It is extremely hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the term. We have once again a jam-packed couple of weeks, with the next couple looking just as hectic!

**Canberra Zoo** — We had two of our classes travel to the Canberra Zoo last Friday. What a wonderful time we had. Perfect weather, perfect behaviour and a brilliant opportunity was had by all.

**School Uniforms** — It is an expectation of Holman Place for students to wear their school uniform every day, be it either our navy and red shirt with navy shorts or skorts or our tunic. Not only does it give students a sense of unity and belonging it is also extremely important that students are easily recognisable within the community. If you are having trouble with uniforms, please make an appointment to discuss your situation. Uniforms can purchased from Mr Embroidery.

**Riding for the Disabled (RDA)** - Notes were recently sent home for next years RDA. Fortunately most students medical forms are still current, which means the majority of families had one note sent home with student information on it. We have received only a handful of these notes back. It is important that we get them in *ASAP* as we have to send them through district office for sign-off for next years riding. I understand that it seems a long way away, but the process is quite time consuming and it has to pass through many levels before we can participate. When filling out the form, please fill in each section thoroughly and **DO NOT write AS ABOVE** even if the information is the same as they cannot be accepted. We ask for your assistance in getting the forms back please.

**Dream Cricket** — Students are travelling to Dream Cricket held at Orange this Friday, 7th November. If a note has not be returned, could you please do so tomorrow.

**Jazzy Jars** — The P&C have a couple of events coming up that they are looking at some fundraising activities. If you have any jars at home or things that could go into jars such as pencils, crayons, erasers, lollies, party items like rings necklaces, magnets etc it would be very much appreciated so the P&C can make up some Jazzy Jars to "sell" at the events.

*Cheers, Kylie*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our PBL student of the week recipient:

**Week 4:** Meg Hamilton
KANGAROOS

Hello everyone!

This week was possibly our last week for horse riding as we are heading towards the hot weather. Mathew and Tristan have remained our most enthusiastic riders and Jennifer, Jakayla and Tori Lee are always well behaved and relaxed by the riding and interaction with volunteers who make it possible for the students to ride.

Jennifer Kacarovski has started post school transitioning and was joined by Kangaroos class for morning tea at PSO last week. There were games for the students and they enjoyed using the trampoline, bikes and seeing the bird aviary and chooks.

In class we are continuing learning about Egypt and focused on some of their beliefs and different gods. Students were then able to draw and name their own gods including suggesting what their role may have been.

Last week most students completed artworks for the Carcoar show. J.K painted a bus, Mathew a Dragon, Jakayla a giraffe and Tori Lee and Jennifer some flowers. Several students also decorated biscuits.

In maths we have been working hard on telling the time using an analogue clock.

Mr Bryson, Michelle and Nat

GOANNAS

Hi everyone,

We have enjoyed doing some bird studies this last week. We went for a short walk to the park below the Japanese gardens on Monday to observe the birds that live in our immediate area. The students all thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and got very involved in taking photos of birds in the trees and around the grounds. Caleb and Connor were very excited to find a frilled necked lizard sun baking on a tray. It let us get very close and grab some great photos of it. In addition to this, we are writing a bird watching report for their end of year portfolios.

We have been working through our new spelling program in the Goanna’s with great success. It links in with the magic 100 words program and the frequent words program on Studyladder. This program uses a group of base activities to practice and review common words that we use everyday.

In numeracy we have continued to look at estimation, split strategy and the traditional written algorithms of addition, and next week we will be moving onto subtraction.

We had our last week of RDA for the term this week. We would like to send a big thanks to all of the volunteers at RDA for all of their hard work and patience they show all of our students.

Mrs Bell and Ruth.
Hi Everyone,
Last week the Wombats and the Emus went on a very exciting excursion to Canberra’s National Zoo and Aquarium. It was an great day out for our class to look at the animals and we even got to feed a giraffe, touch a snake and pat a wombat. We then looked at the Aquarium at all fish. This was a wonderful experience for the Wombat class as they have been learning about under the sea and animals in HSIE.

Recently Early Intervention Service has started working with the Wombat class. The Speech Pathologist, Karen Trengrove and Occupational Therapist, Ellie Jamieson have participated in classroom activities to observe the children in their learning and play environments. They are also helping to set up a Multi—sensory Learning environment out the back of Wombat classroom.

Hello again.

Last week saw The Emus team up with the Wombats for a trip to Canberra’s National Zoo and Aquarium. The excursion provided the students with a great first hand experience that tied in nicely with our HSIE unit of work on Australian animals. We were fortunate enough to hand feed an emu as well as a giraffe, we also got to pat a wombat, snake and star fish.

Janet loved the day in the sun and interacting with the animals, our own resident Dr Doolittle (Jaydon) was in his element, feeding and patting all the animals he could. Jaydon was even sharing his knowledge with our guide. Codi was very excited to feed the Emu up until she realised it meant getting up close and personal. As the Emu approached Codi’s hand it was as much as she could bare, jumping back in fright and throwing the Emu’s food away.

We will have our last RDA riding session for this year this week (Week 5) and the following week (Week 6) will be the RDA Christmas party. I’m sure that all our riders will be looking forward to the next couple of RDA sessions.

Shayne and Sue
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  OUR FABULOUS NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON.
• Dream Cricket 7th November— for most students.
• End of year assembly Wednesday 17th December