School Bus Time Changes
With our new finishing time now 3:15pm, school buses will pick up our students prior to picking up at Billabong High School. Our students will now be picked up between 3:20pm – 3:25pm. The exception will be the Kane’s Henty bus which will still pick up at 3:35pm at this stage.

Swimming Carnival
A Great day was had at the swimming carnival last Thursday. The weather was perfect and helped make the day such a success. The aim of the day was participation and enjoyment, which was certainly achieved. A big thank you to all the parents and friends who attended, helped on the day and supported our students. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you also to Miss Taylor who organised the carnival. Those students who qualified for the SRPSSA Carnival will compete on Friday 27th February and will receive a note with further details.

Congratulations to our age champions:
Junior Boy Champion: Fletcher Wright
Junior Girls Champion: Millah Ravenna
11 Years Girl Champion: Matisse Ravenna
Senior Boy Champion: Ben Medley
Senior Girl Champion: Imogen McPherson

Well done to Hume, winning on the day.

P&C Meeting & AGM
Our P&C Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday. The election of office bearers took place and congratulations are extended to:
President: Alicia Semmler
Vice Presidents: Susan Wright & Kathryn Kane
Secretary: Christine Parker
Treasurer: Rina Wotten
Uniform: Mark and Cheryl Webster
A big thank you to our outgoing 2014 office bearers, with special thanks to Christine Schulz for her efforts as President and her association with our P&C over a long period of time. It was great to see so many parents and friends attend our meeting. Please come along and support your P&C, which helps our school and your children in so many ways.

Absences
Included in this newsletter is some important information about the importance of regular school attendance. Did you know that if students miss as little as 8 days per term, that by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of learning. Please read this important information and remember to ring the office or send a note to your child’s classroom teacher when your child is absent.

Bookpack Resource Fee
Thank you to those parents who have already paid or made arrangements to make regular payments towards their child/ren’s Bookpack Resource fee. The fee cover the cost of all items and programs other than major excursions, school photos, NSW University competitions and sport. Payment can be made using Eftpos at the office or online payments via the school website. The costs for the year are:
1st child at school $75.00
2nd child at school $70.00
3rd child at school $65.00
4th child plus any other children $60.00

Classroom Helpers
Just a reminder: that if you are helping in your child’s classroom, you need to first sign in at the front office. This is a requirement under Workplace, Health & Safety.

Yours in Education
Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
**What’s In Our Newsletter**

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**Dates to Remember**

*Tuesday 17th February*
Pancake Day

*Friday 20th February*
Pink Stumps Day

*Friday 27th February*
SRPSSA Swimming Carnival

*Thursday 5th March*
SRPSSA AFL Trials

*Monday 9th March*
RPSSA Swimming Carnival at Albury

**P&C This n That**

I would like to welcome everyone back as we start our 2015 year, by saying a big thank you to all past and present P&C supporters. I am looking forward to meeting many new faces.

This term we will cater for Pancake Day (17th February), Pink Stumps Day (20th February), a disco and our Cross Country. Anyone who is able to help in any way, whether it’s donating cakes or giving some time to help, please don’t hesitate to contact me. You can also catch me at school in the mornings and afternoons.

For Pink Stumps day we will need assistance with cooking the BBQ.

Any help big or small is greatly appreciated.

Alicia Semmler
P&C PRESIDENT

**REMINDER**

School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Building Society is done on Monday.

**HOME REMEDY FOR HEAD LICE!!**

Head lice becomes a continual problem this time of year….

Coconut Oil and Apple Cider Vinegar: Coconut Oil dissolves the lice’s outer skeletal shell instantly. Apply the oil thoroughly to the hair and comb with a nit comb and then rinse with vinegar. No nasty chemicals! Add a second rinse with the vinegar and comb through again with a nit comb. Repeat as necessary.

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If you did not receive your note please come to the office.
Class K-1
Well done K-1 for an excellent effort at the Swimming Carnival last Thursday and fantastic singing at assembly on Friday. We are looking for parent helpers during our morning L3 session. If you can help, please contact Mrs Leov. Don’t forget parent/teacher interviews this week.

Class 1-2
It was great to see most students return their homework activities completed on Friday. Students are showing increased independence by returning and changing their readers each day. Please encourage students to read each night for approximately 10-15 minutes. If you find the level of reader is too difficult, please get your child to speak to me. Having six weeks holiday can often lead to students slipping down a level or two. Students began L3 activities yesterday after spending last week discussing and practicing each individual activity. On Thursday of week 4 Class 1-2 will be performing at assembly. Please put this date in your diary.

Class 3
We have started the term off with enthusiasm in Class 3. The swimming carnival last week was a great success, congratulations to everyone on their excellent swimming and cheering. Thanks to all the parents who helped out on the day. We began our home learning program this week. This is a new system that students may not be used to, so we have discussed in class what the students need to do. If parents have any questions about the home learning, just come and see me. Congratulations to Fletcher Wright and Isabelle Parsons who have been selected as our two SRC representatives for Semester 1. Last week we were lucky enough to win the SCR Habitat Award for the tidiest classroom.

