Book Week Assembly – congratulations to Mrs Ross, Miss Dunlop and the Kindergarten students for their wonderful efforts last Wednesday. It was excellent, especially as it was the first assembly in our new hall. I have received many, many positive comments from parents, including emails, saying how impressed they were by the assembly, the new hall and the positive feeling attached to the school. Several people have told me just how moving they found the singing of the National Anthem – very uplifting by the students.

Thank you to the large number of parents and visitors who attended and supported our school. Thank you to the Year 4 Parents for organising and serving lunch.

New Hall – the hall was used for the first time last Wednesday and everyone was very impressed. It really has been finished off well with so many little things that make a huge difference. A few of those things include:
- the brilliant sound system which even has speakers situated outside the hall under the cola;
- the microphone outlets that are built into the stage – 4 in total;
- the stage itself is just amazing with every safety aspect covered including steps at the front of the stage instead of a high wall at the front;
- the hearing loop that is situated under the floor so that visitors that have a hearing aid can tune into the sound system;
- the acoustics on the side walls and the back wall including the roller door are outstanding – not one noise was heard from outside the hall (don’t have to worry about the trucks anymore);
- all of the stage lighting can be controlled within the audio room;
- wheel chair access onto the stage as well as a disabled toilet and shower.
- plenty of storage areas and off course toilets and a kitchenette area;
- all of the new chairs were supplied, including the chair racks and trolleys, as well as a new lectern;
- air-conditioning room outside is fully insulated so residents across the road are not inconvenienced by any noise;
- security lighting for use of the hall at night. The hall is alarmed just like the rest of the school;
- data outlets both in the stage and audio room so computers can be used for access to the internet and our school server; and
- the air-conditioning, heating, covered walkways and the large cemented areas, just finish off the building well.

Landscaping, laying of new grass, is still to take place and we will keep these areas fenced off afterwards until the areas have had a chance to recover. Some people have enquired about an official opening. Yes we will have one. There is a set procedure that must be followed when Government Funding is involved. Unfortunately, it will not be for a while (maybe not until 2011) as it is required that both Federal and State politicians attend and they must have several months notice. Even if the election was decided now, it will still be a while before anything can be organised. Can I just thank the School Council and P&C for their support. In particular, School Council President, Stuart Swan, P&C President Teena Last and previous P&C President Sarah Trescowthick. We have worked very hard together to ensure that our students and staff are given the best resources they possibly can. Looking at the hall all finished, the hard work was certainly worth it!

Teachers away – Starting next Monday 6th September, I will be on leave for the remainder of the term. Mrs Ross will be Acting Principal and Miss Lavis will be Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Dunn will on leave for the rest of this term starting from today. Mr Clifford will be on leave in Week 9 and 10 of this term. Mrs Wedgewood will be on leave for the first three weeks of term 4. Miss Lavis will be Acting Assistant Principal. During these times and in the absence of these teachers, the school, programs and classes will act as normal with only minimal disruption occurring.
NSW University Spelling Test – congratulations to all the students who participated in the NSW University Spelling Test. We achieved outstanding results, which were as follows:

- 17 students participated
- 4 Credits
- 13 Participations
- As a school, Year 3 (18.3) performed just below the state average (19.8)
- As a school, Year 4 (17.8) performed below the state average (24.1)
- As a school, Year 6 (27.0) performed below the state average (29.7)

Georgia Papworth Year 3 – Credit (Top 26%)
Sarah Bahr-Withers Year 6 – Credit (Top 34%)
Tayla McCallum Year 6 – Credit (Top 34%)
Samantha Wilkinson Year 6 – Credit (Top 30%)

State Basketball Knockout – congratulations to Mr Clifford and all the students (girls and boys) for their efforts on Tuesday in Wagga. The students can all be very proud of themselves and they certainly had a great time. Again, it was about providing an opportunity for our students to participate in something different. I want to thank the large number of parents who went over to Wagga, providing not only transport, but coaching and plenty of encouragement and support for Mr Clifford and the students. Fantastic to see!

A big thank you also to Billabong High School students Callum Day and Stuart Williams, who both made themselves available to referee and warm up the students. Parents were really impressed with both boys. Parents also indicated to me just how valuable they thought the day was and how impressed they were by the school’s efforts to provide more opportunities in a variety of different areas and promote participation.

Southern Riverina Netball and AFL Gala Day – this was held last Friday at Yerong Creek and despite the near freezing conditions, the students all did very well and should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves. A lot of fun and some great results as well.

Whole School Performance – “TV Dinner” – this is quickly approaching and will take place along similar lines to last year. All students will be involved and it will be at the school’s new hall, which will make rehearsing for it a lot easier (some classes have already started using the hall already). Due to the popularity of last year with so many people wanting to attend, we have to have 3 shows this year. Monday 20th September at 7pm, Tuesday 21st September at 1pm and 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at the school office for $5 each and are limited. No tickets available at the door. It should be great entertainment, so make sure you don’t miss out.

