FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Office Flooded – this occurred on Tuesday night and as a result the entire building is closed until further notice. Tracey’s office is temporarily in the library; so that is where parents and visitors must sign in and go to if they need anything. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Student Reports – these were due to be sent home this Wednesday 7th December, but because of the flooded office, they will not be able to be sent home until the following Tuesday 13th December. Hopefully we will be able to access the office again, and use the photocopier/printer which we were unable to move along with the rest of the office. Again I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Annual Sports Assembly – this was run by the Year 5 students who did an excellent job. Congratulations to all those students who received awards for their sporting achievements throughout 2011. Thank you to Miss Lavis for organising the assembly that ran very smoothly indeed.

Kinder Orientation – we look forward to seeing the 20 new keen Kinders for their next visit tomorrow, Tuesday 6th December from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room. They will spend more time with their Year 5 buddies (who are all doing a great job), have lunch together and do some fun activities within the classroom. We look forward to again seeing our new and eager students. This will be the new Kinders’ last visit before they come to school next year.

Intensive Swimming – this will start today, Monday from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. and is being organised by Mrs Preston. This is an important program that will benefit students who need to learn or improve their swimming. For the first time this year, it will involve all students from Kinder to Year 2 and any other students who need to improve their swimming ability.

Presentation Night – this will be on this Thursday night, 8th December in our school hall starting at 7.30 p.m. It should be a wonderful evening and we do hope you are able to make it.

Stewart Shield Tennis – this will take place this Friday at the tennis courts at 9.45 a.m. It is an annual challenge against St Pat’s School. I wish the students all the very best.

School Dance – this will be on Monday night, 12th December in our school hall starting at 7.00 p.m. and finishing at 9.00 p.m. It is only for the students, not other siblings or parents. It should be great and we do hope the students can make it.

Combined Christmas Service and Lunch 10.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and School Dance 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. – this will be held on Thursday 15th December at our school hall starting at 10.45 a.m. and finishing at 11.30 a.m. This will be followed by a free BBQ for the students. St Pat’s School will also be attending. If anyone would like to help me cook the BBQ for all the students, I would very much appreciate your help. Just let me know. Thanks.

Help needed if available – chairs for this Thursday’s presentation night have to be picked up from the Footy ground. If you are available this Thursday morning at 8.30 a.m. (a u/e is all that is required) could you please just let me know. We then need to return them on Friday morning. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Last day – next Friday, 16th December will be the students last day at school. I will include more details of the day in next week’s newsletter.

Jason Weaven
Principal
AWARDS

**Miss Mills**
Anna Pitzen – For her energy and excitement during singing
Cianna Toll – For working extremely well during maths activities

**Miss Murphy**
Ella Cheshire – For being very kind and polite
Fletcher Weaven – For excellent work with spelling and grammar this week

**Mrs Landale**
Maggie Jamieson – For trying really hard with persuasive writing
Emily Mulloy – For excellent tables and facts results

**Mrs Preston**
Chelsea Brennan – Great sales skills
Chloe Williams – Enthusiasm during our fete

**Miss Burton**
Freya Mackinlay – Producing outstanding art this week
Ashleigh Mulloy – Excellent persuasive writing

**Miss Lavis**
Sarsha McCallum – Working hard in English
Brayden Webb – Fantastic maths test results
Gabi Widdows – An excellent effort in writing

**Mrs Wedgwood**
Jordan Eddy – Making a big effort to improve English skills
Hayley Wilkinson – Excellently representing HPS as the Lion’s Public Speaking Competition

**Mr Weaven**
Claudia Allworth, Ali Bulle, Emma Coughlan, Isabelle Coughlan, Sophie Killalea, Jemma Lang, Sarsha McCallum, Matilda Preston, Angelena Ross, Sophia Ross, Fletcher Weaven and Harrison Weaven – For your spectacular effort at Schools Spectacular

AUSSIES OF THE MONTH

**Tuhiwai McClutchie** - Year 6
Being a loyal friend and great ambassador for our school

**Emily Black** - Kindergarten
Always being eager and enthusiastic

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Jackson Gibbs**
Year 6

SPORTS ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, our special sports assembly for 2011 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:** Jordan McClutchie – sportsmanship, developing skills
- **Jnr:** Matthew Bender – determination and courage

