FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Sports Assembly – well done to Year 5 and Miss Lavis for running a great assembly on Friday. They did an excellent job. Congratulations to everyone who received awards in what was a very successful year in sport. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the students.

Kinder Orientation Day – we look forward to the next Kindergarten orientation which will take place today Monday 6th December from 1-3pm. The new Kinders had a great day on Friday.

School Public Speaking Competition – the students should be extremely proud of their efforts – there were some outstanding speeches. The confidence and skill shown by the students to stand up in front of a lot of people and present was fantastic to see. Well done everyone.

Creative Catchment Kids Celebration – this took place last Wednesday and was a great day for all the students involved. The students from our school can be very proud of their efforts throughout the entire year. It was a great program to be part of and we certainly look forward to being involved in further activities with the Murray catchment. Our students have really enjoyed the opportunity to participate in this and I thank Mrs Wettenhall for organising all of this for the students.

Well done Alyssa Savill – who was at our school last week as part of Billabong High School’s Work Experience. Alyssa did a great job, was a pleasure to have in our school and we only wish she could stay a lot longer.

P&C Meeting – the next meeting will be tomorrow Tuesday 7 December starting at 7.30pm in the library.

Student Reports – these will be sent home addressed to parents this Wednesday 8 December. If parents have any concerns or questions please don’t hesitate to organise a time before the end of the term to meet with your child’s classroom teacher.

School Presentation Night – this will be held this Thursday 9 December starting at 7.30pm and will be held in our new hall. Should be a great evening and we look forward to seeing you there. Student will be able to be out of uniform this Thursday as the students must wear the correct uniform at Presentation Night including black shoes. A gold coin donation to Stewart House is to be paid this Thursday to be out of school uniform.

School Dance – this will be held on Monday 13 December from 7-9pm in the school hall. This is for all students K-6 from Holbrook Public School.

Last Day of Term – on Wednesday 15 December, this will be the students last day and so we have organised for students in Yr3-6 to go to the pool and Kinder to Yr2 to go to the park, including train rides – similar to last year. Students will leave school around 1.30pm and all students will depart from the pool (including all bus students) and the park at 3.20pm. Please ensure that you have organised how your child is travelling home. The last day of term is also an out of uniform day. Students must wear closed in shoes (no thongs), must wear a shirt with sleeves (no singlets) and must wear a hat. Your child is not able to participate in activities without these essentials. Students finish school on Wednesday 15 December, while staff finishes school on Friday 17 December. The two extra days for staff will be spent organising and preparing things in preparation for next year.

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

Jason Weaven
Principal
**Canteen Roster**

Friday 10 December  
Anna Watson  
Marg Killalea

Monday 13 December  
Melissa Churchill  
Jackie Marshall

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**TERM DIARY – TERM 4**

**WEEK 9**

**Mon 6 Dec**  
Kinder Orientation 1-3pm  
Scripture Christmas Presentation 10am  
Helpers Morning Tea 11am  
Intensive Swimming classes  
School Council Meeting – 3.40pm

**Tues 7 Dec**  
BHS Yr 6 Orientation  
Intensive Swimming classes  
P&C Meeting – 7.30pm

**Wed 8 Dec**  
Reports going home  
Intensive Swimming classes

**Thurs 9 Dec**  
Intensive Swimming classes  
Presentation Night – 7.30pm

**Fri 10 Dec**  
No Assembly  
Intensive Swimming classes

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**WEEK 10**

**Mon 13 Dec**  
School Dance 7pm-9pm

**Tues 14 Dec**  
Billabong High School Presentation Night

**Wed 15 Dec**  
Last day of Term 4 2010

**Fri 28 Jan 2011**  
Staff Development Day – Staff only

**TERM 1 – 2011**

**Mon 31 Jan**  
Yr 1-6 students return Term 1

**Thurs 3 Feb**  
Kindergarten students commence school

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**CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS**

On Wednesday last week the students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids Project attended an end of year Celebration at the Holbrook CTC. Sarah Bahr-Withers, Jordan Cheshire, Matthew Lyons, Michael Simpson, Samantha Wilkinson and Madeline Winnett in a joint process, delivered to other schools the result of their efforts this year and a report on what they have learnt throughout the project. Their Power Point presentation was well received and the students responded to questions very confidently.

The organizers of the Project, Mr. Owen Dunlop and Mr. Adrian Wells, plus sponsors of the project, the Murray Catchment Management Authority, were all most impressed by the enthusiasm with which the students at all schools had embraced the Project and plan for its continuation in 2011.