Riverina Athletics – all the best to the students competing at the Riverina Athletics carnival in Albury this Friday. I’m sure they will all do their very best.

SR Soccer Gala Day – this was set down for Friday 10th September in Henty, but unfortunately was cancelled due to a lack of nominations (only Holbrook and Henty had nominated). The staff are looking at trying to hold a soccer day at school on the last day of this term to try and make up for the day. More information to follow.

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

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2011

Enrolments for 2011 are now being 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 3 September  Dianne Nunn
Anna Watson

Monday 6 September  Louise Howell
Jackie Marshall

If you are unable to do your day, please arrange a swap with another person on the roster.

COMMANDER HOLBROOK RSL WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A reminder to Year 6 students that the scholarship exam will be held this Wednesday 1st September starting at 9.30am in the new school hall.

ALBURY EXCURSION

Just a reminder that Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be going to Albury tomorrow, Tuesday 31st August for their excursion. We will be leaving at 9.20am. Please ensure your child has fruito, recess, lunch and a drink bottle. Could your child also please remember to wear full school uniform and bring a jacket in case of wet and cold weather.

Thank you
Mrs Ross, Miss Murphy and Miss Finlay

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

From Thursday 2 September until Sunday 31 October the Coles Sports for Schools program gets underway. For every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi-Lo and Pick ‘n Pay stores you will receive a voucher worth 1 point. The more vouchers we collect the more sporting equipment for our school. A box is set up in the office to place your vouchers in. If you know of anyone that shops at any of the above stores ask them to keep their vouchers too.

HOLBROOK ART SHOW

A reminder that all entries for the Holbrook Art Show must be into the school office by this Wednesday 1st September. All entries will be picked up early Thursday morning.
FOUND
There is a Size 10 HPS skirt that was left at St Patricks school after dancing last Wednesday. If you have lost your skirt please collect from the Holbrook Public School office.

THANKYOU YEAR 4 PARENTS
I’d like to extend a big thankyou to all the Year 4 families who helped out in various ways to host the Book Week BBQ.
The team work to serve the varied menu of Tacos and Hot Dogs was great and the variety and quantity of delicious cupcakes, muffins etc. on offer from the Canteen was wonderful.
I'm not sure how we stand in the 'Golden Tongs Award' rankings but for teamwork and effort you get top marks.
I was so pleased to work with and meet parents I didn't previously know and that is the whole point of this Class by Class event.
Thankyou Year 4 for making it work!!
Fiona Anderson - Class Co-Ordinator Year 4 BBQ

BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT - WAGGA WAGGA
What a fantastic day! Last Tuesday 24 August was the basketball gala day held for both girls and boys at Bolton Park Wagga Wagga. The boys began against Franklin School, Tumut and battled hard to go eventually down 32 to 22. The girls struck the top team for the day, Tumut, who had three representative players. After a tentative start the girls combinations improved but Tumut were far too strong and won 68 to 18.
After lunch the boys went on to have a hard fought 22 all draw against Finley while the girls beat Finley 22 to 6 and then had a 10 all draw with Narrandera. All players should be proud of their commitment, sportsmanship and team play during the games and their support when cheering for each other. I would like to congratulate all players for their behaviour and the outstanding way they represented their school.
Thanks must go to the large contingent of parents and grandparents who transported, scored, coached and yelled loudly to support their children. Special thanks must go to Carla Bender who looked after the boys team and to the two Billabong students, Callum Day and Stuart Williams who umpired all day.
All of us went home tired at the end of the day, but satisfied that we had given our best.

OPERATION ART WORKSHOPS
Two weeks ago twelve students went to Wagga Wagga to participate in Operation Arts Workshops. Here is a report from Destiny-Lee Francis.

“On Wednesday the 18th August, I went to Wagga Wagga for Operation Art. Our theme was based on the circus. We used different mediums such as paint, lipstick crayons, soft pastels, colourful inks, tin foil, foam, forks, skewers, pens, some recycled clay and paper clay. Everybody didn't get to have a break because we had to finish all of our art. The names of the people who showed us what to do was Renee and Lisa. We were lucky to go to an Art Gallery to view different art pieces. At the end we got a certificate then got to show our family.
By Destiny-Lee Francis.
AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Logan Wright – Listening well during maths
Cordelia Clarke – Excellent journal writing. Well done Cordelia!!

