

Howlong Public School Newsletter

Thursday 6 February 2020



Dates For Your Calendar

Fri 7 February	Assembly for presentation of swimming carnival ribbons
Tues 11 February	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 14 February	Visiting Performance
Mon 17 February	Announce SRC Representatives at morning assembly

Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services

Digital technology is becoming an increasingly important tool to enhance the learning of our students and prepare them for life beyond school. We also know school communities can be challenged by inappropriate digital technology use and that it may cause distraction and jeopardise student learning and wellbeing.

The new Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services policy has been released for implementation in NSW public schools from start of Term 1 2020. The policy is available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library>

The new policy will replace two current policies – the Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students and the Student Bring Your Own Device policies.

The new policy includes the digital device restriction for primary schools announced by the NSW Government in December 2018. Under the new policy, from the start of Term 1 2020:

- primary schools will restrict the use of digital devices, including mobile phones during school hours. Primary-aged students will not be allowed to use digital technology during class time, recess and lunch unless for an educational purpose or where a student needs it for other reasons, such as an adjustment for disability.
- secondary schools will retain the flexibility to opt into any restriction on device use or pursue the approach that best suits the learning and wellbeing needs of their school community.

We will be consulting parents and carers on the procedures of how our school will implement this policy at the first P&C meeting in Week 3 on the Tuesday 11th February at 7:30 pm. We invite all parents and carers to come to the meeting as part of the consultation process.

Permission Notes and Communication

When children are leaving the school grounds a parent/carer will need to ensure they complete the permission note for each relevant excursion or class outing so the student can attend.

The permission notes are handed to each child and the note explains what the excursion is relating to and will list what items, cost, transport, times etc.

Please ensure that you have also signed and returned the permission note and returned it to the school by the specified dates. Staff are responsible in giving out the notes. Regular reminders to students and parents are done verbally as well as on the class See Saw App and school newsletters. It is the responsibility of the parents/carers that they are completed and returned on time.

If you have misplaced your note, please see the office to where you can get another copy of the note.



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Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Arrival and Departure

It is very important that your child arrives and is collected on time. This will avoid any unnecessary distress that your child will experience due to lateness.

It is also important to consider quick drop offs as a way to build your child's resilience and to increase independence. It is also a chance for them to socialise and build relationships with other children during morning play time. Please see your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Safety and student wellbeing is important when dropping off and picking up children from school. This includes within as well as outside the school grounds.

Please be aware of traffic congestion around certain entry and exit points of the school. The Kindergarten classroom area has been brought to our attention. We are requesting that parents who are picking up their child from the Kinder rooms do so from the back of the classroom.

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES DISTRESSED AT YOU LEAVING

Separation anxiety can be very traumatic for the parent and for the child so we would like to give you an idea of the best thing to do should this happen to you and your child.

If your child becomes upset try to understand that he/she is probably scared you won't come back.

Give your child a hug and reassure them that you will be back. Explain that you will be picking them up and if still teary repeat your reassurance by giving him/her a kiss – then take a deep breath and leave. This is the very best thing to do. Staff will help to comfort and reassure your child once you have left. In most cases, once you have left they soon settle into an activity. Delaying your parting makes it harder for you and your child.

If you are still concerned after you have left, please phone and we will let you know how they are going. Some children take a while to settle and the tantrums and tears may last a week or more.

Don't be dismayed or give up. It is most important to be consistent. If you leave your child each day with a reassuring smile and return for them on time they will soon relax and enjoy themselves.



Cricket news

On Wednesday, Harry Tindall, Harry Thompson, Jaxon Cooper, Jed Kohn, Jonty Hoskin, Jett Murphy and Billy Bartlett travelled to Lockhart for the Southern Riverina Cricket Trials. Well done to Jed, Jonty, Jett and Billy who were selected for the Riverina Pre-Selection Trials to be held in Albury on Monday 17th February. We wish you all the best at the next level.



New Staff Members

Hello! My Name is Miss Carroll!

Thank you all for making me feel so welcome at Howlong Public School! It has been a lovely change moving from a large school to a smaller school for 2020 and I am looking forward to the year ahead!

In previous years I have taught in Albury across whole school as a Release Teacher for Science and History, as well as a Classroom Teacher across Kindergarten and Year 1.

It has been lovely to meet with a number of families in the first few weeks of the school term. I am very excited to share the year with 1/2 C this year, I'm sure we will have a great year!



