FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Well done to Kinder for running a great assembly last week. It was very entertaining! This week’s assembly will be run by Year 1 and will start at 11.00 am. We hope to see you there.

Kinder Orientation – was held last Tuesday. All the new Kinders had a great time and are gaining in confidence with every visit. It was a great day and we look forward to seeing all the very keen and enthusiastic new Kinders again next week, from 1.15 pm to 2.45 pm.

Debating – Well done to our Junior and Senior Debating teams for their efforts last week. They prepared and debated very well, a credit to themselves individually.

Excursions – Well done to Mrs Preston and parents for their efforts on the Year 5 excursion to Ballarat. They all had an amazing time, especially at Sovereign Hill. This week, Miss Burton, Mrs Wedgwood and the Year 6 students will be heading to Melbourne. I’m sure they will have a great time!

Intensive Swimming – will start today, and run for two weeks. It is a very beneficial program run across all schools to help ensure every child is able to swim 25m. If you have any enquiries, please see Miss Horan.

Mr Weaven
Principal

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SWIMMERS

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and those students selected from Years 3 to 6 commence intensive swimming today, until Friday 29 November. The cost is $15 per person, regardless of season tickets. Year 6 can pay $10 due to their excursion. Swimming instructors are Stephanie Jones and Taylah Joyce, with Miss Horan running lessons also. Please ensure that your child has their swimmers, towel, school hat, a bottle of water and sunscreen with them.

Year 3 to 6 students will need their swimmers, rashie or T-shirt and towel each Friday as they will be going to the pool for sport.

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THE LORAX DVDS HAVE ARRIVED!

If you have ordered and paid for The Lorax DVD, please collect it from the office.
**Canteen Roster**

Friday 22 November:
Tracy Swan and Melissa Sweetland

Monday 25 November:
Jenni Papworth

Friday 29 November:
Chrissy Capell and Jacqui Ross

**Lost Property**

Once again, our lost property box is full to overflowing. We have a huge assortment of jackets, hats, trousers, track pants and runners. These items will be kept until the end of this term and then they will be taken to the Op Shop. There are only five weeks left to collect them.

**Final Billabong High School Transition Day**

The final transition to Billabong High School is soon approaching.

Date: Wednesday, 4 December, 2013
Time: 9.00 am to 3:30 pm

Students are to wear their HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS uniform for the day and bring food and drink for recess. Lunch will be provided. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend and need to organise transportation home.

**Wanted: Glass Jars**

Glass jars are wanted for the Year 6 farewell dinner. If you have some to donate, please bring them to the office.

**Wanted: Travel Brochures**

If anyone would like to donate travel brochures about Australia, Years 1 and 2 would love to have them. We are studying wet and dry landscapes this term and these brochures would help us enormously.

**2013 Presentation Evening**

Our annual presentation evening will be held on Thursday 12 December 2013 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.

**P&C Paver Drive**

Holbrook Public School is embarking on a paver fundraising project this term and invites you to help beautify the area outside the Year 5 classroom and vegetable garden. By purchasing a paver, for as little as $30, your name or message will be engraved into a paver and then laid as a lasting record in Holbrook Public School’s history. This area will become an enduring link between the past, present and future, including essential partnerships with the wider community which makes our great school what it is today. If you wish to participate in this fundraising opportunity, please pick up an order form from the office.

**From the Uniform Shop**

PRE-LOVED SUMMER
UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

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**Star of the Week**

Jasmine Young, Year 2

**Awards**

Miss Mills
Ned Harrison – For being a fantastic helper in the classroom
Oscar Preston – For being an awesome spy!
Cruz Schirmer – Sharing great ideas during class discussions

**Miss Murphy**
Tara Jepson – For being a very friendly, polite and helpful member of our class
Olivia Toll – For excellent work with ‘groups of’ and ‘rows of’ during maths this week

**Miss Horan**
Daniel Grunow – Showing great enthusiasm towards times tables
Lily Taylor – Showing great enthusiasm towards her times tables

**Mr Preston**
Millie Walsh – For working very well during numeracy

**Miss Lavis**
Jack de Steiger – Working hard on narrative writing
Phoebe Emerson, Kasey Henry, Aylee Jenkyn, Ewan Mackinlay – Excellent teamwork and debating skills
Henry Gulliver – Delivering an entertaining speech
Tyron Heritage – Some great work with volume