Miss Murphy
Abigail Webb – For always trying her best in all KLA’s
Angus Swan – For always presenting his work neatly & accurately

Miss Finlay
Daniel Hawkins – For excellent reading in guided reading groups
Olivia Hearn – For a great improvement in her multiplication skills in maths

Miss Wakefield
Matilda Fiddles – Working hard & improving in maths
Georgia Papworth – Being a dedicated, hard working & achieving great results in all subjects

Mr Preston
Georgie Nicholls – For using great language & terminology during the Science Day
Jessica Taylor – For great use of personification during Accelerated Literacy

Miss Lavis
Layne Parker – A mature approach to all English tasks
Jackson Gibbs – Working hard in Science & Technology

Mrs Wedgwood
Jordan McClutchie – Great effort in English
Madeline Winnett – An excellent attitude & work ethic

Mr Weaven
Angus Swan, Henry Gulliver, Fletcher Parker – For extremely neat writing and great pictures

COMMUNITY NEWS

RURAL CARELINK
Three Free Family Farm Planning days are to be held in September at the following venues:-
Alma Park Lutheran Church Hall – Monday 20 Sept – 9.30am – 3.00pm
Balladale Recreational Hall – Monday 27 Sept – 9.30am – 3.00pm
Urana Bowling Club – Tuesday 28 Sept – 9.30am – 3.00pm
For further details and information contact Lois Dunchue, Drought Relief Co ordinator, Rural Care Link Inc. on 06026 3001 or 60263733 AH

HOLBROOK TWILIGHT NETBALL

Commencing Thursday, 14th October, 2010
Games 6.30 and 7.15pm
3 men max on court per team each third.
$2 per player/game
Rego $25 (current NSW netball or basketball registration covers this)
Anyone interested in umpiring or interested in learning, this could be a good opportunity.
To register your team or individual interest please call Liz Keogh 6036 4110, or email karengplunkett@gmail.com

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Emily Giddings, Jake Muller, Bailey Martin, Harry Nunn, Jordan McClutchie, Jasmyn Adams, Ned Satchell

STARS OF THE WEEK

Tahlia Francis – Year 1
Brayden Webb – Year 5
HENTY FIELD DAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tues 21st, Wed 22nd, and Thurs 23rd September

The P & C are again helping with the catering in one of the Henty field days BBQ Sheds. We need 9 volunteers for each of the three days. We make up the lunches and serve - no-one is required to deal with the money so don't be put off. Free passes are given to each volunteer and there is some time off during the day to have a look around. The more helpers we have to more free time available.

We also cleaning one of the BBQ sheds on Friday September 17th and we need four volunteers to come and help sweep floors and clean down benches. The job is completed by lunchtime and morning tea is supplied.

THIS IS AN EASY AND PROFITABLE FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL. No organisation required - just turn up and help out for a while. Please fill in the form below or call Mandy and Philip Locke (ph: 60362082) or Sally Bulle (ph: 60369203) and let us know when you can help.

I am able to assist at the Henty Field Days in the BBQ shed.

☐ Tuesday September 21st 2010
☐ Wednesday September 22nd 2010
☐ Thursday September 23rd 2010

I am able to assist cleaning the BBQ shed Henty Field Days site.

☐ Friday September 17th 2010

Name ______________________________ Phone:___________________

Please return this tear-off clip to the school or call Mandy Locke or Sally Bulle (ph: 60369203). If you have any queries call Mandy Locke (ph: 60362082).
Kindergarten

Kindergarten welcomes Miss Dunlop to our class. On Wednesday the 18th of August we walked to the Holbrook Bakery to thank Mr and Mrs Black for the lovely cake they donated for our first 100 days at school.

We visited the Holbrook Library and Mrs Heriot read ‘Fearless’ and ‘Shark in the Park’. We then got to make Trolls, so if you borrow from the library beware of Trolls hiding on the shelves!!!

Kindergarten performed ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff’ at our Book Week Assembly held in the new school hall.

There were wizards, elves, fairies, princesses, witches, cats, and even Robin Hood in Kindergarten’s production, ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff’.

Book Week

Across the Story Bridge
Football and Netball Gala Day at Yerong Creek

Despite the rain and wind in the days leading up to the carnival, everyone had a great day at Yerong Creek last Friday. The day turned out to be fine, with patches of sunshine which made the competitors and the spectators happy.

Well done to all teams on their wonderful games and sportsmanship displayed throughout the day. Congratulations to the teams that made the finals. They were the senior netball division 1 green team, the senior green football team and the junior red football team, who were successful in winning the day. Congratulations to all students for their participation and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Harry Nunn and Layne Parker who represented Holbrook Public School in the Longest Kick and Goal Shooting competitions.

Many thanks to the parents who assisted with teams on the day. Your help was much appreciated. It definitely does help the day run smoothly. We could not have entered as many teams without your assistance and support.

A special thank you from Mrs Wedgwood to Adrian Keogh and Russell Parker for taking on both senior football teams for the day.

Chrissy Lavis
Holbrook Public School
Presents
‘TV Dinner’

Monday 20th September 7pm
Tuesday 21st September 1pm
(Matinee)
Tuesday 21st September 7pm

At the School Hall
Cost $5 per ticket – seats are limited!
Tickets are available from the School office.
Ph 0260362021
Refreshments will be sold at all shows.

For more information, please call Holbrook Public School on 6036 2021.
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