FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

- **Friday’s School Assembly** – congratulations to Mrs Wedgwood and the Year 6 students for running a great assembly last Friday. This Friday's assembly will be run by Mrs Preston and the Year 3 students and will start at 11am. We do hope you can come along and support the students.

- **Preschool Students Visited our School** – last Friday Preschool students visited our school and had a great time visiting the different classrooms and having a good look around the school. A big thank you to the Preschool staff and to parents for making the visit possible. We appreciate your wonderful efforts.

- **Riverina Boys Touch Trials** – this will be held this Thursday in Albury. We wish Harry Nunn and Hugh Locke all the very best as they represent Southern Riverina.

- **Riverina Girls Netball Trials** – this will be held this Friday in Wagga Wagga. We wish Sarah Bahr-Withers, Tayla McCallum, Mimi Trescowthick and Alyce Parker all the very best as they represent Southern Riverina.

- **School Athletics Carnival** – a reminder that this will be held next Friday, 25th June at the Holbrook Football Ground. Parent assistance will be required if the carnival is to proceed so please let us know (in today’s newsletter) if you are able to help out. Backup date will be Wednesday 21 July Term 3.

- **New Furniture** – we received new chairs this week for the library, Year 3 and Year 5 classrooms. They look great and already the students are enjoying them. The old chairs are now for sale.

- **Furniture for Sale** – all for sale at $5. Items include student tables, student chairs, 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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Pre-school children visit our school

Nineteen pre-schoolers, along with their teachers and some parents visited our school last Friday. After a tour of the school the children spent time in the Kindergarten room. They enjoyed listening to a Big Book called ‘Smarty Pants’ and colouring a picture of Smarty Pants with the help of the Kindergarten students. Everyone joined in singing some favourite songs. This visit was the first of the orientation program for the Pre-schoolers to become familiar with ‘Big School’.

Parent/teacher interview notes

These notes have been sent home today with each student. You will receive your child’s half yearly report on Thursday 24 June. If you would like to have an interview with your child’s class teacher in Week 11 please return the reply slip as soon as possible. Another note will be sent home with your interview day and time.

Harry Jarvis Wing visit

Year 2 students will be visiting the Harry Jarvis Wing at the Holbrook Hospital this Wednesday 16 June 2010 between 9:30am and 11:30am. The students will walk to and from the hospital with Miss Finlay and Mrs Jones.

NSW PSSA basketball knockout

Just a quick update on the boys and girls basketball knockout.

Due to an omission in the original draw we will not be playing Tumut Primary School next week. Instead, all the remaining teams, including us, will be taking part in a basketball gala day in either Wagga Wagga or Albury next term.

Until then we will try to have training during lunch times twice a week.

Mr Clifford

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 then 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 members 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 two 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.

Mrs Preston
AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Rohan Jepson – Learning many sight words quickly
Georgie Ferguson – Creative artwork
Ella Cheshire – Being a good listener in class

Miss Murphy
Maggie Jamieson – For creative poetry writing
Lachlan Rodd – For always being kind and friendly

Miss Finlay
Chelsea Brennan – For listening carefully & asking good questions in literacy lessons
Jasym Adams – For her enthusiastic approach to our science lessons

Mrs Preston
Miss Murphy – For being a wonderful assistant
Riverina Dance Troupe – For performing with confidence at Griffith
Gina Heritage – For a colourful, creative creature
Digby Anderson – Trying hard during Accelerated Literacy

Mr Preston
Brian Marshall – A big improvement in all class areas
Salena Barry – Always working to the best of her ability

Mrs Wedgwood
Layne Parker – An excellent work ethic in all KLA’s
Jacob Emerson – Making real strides in maths through hard work

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Matilda Preston, Brittany Mulloy, Josie McPhee, Emma Lanz, Sarah Bahr-Withers, Emma Coughlan

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.

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!
YO Drinks & Nibbles
Families $40
Adult $15
Kids $10
Country Dress
(Please no stiletto heeled boots!!!!)

PARENT TIPS FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NAIDOC Week celebrations between the 4th and 11th of July
NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians. Find out more at www.naidoc.org.au

Internet safety tip
Get a filter!
Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. You can download a free filter at www.netalert.gov.au. These aren't completely reliable and it's best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own. More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

“What did you do at school today?”
If your child answers this question by saying “nothing”, try asking a different question: “What words did you learn today?”, “Who did you play with at lunch time?”, “What did you enjoy most about school today?”

Application form is available from Holbrook Public School office or phone Southern Sports Academy on 69316500 or email: cbreese@ssa-nsw.org.au.
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
☐ Timekeeping
☐ Judging
☐ Starting
☐ Marshalling
☐ High jump
☐ Long jump
☐ Discus
☐ Shot put
☐ Marking the oval on Thursday 24 June

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

Name: ___________________________  Child: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________
REGIONAL ARTS NSW COUNCIL GRANTS

During last term our school P&C applied for, and received, two Arts Council grants. The first was to produce four murals on a Holbrook historic theme that would then be displayed in or around our new assembly hall. The second was to provide two tutoring days so the children in Years 3-6 could learn to use soft pastels correctly.

Over the last few weeks all children have been taking advantage of these two opportunities.

Thankyou to Holbrook Stores for their contribution towards the boards used in the artwork.
Riverina Dance Festival
Griffith 2010

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