

Holbrook Public School

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Our 2018 to 2020 School Plan Strategic Directions

Excellence in Learning

Excellence in Teaching

Excellence in Leading

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Welcome to Week 9 and our final newsletter for 2019! – With only one and a half weeks to go until the summer break, our learning programs are continuing, however, there are also many exciting end of year celebrations occurring. I look forward to seeing all of you at this week's Presentation Night to celebrate a great year at Holbrook Public School. I would like to thank the students, staff and community for their support in making Holbrook Public School an outstanding learning environment!

Presentation Night – We will be holding our Presentation Night this Thursday, 12 December, at 7:00 pm in the school hall. To allow parents and carers time to have uniforms ready for Presentation Night, we are holding our Fundraiser for Koalas on Thursday, where students are invited to come to school in **casual clothes** for a gold coin donation. Students must wear sleeves and covered shoes, and are still required to wear their school hat.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner – The Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held at the Holbrook RS Club from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Tuesday, 17 December. Parents and carers are reminded that even though this occasion is being held at a licenced venue, it is an **alcohol free event**. This is a very special time of year for Year 6, as many of them will attend different high schools in 2020. I wish them all the very best of luck in the future and thank them for their efforts and contributions to Holbrook Public School.

TERM 4, WEEK 9 DIARY		TERM 4, WEEK 10 DIARY	
Mon 9 Dec	• Intensive swimming	Mon 16 Dec	• Choir group visit the Harry Jarvis residents • School leaders lunch • School dance at 5:30 pm
Tue 10 Dec	• Intensive swimming	Tue 17 Dec	• Recorder group visit Holbrook Hostel residents • Christmas scripture assembly
Wed 11 Dec	• Intensive swimming	Wed 18 Dec	• Students' last day pool party celebration
Thu 12 Dec	• Intensive swimming • Fundraiser for Koalas (casual dress) • Presentation Night at 7:00 pm in the school hall	Thu 19 Dec	• School closed
Fri 13 Dec	• Swimming for sport • Intensive swimming • Reports go home	Fri 20 Dec	• School closed
TERM 1, WEEK 1 2020		TERM 1, WEEK 2 2020	
Mon 27 Jan	• Public Holiday	Mon 3 Feb	• Kindergarten students commence
Tue 28 Jan	• Staff Development Day	Tue 4 Feb	
Wed 29 Jan	• Students in Years 1 to 6 return	Wed 5 Feb	
Thu 30 Jan		Thu 6 Feb	
Fri 31 Jan	• Swimming for Sport - Years 3-6 only	Fri 7 Feb	• Swimming carnival (Lavington)
CANTEEN ROSTER			
Fri 13 Dec	Jess Barr Smith	Fri 31 Jan	Help needed
Mon 16 Dec	Georgie Millard	Mon 3 Feb	Help needed

Reports Home Friday, 13 December – Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Friday, 13 December. Teachers will be available to discuss reports, if required, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact the office to make a mutually convenient time. Due to swimming this Friday, reports will come home in a plastic sleeve.

ICAS 2019 Results – Congratulations to all 12 of the students who challenged themselves through participation in the UNSW ICAS assessments. For the first time, these tests were conducted online. Students achieving recognition at a high level are listed below.

Name	Digital Tech	Science	Spelling	English	Maths
Georgina Barr Smith					Merit
Isaac Bennetts		Merit			
Cooper Glass	Credit	Credit	Merit	Credit	Credit
Hannah Lennon	Credit			Distinction	Credit
Jasmine Lieschke	Merit	Credit			Credit
Eli Toll					Credit
Aiden Walmsley			Credit	Merit	Credit

Final Day 2019 – The final day for students will be Wednesday, 18 December 2019. The school will be closed on Thursday, 19 and Friday, 20 December due to staff having completed additional professional learning hours throughout the year.

First Days 2020 – The first day for students in Years 1 to 6, will be Wednesday, 29 January 2020. Kindergarten will begin on Monday, 3 February; however, they will be required to attend their half-hour Best Start session on either Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 or Friday, 31 January. These times have been confirmed with parents. Best Start testing allows teachers to gain an understanding of where each individual child is at, before schooling begins and what they need to learn next in the literacy and numeracy progressions.

