FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Friday’s School Assembly – congratulations to Miss Wakefield and the Year 3 students for running a great assembly last Friday. There will be no assembly this Friday due to the Australian Ballet Company Workshops. Our next Assembly will be our Book Week Assembly on Wednesday 21 August run by the Kinder students. We do hope to see you there.

Holbrook Public School celebrates Nations Recognition Week for all School Administrative & Support Staff – Media Release

All this week students, parents and staff at Holbrook Public School will acknowledge the hard work done by School Administrative & Support Staff (SAS Staff) as part of National Recognition Week.

National Recognition Week, which this year is themed “SAS Staff...keeping schools afloat”, runs from 16-20 August.

SAS staff faces new challenges every day and are constantly adapting to change.

Public Service Association President, Sue Walsh, said “We are very proud of the magnificent work all School Administrative and Support staff do, whether it is maintaining school grounds, assisting students with learning difficulties, or ensuring the smooth running of the administrative and financial matters in the school.”

“National Recognition Week is the time to reflect and say thanks to those staff members, “Ms Walsh said.

SAS staff at Holbrook Public School play a vital role in students’ learning by assisting teachers with implementing educational programs, maintaining records and assisting in producing newsletters, and maintaining the playground to make our school safe.

National Recognition Week is a great time to thank all our SAS staff for their hard work and dedication this year.

Our School’s SAS staff, Mrs Mullavey, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Horn, Mrs Jones & Mr Jacob, all do a valuable job for our school, one that is very much appreciated by the entire staff.

Recognition Week is an opportunity for you, the school community, to join the staff, in showing your appreciation to these dedicated staff members who play such an important part in ensuring the smooth running of our school.

National Teaching Award – congratulations to Miss Chrissy Lavis, who has been nominated this year for an ASG Inspirational Teaching Award. The nomination has been made by our school P&C, and proudly supported by the entire staff, who both consider Miss Lavis should be honoured and recognised as an outstanding representative of effective teaching initiatives. NEITA awards are intended to recognise and honour representatives of inspirational teaching within their local communities. The awards program aims to enhance the standing of teaching within the community and inspire students of high calibre to enter the teaching profession.

I congratulate our school P&C for their initiative in wanting to nominate Miss Lavis. As a staff, we are very proud of her achievements and consider ourselves very lucky to have such an excellent teacher on staff.

Riverina Principal’s Conference in Mulwala – I attended this last Thursday and Friday and it was agreed by everyone, to be a very valuable professional experience. It was attended by nearly 100 Primary Principals from across the Riverina, the School Education Directors, including Mr Dowling, and the Regional Director, Mr Colin Parker.

Keynote speakers included Michael Milton, (skier, cyclist, adventurer, world and Australian record holder, Paralympian and Olympian), Dr Toni Noble (a teacher, psychologist, researcher and teacher educator) and Richard Gabhann (expert communicator who can motivate and empower individuals to apply and relate mental focus and physical exercise to their personal and professional lives). We also attended workshops on movement expertise and childhood cognitive development; legal branch; gifted & talented; sustainability; Employee Performance and Conduct Unit; resilience and Principal and Staff Welfare and resilience.
Our MC, Mr John Walker (has worked in Corporate Entertainment for the past 17 years as a writer, director, performer, production manager, master of ceremonies and an actor on the awarding winning television sketch comedy series “Full Frontal” where John completed six sessions in the 1990’s) was excellent and highly entertaining.

**New Hall** – The hall is all but finished. It was to be all finished last Friday but couldn’t be because of the rain.

It is hoped that this Friday will see everything including the landscaping completed. But again this will be subject to weather.

If all goes well, we could be using the hall sometime next week.

I will have an update for your next week.

**School Education Director to visit our school** - Mr John Dowling will be visiting our school this Friday. This is a scheduled visit as part of the school’s Principal Assessment and Review Schedule (PARS) Mr Dowling will be looking at the schools progress in regards to the schools management plan and the Annual School Report evaluations, Best Start, Reading Recovery and New Scheme Teachers.

We look forward to having the Mr Dowling visit as he is a strong supporter of our school, students and staff.

**Southern Riverina PSSA Performing Arts Festival** - this will take place this Wednesday 18th August at Billabong High School with rehearsal during the day, followed by a night performance at 7pm. This promises to be a great evening involving approximately ten different performances from different schools within the Southern Riverina. Our school Choir and Dance Troupe and will involve around 50 students from our school.

**State Rugby Union Championship** – we wish Harry Nunn all the very best as he represents Riverina at the NSW State Rugby Union Championships to be held in Wagga from Tuesday to Thursday this week. A great experience for Harry and that I’m sure he will enjoy greatly. All the best Harry!!

