FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Next School Assembly – congratulations to Miss Burton and the Year 4 class for running a great assembly last week. A special thank you to Mr Preston who did a great job in Miss Burton’s absence. The next assembly will be this Friday, 11th November, starting at 11.00 a.m. and will be run by the Year 3 class. We hope to see you there.

Remembrance Day Assembly – this will be held in the hall this Friday 11th November starting at 10.45 a.m. and run by the Year 6 students. This will then be followed by a normal assembly, run by Year 3.

Kinder Orientation For Parents and Children – this was held last Wednesday and was a great day. We had 20 new Kinders all eager and full of fun who met their Year 5 buddies for the first time, who did an excellent job of looking after the new Kinders. Great to see all the parents present and joining the staff for morning tea. We welcome you to our school and trust that your time with us will be an enjoyable one.

Year 4 Excursion – this Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th November, Miss Burton and Mr Preston and the Year 4 students will be heading off to Canberra for their yearly excursion. A big thank you to Rob Taylor, Anna Watson and Jenni Papworth who are the parents attending the excursion. Without these parents and of course Miss Burton and Mr Preston giving up their time, then these excursions wouldn’t be able to go ahead. Have a great time Year 4!!!!

Jason Weaven
Principal

AWARDS

Miss Mills
Steven Galvin – His wonderful singing and dancing Amelia Hearn – Her beautiful handwriting

Miss Murphy
Georgie Ferguson – For excellent work during our TEN maths activities Oscar Southwell – For taking great care when completing tasks.

Mrs Landale
Angus Swan – for great answers in HSIE class discussions Josh Toll – For trying really hard in maths activities

TERM DIARY – TERM 4

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<td>Fri 18 Nov Year 5 excursion to Ballarat and Year 6 excursion to Melbourne Intensive swimming testing Kindergarten to Year 4</td>
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Miss Burton
Lachie Bulle – For receiving the highest mark in the Term 4 maths assessment
Angelena Ross – For an outstanding attitude towards all tasks

Miss Lavis
Jordan Eddy – Working well on times tables
Jordan McClutchie – A fantastic effort in maths

Mrs Wedgwood
Claire Holt – Hard work and dedication in maths
Jordan Smith – Top work in maths, English and excellent project work

Miss McRorie
Abby Parker – Terrific work in creative writing

Mr Weaven
Isabelle Coughlan – For always being well prepared and very organised in peer support
Hannah Scobie – For care, empathy and kindness in Peer Support

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Ali Bulle, Emma Coughlan, Delaney Emerson, Ben Klose, Alyssa Flewin, Henry Gulliver, Brian Marshall, Lachie Rodd
AUSSIES OF THE MONTH

Junior
Cordelia Clarke – Being kind, considerate and helpful

Senior
Taylah Schirmer – Commitment to school activities

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 11 Nov
Irene Lister and Jodi Ross

Mon 14 Nov
Sophie Hearn and Bev Holmes

Fri 18 Nov
Jody Martin and Donna Parker

2012 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Last Wednesday, the preschool children and their parents came to Holbrook Public School for a Kinder Orientation day. The Year 5 students were excited to finally meet the new Kindergarten students. The preschoolers met their Year 5 buddies and ate morning tea in the playground. After that, they played in the sandpit and on the equipment, before going into the Kinder room to do puzzles, drawing and some colouring. Year 5 are looking forward to seeing their buddies again on Tuesday 22 November from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

DANCE SHOES WANTED

We are looking for people to donate dance shoes. All styles, all sizes, all colours are welcome. They will be kept in the dress-up costume store.

SCHOOL CHAIRS AND PIN BOARDS FOR SALE

The school currently has around 40 small plastic chairs for sale at $5.00 each and pin boards for $5.00 each. If you are interested, please see the office staff.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

All book club orders are due back by 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 9 November 2011.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our annual presentation evening will be held on Thursday 8 December 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at 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 will be greatly appreciated. Your name will be listed in our presentation night book as recognition of your valuable contribution to our school. Donations can be sent to the office.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Woolworths dockets. Together we raised 3021 points which equates to the following items for our students:

1x Trundle wheel
2x Write on, wipe off dice
1x Writer’s block kit
2x MAB unit blocks (pack 100)
2x Stopwatches
1x Geometric shapes tub
1x Protractor set
2x Stationery scissors
**EMAIL TO THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Jason,

I have just returned from the grade 3 school camp as a parent helper. I felt it was important to send you a letter expressing my pride in the students and Mrs Preston.