Many thanks to the parents of the children for their attendance and transport on the day and your support throughout the year. A special thanks to the students themselves for their participation in the Project

Judy Wettenhall

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

WITH THE TOILET BLOCK BEING DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A NEW ONE, THERE ARE NO BUBBLERS AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDENTS UNTIL END OF THIS TERM.

ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING AT LEAST TWO DRINK BOTTLES TO LAST THEM THE DAY. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REFILL THEM FROM THE TAPS IN THE HALL IF NEEDED.

YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS TIME IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE REMINDER**

Reminder that all raffle tickets are due back at school by Wednesday 8 December. Thank you for your support.
**ASTHMA UPDATE**

On Friday I attended an Asthma Update in Sydney. As an Asthma Educator (for Asthma Friendly Schools) in this area, I was interested to hear some recent advances in Asthma Management and in particular increased awareness of some issues asthmatics face in treating their condition.

One point of note is the concern that too often, Asthma is not given the due consideration that it deserves. It is a life threatening condition and should be treated as such. The other concern raised, is that a large portion of asthmatics do not administer their medication efficiently and in many cases this can be blamed for lack of response to medication and over medicating. In particular, incorrect use of ‘puffers’ was emphasised. Given correct and properly administered medication, generally asthma can be well controlled and those affected can lead normal active lives. If you have any queries I am happy to give hints in this area.

Judy Wettenhall (0409 369282/60 369255)

**GOLDEN TONGS**

At last week’s assembly the winner for the Golden Tongs Award was announced and awarded.

**The winner was Year 2.**

Congratulations.

Many thanks go to those parents and helpers that embraced and participated in the Golden Tongs event. Giving up time and helping out is not always easy so thank you.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and look forward to next year.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and great summer break.

Tracy Swan – Coordinator

**SPORTS ASSEMBLY**

Last Friday, our special sports assembly for 2010 was held to recognise sporting achievements throughout the year in many sports. Some major sporting awards will be given at Presentation night this Thursday. Sporting House Captains and Vice-Captains were thanked for their work and contributions during the year. Champions and runner-up champions for swimming, athletics and cross country were also acknowledged. Students who represented Southern Riverina at Riverina received certificates. Students also received awards for team sports that we have participated in throughout the year. They were:

- **AFL** - Snr – Harry Nunn – excellence, Jnr – Bailey Martin – encouragement
- **Netball** - Snr – Sarah Bahr-Withers – excellence, Jnr – Alyce Parker – excellence
- **Tennis** - Hugh Locke – Sportsmanship
- **Cricket** - Snr – Michael Simpson – encouragement, Jnr – Harrison Weaven – excellence

**Basketball** - Boys – Harry Nunn – excellence, Girls – Sarah Bahr- Withers – excellence


**Rugby Union** - Harry Nunn – excellence

**Rugby League** - Snr – Tuhiiwai McClutchie – encouragement, Jnr – Brady Peake– excellence

The assembly was a wonderful way to finish off an excellent year of sport and recognise the achievements of our students in the many sports that the students have participated in. Well done to all students.

Chrissy Lavis

**THANKYOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors of our school newsletter during the year. We hope you all have a great Christmas break and a happy New Year and look forward to working with you all next year.

**AWARDS**

**Mrs Ross**

Emma Lanz – Excellent speeches for the Whole School Public Speaking competition

Logan Wright – Excellent speeches for the Whole School Public Speaking competition

Caitlin Holt – For being a kind friend

Ned Satchell – For being an enthusiastic & conscientious student

Fletcher Weaven – Excellent computer skills

**Miss Murphy**

Jade Hunt – For always being kind and friendly

Lachlan Rodd – For very neat handwriting

**Miss Finlay**

Charlotte Clarke – For trying really hard in reading this week

William Cheshire – For trying his best in all KLA’s

**Mrs Preston**

Gina Heritage – Excellent sound work

Pippa Bowler – Excellent sound work

Chloe Parker – An improved approach to work

**Mr Preston**

Sarsha McCallum – For working hard in class

Claudia Allworth – For being a helpful and considerate member in class

**Miss Lavis**

Ali Bulle – Excellent work in Creative Arts

Charlie Walters – Working well on the maths tasks

**Mrs Wedgwood**

Riley Ross – Some great spelling in his journal

Jordan McClutchie – Completing tasks in the allocated amount of time
AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

JNR – Olivia Hearn – Excellent manners being a great friend & always kind to others

SNR – Nichola Gledhill – Reliability & dedication to academic progress

STARS OF THE WEEK

Alanah Black
Year 2

Harry Southwell
Year 4
School Social Dance

When: Monday, 13th December, 2010
Where: New School Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dress: Smart, casual (sensible dancing footwear please!)

Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Water, cheese and biscuits will be provided!
Entry will be by gold coin donation that will be collected and sent to Stewart House.
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