School Assembly – Well done to the Year 5/6 class for running a great assembly last Friday. This Friday’s assembly will be run by the Kinder class and will start at 11.00 am.

Uni. of NSW Maths Test Results – We had 8 students participate and were awarded 3 credits, 2 merit and 3 participation certificates.
- Year 3 – school 21.5 below Australia of 23.8
- Year 4 – school 22.0 below Australia of 22.6
- Year 5 – school 26.0 above Australia of 23.3
- Year 6 – school 20.8 below Australia of 21.2

Congratulations to the following students
- Lily Taylor – Merit – top 38 percent of Year 3 participants in Australia
- Phoebe Emerson – Credit – top 32 percent of Year 5 participants in Australia
- Lachlan Holmes – Merit – top 45 percent of Year 6 participants in Australia
- Leah Watson – Credit – top 15 percent of Year 6 participants in Australia
- Becky Bulle – Credit – top 34 percent of Year 6 participants in Australia

Well done to these students on their results, considering the test is hard.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

TERM DIARY – TERM 4

| Week 3 | Mon 20 Oct | NRL Literacy (K-2 and Mrs Wedge’s class), 2.00 pm to 2.40 pm and Active After School commences |
| Week 4 | Tue 21 Oct | Kinder Orientation 9.45 am to 11.15 am |
| Wed 22 Oct | P&C Meeting 7.30 pm |

Kinder Orientation – This is attached to today’s newsletter and has a list of the dates for this year’s Kinder Orientation Program at our school. We look forward to seeing the students this Tuesday 21 October from 9.45 am to 11.15 am.

If you have any questions, or would like an interview, please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Miss Mills. Enrolments for 2015 are now being taken. Please see the school office for forms.

P&C Meeting – This will be held this Wednesday night, 22 October, in the school library, starting at 7.30 pm. Along with normal proceedings, I will be providing information and consulting with parents about the new 2015-2017 School Plan format and process. We will be looking at the current processes and results of learning in the school. We will also be helping to identify 3 strategic directions to be pursued by the school to deliver its shared vision that will be sufficiently challenging to bring about growth and transformation for the school, to engage students in quality learning experiences for optimum learning outcomes.

Arrival at School in the Morning – Parents are reminded that students should arrive at school no earlier than 30 minutes before school starts, i.e. 8.50 am. Supervision is provided during this time. A bell will ring at 9.00 am for students to go and play, but before this time, students will stay seated in the undercover area in the middle of the school, where they will be supervised by a teacher. It is important that the safety of our students is maintained and I would ask that you please support me with this. Thank you.
Going Home in the Afternoon – Students walking home are expected to go straight home. What students do after that is the responsibility of their parents. Students travelling home by bus are expected to get themselves to bus lines as quickly as possible after the school bell and to behave and listen to the teacher on duty.

Using the Albury Street School Crossing – Students have been told at school that they are not allowed to wait or sit at the school crossing and talk, either in the mornings or afternoons. When coming to the crossing to use it, they will be taken straight across to either attend school (mornings) or to go straight home (afternoons). For safety reasons, it is not a place to meet and socialise as it presents safety issues to students, and to motorists who are expecting to stop at the crossing when they see students. This has been strongly reinforced by the Roads and Maritime Services, who are responsible for school crossings.

Change of Student’s Travelling Arrangements – A reminder that if you wish your child to travel home in a different way to their normal routine you must inform the school beforehand, preferably by note. This includes being picked up by another parent or person, going to someone else’s place, birthday parties, etc. We are not allowed to let a student go home a different way unless we have parental permission first. It is also not our responsibility to make phone calls to parents who haven’t organised things correctly. If we don’t have parental permission for your child’s travel arrangements to vary, they will be sent home in the normal way.

Anti-Bullying Program – Every week I want to try and put information in the newsletter to give parents more support to help work with their children about bullying.

Strategies to Deal with Bullies – Victims should:
1. Stay calm
2. Stand strong
3. Respond confidently
4. Walk away
5. Report to someone you trust

An open letter to Parents and Teachers

Enhancing Online Safety for Children

With research showing that one in five Australian children aged eight to seventeen experience cyber-bullying, online safety is becoming a growing area of concern for children, parents and teachers.

In my conversations with teachers and principals, I am regularly told that they have to spend significant time in dealing with cyber-bullying and disputes on social media.

The Australian government is committed to enhancing online safety for children, and provides a range of resources to assist children, parents and teachers to promote online safety.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority’s Cybersmart programme has developed #GameOn, a video resource released on 16 October 2014. It follows the experiences of a group of upper primary students as they learn to navigate online relationships and activities.

