FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Well done to Year 1 for running a great assembly last week. This week’s assembly will be run by Year 3 and will start at 11.00 am. We hope to see you there.

Public Speaking – Well done to all the students for their efforts over the past few weeks with public speaking, not only in front of the school, but also in front of their class. There were some great topics and very confident speakers. Well done.

Riverina Inter-Zone Boys Cricket Trials – Well done to Ewan Mackinlay who was selected at Albury last Wednesday. He will now attend the final Riverina Trial for boy’s cricket to be held on Monday 2 December in Deniliquin. It was a great effort and we wish him all the very best.

2013 Riverina Aboriginal Student Awards – I had the privilege of attending the presentation held at Glenroy Public School, last Friday. Congratulations to the following students who should be very proud of receiving their awards:

- Tia Charles – Sport
- Aidyn Ebner – Encouragement
- Faith Smith – Creative Arts and NAPLAN results

Our school is certainly very proud of their efforts. Well done!

Excursions – Well done to Miss Burton, Mrs Wedgwood and parents for their efforts on the Year 6 excursion to Melbourne. I hear it was great!

Intensive Swimming – continues again every day this week for Kinder to Year 2 students, and those selected from Years 3 to 6. Well done to all the students for their efforts last week. Your behaviour and enthusiasm were excellent. If you have any enquiries, please see Miss Horan.

TERM DIARY – TERM 4

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<td>2014 Riverina Girls Cricket Trials and Year 6 Farewell Dinner</td>
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<td>BHS Year 6 Orientation (All day) and P&amp;C Meeting at 7.30 pm</td>
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<td>House Captains Election at 9.30 am and School Captains Speeches and Elections at 2.00 pm</td>
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<td>Fri 6 Dec</td>
<td>Sports Assembly at 10.30 am and Pool for Sport 2.00 pm to 3.20 pm</td>
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Kinder Orientation – We look forward to seeing all the very keen and enthusiastic new Kinders again tomorrow, Tuesday 26 November, from 1.15 pm to 2.45 pm.

Schools Spectacular –
The wait is finally over for the 14 students attending this year’s Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. It will start on Wednesday and finish late Saturday night. This year will be our school’s biggest ever representation with 12 students dancing and two students in the choir. It is a great achievement for a school our size!

This year, the Schools Spectacular promises to be even more spectacular, as it is the 30th year. It will be televised on the Nine Network this Saturday 30 November (Channel 9 – 7.10 pm) and again on Sunday 1 December (GO Channel – 1.30 pm).

I want to wish our 14 students all the very best over the next 4 days. This really is the experience of a lifetime and not only will they have an awesome time, but they will learn a great deal as well.
Debating Final – will be held at 6.00 pm this Wednesday, 27 November at Culcairn Public School. Well done on making it to the final. Good luck to our Junior debating teams (Phoebe Emerson, Kasey Henry, Aylee Jenkyn and Ellen Mathie) and our public speakers, Jack Watson (senior speaker) and Ewan Mackinlay (junior speaker).

P&C Meeting – This has been postponed for a week due to the Schools Spectacular and people being away. The new date is Wednesday 4 December, from 7.30 pm in the School library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Weaven  
Principal

Canteen Roster

Friday 29 November:  
Chrissy Capell and Jacqui Ross

Monday 2 December:  
Candy Bartels-Waller and Sally Bulle

Friday 6 December:  
Anna Coughlan and Phoebe Gulliver

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. The 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.

Ballarat Excursion

We, the parents who were lucky enough to accompany Year 5 on their excursion to Ballarat last week, would like to let you know how proud we are of the way that the children conducted themselves. Throughout the entire trip, be it at Sovereign Hill, in the breakfast and dinner restaurants or travelling on the bus, the children’s behaviour was first class. I am sure that teachers and parents from other schools visiting at the time would have been envious of the good behaviour displayed by the Holbrook Public School kids. A big thank you goes to Mrs Preston for her tireless work in making the whole trip come together. Her marshalling skills were almost military like.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 Excursion Parents

Christmas Colouring-In Competition

Once again, the Holbrook community is running a Christmas colouring-in competition. Colouring sheets are available from the school office, and when completed must be returned to the office by Monday, 2 December. Winners will be announced during the Holbrook Community Christmas Carols in the Ten Mile Creek Gardens on Sunday 15 December.

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.

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.

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**FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

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**STAR OF THE WEEK**

Alicia Pyers, Year 4

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**AWARDS**

**Miss Mills**

Izak Schirmer – For a great effort in maths. Well done.
Isabella Weaven – For a wonderful attitude towards learning

**Miss Murphy**

Jasmyn Hughes – For always being well-mannered and friendly
Amelia Pincott – For excellent participation in the Public Speaking competition
Harrison Shea – For being an outstanding helper during our assembly preparation
Lily Walters – For always trying to do her best
Angus Wright – For excellent participation in the Public Speaking competition

**Miss Horan**

Jaida Couzens – For fantastic reading fluency
Amelia Hearn – For fantastic reading fluency

**Mr Preston**

Riley King – For great narrative writing
Lily Last – For an excellent effort in public speaking
Ned Satchell – For an excellent effort in public speaking

**Miss Lavis**

Claire Cottrell – For working well on division
Millie Walsh – For writing an excellent fairy-tale

**Mrs Preston**

Scott Black, Anthony Churchill and Bev Holmes – For being brilliant parent helpers
Year 5 – For being amazing individuals on our school excursion

**VALUES AWARDS - FAIRNESS**

Junior: Amelia Hearn
Senior: Jaide Hughes

**STAR CARD WINNERS**

Yellow Playground Star Cards
Alicia Pyers and Hamish Watson
Blue Classroom Star Cards
Ewan Mackinlay and Lily Taylor

**200 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**

Matilda Preston

**225 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**

Matilda Preston

**250 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**

Maggie Jamieson, Matilda Preston
**275 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**
Maggie Jamieson

**300 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD**
Ellen Mathie

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**
Stirling Heriot, Nathan King, Audrey Lieschke, Sophie Mulloy, Max Plunkett, Jezabella Wheeler

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HOMEWORK CLUB

The Tuesday afternoon Homework sessions has finished for 2013. We look forward to providing the service again in 2014 if funding can be secured.

Holbrook Library Complex
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 preschooler families in our community:

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<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>Monday 28 August</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</td>
<td>Meet and greet at the pre-school 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</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</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>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>Further opportunity for the new Kinders to become familiar with school routines and activities. Bring an afternoon snack.</td>
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Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree

Year 1 has been learning about Australian wet and dry environments and the animals that live in these environments.

Our assembly performance was inspired by the picture book ‘Jeremy’, which is about a baby kookaburra that falls from a gum tree in the bush and is saved by a very caring family.

Year 1 presented the song ‘Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree’ at last Friday's Whole School Assembly.

Look at Lily’s amazing kookaburra costume! Thanks Amy!
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