

Term 4 Edition 1 Newsletter

FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL



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It is hard to believe that we are already heading into Week 4 of the term! The students have settled back into routines beautifully and there is a lovely buzz of learning happening across the school.

Intensive Swimming Program

A huge thank you to Miss Margie for coordinating and running our very successful intensive swimming program in Week 2. Students demonstrated confidence, resilience, and fantastic water-safe behaviour.

We are excited to share that Miss Margie has kindly agreed to continue swimming lessons every Friday morning for the remainder of the term. This will allow students to continue practicing and building their water safety skills.

Illness Reminder

There is still a high level of illness circulating throughout the school and wider community.

We respectfully ask families to keep children at home when they are unwell, and only return students to school once they are symptom-free. This helps protect other students, staff, and your child's own wellbeing. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Welcome to Miss Amy!

We are very excited to welcome Miss Amy to Holman Place School. Miss Amy joins us from The catholic University in Canberra] and is trained in Special Education and History. She will be working closely with the Kangaroo class, but we know that all students and staff will enjoy getting to know her over the next six weeks.

Please make her feel welcome — we are thrilled to have her as part of our team!

Miss Kylie



WOMBATS

Wombats have had a very busy but exciting start to term 4.

We had a massive week of intensive swimming, which will continue for sport for the rest of the term.

During Maths we have been looking at two-dimensional shapes.

We have continued looking at our past and present personal histories during our history lessons.

In Science we have started a new topic chemical science looking at what things are made of.

The weeks are going very fast and pretty soon we will start the Christmas carols and art.

Miss Becca, Miss Lucy and Miss Mel



KOALAS

Our beginner swimming lessons have been going brilliantly. The students are getting more confident in the water and we're so proud of how brave they've all been, from learning to float to practicing their kicks.

In Maths the class explored symmetry and loved finding symmetrical patterns all around us – butterfly wings, faces, and even in our classroom! We've been measuring perimeter and area, as the reason for formal measurements.

In Science we investigated what dissolves in water and what doesn't. Sugar and salt disappeared like magic, and what happens to oil. Great discussions ensued.

Mr Bell and Miss Lisa



GOANNAS

We have begun reading the novel 'Rowan of Rin' by Emily Rodda and exploring the concepts of bravery and prophecy.

The Goannas have linked previous learning in English of perspective to their exploration of DSLR cameras and photography in Design and Technology. We have already discovered that holding the camera steady as you take a photo is a skill in itself.

In Science we made 'Oobleck' from cornflour and water and discovered the properties of Non-Newtonian fluids. It was amazing to see that 'Oobleck' is a solid and a liquid depending upon how it is handled.

Miss Di and Miss Kel



EMUS

Our focus in maths this term has been on understanding tallying and considering ways to collect and organise information. The students have enjoyed engaging in various tallying activities, helping them develop their counting and data interpretation skills in an interactive way.

One of the most memorable highlights of the term has been exploring the meanings behind our names as part of our history unit. Each student has had the opportunity to share the story or significance of their own name, discovering unique connections to their family heritage and cultural backgrounds. This has helped students appreciate the importance of identity and history in a personal and meaningful way.

Miss Sudi & Miss Sharon



KANGAROOS

We visited the Cowra Historical Society where students explored the rich history of Cowra Hospital. Inspired by what they discovered, the class is creating a podcast to share these fascinating stories with the wider community.

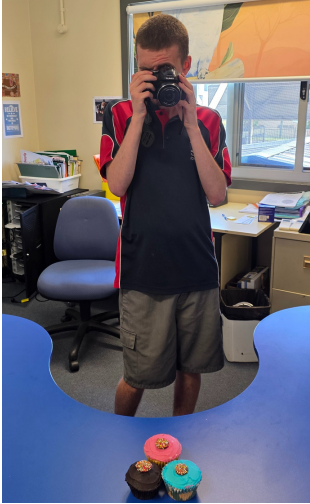
We were thrilled to welcome Miss B to our class in Week 3. She will be with us for six weeks, supporting learning and joining in our fun projects.

In Mathematics, students are exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

In Art students are discovering the art of pottery. They have proudly crafted their own pinch pots and are excited to bring coil pots to life next.

Our students continue to help the community with Meals on Wheels and making lunches for the school canteen.

Miss Margie & Miss Raylee



Protective Clothing & Sun Safety

With the warmer weather returning, please help us keep students sun safe by ensuring:

Students arrive at school wearing sunscreen
They bring a hat every day. Staff will continue to monitor sun-safe behaviours and support students to reapply sunscreen throughout the day.

Exciting New Playground Resources

We are committed to creating engaging, inclusive outdoor play spaces. We are pleased to share that we have recently added:
Bike racks to the bottom playground
A closable sandpit
Two new trampolines — one for each playground
A new covered outdoor seating area for the bottom playground grass area
And... we are eagerly awaiting delivery of a cubby house for the top playground!
We can't wait to see the students exploring and enjoying these new additions.

Thank you to our amazing school community for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to another great week of learning and fun!



Miss Amy



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