The group behaved in an exemplary fashion and challenged themselves with every activity attempted. There were four other schools at camp and Holbrook definitely set themselves apart with their enthusiasm, courtesy and behaviour. We all had an exceptional time, although slightly sleep deprived!

It was an absolute privilege to be involved with this group of children and Mrs. P. Holbrook Public School is very fortunate to have a teacher the calibre of Mrs P. Her skills (not just in archery or rock climbing!!) as a teacher and role model are inspiring. Thank you for giving me this opportunity as a parent helper. I recommend it to everyone!

Kind regards
Martha Satchell

**FUNDRAISING AT SCHOOL**

**MOBILE PHONES NEEDED**

Do you have old mobile phones cluttering up the drawers at home? Donate them to our school and not only help us but also the You Can Schools Program.

Donation box is in the front office.

For more details see the attached letter or visit [www.youcanschools.org.au](http://www.youcanschools.org.au)

**P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Cost: $1 per ticket

Drawn: Presentation Night 8th December

1st Prize – BMX bike
2nd Prize – Hedge trimmer
3rd Prize – 20 litres motor oil
4th Prize – Torch and screwdriver set
5th Prize – Car battery
6th Prize – Teddy bear
7th Prize – $30 Cool Cat Collectibles voucher

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Everything Dance has opened in Wodonga! We stock leading brands in the dance world catering for all styles – from ballet to ballroom.

We have all your footwear, clothing and accessories here at the one spot. Our gear will also suit active mums who are keen to keep in shape. Where are we you ask? We are located behind Medicare next door to Chicken Stop.

5/123-125 High St Wodonga
edw@hotmail.com.au
Ph: 02 6056 8808

**Presents**

Dance Fever

Sunday 13 November 2011

Time: 3.00 p.m.

At: Holbrook Sporting Complex

Adults (17+): $15
Child (12-16): $10
Child (under 12): $7
Child (under 4): Free

Participating dancers: No Charge
HENTY SHOW’S
Children’s short story competition

Theme: Your choice of title but you must use this beginning:

The package lay on the table. A faint noise came through the wrapping intermittently. I wondered if I should open it.

Categories:  
- 5-8 years up to 100 words  
- 9-12 years up to 500 words  
- 13-17 years up to 1000 words

Conditions:  
1. Name and age must be written on a separate piece of paper  
2. Stories over word limit may be discounted  
3. Must show knowledge of good spelling and grammar  
4. Must be original  
5. Must be clearly written or typed

Entry Fee: $2

Prizes (donated by Mrs Rosalind Cumming):  
1st place Book voucher and certificate  
2nd and 3rd place Certificate

Judges: Brenda Jones and Rosalind Cumming

Collection: Entries are to be left at Henty Newsagency for collection or handed to Brenda Jones.

Closing Date: 31 January 2012

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HOLBROOK SWIM CLUB NEWS

The pool opens this Saturday, 12th November. Squad begins Tuesday 15th November, with coach Vicki Schuur, and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday until Christmas: Juniors: 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. Seniors: 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. Point score starts Friday 18th November with sign up at 5.30 p.m. for a 6.00 p.m. start. A barbecue fundraiser is available for all the family to enjoy.

Come along and try - all are welcome.

For more information email Julia Mackinlay at: mackinlay497@bigpond.com

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31 BOND STREET, HOLBROOK NSW 2644  
PH: 02 60363153 FAX: 02 363299  
Email: niftyengineering@bigpond.com
Dear Parents,

The range of evaluations the school undertakes each year is almost finished. The last three evaluations Educational Survey (Management), Curriculum Survey (Creative and Practical Arts) and Satisfaction Survey are all attached to today’s newsletter, with the results of all these evaluations to be published in the Annual School Report.

**These surveys are for parents.** Students will be given separate surveys designed specifically for children. Students will complete their surveys at school. It would be appreciated if the completed survey could be returned to school by Friday, 11th November, 2011.

Thank you to all the parents who do complete the surveys as your responses provide very important information that we use to further improve our school programs.

Thank you for your anticipated support with this survey. I look forward to sharing the results with you.

*Jason Weaven - Principal*

24/10/2011

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**Please respond to each statement below by ticking the box that you feel best relates to the statement. Please tick one box only.**

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<td>10. Holbrook PS has competent teachers who set high standards of achievement</td>
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Thank you for participating in our survey. Your opinion is very valuable to us.

PARENT SURVEY - CREATIVE ARTS
This survey investigates how Creative Arts (Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama) is implemented at Holbrook Public School and what improvements can be made.