**Riverina String Camp** – last week Claudia Allworth attended the Riverina String Camp. Her report follows: “Last Sunday I went to Borambola for the Riverina String Camp. We played music all week. I learnt some new songs and did some rhythm things. Ten children went, some from Wagga schools and some from Albury Schools. I had a great time and I would love to go back again next year” by Claudia Allworth – Year 4.

**Science Day** – this Thursday, K-6 will take place in activities as part of Science Week. More details later in this newsletter.

**Headlice** – this continues to be a problem in some classes, even though notes have gone home for parents to check their child’s hair. Can I please encourage all parents to make a huge effort to check their child’s hair for headlice and if found, keep them away from school until treated. Thank you for your support.

**Welcome Miss Dunlop** – a very warm welcome to Miss Erin Dunlop who is a 4th year student from Charles Sturt University in Albury and is conducting her final practicum on Mrs Ross’ Kinder class for the next five weeks. We wish her all the very best and I’m sure she will enjoy her stay at our school.

**Furniture for Sale** – all for sale at $5. Items include student tables, student chairs and pin boards.

One HP Colour Laser jet 3800dn printer valued at $1400 will sell for $150. One Minolta 1600e Fax machine for $50. Several overhead projectors for $20. All in working order. All money raised to go back to the school to benefit the students. Feel free to come in and have a look. See Mrs Mullavey in the office.

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 20 August
Anna Allworth
Marg Killalea

Monday 23 August
Sally Bulle
Phoebe Gulliver

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BALLET

As you know the Australian Ballet is coming to HPS to do workshops with the entire school. It is not an activity for the just people who dance, but a visiting performance that all ages and genders will enjoy.

During these workshops students will learn about spatial awareness, the body’s structure and its possibilities through movement, music and expression.

The activities are designed around the student’s age and are focused on creative movement rather than ballet.

The performers are nationally renowned dancers who are travelling through the Riverina region performing in a small number of schools.

The day will end with a spectacular show that they will perform for the entire school beginning at 2pm.

I would also like to thank the Holbrook Bakery for their kind donation of lunch for the dancers who through our correspondence made it very clear they had travelled through Holbrook and had sampled the wonderful bakery food. They have already sent their appreciation and thanks to the school and bakery for this kind offer.

Please return notes and money to your class teachers by Wednesday.

If you do not have a permission note for the day please ask Mrs Mullavey in the office for one.

Kristie Preston

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

We have just been notified that there will be a gala day held on Tuesday 24 August (Week 6) at Bolton Park Stadium in Wagga. We will be entering a boys and girls team. This gala day is the culmination of the basketball knockout that we entered. Mr Clifford will be organising teams and notes and details will be sent home as soon as we receive them.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mrs Ross and Kindergarten will be walking down the street this Wednesday at 10.20am to visit the Holbrook Bakery.

SCIENCE WEEK

Holbrook Public School has been awarded a National Science Week School Grant for National Science Week 2010. To celebrate Science Week 2010 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in different science-based activities this Thursday afternoon. We are lucky to have Mrs Torocsik and 14 Year 9 students from Billabong High School to help teach and assist with conducting the experiments and activities. We look forward to a fun afternoon of Science learning!

Miss Murphy, Mrs Preston & Miss Finlay

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SRPSSA ATHLETICS

Last Wednesday, 30 HPS students travelled to Albury to compete in the SRPSSA Athletics Carnival. The students performed very well on and off the track. We had great success in the track and field events with many students qualifying for the next level. Our relay teams performed superbly with both junior teams winning comfortably. The senior girl’s team fought valiantly to finish 2nd and the boys held on to 4th place.

Thank you to all the parents for bringing the children to the carnival and for their help with the running of the day.

Especially those who helped with high jump and photography!

We wish all the students competing at the Riverina Carnival all the very best.

The following is a list of Riverina Representatives and their events.

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Matthew Bender 8 Yr 100m
Harrison Weaven 10 Yr 100m, Jnr 200m
Sophie Killalea Jnr 200m
Harry Nunn Snr Discus
Jordan McClutchie 11 Yrs Shot Put

Junior Girls Relay, Junior Boys Relay, Senior Girls Relay
Matthew Bender, Lachlan Holmes, William Holmes, Harrison Weaven
Jessica Ward, Olivia Hearn, Alyce Parker, Sophie Killalea
Leneen Marshall, Samantha Wilkinson, Maddie Winnett, Mimi Trescowthick

Congratulations to Alyce Parker for finishing Junior Girls Champion and Samantha Wilkinson for 11 years Girls Runner-up Champion.