2020 Staffing and Enrolments – 2020 is looking like being another great year at Holbrook Public School. Our anticipated enrolments at this stage look to be approximately the same, between 140 and 145 students, which should provide us with the same staffing entitlement as this year. We currently have 19 Kindergarten enrolments, which is a strong intake. At this stage, all 2019 teachers will begin the 2020 year with classes and rooms still to be finalised.

Swim Scheme – Over the past week, students in Kindergarten to Year 2, and a handful of Year 3 to 6 students, have been busy developing their water safety and swimming skills. Students are working in groups and learning essential water skills, including how to float, the basics of strokes, and how to signal for help. After having dry land water safety talks on Day 1, we have been lucky to have good weather for the remainder of the week and all students involved are increasing their confidence in the water. Thank you to all the staff, AUSWIM instructors and parents involved in delivering this program to the students of Holbrook Public School, and well done to Miss Freeman for co-ordinating the program. It has come to our attention that 16 students participating in Swim Scheme do not have a drink bottle today. **With the extreme weather conditions, please ensure that your child brings their drink bottle to school each day.**

Pool Day – On Wednesday, 18 December, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be going to the Holbrook Memorial Swimming Pool for an afternoon of fun, structured activities. Please ensure that you return the pink permission notes to the school by tomorrow.

Leader's Lunch – On Monday, 16 December at 11:30 am, myself and the school leaders will be attending the Submarine Café for lunch. This is to celebrate the outstanding leadership that they've shown throughout the year.

School Captain Speeches – I have been astounded by the leadership qualities displayed by Jim, Wil, Lucy and Hamish this year, and at times have wondered how they could be replaced. However, recently, when I saw the 2020 candidates sitting on the stage all together, ready to deliver their speeches, I was very confident that we will have another strong group of school leaders. School leaders, including the School Captain, Vice-Captain and Prefects, and the House Captains and Vice-Captains will be announced at Presentation Night. Good luck to all of the nominees! We have introduced some new leadership roles for Year 6 in 2020, which will be announced to the students after Presentation Night.

All the Best for Christmas and the New Year – On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your wonderful support throughout the year, particularly the P&C and School Council. I would also like to congratulate our outstanding staff and amazingly talented students!

Nathan Fisher

Principal

LIBRARY BOOKS

Thank you to all of the students who returned their library books by the end of Week 7. For meeting that deadline, those students went into a draw to win a book prize. The winner was Jonty Ingle. Congratulations, Jonty! We hope that you enjoy your new book.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – MEET YOUR BUDDY

Well, that was our final Kinder Orientation visit for the year. Thank you very much to the pre-schoolers and their families for coming along to the orientation visits to learn more about our great school. It was wonderful to see the pre-schoolers feeling happy and safe in our environment already. A big part of that, of course, is their buddies. So, a big thank you and congratulations must go to the Year 5 students for stepping up and setting a wonderful example for the pre-schoolers throughout the year. Thank you also to the speakers and “models” for assisting in showing how great Holbrook Public School is, and to Mrs Young for assisting with the activities. There are some very happy pre-schoolers and Year 5 students in Holbrook at the moment! Special thanks must also go to our transition partners, the Holbrook Early Learning Centre, who have supported us extensively this year.



Ashleigh Hemphill

SPORTS ASSEMBLY 2019

Congratulations to all the students who received awards at last Friday's sports assembly. Our students have had many great achievements this year and are so fortunate to have a wide range of opportunities. Many of these opportunities would not be possible without the continued support of our parents.

The following students received Sports Team awards on Friday.

AFL Senior: Jim Henry – Excellence Junior: Cooper Glass – Encouragement	Rugby League Senior: Izak Schirmer – Excellence Junior: Isaac Bennetts – Excellence
Cricket Senior: Wil Jenkyn – Excellence	Netball Senior: Lucy de Steiger – Excellence
League Tag Senior: Annie Triggs – Excellence Junior: Laycii Freund – Excellence	Premier's Sporting Challenge Senior: Rory Gulliver – Commitment and Contribution Junior: Isaac Bennetts – Teamwork and Commitment
Tennis Indi Paton – Excellence	Overall Winning House Paterson

Well done to all students for their participation in and contributions to sport throughout the year.

