sale at $5. Items include student tables, blackboards and pinboards. Also for sale a second-hand mower $40 – 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 11 June | Hayley Brennan Kim Emerson |
| Monday 14 June | Queens Birthday holiday |
| Friday 18 June | Anna Watson Bec Henry |

**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.
RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL

Last Friday, 36 dancers travelled to Griffith to participate in the annual Riverina Dance Festival. All 36 dancers performed superbly and represented Holbrook Public School in a manner that would make the entire school community very proud. The day started at 9am with a group photo then we were ushered away to our holding room to start getting ready. The hair and make-up crew comprised of Jacqui Ross, Jenni Papworth, Mel Parker and Miss Murphy who spent the next hour and a half, painting fingernails, toenails, applying make-up and styling hair. They did an amazing job to get all the dancers ready for our 10:40am rehearsal time.

We were lucky enough to be able to watch a number of other schools rehearse their item and were very excited to be in the audience watching other talented kids. After our rehearsal we headed back to our change room for a bite to eat and the to add the finishing touches to our make-up and costumes, namely body glitter!

The matinee performance began at 12:30pm and all dancers did an amazing job to reorientate themselves to the stage. Our troupe had some of the youngest member to participate in the festival and they performed sensationally. With many parents and supporters in the crowd we finished with a great applause and were all very excited and relieved to get one performance out of the way. After a photo session all the dancers hit the shops and had a look around Griffith.

At 6pm all dancers reassembled at the change room to start all over again. There were less nerves and more excitement going into the evening performance, and again the troupe performed their hearts out. Jacob & Tayla did an amazing job to improvise and adjust their dance as needed. After the show we spoke to many excited and proud Holbrook Public School parents who were happy to share their praise and admiration for the troupe.

Mr and Mrs Clifford managed to sneak Miss Murphy, myself and about 10 dancers into the second half of the show as part of the audience. It was a pleasure to watch the number of talented dancers we have within the Riverina and the potential our children have to become regular dancers in the festival.

It was an extremely long but rewarding day and I would like to thank all the parents for making the long trip to Griffith to allow our students the opportunity to dance alongside some amazing dancers with very bright futures. Thank you to Jacqui Ross, Jenni Papworth, Mel Parker and Chantelle Schirmer for their assistance with beautifying the troupe. A big thank you to Miss Murphy for all her help, support and supervision, it was great to have such a ‘lovely assistant’ to run errands, look after kids and apply and re-apply make-up at the last minute.

It is a privilege for me to be able to work with the wonderful students of Holbrook Public School and give them the opportunity to showcase their talent, enthusiasm and passion for performing – thank you! We still have 2 performances to look forward to later in the year, including a Creative Arts night at Billabong High School and Education week in Wagga.

We are also waiting to hear if we were successful in gaining a place in the State Dance Festival in September. With so many talented schools in the Riverina it will be a difficult job, but despite the outcome we should be very proud of what we have achieved.

BASKETBALL STATE KNOCKOUT

Yesterday, the 2**nd** of June, we played against Lake Albert Public School at the Complex. Our team was made up of Harrison Weaven, Will Holmes, Cody Webb, Johnny Ward, AJ Bender, Jackson Gibbs, Matt Lyons and Harry Nunn. The team scores were 42 to 31. Holbrook Public School was the winner. Harry Nunn was our main player on the day with 24 points, but five other players also scored.

We all had a great day.

Thankyou Mr Clifford for coaching us and taking us down.
AJ Bender, Johnny Ward, Cody Webb and Jackson Gibbs

“Had a great day at Basketball knockout. Well organised day and Wagga Wagga school enjoyed themselves. Well Done”. Sharla Gibbs.

AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Lily Last – Excellent progress in reading & writing
Cordelia Clarke – Enthusiastic participation during class discussions

Miss Murphy
Henry Gulliver – For excellent work with multiplication & division
Kairos McClutchie – For excellent poetry writing

Miss Finlay
William Cheshire – For excellent responses to reading questions
Daniel Hawkins – For being a very caring friend to classmates

Mrs Preston
Matthew Bender – An improvement in bookwork
Aidyn Ebner – Setting into HPS with ease

Mr Preston
Harry Southwell – For portraying a great understanding of similes
Claudia Allworth – For a great improvement in handwriting
Bailey Martin – For a great improvement in handwriting

Miss Lavis
Emily Saunders – Effort & enthusiasm in maths
Will Holmes – A great effort on his poetry

Mrs Wedgwood
Bethany Bayliss – Hard work being, being willing to ask for help & making real progress in maths
Johnny Ward – Excellent progress in English
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Angus Swan, Brayden Webb, Logan Wright, Bailey Martin, Digby Anderson, Jasmyn Adams, Jackson Gibbs

STARS OF THE WEEK

Damon Brennan
Year 4

Lucy Ferguson
Year 3

Community News

NEW IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHICS COMPETITION.
Free entries available at Holbrook Public School office. Prize is a photographic portrait sitting – complete with a glamour make-over. The winner can choose from a glamour makeover, family, pet’s glamour or couples style portrait. The prize is valued at up to $153.00 depending on the sitting chosen. New Image Photographics will be coming to Holbrook soon.

HOLBROOK AUSKICK
Please note there will be NO Auskick on this Sunday 13 June. Any further details contact Bill Herriot.

BUSH DANCE
Saturday 19th June
(Round 10-home to R/Walbundrie)
7pm for Band to start 7.30
Holbrook Sporting Complex
Music by
"The Bushdrovers"
Featuring our own
Loretta Andrews!
BYO Drinks & Nibbles
Families $40
Adult $15
Kids$10
Country Dress
(Please no stiletto heeled boots!!!!)
Year 2
Term 2 Activities

Josie and John enjoy playing together at Pre School.

Daniel reading to his Pre School buddie.

Year 2's enjoying their lunch break

Friday's Whole School Assembly performance.

Charlotte and Faith enjoying their reading

S R Schools Cross Country Year 2 representatives; Lachie, William, Olivia, Issey and Daniel.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

2010

Our school carnival will be held on Friday 25 June, and the backup date Friday 23 July (Term 4 Week 1), at the Holbrook Sporting Complex. All students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 will be involved.

On the day of the carnival all students should go directly to the sporting complex. Buses will drop off and pick up at the complex. The carnival will commence at 9.20am sharp for marshalling. Students are asked to come dressed in their house colours – MACKELLAR: GREEN; PATERSON: RED; LAWSON: BLUE.

The canteen will be in operation on the day at the complex to supply a barbecue lunch; no normal lunch orders will be available. Snacks and drinks will be able to be bought throughout the day. Morning tea will be available for parents.

Children will need to bring a drink, hat and sunscreen.

Running our athletics carnival will require many helpers. We will need the help of parents as timekeepers, recorders, judges, marshals, starters, and to accompany groups of children between events.

We will also need assistance marking the oval on Thursday 25 June.

If you can assist, please fill in the attached form and return it to Miss Lavis by Wednesday 16 June.

K-6 Teachers

Athletics Carnival Helpers
(Please return by Wednesday 16 June)

(Please tick where appropriate)

_______ I will be able to assist with the athletics carnival on Friday 25 June, and on the backup date of Friday 23 July (Week 1 Term 4)

_______ I am able to assist with rotation of groups.

I am willing to assist with:

☐ Recording  ☐ High jump
☐ Timekeeping  ☐ Long jump
☐ Judging  ☐ Discus
☐ Starting  ☐ Shot put
☐ Marshalling  ☐ Marking the oval on Thursday 24 June

☐ I am able to provide a cake or slice for morning tea.

Name: ___________________________  Child: __________________
Phone: ___________________
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