



HOLMAN PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023 Term 1 Edition 2

Monday 13 March

Important Info:

Student of the Week

Week 6



TJ Armstrong

Week 7



Xaviour Daghish-Schenk

From the Principal

Classes have been very busy over the last few weeks with a range of activities which have been very engaging.

RDA

Our students have started back RDA the last two weeks. Whilst there is some movement on the new arena, for the next two weeks, there will be no RDA (weeks 8 and 9) however will return back for weeks 10 and 11.

Vaccinations

We have a number of vaccinations happening at school over the next few weeks.

The team from the clinic are very supportive of our students and the staff assisting them. We may call in case your child needs to talk to you or needs some additional support.

SSP principal visit

In a few weeks, we will have the principals from the other SSPs visit (Bathurst, Dubbo and Orange) as we

facilitate a professional learning community of support and advice around policies and procedures, as well as events where our students can participate. One event is a combined athletics carnival later this term, trialling with students in stages 3, 4 and 5. More information later.

NAPLAN

A number of our students will sit the NAPLAN tests this week and next.

Students from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 can participate in primarily online testing, except for the year 3 writing test.

Students can be exempt per their disability or withdrawn by parent nomination if requested.

Restrictive Practices

During the IEP meetings, we discussed the new Restrictive Practices Policy. A few weeks ago we had a visit from some of the team to assist with any questions we had. This was very insightful as we review our

processes and strategies to support our students.

Over the next term we will have our information to discuss with families on the supports for students, and where needed, signed permission – and example is signed permission to give medication prescribed by a Dr or paediatrician, or to hold hands whilst coming to or from vehicles for safety.

COVID and illness

A reminder that if students are unwell, they need to be at home until they are not presenting with symptoms.

There has been a range of illness going through the school including colds, tummy bugs, headaches, coughs and although we have not yet had a positive case, COVID is still lurking in the community. Students and staff who are close contacts of a household member are able to come to school, as long as they are testing, are well and wear a mask as per the NSW Health guidelines.

Beck



Wombats

Term 1 is flying by! We can't believe that March is already here. We've been making craft related to our phonics including ducks, kites, and ghosts. The Wombats have been helping to mark the roll each day by tapping on their own photos on the board. We have then been exploring different ways to make five, talking

each day about how many classmates are at school or are away. We've also been using puppets and pictures to act out the songs Five Little Ducks and Five Cheeky Monkeys. The Ants Go Marching, Old MacDonald Had a Farm and Wind the Bobbin Up are other favourite songs that we choose. The Wombats have also been

exploring shapes, colours, patterns, numbers, and artworks during outings in the van. We've added another story to our favourites, called "Pete the Cat's White Shoes."

Could you please pack spare clothes each day for accidents or water play? Thanks!

Miss Di, Miss Sue, Miss Kay



Koalas

We welcome Matthew to our class, it's great to have you here and wonderful to see the students helping him to settle in.

We've been on several outings looking at the features of Cowra and have watched the painters on big cherry

pickers painting the water tank murals.

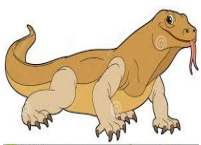
In science we are looking at plants and what they need to grow. We are just about to start our experiments of growing beans and wheat people. The older students will be talking about photo synthesis and having a go at spelling it – easy when you break big words into small chunks!

Dance is a huge hit thanks to Miss Hayley. The students have been extending their gymnastic moves on the big mats at the dance studio.

There has been lots of great writing going on in class, along with beautiful portraits of you Mums.

Best wishes

Miss Marg, Miss Raylee, Miss My



Goanna

The Goannas have been working well over the past two weeks.

In English, we have continued participating in our Daily 5 rotations of Listening to Reading, Read to Someone, Read to Self, Work on Writing and Word Work.

During writing time we have been working on sentence writing and persuasive text writing.

The Goannas have enjoyed playing cricket on Mondays and developing their ball striking and hand-eye coordination.

We have also begun our dance movements for

our upcoming performance.

We hope you all got a chance to check out our window display at the Cowra Ballet School. It is amazing.

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

Emus

The Emus have had an amazing start to term 1. We have all been enjoying the start of RDA and it feels so amazing to be riding the horses. We have started going for a walk 3-times a week and are loving being outside and experiencing the nature around us. We are really enjoying seeing all of the people and

places that are close to our school. We have been working hard to learn and use Adobe animation. So far, we have made a ball bounce, a fire constantly burn and a character bounce on a trampoline. Each new animation has taught us some really interesting things such as 'tweening' which makes it so we only have to do a couple

of changes to an animation and the software will fill in the gaps for us! We cannot wait to see what we can do with our own drawings and artworks and are really excited about sharing some of our animations with our families soon.

Mr Bell, Miss Lisa, Miss Sue, Miss Shania



Kangaroos

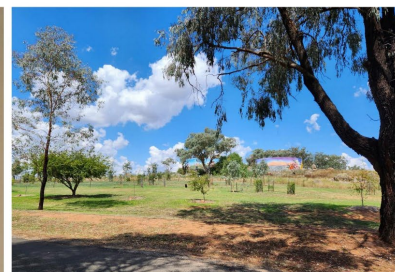
What an amazing few weeks we have had so far we have visited the town library and borrowed books several times, delivered meals on wheels, shopped, cooked, played cricket (it's great when we play with the Emus and challenge the teachers) walked.

In the classroom the Kangaroos have worked hard in literacy establishing the daily 5 routine. This involves reading to Miss Kylie, spelling work, writing work, comprehension and 20 minutes on reading express.

been making a loaf of bread and watching it grow and cook. It was very yummy.

Congratulations Kangaroos on another brilliant few weeks.

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.**