#GameOn covers areas of concern for children in upper-primary and lower-secondary years, including cyberbullying, excessive gaming, sharing passwords, free downloads and managing online friends. The videos and accompanying study guides highlight the issues while providing guidance on how to use technology positively.

To assist parents, Cybersmart will also release several videos featuring an expert child psychologist providing guidance to parents on helping children to deal with cyberbullying and other cyber safety issues. These will be released in the weeks following the launch of #GameOn.

Central to the government’s online safety agenda is the establishment of a Children’s e-Safety Commissioner, which will take a national leadership role in online safety for children. We will also implement an effective complaints system, backed by legislation, to get harmful material taken down from large social media sites.

The Commissioner will administer funding of $7.5 million for online safety programmes in schools and $0.1 million to support Australian-based research and information campaigns on online safety. The government is preparing legislation to establish this important office, to be ready for introduction to Parliament by the end of the year.

The internet is a powerful tool for students, in both their studies and personal lives – children should be encouraged and educated on how to use it positively and responsibly. I commend #GameOn as a tool you can use with your children or students to raise awareness of online safety issues, and to help students navigate the online world with confidence.

Paul Fletcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications

Jason Weaven, Principal

RUGBY: A GREAT WAY TO GET YOUR KIDS FIT THIS TERM

Active After School is a great way to keep your child fit whilst having fun. For those of you who are interested, there are still spaces available for this Term’s Active After School. Rugby league and league tag commences today from 3.20 pm to 4.30 pm and concludes Monday 1 December. Forms are available from the website or at the office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 24 Oct: Liz de Steiger and Kirsty Tepper
Monday 27 Oct: Tracy Swan
Friday 31 Oct: Sally Bulle and Melissa Sweetland
REST IN PEACE MRS SEMMLER

Many children will have known Mrs Beryl Semmler as a dedicated scripture teacher who taught for many years. She was always warm and caring, gifted with music and playing at assemblies, and a captivating story teller. In Scripture lessons her genuine and deep faith shone through and touched the lives of many children and adults. Sadly, Mrs Semmler died on Monday last week. We thank God for her life and remember her dearly. Her funeral will be held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 21 October at the Anglican Church.

The staff and students of Holbrook Public School are very sad to hear of Mrs Semmler’s passing. She has been connected with our school through scripture teaching for many years and her warm and caring nature will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to Mrs Semmler’s family and friends.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

PRE-LVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

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2014 PRESENTATION EVENING

Our annual presentation evening will be held on Thursday 11 December 2014 at 7.00 pm in the school hall. We cordially invite all parents and friends of our students to attend. At the presentation evening, we award students who have achieved excellence, consistent improvement, citizenship and sporting achievements. Each year the awards are sponsored by the local community. If you would like to make a donation towards the book prizes this year, it would be greatly appreciated and your name will be listed in our presentation night program as recognition of your valuable contribution to our school. Donations of cash or cheques made out to Holbrook Public School can be handed in to our office.

Holbrook Public School
Quality education for all in a secure and caring environment

2014 Kinder Orientation Days

Starting school is an important step for your child. To help your family become familiar with daily routines, Holbrook Public School is hosting a series of Kinder Orientation Days for local pre-school aged children. These activity days are open to all families in our community with pre-school aged children.

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<td>Tuesday 21 October</td>
<td>Library session</td>
<td>An opportunity for the Kinder teacher and the pre-schoolers to become better acquainted through engagement in a variety of structured literacy activities. Children are to bring their own lunch.</td>
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<td>Thursday 6 November</td>
<td>Numeracy session</td>
<td>Children have the opportunity to further develop their understanding of school through a range of numeracy activities with the Kinder teacher. Children are to bring their own lunch.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 19 November</td>
<td>Meet your buddie</td>
<td>Meet your buddies for 2015! A morning tea for parents to meet the school community and the opportunity for the new Kinders to meet their buddies for the following year. Buddies will then go off to play games and important information is provided to ensure a smooth transition to school for you and your child.</td>
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HOLBROOK AGRICULTURAL SHOW CRAFT ENTRIES - CLASS “S”

Students are invited to enter craft items in the school section at the Holbrook Show on Saturday 8 November 2014. The craft entered must have been made at school this year. Please only enter items that fit the categories listed in the Show schedule below. Entries can be given to Mrs Ross up until Wednesday 5 November. Entry tickets will be attached to the craft items at school.