Hello everyone, my name is Melanie Smithwick and I'm really excited to be joining the team at Howlong Public School as the teacher of 3/4S and Assistant Principal of 3-6. I have come from Albury Public School and I live in Albury with my husband Matthew and my elderly cat Jess. I have a great love of reading and writing and can't wait to impart that to our students.



Hi, I'm Lisa Denton.

I've been teaching for almost 13 years and still love *almost* every minute of it.

I love music (I play saxophone), science and digital technology (especially playing with robots). I am passionate about providing a quality education for all students and I can't wait to get to know everyone in the Howlong Public School community.



Hello my name is Jane Van Zanten (Shelley).

I have lived in Howlong my whole life and went to Howlong Public School as a little girl. I am now excited to be back in a teaching capacity. I also work at St Mary's Rutherglen where I teach Visual Arts. I am married to Chris and we have two beautiful children, Noah and Olivia. I love spending time with them. I also enjoy gardening. I look forward to meeting new families and seeing familiar faces.



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Swimming Carnival



Hawdon! Hovell! Mitchell! Hume!

Cheers could be heard both near and far, as our students displayed great sportsmanship and participation in our over 8's swimming carnival on Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents who came down to spectate and assist with timekeeping – we appreciate your help.

Well done to Jess Baggio, Oliver Just and Zoe Howard who all broke school records on the day. 25 students will now go on to represent Howlong Public School at the Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival at Albury on Friday 21st February.

An assembly will be held this Friday afternoon at 2:20pm to hand out ribbons to our place getters, announce age champions and of course the winning House!



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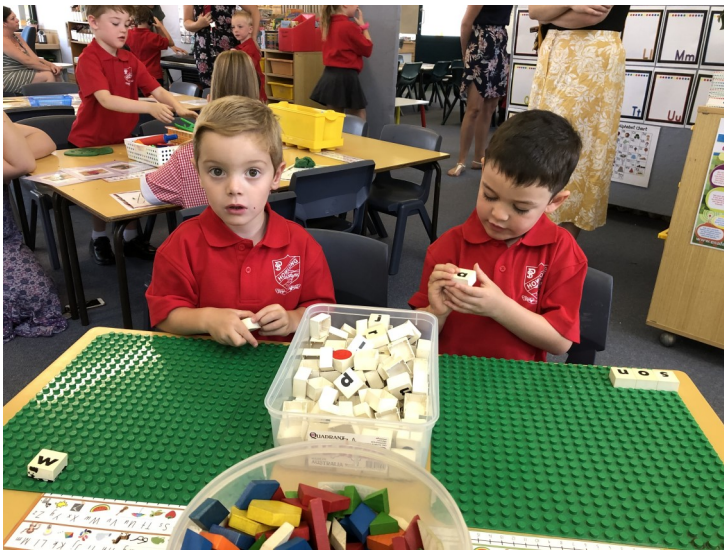


Dancing was a highlight of the day.



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Kindergarten 2020



What a great start to our year we have had in kindergarten. The children have been getting to know their new classes and making lots of friends.



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Library News

Each class will come to the library once a week to borrow and return books, engage in fun and challenging learning tasks while having a love of reading encouraged!

Some quick points:

- Borrowing starts for all classes in week 4 (Monday 17th February).
- Library bags are great, even for big kids – it helps us look after our books!
- 2 book borrowing limit per child with a 2-week borrowing period.
- Students with overdue books are unable to borrow.

Do you have any complete jigsaws or games you no longer want? If they are in great condition and suitable for students, please drop them in to Mr Curtis in the library on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. They will be used during lunch times and hot/wet weather.

Below are a few 1/2P students enjoying their first visit to the library for 2020.



House Captains & Vice Captains



House Captains

Our house captains and vice captains for 2020 are:

Hume - Captains Maddie Merritt & Jed Kohn, Vice Captains Zoe Howard & Luke Steers

Hovell - Captains Gabby Beardall & Charlie Pumpa, Vice Captains Olivia Farnsworth & Jaxon Cooper.

Hawdon - Captains Olivia Orchard & Harry Thompson, Vice Captains Tom Bailey & Nash Gulbin.

Mitchell - Captains Mollie McGee & Nick Tukuniu, Vice Captains Charlotte Panther & Zac Franks.



