



Newsletter

Wednesday 3 July 2024

Term 2 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There is always a lot to celebrate at Holsworthy Public School. During the last couple of weeks, we have had Healthy Harold visit the school as part of the Life Education program. It was wonderful to hear the Life Education teacher provide such wonderful feedback regard our student behaviour and the high quality of questions that they asked.

Last Friday so many children were delighted to participate in the P&C organised Winter Disco. The students were keen to show off some of their creative dance moves. Thank you to all the volunteers who enabled this special event to go ahead. Thank you to the teachers who were able to attend the evening.

Public Education Week

Public Education Week will be celebrated across the state during the week beginning 5 August (Term 3 Week 3). We will be holding our Open Day on Wednesday 7 August, commencing at 11:30am with some performances followed by class visits at 12:15pm.

HOLSWORTHY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Public Education Week 2024

Education Week Open Day
Wednesday 7 August 2024

On Wednesday 7 August we will host our Open Day, an opportunity for parents, grandparents and community members to see a snapshot of the learning that is taking place at our great school and to showcase our very talented students.

The program is as follows:

11:30am: Open Day Performance Assembly

- Junior Choir
- Drumming Group
- Junior Dance Group
- Senior Choir
- Senior Dance Group
- Kindergarten Item

12:15pm: Open Classrooms

1:00-1:30pm: Picnic Lunch
Please feel free to bring a picnic rug and picnic food to share with your child for lunch

NSW GOVERNMENT

This year we will celebrate the theme of 'proud to belong'.

Spelling Bee

Last week students in Years 3-6 competed in a spelling bee. In class time the students participated in their spelling bee and a winner was elected from each class. These students then competed in a school stage final (Stage 2 – Years 3 & 4; Stage 3 – Years 5 & 6) in the school hall. The competition was tough and the words were very difficult, with it taking 9 rounds for each age group to determine the winner. The winner for Stage 2 was Aara P and the winner for Stage 3 was Sloka N. They will be representing the school in August at the regional finals.

In the Spotlight Dance Festival

Last week I had the privilege of watching our talented Senior Dance Group perform at the Seymour Centre as part of the In the Spotlight Dance Festival. Our students looked amazing in their costumes and performed their routine flawlessly. Well done to all the all the students. Thank you to Mrs Atkins and Miss Papathanasiou for choreographing the routine and providing the support each week at rehearsals. Thank you to the parents who supported the students on the evening.



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking

Well done to our four students (Hadiyaah A, Sureen A, Adeera M and Esha T) who represented the school at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Regional Final. Our students spoke with great confidence and received some useful feedback from the adjudicator. A common theme for many of the speakers was the need to have a strong “take away” – that is, something that the audience could remember and possibly apply in their lives.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival for students in Years 3-6 will be held on Wednesday 31 July (Term 3 Week 2). The carnival will be held on our grounds as well as the field at Holsworthy High School. The carnival does not follow a traditional format (where students sit ‘watching from the stands’) but has the students moving from activity to activity in their age group – this allows for much more participation and encourages a spirit of encouragement. Information has been sent home regarding the carnival. Parents are welcome to attend for all or part of the day. Please note that some of the longer track events and some track finals will be held on Thursday 1 August.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on the school premises on Thursday 15 August. Parents are also invited to attend. More details will be provided next term.

Special Swim Scheme

Living in Sydney where we are so close to wonderful beaches and rivers, I feel that it is important that every child understands the basics of swimming. Added to this the large number of homes that have a back yard pool and you can agree that swimming is an important lifetime skill. During Term 3, there will be the opportunity for students in Years 2 and 3 (and perhaps some older students) to participate in the Special Swim Scheme – notes have already been sent home. This year will be a little different with the students attending a double session on each of 5 days, as opposed to one session over ten days.

School Holidays and School Development Day

The last day of this term will be Friday 5 July. The students will then have a two-week holiday break. The students will return on Tuesday 23 July, as Monday 22 July is a designated school development day. School development days are provided as one alternative for professional development for teachers.

Parent Cyber Safety Talk

The scheduled presentation by the police to parents regarding cyber safety has been postponed. A new date will be communicated next term. This is an important topic and parents are encouraged to attend.

Term 3 Calendar

The draft calendar for Term 3 has been provided. Please note that some of the activities are subject to change.

2024 Holsworthy PS - Term 3 22 July – 27 September (10 weeks)

TERM THREE	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
WEEK 1	July 22 School Development Day Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) Week 8	July 23 State Cross Country Carnival Stage 3 Assembly	July 24 Stage 2 Assembly	July 25 1D parent/teacher interviews	July 26 PSSA Winter Rd 7 Olympics begin
WEEK 2	July 29 PSC Week 9	July 30	July 31 Athletics Carnival (3-6) K-2 Assembly	Aug 1 Athletics Carnival (3-6) – 1500m + finals	Aug 2 PSSA Winter Rd 8
WEEK 3	Aug 5 Education Week PSC Week 10	Aug 6 Stage 3 Assembly	Aug 7 Stage 2 Assembly Education Week Open Day	Aug 8 Back Up: Athletics Carnival (3-6) P&C Mtg	Aug 9 PSSA Winter Rd 9
WEEK 4	Aug 12 National Science Week ICAS English	Aug 13 P&C Mufti Day	Aug 14 K-2 Assembly	Aug 15 Athletics Carnival (K-2)	Aug 16 PSSA Winter Rd 10
WEEK 5	Aug 19 ICAS Science Combined Principal Network Mtg - Curran PS	Aug 20 Zone Athletics Carnival Swim school Wk 1 Stage 3 Assembly	Aug 21 School Ambassador Review Day Stage 2 Assembly	Aug 22	Aug 23 PSSA Winter Rd 11
WEEK 6	Aug 26 Book Week Check In Assessment (26/8-20/9). Years 3-6 Swim school (12:30-2pm) ICAS Mathematics	Aug 27 Swim school (12:30-2pm)	Aug 28 Belonging Day PPHS Swim school (12:30-2pm) Father's Day Stall? K-2 Assembly	Aug 29 Swim school (12:30-2pm)	Aug 30 Swim school (12:30-2pm) PSSA Winter Semis
WEEK 7	Sept 2	Sept 3 Challenge Cup Stage 3 Assembly	Sept 4 Stage 2 Assembly Kindy 2025 Parent Info session 9am	Sept 5 Book Week Parade P&C Mtg	Sept 6 PSSA Winter Finals Stage 2 and Kinder Public Speaking Competition
WEEK 8	Sept 9 Year 4 Stanwell Tops Stage 3 and Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition	Sept 10 Year 4 Stanwell Tops	Sept 11 K-2 Assembly	Sept 12 Stage 1 Excursion UOW Science Space Centre	Sept 13 PSSA Winter Finals Extreme Weather Backup
WEEK 9	Sept 16	Sept 17 Stage 3 Assembly	Sept 18 Stage 2 Assembly SSW Athletics Carnival	Sept 19 Public Speaking Final (Georges Hall)	Sept 20 PSSA Winter Finals Extreme Weather Backup
WEEK 10	Sept 23 Year 5 Bathurst	Sept 24 Year 5 Bathurst	Sept 25 K-2 Assembly	Sept 26	Sept 27