**Miss Burton**
Senior Debating Team – An outstanding effort during this year’s debating competition

**Mrs Wedgwood**
Nathen King – Working hard with homework tasks
Angus Wright – Fluently reading a really hard book

**Mr Weaven**
Molly Barr-Smith – For fantastic maths work
Angus Geddes – For excellent writing
Matilda Nevinson – For increased focus during writing
Cruz Schirmer – For being a fantastic listener

**VALUES AWARDS - CARE**

**Junior:** Will Gunn and Jorja Pardey

**STAR CARD WINNERS**

**Yellow Playground Star Cards**
Ella Cheshire and Daniel Hawkins

**Blue Classroom Star Cards**
Indianna Paton and Hamish Watson

**150 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**
Delaney Emerson, Riley King

**175 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**
Maddie Black

**225 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**
Lara Pardey

**250 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**
Lara Pardey

**275 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**
Kasey Henry

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**
Lauren Hawkins, Jim Henry, Maggie Jamieson, Rohan Jepson, Indianna Paton, Cianna Toll, Hannah Williams

**SPONSORS OF THE WEEK**

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**X-Fit:**
6.00 am Tuesdays
7.00 pm Wednesdays

**Aqua:**
9.00 am Tuesdays
6.00 pm Wednesdays

**Yoga/Pilates:** 6.00 am Thursdays
COMMUNITY NEWS

EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Last Sunday, Tumbarumba Public School held the Equestrian Interschool Championship. Congratulations go to Isabelle Cottrell, who received the title of Reserve Champion in the Grade 5 and 6 individual results. Because of Isabelle’s fantastic efforts, Holbrook Public School came 14th in the Champion School results.

FINAL IN2 CRICKET

This Sunday will be the final session of In2 cricket, 9.30 am to 11.00 am at the school. There will be a barbecue and a soft drink at the end. Well done to all participants who have shown an increase in skill level.
Starting school is an important step for your child. To help your family get used to the routine (and fun!) of ‘big school’, Holbrook Public School is hosting a series of Kinder Fun Days for local preschool aged children. These activity days are open to all pre-schooler families in our community:

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<td>Monday 12 August (9.45 am to 10.30 am)</td>
<td>Pre-schoolers will enjoy a morning of singing, dancing and game playing.</td>
<td>Join the Kinders for a ‘fun’tastic time of singing, dancing and storytelling in the Kinder classroom. Finishing with an enjoyable morning tea.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 28 August (10.45 am to 11.30 am)</td>
<td>A treasure hunt with Year 5!</td>
<td>Year 5 students will take the pre-schoolers on a treasure hunt. Pre-schoolers will learn all the areas of the school by following clues and grabbing treasure along the way! Includes morning tea.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 11 September (10.00 am to 10.45 am)</td>
<td>Meet and greet at the preschool by Year 5 students.</td>
<td>A group of Year 5 students will attend the preschool where they will interact in a familiar setting with the children.</td>
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<td>Thursday 24 October (7.00 pm)</td>
<td>Orientation Evening</td>
<td>An opportunity to find out about the specific learning programs offered by the school. Presented by the Kindergarten teacher and staff. Nibbles, tea and coffee are available.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 5 November (11.30 am to 1.00 pm)</td>
<td>Orientation Day</td>
<td>Join our school community for morning tea in the school library where newly enrolled students will get to meet their Kinder Buddies. They will play games to get to know each other better, whilst parents attend an information session. Nibbles, tea and coffee are available.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 12 November (11.00 am to 12.15 pm)</td>
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<td>Our new Kinders are given the opportunity to do some hands on activities with their buddies in the classroom setting. Please bring something to eat for lunch.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 26 November (1.15 pm to 2.45 pm)</td>
<td>Orientation Follow-Up</td>
<td>Further opportunity for the new Kinders to become familiar with school routines and activities. Bring an afternoon snack.</td>
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The name is “Penguin, James Penguin”

Merry Christmas from Kinder

We had such an enjoyable time on Friday presenting our ‘Rocking Around the Christmas Tree’ Assembly.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members for attending.

A very special thanks must go to Claire Cottrell for filming our item.