SRPSSA PERFORMANCE
This Wednesday 18th August the HPS Dance Troupe and Choir will be travelling to Culcairn to rehearse for the Southern Riverina Performing Arts Evening. The bus will be leaving school at 9:20am and will return by 3:20pm for afternoon buses. The students will return to Billabong High School for an evening performance which begins at 7:30pm. It is important that all performers are at the BHS holding rooms by 7:15pm to ensure we are prepared for our act. Students are to wear full school uniform and are required to attend the whole evening as we are singing with the entire performance group at the end of the night. All transportation for the evening performance is by private vehicle. Thank you to those parents who have offered rides for other students. Mrs Preston & Mrs Dunn

HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL ELECTION DAY STALL
Holbrook Public School will be holding a cake stall and BBQ on Election Day at the school from 8am till 12pm.

There will be:-
Egg and Bacon Rolls $3.00
Sausage in Bread $1.50

Plus Cakes, Slices, Home made preserves
Herbs and seedlings
Donations of items would be welcomed and can be left at the school on Friday or early on Saturday.

or information please ring Trish: 60369259 or Tracy Swan: 60355292

P&C NEWS BOOK WEEK BBQ
Book Week BBQ will be held on Wednesday 25 August. Run by Year 4 parents. Menu will include:-

HARDCOVERS with Bookworms
Tacos with chicken strips & lettuce & cheese

PAPERBACKS with a Book mark
Hotdog & cheese

More information next week.

Golden Tongs - Education Week BBQ
It was a real winter’s day on Friday the 6th August 2010 when the parents of our Year 5 students hosted the Golden Tongs Award. Unfortunately, the team had been struck down with a range of winter lurgies and a call for help went out at the last minute. Luckily the school community rallied and “Chrissie’s Classmates” were able to give our school performers and visitors the sustenance they needed to perform / spectate later that day. A very BIG thank you goes out to those parents that gave up their time to assist in hosting the event, some on short notice. Your help was much appreciated. Thank you to all within the school community for supporting another Golden Tongs event. Stay tune for the next one.

The Golden Tongs Trophy is now on display in the office, please drop in to have a look.

THE GOLDEN TONGS LADDER
1. Year 2 – The Rabbitohs
2. Year 1 – Murphy’s Melalucas
3. Year 6 – Team Recyclers
4. Year 5 – Chrissie’s Class Mates

Tracy Swan – Co ordinator

WIRRUNA BULL SALE
Holbrook P&C is catering for the Wirruna Bull Sale on Wednesday 25 August which is a fundraiser for the school. We are looking for donations of cakes, slices and muffins to sell on the day. If you are able to cook please contact Gina Weaven on 60205361. Cakes, slices etc can be dropped off at school before 9am on Wednesday. Thank you for your support.
**HOLBROOK ROTARY ART SHOW**
The Holbrook Rotary Art Show will be held on 3rd to 5th September. Categories are as follows:

Senior Primary Year 5-6  1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes $10.00 ea
Junior Primary Years 3-4  1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes $  5.00 ea
Infants                  1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes $  3.00 ea

Please make sure that an entry form is completed with each art work. Entry forms are available from the school office. All works must be clearly marked with the student’s **School name** and **School year**.

All works must be at the school office for collection by Wednesday 1st September

**AWARDS**

**Mrs Ross**
Abigail Holt – Trying hard with her writing
Hamilton Black – Quick number work

**Miss Murphy**
Damien Barry – For drawing great illustrations
Thomas Taylor – For excellent work during maths activities

**Miss Finlay**
Olivia Hearn – For always trying her best in all KLA’s
Alanah Black – For making a real effort in her guided reading group this week

**Miss Wakefield**
Taylah Schirmer – Excellent work in science
Annabelle Walters – Being polite and always trying her hardest

**Mr Preston**
Hugh Anderson – Working well in fractions and decimals
Alyce Parker – Great use of adjectives in Accelerated literacy

**Miss Lavis**
Madeline Winnett – 100% effort in English
Brayden Webb – Some great work on perspective drawing

**Mrs Wedgwood**
Tom Holt – A concerted effort in maths & English
Jordan Cheshire – 100% in every spelling test this year. Fantastic!!!

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**
Aaron Heritage, Aylee Jenkyn, Adam Hayden, Damon Brennan, AJ Bender, Keisha Follett, Jack Watson

**STAR OF THE WEEK**
Adam Hayden
Year 2
BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY
“Across The Story Bridge”
Holbrook Public School

Wednesday 25th August – 12.30pm

Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia, celebrating its 65th birthday in 2010. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators to highlight the importance of reading.

You are invited to join Holbrook Public School as we enjoy a range of Book Week activities:

• 12.30 to 1.15pm – School Assembly – run by the Kinder Class
• 12.00 to 2.00pm – Book Fair – in the school Library – buy a book or donate one to the school library
• 1.15 to 2pm – BBQ Lunch – organised and cooked by the Year 4 parents
• 2pm to 3pm – Book Week Activities – “Mad hatter’s Competition” and Peer Support Activities

It promises to be a great day so make sure you come along to show your support of our community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please call Holbrook Public School on 60
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