



HOLMAN PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2020 TERM 1 WEEK 7

Friday 13th March 2020

Student of the Week Week 4



Toby Jones

Student of the Week Week 5



Austin Beath

Student of the Week Week 6



Morghana Seymour

From the Principal

It has been a busy few weeks here at Holman Place School with lots of fun activities.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcomed new students Charlie and Max who are in the Wombat class. They are transitioning at the moment and are enjoying their new surroundings.

P&C NEWS

The P&C met last week to discuss some fundraising ideas for the year.

If you are interested in attending a meeting or coming onboard, please come to the next meeting on Tuesday 7th April at the Council Chambers 9:30 am.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

There has been a lot in the media regarding the coronavirus affecting not only Australia but many parts of the world. The following excerpts come from the Department of Education: Current advice

from the NSW Government for parents and affected staff is:

Any student or staff member who has been in, departed from, or transited through the following countries is excluded from child care services, school or work for 14 days from the date they left the country: mainland China - since 1 February; Iran - since 1 March; the Republic of Korea (South Korea) - since 5 March; Italy - since 11 March.

Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.

Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.

Students and staff who have returned to Australia and have shown no symptoms during the 14-day home-isolation period are able to return to school or work.

The Department of Education continues to work closely with NSW Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to developments and to ensure

the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Consistent with current guidelines, children, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

In accordance with our current practice if any student becomes unwell, we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health as appropriate.

As to print there have been no known cases of coronavirus in the surrounding areas.

We have though, had many students unwell with seasonal head colds.

FENCE

This week I met with a range of people involved in our new fence. The start date is yet to be determined however is looking more towards term 2.

Beck



Wombats

With the end of the term fast approaching it is important to recognise the Wombats consistent effort in following the school and class routines.

We have also welcomed two new students into our class with open arms. Charlie and Max Williams are our new students. Charlie is in Year 1 while

Max is in Year 2. Both boys are settling in well and are a pleasant addition to our class.

We farewelled Morghan who has transitioned to the Koalas class. Morghan also received the Wombat class Student of the Week Award and Djirrali was awarded our weekly commendation award. Well done boys!

We are learning about living things in Science. Soon we will have a bird and have planted wheat to observe the growth and needs of living things.

The boys have also been actively participating in making a zoo with the help of Miss Sue.

Miss Esther and Sue



Koalas

The Koalas have been busy this term exploring the features of living things in science. We are learning about the parts and functions of animals. We have already discovered that some living things have similar features based upon their food and shelter needs. We even got to create

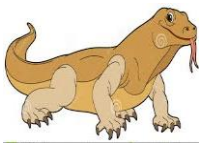
some cool shadow puppets that represented the functional physical adaptations of animals and their functions.

During our community access visits, the Koalas have gone to the local parks and the Galea Fruit and vegetable stall. All the students were very excited to explore the equipment at the local parks. They also really

enjoyed seeing all the different fresh fruit and vegetables in the store.

We have also really enjoyed learning AUSLAN in the past few weeks. We have now learnt a dozen new signs which we practice everyday during our classroom activities.

Miss Tracey, Nat & Sharon



Goanna

Week seven already. Times flies when we are having fun.

The Goanna's have been hard at work. We have been using the new school ICT apps. Mathletics and Reading Eggs to support our Numeracy and Literacy lessons.

Several children are now typing their daily news.

In science we have been looking after our class pet Miss Piggy. "She is very shy at times" and needs food and water daily and loves carrots.

The Goanna's are now looking at the various needs of other animals.

In art and craft, we have read *The Rainbow Serpent*

and then used colour to create a paper chain rainbow serpent.

Mr John continues to look at the culture of New Zealand in History.

Miss Kylie, Tash & Mylissa

Emus

It's amazing how quickly the term has gone and how much we have done so far.

We are currently learning about the Ancient Greek Gods, Goddesses and Monsters and have touched on some of the stories associated with them. We have been able to

identify some of the similarities that occur in stories like Harry Potter.

We have continued to learn about Ancient Greece. Did you know the alphabet that was developed in ancient times is still used today in Modern Greece.

Mr John has begun implementing a music program that looks at

various genres in Music. It is so good to be able to use his wealth of experience in this field.

In Mathematics we have been working to improve our mental strategies and it's been gratifying to see improvements made.

Miss Cathy & Ruth



Kangaroos

Over the past few weeks the Kangaroo Class has been hard at work running canteen and going to the gym, amongst other activities.

For canteen we are selecting some recipes from different countries, so look out for the next canteen!

We have also invited Ray, a builder carpenter to help us learn the skills of woodworking as part of our Reduce, Reuse and Recycle unit.

We are currently refurbishing an old bench seat table and will move onto pallet furniture later in the term.

Thanks to Mr John and Miss Hayley, the

Kangaroos have been very creative this term. Mr John assisted them in producing their own self portraits and Miss Hayley helped with Keru Fern Art in preparation for the upcoming Festival of Understanding.

Miss Silvia & Chris



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Important Dates:

School Photos
Monday 30th March