Parents, please let me know if you would like a copy.
Monday 18th November 2013

On Wednesday November 13, 20 Year 5 students and three very brave parents set off for the goldmines of Ballarat. Upon arrival, the students flooded onto the grounds of Sovereign Hill and spent the afternoon searching for riches. The afternoon was spent getting our bearings (thanks Max) around the grounds and trying to avoid the rain, horse poo and being shot by troopers! We witnessed gold being poured and Alanah, Will and myself were lucky enough to be selected to hold the newly pored gold bar. It was worth a mere $130,000 and security was tight!! That night the students and parents went ten pin bowling and saw Faith win the night, with what was being referred to as ‘beginner’s luck’!

On Thursday the students had many wonderful experiences booked in and spent the day visiting the Gold Museum, watching sweet making, candle dipping and an underground tour of the Labyrinth Mine. The students participated in a Gold Fever education session, which saw the students split into groups. Becky and Lachie were the bankers, Joe and Faith the troopers and the rest of the students were in mining teams. The students had to work together to collect gold from their mine shaft and cash their new found gold in to the bankers for hard earned money. Unfortunately for the miners, the troopers were arresting miners left, right and centre and much of their newly acquired wealth was spent bailing their mates out of jail.

After that, we headed to do the real thing. The students spent a couple of hours gold panning in the creek in the heart of Sovereign Hill. Many students found lots and lots of flakes of gold and after paying me their 50% finder’s fee, many came home richer than they arrived (almost anyway!).

That night was the highlight of the trip for many, the incredible light show ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’. The students rugged up against the cold and boarded a transporter to be taken over the hill to a secret location. The show was brilliant with no actors, simply voices, lights, sounds and moving props. It was educational as well as highly entertaining!!

On Friday, we packed up and left the gold mines behind and travelled back in time to Medieval times. We arrived at Kryal Castle and were guided into a tour of the castle. Students watched some arm to arm combat and learned about what it took to be a knight. All the students selected their Knightly name and enjoyed the Jester show. I would like to thank Sir Anthony Answerthephone, Sir Scott Seesalot and Lady Beverly Bendedwire for all their help during the three days. They did an amazing job guiding students between activities, judging the ‘Not so Talented - Talent Show’ and doctoring sick students.

All in all, we had an amazing trip and the kids would happily head back to Ballarat today!!!

Lady Kristie Curtsey
Year 4’s Excursion to the Nation’s Capital

Early Wednesday morning (6 November), the Year 4 students, 3 parents and Miss Lavis, set off on their adventure to Canberra. They arrived full of excitement and anticipation. On arriving in Canberra, Dallas, from Lodges Buses, took us to Mount Ainslie for a view of the sights of Canberra. We then had a tour of the War Memorial, learnt about the birth of Canberra at the National Capital Exhibition and explored the AIS. On Thursday, Year 4 toured Old Parliament House, visited the National Museum of Australia, drove around the embassies and enjoyed many hands-on exhibits at Questacon.

The evening activity of a twilight adventure at the botanical gardens was thoroughly enjoyed by all, particularly getting up close and personal with the resident water dragons and kangaroos. Friday saw the students visiting New Parliament House and witnessing a practice run for the opening of Parliament ceremony. They visited the House of Representatives and the Senate, and passed a law to ban TV ads during a role play at the Parliamentary Education Office.

Thanks to Andy Watson, Lawson Gulliver and Cathy Clifford for giving up their time to accompany the students on the excursion. They did a fantastic job and were extremely helpful. Thanks also to Dallas Lodge from Lodges Buses for taking us to, from and around Canberra safely.

The students received many compliments on their excellent behaviour and should be congratulated on their conduct. Well done Year 4 on an excellent excursion.

Miss Lavis
Holbrook Public School  
146 Albury Street,  
Holbrook NSW 2644

Dear Mrs Preston

On behalf of Holbrook Lions Club, I am writing to thankyou you and your School Dance Troupe for performing on Saturday night at the Lions 40th Birthday celebrations at Holbrook Shire Hall. We opened the evening with the performance and again it was of the highest quality. Your dancers not only performed beautifully but their behaviour was a credit to your school. Thank you for your effort in preparing your students and to all the parents for bringing the dancers in on Saturday night.

Our guests were delighted to see and hear about the continual support and strong community link between Holbrook Public School and the Lions Club of Holbrook. We wish those students travelling to Sydney for the School Spectacular all the best and look forward to hearing of their success.

Yours sincerely

Margot Pitzen  
Vice President Lions Club Holbrook
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