Class 4-5
Well done to all the students who attended and participated in the swimming carnival last Thursday, it was a great day and all the students enjoyed it. We will be starting home learning THIS week, apologies for the mistake I made in the newsletter last week. The students have settled into their learning now and are engaging in a variety of topics. Year 5 students are busy learning about different text types in preparation for NAPLAN in Term 2. Have a great week everyone.

Class 5-6
Homework starts this week, going home on Monday and due back every Friday. The 5-6 class has finished their spelling assessments. The students were assessed on their spelling of the Years 3-6 core words, words we should all know. This will form part of their weekly spelling words, along with words from their own writing and also theme and rule words which we will come up with as a class each week. The class award this week goes to Robbie Thomas for an amazing Science Journal and detailed annotated drawings. The Class Dojo awards goes to Imogen, Marcus, Codie and Talen.
On the Ball and On The Go

Swimming Carnival
Our 2015 Swimming Carnival was a great success. Thank you to staff and parents who assisted throughout the carnival. The day would not have been such a success without your support. Congratulations to all our Age Champion

Age Champions:
Junior Boys – Fletcher Wright
Junior Girls – Millah Ravenna
11 Years Girls – Matisse Ravenna
Senior Boys – Ben Medley
Senior Girls – Imogen McPherson

Our winning house was Hume on 670 points with Hovell on 560.

Students who missed out on receiving their place ribbons at the carnival received them yesterday.

The SRPSSA Swimming Carnival is in Week 5 of this term. Students who have been successful in selection for this carnival will be informed by the end of week 4.

Wombats Hockey Club
Interested in playing hockey or learning to play hockey? We are looking for boys and girls for all our teams, that is Under 9s, Under 12’s Under 14’s and Under 16’s right though to seniors and veterans. Registration day is Sunday the 22nd of February at the Albury Hockey Centre in Cadell St (athletics entrance area) from 10am until noon. Please come and see us on the day (look for the green and gold banner) . Alternatively you can email us at committee@wombatshockey.com or give Cayte Campbell a call on 0402 435 433 or Andrew McMillan a call on 0438 216 085

2015 Lions Club Triathlon
The 22nd annual Holbrook Lions Club Triathlon is only three weeks away. The triathlon and 8 km run will be held on Sunday 15th February.
A range of event categories will again enable competitors of all ages to take part as an individual or part of a team, these include: The stand alone Mini-Triathlon for kids eight and under (10:30am start), under 11, 14 and 17 age groups in the junior race (8:30 am start), combined with the open and veteran sections in the senior race (9:30 am start time). There will also be an 8km run (9:35 am start) for those who don’t wish to ride or swim. All age sections have male and female categories. Competitors will be able to compete as individuals or form a team and it is possible to be both an individual competitor and member of a team, for example, another person may use your bike ride as part of their team. The basic aim of having so many sections is to enable as many people as possible to participate in this long running community event.

Race distances:
Junior race (8:30am start): 8km bike, 200m swim and 3 km run.
Senior race (9:30 am start): 15km bike, 200m swim and 4.2km run.
Fun Run (9:35 start): 8km.
Mini Tri 8 yr and under (10:35 start): 2km bike, 33m swim and 700 m run

Competitors will be able to pre-enter on line or on the day (if entering on the day you will need to be there one hour before the event and pay a late fee).
For registration forms and information visit www.holbrook.nsw.au
SRC News

Congratulations to all our new SRC representatives for this semester.

Class K-1: Jake Hamson and Sevetti Bai
Class 1-2: Katie Parsons and Lincoln Wright
Class 3: Isabelle Parsons and Fletcher Wright
Class 4-5: Lincoln McPherson & Jaxon Lloyd
Class 5-6: Georgia Miller and Kayleigh Cook.

Our School Captains: Bailey Phillips, and Imogen McPherson and Vice-Captain Robert Thomas and Mia McMillan will be our SRC executives.

Winner of the Good Raffle: Konrad Brown

Pink Stumps Day

Pink stumps day will be held on the 20th February. Students are encouraged to dress in PINK and bring a gold coin donation. The school will be walking down to the Culcairn Sportsground to participate in clinics run by CricketNSW and play Super 8’s cricket games. We invite any parents, family, friends and community members to join us in these games and help raise some funds for the McGrath Foundation. There will be a PINK cake stall and a BBQ as well. We will be having a variety of competitions as well as a raffle to win a pair of PINK cricket pads from the McGrath foundation. More information about how you and your children can help out will be sent out in a note on Thursday.

AFL Giants Visit

Culcairn Public School will be attending an AFL super clinic with GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY GIANTS players, to be held at the Culcairn SportsGround from 1.15pm – 2.15pm on Tuesday 17th February (next Tuesday). There will be lots of giveaways as well as an opportunity to meet and get autographs from GIANTS players and AFLNSW. All students from K-6 will be participating and walking down to the oval for a great day of AFL.
2015 Swimming Carnival