**Netball:**
- **Snr:** Alyce Parker – versatility
- **Jnr:** Chloe Parker – versatility

**Tennis:**
- Ali Bulle – Sportsmanship

**Cricket:**
- **Snr:** Harrison Weaven – excellence, Alyce Parker – excellence
- **Jnr:** Matthew Bender – encouragement

**Basketball:**
- Alyce Parker – excellence

**Tennis:**
- **Boys:** Will Holmes - sportsmanship, skill
- **Girls:** Maddie Parker - encouragement

**Rugby League:**
- **Snr:** Harrison Weaven – excellence
- **Jnr:** Ryan Carman - encouragement

**Soccer:**
- Harrison Weaven - 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

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**

This Thursday, students are asked to come dressed in plain clothes so uniforms are ready for Presentation Night. As one of the SRC’s last fundraising efforts for the year, we ask students to come dressed in Christmas colours or a Christmas theme. A gold coin donation will go towards a local charity called The Christmas Party for Special Children. Please remember, students must have a broad brimmed hat, sleeves and closed-in shoes.

**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.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL – T-BALL**

Last week was the final week of Active After School T-Ball.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Fri 9 Dec
- Narelle Emerson and Phoebe Gulliver

Mon 12 Dec
- Anna Coughlan and Tracy Swan

Fri 16 Dec
- Barbecue supplied by school – No lunch orders!

**CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED**

We are looking for helpers in the school canteen on Mondays and Fridays during Term 1 next year. If you are able to help please call Georgie Millard on 6036 2902. It only takes half an hour of your time and your children really love to see you there.

**K, 1 AND 2 PERFORMANCE AT PRESENTATION NIGHT**

A reminder that all Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students must bring in their Santa hats by Wednesday 7th December at the latest. They will be kept at the school until your performance during Presentation Night.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Lost property that has not been claimed by the end of Term 4 will be donated to the Op Shop or placed in the school’s second hand clothing pool.

**ALBURY DANCE ENSEMBLES – AUDITIONS FOR 2012**

These Dance Ensembles are open to students who are currently enrolled in Albury District Public Schools. The Ensembles perform at the annual Riverina Dance Festival. The Senior Ensemble also has performed at the State Dance Festival in Sydney for several years and the School Spectacular. Ensemble members are given many opportunities to perform locally and at state level. Any student who has experience in Dance and possesses a passion for performance is strongly encouraged to audition.

For the audition, students will simply need to dress in comfortable dance attire; footwear will be optional. The audition will be in the form of a dance class. No set routines will need to be presented.

Ensemble auditions will be held on Tuesday 13th December, 2011, at James Fallon High School Hall.

Junior Ensemble (3-6 years) from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Senior Ensemble (7-12 years) from 5.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
Parents will not be permitted to stay in the hall during the audition. Students will be notified by email as to whether they have been successful at audition. If successful, the first rehearsal for both Ensembles will be Tuesday 31 January, 2012.

Parents need to be aware that membership of the Ensemble will be $200 for the year plus a performance fee of $50. TOTAL $250

Completed audition application forms are available at the HPS office and will need to be returned by Monday 12th December, 2011, to Mrs Jane Duck, at James Fallon High School (Fax 6040 1993) or PO Box 465, Lavington NSW 2641.

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**P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**

The winners of the P&C 2011 Christmas Raffle are:

1st prize: Kairos McClutchie

2nd prize: Trish Bull

3rd prize: Tracy Swan

4th prize: Sophie Killalea

5th prize: Lewis Bowen

6th prize: Chrissy Lavis

7th prize: Tom Parker

Congratulations to the above winners. The P&C would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who bought raffle tickets. Together we raised around $500.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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

Holbrook Combined Churches
invites everyone to the
Christmas Carols
in the Ten Mile Creek Gardens
on Sunday 18 December 2011
at 6.30 p.m.

A barbecue (sausage in bread $1)
will be provided and soft drinks
will be on sale.

In case of bad weather, they will be
held in the Shire Hall at 7.30 p.m.
and there will be no barbecue.
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