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Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was wonderful to see the K-2 students dressed in their creative hats during our Easter Hat Parade last week – they looked amazing and the students were excited to display their hats. The students in Years 3-6 did a great job creating egg characters or displays that depicted sport, movies and so much more – it was difficult for the judges to award prizes. The P&C also held the draw for their raffle, with a mammoth 24 prizes on offer.

School Photos

On Thursday 4 April (tomorrow) the students will be having individual, class and sibling photos taken. It is important that all children attend, unless unwell. The students are to wear their full summer uniform, including black shoes. Children are not to wear their sports uniform. Group photos for groups such as PSSA teams, dance groups, etc will be taken later in the year.

Anzac Day Ceremony

The school will be acknowledging Anzac Day on Friday 12 April. The ceremony will commence at 10:15am and will be held under the COLA (basketball court). All students attend and parents are welcome to join us. Students and parents have the opportunity to lay a flower if desired. If wet, it will be held in the school hall.

Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival

The school will be holding its Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 2 May. It will be held on the school grounds (as well as using some of the high school oval) and the age groups will only join when their event is happening. Parents are welcome to attend. It is anticipated, but could change, that the 12 year olds will start at 9:10am and will be followed by the 11 year old students. From 11:20am the 10 year old students will commence their races and will be followed by the 8 and 9 year olds (who compete against each other). Students in Year 2, who turn 8 this year and are strong runners, have the opportunity to compete in the 8/9 year race – please note they will be competing against students who are also turning 8 or 9 this year.

Mother's Day Stall

The P&C will be holding the Mother's Day stall again this year. It will be held on Wednesday 8 May. More details will be provided at a later date.

School Holidays

The school holidays will commence on Monday 15 April and will conclude on Friday 26 April. However, Monday 29 April is a designated School Development Day and the teachers will be undertaking professional learning on the English and mathematics curriculums.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving in NSW ends this Sunday (7 April). On Sunday, your clocks will need to be turned back one hour.

Safe Use of Technology

These days adults and children have greater access to technology than ever before. Whilst this can bring tremendous benefits, it can also lead to danger, create anxiety and expose children to unsuitable content.

Please be mindful of any online access your children may have and determine how you will monitor this. This might be games, social media platforms, search engines, etc. It is important to regularly discuss with your children the importance of protecting their identity and not engaging in activities that are not age appropriate.

It is also important that your child is not using a password that is easily guessed as this can lead to someone accessing their details.

Parents are also reminded that they should not be posting photos and/or videos that include children other than their own on social media unless permission has been granted.

Opportunity Class (OC) Applications Open

OC Year 5 entry in 2025: Applications are open 4 April-20 May 2024

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are **not** zoned.

Where are they located?

There are 86 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year, of which 54 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5. If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to support an increase in their participation.

Students from these groups may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at [Opportunity classes \(Year 5 – 6\)](#).

Ready to apply? Apply online at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

P&C Easter Raffle

We had a fantastic response to our Easter Hamper raffle! It was a great success with many happy prize winners.

We would like to give enormous thanks to families who donated to our raffle. Your donations helped make this raffle a success.

We would also like to thank Bill the Beeman who donated his locally made honey, Andrew from Reisenberg Sourdough Bread who donated a \$50 voucher for the first prize hamper, and Coles Wattle Grove who also donated.

Thank you also for your purchase of tickets which has helped raise \$2400 to go towards reading resources!

The winners are listed below.

Thank you again for your support of the P&C activities and we look forward to seeing you at our next event.

You can contact us at our Facebook page ***Holsworthy Public School Parents info page*** or holsworthypandc@gmail.com.

Winners List

1st PRIZE

JS Ticket Number: #430

2nd PRIZE

CI Ticket Number: #1136

3rd PRIZE

KW Ticket Number: #13

4th PRIZE

JS Ticket Number: #443

5th PRIZE

OY Ticket Number: #2895

6th PRIZE

GS Ticket Number: #1000

7th PRIZE

MD Ticket Number: #2852

8th PRIZE

MW Ticket Number: #1925

9th PRIZE

HL Ticket Number: #2020

10th PRIZE

AD Ticket Number: #2940

11th PRIZE

EP Ticket Number: #1053

12th PRIZE

PO Ticket Number: #165

13th PRIZE

MJ Ticket Number: #2722

14th PRIZE

MG Ticket Number: #668

15th PRIZE

PH Ticket Number: #591

16th PRIZE

JB Ticket Number: #1147

17th PRIZE

UR Ticket Number: #802

18th PRIZE

CW Ticket Number: #508

19th PRIZE

RT Ticket Number: #306

20th PRIZE

RG Ticket Number: #1488

21st PRIZE

TG Ticket Number: #770

22nd PRIZE

SM Ticket Number: #570

23rd PRIZE

TG Ticket Number: #807

24th PRIZE

CZ Ticket Number: #128

P&C Committee

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

REMINDER: Thursday 4 April

- Each student must return their personalised completed envelope on the photo day.
- If you did not receive a personalised envelope your child should have been given a blank envelope instead.
- Sibling photos: You may order online or a separate siblings envelope will need to be completed and are available at the school office.
- Online payments for sibling orders are temporarily disabled at 7:00am on Wednesday 3 April and will re-open after all the photos are finalised.
- Prior to 9:30am on photo day you can still collect and pay via cash only using a sibling envelope from the school office.
- Phone orders are not available for sibling payments on photo day.
- **All payments are made to the school photographer and not to the school.**

THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER PAYMENT OPTIONS

- For parents wishing to pay after photo day go to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the "Click here for Online Payments" button, to make a payment online.
- Parents can call **The School Photographer** office on 9674 9824 and pay by credit card over the phone. (Note: There is a processing fee of \$5 for all phone order payments.)
- **Please note: if paying online or by credit card, students still need to bring their envelope on the day of photography.**

**NO ENVELOPES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BEFORE PHOTO DAY
ON THURSDAY 4 April.**

Dress:

Full school uniform including white socks and black shoes.

Please **do not** wear the sports shirt on this day.



The school occasionally publishes information on behalf of community groups – parents need to decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish for your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to advertisements placed in the newsletter. Parents and guardians should make their own decision.

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