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Finance News

- General school voluntary contributions \$43 for first child, \$22 for siblings. An invoice will be sent out today.
- Reminder advanced payments can be made at office at any time for any upcoming activities/ excursions. These advanced payments will sit as a unallocated credit against your child until the activity is invoiced and the permission note has been signed and returned by parent/carer.
- All school payments can be paid at the office by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or Parent Online Payment (POP) on our webpage.
- Please note: **Canteen orders, P&C Uniform, P&C membership can only be paid at the canteen by cash or EFTPOS.**

Stage 2 Beechworth Excursion – reminder to make regular payments. The final payment is due Friday 6th March.

COMMUNICATION AT HOWLONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

At Howlong Public School we have many ways of communicating. These include the newsletter, Seesaw, Skool bag app, facebook, our webpage and hard copy written notes.

Our newsletter is always a good source of information and is displayed each week on the website, the skoolbag app, seesaw and email. If you are not currently being emailed our newsletter and you would like to do so please contact the office with your email address. Hard copies are also available on request. The new class scan codes went home with all students last week. Please be sure to scan this new barcode so you are connected on Seesaw to your child's current class.

If you have any questions regarding the above contact our school office.



Beginning of Year Notes

The eldest child in each family should by now have brought home a number of updated information forms to be completed and returned to school asap. Please return all forms, even if your details have not changed. These notes are: Student/Medical Information Sheet, General & Sport Consent, Parent Occupation, SRE (special religious education) permission note and canteen volunteers note.



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Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Book Club – Issue One should have come home with your child this week. If your child missed getting a copy please see Mr Curtis in the library. Book Club is a great way to purchase books etc. at fantastic prices with the added bonus of 20% of all sales coming back to the school as Scholastic Credit to use on resources.

OUR VALUE BOOKS FOR THIS ISSUE

Each issue we offer quality **VALUE BOOKS** because we believe every child deserves the chance to take home a great book and experience independent reading for pleasure.



\$3

\$4

Orders need to be placed by **Monday 17th February** and can be done so via LOOP (see below) or through the front office.



Book Club **LOOP** for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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 **App Store**



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CANTEEN	ROSTER
7 Feb	Fiona Ballintine
14 Feb	Ali Franks
21 Feb	Carley Alchin
28 Feb	Jo Merritt
6 March	Claire Taggart
13 March	Chelsea Boulton
20 March	
27 March	
3 April	
9 April	Last day of Term 1



54 Hawkins Street-Howlong

Next door to the Half Acre Coffee Lounge & Nursery



The Next Market is on
Saturday

8th February

9.00am to 1.00pm



Check out the beautiful gifts for
Valentine's Day

14th February

At your local 1/2 Acre Market

LOVE

A large variety of Stalls and Introducing

NEW ones each month

To book a stall site or for further information

Phone Jenny

0439 117 087

Howlong 1/2 Acre Market



Howlong Netball Club Junior information

2020 Junior Coaches:

Under 10's: Not yet filled

Under 12's: Amanda Lavis

Under 14's: Nicole Morrison

Under 16's: Gemma Coburn

Junior Meet and Greet:

Tuesday 11th February 5pm at
the Netball courts

Come down to meet the
coaches and find out about
training days and time.



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TERM 1, 2020

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
JANUARY	1	27	28 SDD	29 Yrs 1-6 start Best Start	30 Best Start	31 Kinder start	1/2
FEBRUARY	2	3	4 HPS Swim Carnival	5	6	7 Assembly Swim Carn.Ribbons	8/9
FEBRUARY	3	10	11	12	13	14 Hockey Roadshow	15/16
FEBRUARY	4	17	18	19	20	21 SRPSSA Swimming Carnival	22/23
FEBRUARY/ MARCH	5	24	25	26	27	28	29/1
MARCH	6	2	3	4	5	6 Assembly 2/3S	7/8
MARCH	7	9	10	11 Riverina Swimming Carnival	12	13	14/15
MARCH	8	16	17	18	19	20 Assembly 3/4B	21/22
MARCH	9	23	24	25	26	27 Assembly 5/6M	28/29
MARCH/ APRIL	10	30	31	1 SCHOOL PHOTOS	2	3 Athletics Carnival	4/5
APRIL	11	6 Stage 2 Exc Beechworth	7 Stage 2 Exc Beechworth	8	9 Easter Parade & Raffle	10 Good Friday	11/12
APRIL	HOLIDAYS	13	14	15	16	17	18/19
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Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Active Learners



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