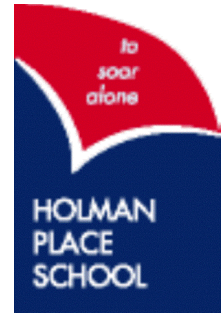




Term 1 Edition 1 Newsletter



Message from the Principal

February 2025

As we wrap up the first official 4 weeks of term, our staff have been so proud of our students and how well they have settled back into routine, even for our new kindy students as they have been adjusting to a very new routine - for that we are super proud of them.

Most **Individual Planning Meetings (IEPs)** have been completed this week. Being involved in some of the meetings and just listening to our teachers each afternoon after meetings, my heart is full with knowing that our students are very loved and that staff are thinking, collaborating and putting in strategies to help the students achieve and grow.

During next week our teaching staff will discuss the goals with the Support Officers in the class, write an achievable goal for the semester along with some classroom strategies, and have this to you over the next two weeks.

The P&C meeting will be held next Monday 24th February starting at 9:15 am. Please come along and hear about things happening around the school whilst sharing a cuppa and a chat.

Our new School Excellence Plan is starting this year with our directions and activities based on feedback from External Validation last year, and the State Plan for Public Schools. We will be working with a Department team called CSUS (Curriculum Support for Unique Settings) over the next two years to help develop, deliver and evaluate our improvement measures in curriculum.

Student attendance is very important for teaching and learning activities to flow. If your child is absent from school, please call to let us know. You maybe required to provide a medical certificate if your child's attendance is low.

Miss Beck



WOMBATS

Wombats have had a fantastic start to 2025.

We welcome Andy and Sam to Holman Place School and the Wombat class. They have settled in very well.

We have been doing a lot of exploring of the classroom and getting to know our new friends. We started Gymnastics at the PCYC in week 3 and thoroughly enjoy using all the equipment, doing lots of balancing and jumping.

We have started looking at living things during Science and exploring places that we are familiar with in Geography.

We are incorporating a lot of play-based activities in our classroom.

Miss Lucy, Miss Bec, Miss Mel and Miss Kait



KOALAS

The Koala class has had a fantastic few weeks settling into their new classroom.

The students have been working hard on their Science, Geography and Literacy. We have been reading "One Small Island" by Coral Tulloch. The students have studied the history and experiences that led to the extinction of animals such as the Macquarie Island Parrot and started to research on efforts being made in conservation.

We have been learning about living things and have experimented using yeast - and our plan to make pizza from the dough.

We are excited for the rest of the term and what comes next.

Mr Bell and Miss Lisa



GOANNAS

We have been reading the novel "Blueback" by Tim Winton as a class. We have observed what it looks like to snorkel and fish for abalone and the features of a blue groper fish.

The Goannas have explored a range of vocabulary words from the novel, including territorial, compost and luminous.

Daily after recess we have been engaging in Mindfulness through Puffer Fish breathing. We breathe in for 5, hold for 5, breathe out for 5, hold for 5 and begin again. Everyone feels calm and ready to learn.

Thank you for all the amazing baby photos. We will be using them in our PDHPE lessons over the coming weeks.

Miss Di, Miss Sue and Miss Kel



EMUS

Welcome to all the Emus and families in 2025.

We have a fabulous class with loads of activities every week including PCYC for Gymnastics, shopping, cooking for canteen and cooking a class meal every Friday. During this meal we have been practicing our table manners.

We also participate in Meals on Wheels and going to the park for a play.

In Science we are looking at different living things and how to categorise them into vertebrates and invertebrates.

This unit will culminate with an excursion to Canberra to the National Zoo and Aquarium. All students are very excited for this event. So is Miss Kylie and Miss Sharon.

Miss Kylie and Miss Sharon



KANGAROOS

The Kangaroos have had a beautiful start to the year and what a lovely classroom community we have.

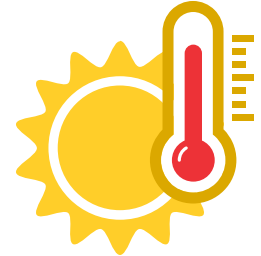
We are continuing with our Barista skills program and Food Technology each Thursday.

In Science students are looking at endangered, extinct and introduced species of animals and plants and the effects on the ecosystem and the environment. They are attending an excursion to Age of Fishes Museum and Canberra Zoo in Term 1 to further develop their understanding of this topic.

In Maths we are exploring measurement in our everyday activities. The students have commenced volunteering in the Meals on Wheels every Tuesday. Looking forward to a fantastic term and year ahead.

Miss Mel, Miss Coralie and Miss Raylee

Please remember hats and drink bottles as the weather warms up
Please apply sunscreen

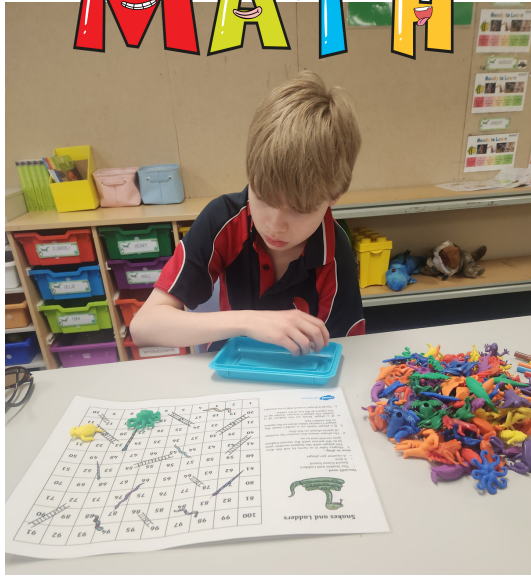


Riding for the Disabled commences next Wednesday for helmet and boot fittings.

Riding will start the following week - please ensure you send long pants in for your child. If you haven't returned your forms please do so urgently.

Last day of Term 1 - Friday 11 April - Students return to school on Wednesday 30th April





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