



HOLMAN PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

2023 Term 1 Edition 1

Friday 17th February

Important Info:

STEWART HOUSE

Donation Drive envelope attached. Your chance to support this great charity and win a \$4000 holiday/gift voucher.

Please return before end of this term.

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New staff
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Amylee Knight
(Goannas)

Coralie Graham
(AP)

Margaret
Chisholm (AP
Koalas)

Di Croker
(Wombats)

From the Principal

The first part of the year always brings in a settling time for everyone as we re-adjust back to alarm clocks, uniforms and packed lunches.

Along with coming back to school, there has also been some occurrences of various health conditions including tummy bugs, head lice and school sores. There are various treatments and the NSW Health website has information on these. Check out information on health.nsw.gov.au and search for health topics.

Outings and excursions

Now that most COVID restrictions are easing or eased, and our full staff are fully trained in CPR and Anaphylaxis, we will see an increase in outings and excursions.

Warmer weather

A reminder to pop on sunscreen each morning and add a hat to your child's bag.

We are also having some water play – lots of fun – to keep the students cool. Most clothing is drying off however if you would like to pop a spare set of clothes (labelled with name) please feel free to do so.

Canteen

Yum-o! Canteen has started back this year and what delicious food!

Well done to the Kangaroo class who have been learning various skills such as menu selection, creating a shopping list, purchasing items, taking orders and food preparation, and making.

Attendance

All students who are school aged, must attend school unless there is a valid reason (such as illness).

For students who are away, please ensure that you make contact with the school regarding the absence.

Students who are away for 3 days will need to provide a medical certificate.

Our attendance data is monitored to ensure that all students are attending school and there are supports that we can show you with if you need help getting your child to school.

Berry Street

Education Model

Our staff are participating in professional learning in a range of strategies to support student engagement and how we can further assist with regulation.

This work is aligning with our school improvement plan, the work that we have been doing with SEED therapy, and the regulation strategies that support engagement.

IEP meetings

Most IEP meetings have been had over the last two weeks.

Classes are busy working on goals from day one and we look forward to seeing wonderful growth this year.

Beck



Wombats

What a wonderful start to the year we've had. Miss Sue and the Wombats have warmly welcomed Miss Di and Miss Kay to the room. We've been getting to know one another and developing our class routine.

There has been lots of singing, dancing and story

reading happening, with "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See" being a favourite. We have been retelling it through song and puppets.

We are working on building our fine motor strength and social skills through play.

Weekly cricket has restarted this term and

the Wombats are thoroughly enjoying their sessions with the Cricket Australia staff.

The Wombats are looking forward to reconnecting with our friends at Riding for the Disabled in March.

Miss Di, Miss Sue, Miss Kay



Koalas

Greetings from the Koala class and a warm welcome to parents and carers.

We have had a busy few weeks getting to know all of our wonderful new students and establishing routines. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us at the IEP

meetings – it is most appreciated and valued.

We have been doing lots of interesting activities – weaving, collage, portraits and some wonderful writing. Come on in if you'd like to have a look.

All the students love music and dancing - we have just begun our

dancing/drama class with Miss Hayley this week.

We are looking forward to some trips out and about exploring the Cowra community as well. We are planning to make a mural of all the places we visit.

Best wishes

Miss Marg, Miss Raylee, Mr Dave, Miss My



Goanna

Welcome to the Goanna class for 2023. The beginning of the term has been an opportunity for us all to get to know one another.

We have been focusing on two texts in the Goanna class. Our text study is Our Island, where we are looking at the animals which live in

the Mornington Peninsula. We have been using these animals to create simple and complex sentences with an emphasis on adjectives and adverbs. Our other text is the 13-Storey Treehouse which is our shared reading in the afternoons.

In Mathematics, we have been looking at number and place value and how

we can create numbers in different ways.

We have enjoyed making music using things within our environment. The Goannas have also started experimenting with the Chrome Music Lab. We recommend you try Kandinsky and Song Maker at home.

Until next time...Miss Amylee, Miss Sharon, Miss My

Emus

The Emus have had an amazing start to term 1.

We have been learning about identifying and using adjectives in our writing by highlighting them yellow.

We have started using computer software such Word and PowerPoint to publish our writing.

We have been experiencing interactive technology such as OSMO to help us with our learning. We had our first of many STEM challenges and tried our hardest to build the tallest towers. We found that if we made the base stronger, we could stack our towers even higher.

In music we have been loving playing with the

“Boomwackers” and on Mondays we have enjoyed playing cricket with staff from Cricket Australia.

We are looking forward to getting out and about in the school van soon and experiencing some of the things our wonderful community has to offer.

Mr Bell, Miss Lisa, Miss Sue, Miss Shania



Kangaroos

What a fabulous start to 2023, the Kangaroo students have settled into their daily routine and have become an amazing team supporting and looking after each other.

We have had a very busy start to term with many outings during the week to develop life skills to

support moving into the community.

So far, we have been to the town library, our weekly shopping outings to buy items for canteen which now provides recess and lunches on Thursdays.

We are trying to walk every second morning depending on heat, and dancing with Miss Hayley

on Fridays is a favourite. Look out Cowra eisteddfod here come the Kangaroos.

The Kangaroos focus text for the term is Blueback by Tim Winton. We are hoping to visit the Canberra aquarium later in the term to see the blue groper and all the other marine life.

Miss Kylie and Miss Mel



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Important Dates:

**Term 1 last day
Thursday 6th April.**

**Term 2
Students return
Wednesday 26th April.
Term finish Friday
30th June**

**Term 3
Students return
Tuesday 18th July.
Term finish date
Friday 22nd
September.**

**Term 4
Students return
Monday 9th October.
Year finishes on
Tuesday 19th
December.**