Chrissy Lavis

FUNDRAISER FOR THE KOALAS



On Thursday, 12 December, Years 1 and 2 will be hosting a fundraiser to raise money for the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal and the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital.

Stage 1 students have been studying Living Things in Science this term and were motivated to action after learning how the koala population of NSW has been severely affected by the current bushfire crisis. Over 90% of koala habitat has been lost and the remaining 10% is still vulnerable to bushfire.

Stage 1 students ask that everyone comes to school on Thursday, 12 December in casual clothes for a gold coin donation. A lolly jar guessing competition will happen on Thursday and Friday, with the winner announced on Friday. One guess will cost 20¢.

The proceeds of the day will be split, with half going towards the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital, who are doing a wonderful job of caring for the bushfire affected Koalas, and the other half going towards the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal.

Year 1 and 2 students thank you for your support and look forward to contributing to a worthy cause.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand clothing shop would be most grateful for any donations of pre-loved uniforms in all sizes. Recycled uniforms are always in high demand and looking for a good home.

If you're a family with a Year 6 student and do not have younger children or a family with students who are leaving our school at the end of the year, please consider donating to our second hand shop.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TERM 1, 2020



Do you have some free time in your calendar during Term 1? If so, we would really value your time to help with lunch orders on Monday and/or Friday mornings. Not only is the process simple:

1. Sign in and take the class baskets from the office to the canteen,
2. The students will put their lunch orders in their class baskets,
3. Sign out and take the baskets to the Holbrook Bakery,

It only takes around 45 minutes out of your day and **your child loves to see you there.**

Please email Georgie Millard on gmillard75@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have any questions.

School Dance



When: Monday, 16 December 2019

Where: School hall

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm (There will be no supervision before 5.30 pm)

Dress: Smart, casual (Please wear sensible, covered dancing footwear)

Fee: Gold Coin donation will be taken on entry and will be forwarded to Stewart House

Please bring your own water bottle (labelled) and a piece of fruit or vegetable.



SHOP

Summer

Polo Shirt (short sleeve)	4, 6, 8, 10, 16
Shorts	4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Summer Dress	4, 6, 12, 14

Sizes

Winter

Polo Shirt (long sleeve)	4, 6, 8, 10, 16
Fleece	4, 6, 8, 10
Boys' Pants	4, 6, 14
Girls' Tartan Pants	12, 14
Girl's Tartan Skirt	16
Girls' Tartan Tunic	4, 6
Windcheater	6, 8, 10

Sport

Sport Shirt	6, 8
Sport Shorts	6, 10
Tracksuit Pants	4, 6

Accessories

Backpack
Hats
Library Bags
Socks
Tights





The Athlete's Foot Albury will support Holbrook Public School with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased, donated back to our school.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Byron Flewin, Darcy Hartwich, Thomas MacLagan, Chaise McKeahnie, Isaac Nisbet, Justine Naughton, Jack Pitzen, Ada Ryan

STAR CARD WINNERS

Yellow Playground Star Cards
Harriet Bull and Jorja Pardey

Blue Classroom Star Cards
Jasper Hartwich and Jonty Ingle

VALUES AWARD – DEMOCRACY

Senior: Primrose Heriot

Junior: Grace Bennetts

AUSSIES OF THE MONTH



Indie Brown, Kindergarten

Always being polite and using her manners



Hayley Vankerkoerle, Year 5/6

For her work ethic, being inclusive and always being an individual



BEST CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD

This award is given to the most attentive and responsible class at assembly. The winner is: **Year 5/6**

FIRST CLASS READY AWARD

Awarded to that class who has consistently been prompt when lining up at morning assemblies, and after lunch and recess. The winner is: **Year 5/6**