Thank you
Judy Ross (Coordinator)

Early Stage 1 – (Kindergarten)
1. Craft – any medium
2. Stage 1 – (Years 1 and 2)
3. Article of Handiwork – hand-sewing, embroidery, appliqué, knitting and crochet
4. Stage 2 – (Years 3 and 4)
5. Article made from recycled material
6. Stage 3 – (Years 5 and 6)
7. Article of Handiwork – hand-sewing, embroidery, appliqué, knitting and crochet
8. Article made from recycled material

Entries: 1 item per section per child. Name, Class and Section numbers must be on the back of all entries.
AUSSIES OF THE MONTH

Rory Gulliver, Year 1
Always being happy and friendly

Max Plunkett, Year 5/6
For excellent school service

STARS OF THE WEEK

Hamish Livermore, Year 1

Kasey Henry, Year 4/5

AWARDS

Mrs Bedggood
Ella Lieschke – Always working hard and helping the teacher

Miss Murphy
Jorja Pardey – For outstanding progress in reading
Isabella Weaven – For excellent work with numbers, patterns and 2D shapes

Mrs Landale
Cooper Buswell – For settling in so well to our Year 2 class
Jasmyn Hughes – For always trying her best in all KLA’s
William Mathie – For trying his best in all KLA’s
Amelia Pincott – For always using her manners and trying her best

Mr Clifford
Logan Buswell – Settling in well to Holbrook Public School
Georgie Ferguson – Maintaining a high standard of bookwork
Oscar Southwell – Outstanding maths test results

Miss Lavis
Jasmyn Adams – Taking pride in her bookwork
Lara Pardey – Working hard in maths

Miss Horan
Bailey Churchill – Improved effort in maths
Leah Watson – An excellent effort in math

Mrs Wedgwood
Harrison Shea – A fantastic start to Term 4
Maddy Wheeler – A top effort with English and maths

Principal’s Awards
Lucy de Steiger – Great writing and reading
Stirling Heriot – Great writing and reading
Izak Schirmer – Great writing and reading

VALUES AWARDS - FAIRNESS

Junior: Annabel Taylor
Senior: Daniel Hawkins

STAR CARD WINNERS

Yellow Playground Star Cards
Maggie Jamieson and Hamish Watson

Blue Classroom Star Cards
Eleanor Coats and Kasey Henry

125 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD
Annabel Taylor

150 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD
Hamish Livermore, Jorja Pardey
175 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD
Molly Barr-Smith, Eliza Capell

200 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD
Amelia Tepper, Nethanael Tepper

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Hamilton Black, Jeremy Bromley, Sam de Steiger, Georgie Ferguson, Digby Gulliver, Matilda Nevinson, Cianna Toll, Ben Williams

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive starting soon
Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school aged children help young people learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.
The Australian swim and survive program gives wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our programs affordable for all the children in the family.
Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.
Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.
Prices for nine lessons are $67 for school-aged children and $48 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).
For more information or to make a booking, visit www.esr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

The Vintage Tree Nursery
Pty. Ltd.
MILO IN2 CRICKET

Will start on Tuesday 28 October, 5.00 pm Holbrook Public School Oval. Registration, skills and game. All parents welcome to this introduction to cricket for kids ages 6 to 10.
All enquires to George Mackinlay

HOLBROOK FOOTBALL CLUB AGM

When: Sunday 16 November at 4.00 pm
Where: Sporting Complex
All members and supporters are urged to attend as new committee people are needed to help run this club.

Private Music Tuition
Available at the St Mary’s Convent after school.
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Enquire now on 1300 889 401 or email info@ramosmusic.com.au

Halloween Youth Disco
HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL
Saturday October 25th, 6pm till 9pm
One Disco, One Price - $5
Tickets at the door!
Globands available from $1 each
Prizes for best Halloween Costume!!

Did You Know?
...that you can pay for your child’s excursion, by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or online (POP).
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# Parent Survey about School Culture

As part of our school’s self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school’s consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

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<td>3  School leaders have a positive influence on the school culture.</td>
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<td>5  The students are the school’s main concern.</td>
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<td>6  Parents support what is happening at the school.</td>
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<td>7  I am proud of my child’s school.</td>
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<td>8  The school encourages new students and their families to be involved in school activities.</td>
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<td>9  The school appreciates having my child as a student.</td>
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<td>10 The school encourages students to achieve their best.</td>
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Thank you for completing the survey

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Please complete and return to the office by 3 November 2014