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<td>1. Creative Arts is an important key learning area.</td>
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<td>2. My child’s abilities are developing in Music.</td>
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<td>3. My child’s abilities are developing in Visual Arts.</td>
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<td>5. My child’s abilities are developing in Dance.</td>
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<td>6. I am regularly informed about my child’s progress in Creative Arts.</td>
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<td>7. I have an understanding of the Creative Arts syllabus.</td>
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<td>8. The school has plenty of equipment to teach this key learning area.</td>
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<td>9. The school provides a variety of extra-curricular arts experiences.</td>
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This year the school has provided the following extra-curricular creative arts opportunities. Please circle each one you feel is valuable and comment if you wish.

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<th>Whole School Performance</th>
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<td>Riverina and State Dance Festival</td>
<td>Visiting Performers (Suade &amp; String Contingent)</td>
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<td>Class Assembly Items</td>
<td>Aboriginal Mural Project</td>
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Are there any further creative arts experiences that you would like the school to access?

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<th>Visual Arts</th>
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Other comments:
**Parent Survey about School Management**

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.

Place a cross [X] in the box for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was usually for the statement – *What my child is asked to learn is important*. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

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<td>What my child is asked to learn is important.</td>
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<td>The school is continually looking at ways to improve its performance.</td>
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<td>The school continually makes minor changes to its programs to improve what it does.</td>
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<td>The school makes major changes from time to time to improve what it does.</td>
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<td>The school regularly measures the success of its programs.</td>
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<td>The educational needs of all students are met by the school.</td>
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<td>The school cares about the students and the discipline is fair.</td>
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<td>The staff at the school are valued and supported.</td>
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<td>Teachers undertake extra training to improve their classroom teaching.</td>
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<td>The school is well organised.</td>
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<td>The allocation of money and other resources are managed effectively.</td>
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<td>The school communicates effectively with students and parents.</td>
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Thank you for completing the survey
On Wednesday Year 3 left for Borambola not knowing what was ahead. When we got there, we were shown around the place. First, we unpacked our bags and made our beds in our lodges. We got changed into our swimmers and went to have a swimming test.

After that, we met our program officer Ollie, had lunch and got ready for Kayaking. During kayaking we played stuck in the mud, sheep dogs and sheep and had lots of fun. We only had a couple of students fall in the water and they got wet and filthy. It was a good way to cool off.

We had showers and finally got dressed ready for night activities. We participated in a number of stunts and games. It was awesome. It took us a while to get to sleep!

Thursday morning we were up bright and early. We went for a walk while waiting for breakfast. We then went over to the low ropes and worked on our teamwork and “Ninja Possum”. After that we went BMX riding.

During free time we participated in a number of activities including fishing. The girls caught 6 fish and the boys caught 0!!! (Stick fish not included!)

We went to the pool and were put into 3 teams of six. Our mission was to build a raft that floated and held one person afloat. We had to work together, compromise, communicate and cooperate. We had a great time and not one of our rafts stayed together. However, the boy's raft was the most stylish and used the best technical engineering and teamwork.

We headed back for lunch then went to archery. Mrs Preston got a bullseye and a few students also got in the yellow area. Actually, Mrs Preston hit the yellow bullseye twice and on her third shot, under immense pressure, only managed to hit the blue! She was awesome!!!

Next we had showers and were ready for another yummy dinner. During free time we had a dance and did some shuffling! The night activity was the Borambola Show. All the students were given a stall to create, operate and make money. We had the chocolate milk and biscuit stalls and made lots of money. We spent our money on massages, manicures, make-overs, face painting, food, aeroplanes and games. It was so much fun!!!

Friday morning we got up and had to pack our bags and we got ready to come home. After breakfast we headed up the hill to rock climbing. We all had a go and 5 students got all the way up the top. Mrs Preston, Mrs Satchell, Mr Holmes and Mr Churchill all made it to the top. (Time taken, was not a factor in the overall points tally.)

We headed back to camp for the last time, had lunch, said “Goodbye”, to Ollie and hopped on the bus.

We all had an amazing 3 days at camp. It was a marvellous experience.

The boys won the overall challenge for organisation, team-work and cleanliness. They won chocolate frogs for their effort.

We would like to thank Mrs Satchell, Mr Churchill and Mr Holmes for all their time and skills in making our stay at camp so much fun!!!!

Written by Year 3 and Mrs Preston (Australian Archery Representative – just waiting for the call!)
Borambola 2011

Kayaking

Low Ropes

Rock Wall “The Girls”

Raft

BMX Riding

Archery (see note for results)

Team Preston
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