TIDY TED AWARD

Awarded to the tidiest classroom. The winner is: **Year 5/6**



Waste free lunches =
good for you,
good for the Earth





CLASS AWARDS

Miss Hemphill

Indie Brown – For making better choices about where she chooses to work and for improved effort and concentration

Zayne Liddell – For always being happy and willing to help others and for his commitment to challenging tasks

Jack Ward – For always bringing and sharing his happy, bright smile and attitude with Kindergarten

Miss Freeman

Jonty Ingle – Being an independent learner and completing work to a high quality

Blade Maher – Excelling in telling the time and helping others in maths

Lachlan Saunders – For an enthusiastic attitude and great use of adjectives

Mrs Young

Montanna Spencer – Making steady progress in learning her number facts

Ben Yensch – Supporting his group in mathematical problem solving

Mrs Pargeter

Alexus Feltrin – Great partner work and use of ICT to research information about Australian celebrations

Sophia Henderson – An imaginative and creative improvisation in drama

Miss Lavis

Laycii Freund – Actively participating in class discussions

Annabel Pincott – Always giving 100% effort

Mrs Wedgwood

Henry Nevinson – Making a big effort to improve the quality and presentation of his projects

Matilda Nevinson – Always being positive, happy and willing to work hard to improve her skills

Mrs Biar

Isaac Mathewson – For a positive 'can-do' attitude and a willingness to have a try and learn from his mistakes

Archie Swan – For great concentration and application to work in maths

Mrs Henderson

Jye Livermore – His teamwork and 'have-a-go' spirit at camp

Zac Power – His enthusiasm and dedication when writing descriptive letters to his pen pal

Mr Fisher

Isaac Bennetts – Outstanding learning strategies – listening, questioning, practising and high effort

Ryder McKillop – Outstanding learning strategies – listening, questioning, practising and high effort

Justine Naughton – Brilliant descriptive writing

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday, 24 December 2019:

Holbrook Carols at 6:00 pm

Cookardinia Service at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, 25 December 2019:

Woomargama at 8:00 am

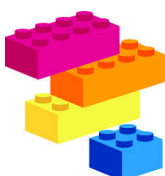
Holbrook at 9:30 am

For more information, contact Reverend Stephen Davis on 0429 45 525

HOLBROOK LIBRARY:

WHAT'S ON IN THE HOLIDAYS

- **Free Lego Drop in Sessions:**
Tuesday, 7 and Wednesday, 8 January from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Drop in anytime from 11:00 am to enjoy and explore our huge Lego collection.



- **Tweet Treats:** Thursday, 16 at 11:30 am. Have fun making some tasty treats to attract birds to your garden! Cost: \$2
- **Marble Mazes:** Wednesday, 22 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Construct a marble maze from cardboard boxes and straws or paddle pop sticks. Use your imagination and creativity to decorate the box to make a challenging maze. Cost: \$5
- Plus in December we will have a craft trolley available with some great Christmas craft project for you to do.

Summer Writing Club

For Kids

35 BOREDOM BUSTING creative writing challenges over summer!

- Beat boredom and become a better writer
- Sign up anytime
- 1st challenge available from December 16th
- New challenges unlocked daily
- Access challenges online anywhere, anytime
- Improve creative writing skills while having FUN
- Awesome Christmas Gift idea
- Sign up at www.juniorwritersclub.com.au
- Use Codeword **SUMMER19** to claim your discount

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Help Frosty get through the maze and to his gift!

START

FINISH

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deer

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star
toy
tree

Whole class supplies	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1x Bottle of hand soap/hand sanitiser							
Large glue sticks (2 for each term)							
1x Box tissues							
Individual student supplies							
1x 30cm ruler with mm and cm (not steel or bendy)							
2x A4 lined 64 or 96 page exercise books for home learning							
1x A4 plastic document wallet for home reading							
HB pencils							
1x Library bag							
4x Red pens							
4x Blue pens							
1x Pencil case (small to medium) for basic items on desk							
1x Scissors							
1x Sharpener							
1x Soft white eraser							
Optional supplies							
Coloured pencils							
Dictionary							
Textas							
Students do not need to bring							
Novelty stationery items – they cause distractions							
Liquid paper							
Folders							