It is so hard to believe that we are over half way through this term already.

As you are aware, we have been participating in Cowra Disability a Sport a Month. The month of February saw us participating in cricket. The student had a ball at these sessions and we may just have a Michael Clarke in the making! This month we have moved onto croquet. Students and staff moved into a sport that most of us have had nothing to do with in the past, so it was a new learning for all of us. The session had mixed results and the parents that have spoken to me have said that their children loved it. We look forward to developing our skills and having a bit of fun while we are at it in the coming weeks. Please remember to send your child’s $5.00 each Monday as it makes it easier for us to organise staff and students for these sessions on Tuesday.

Our students have been busily making and learning about Korea in preparation for The Country of International Understanding. Holman Place will be having the bus in the parade. Students are asked to meet the bus down at the swimming pool car park at 2.15 for the parade to kick off at 2.30. Parents are welcome to join us on the bus. The parade concludes at Brougham Park where the Harvest Markets are held.

Thank you to those who sent in some cooking for our cake stall that we are having at the Harvest in the Park tomorrow. It is not too late to help out. If you would like to bring your cakes, slices biscuits etc down to us at Brougham Park at 3pm tomorrow it would be very much appreciated. We would also love some help with the stall if you are able to donate some time. Along with our cake stall we will be selling jazzy jars and tickets in our raffle for a gorgeous painting “The complexity of an Autistic mind” kindly painted and donated by Jayarna Cook (please see a photo of the piece of work on the back page). We will also be face painting. Busy, busy, busy!

We wish our senior students that are joining with Cowra High School on Monday the very best of luck at indoor cricket at Bathurst Sport Stadium. It is going to be a big day out and I’m sure our students that are representing Holman Place will do us proud.

Cheers.

Kylie

Congratulations to week 5 and 6 PBL student of the week:

Week 5: Jasmine Bedford  Week 6: Jakayla Cutmore

Congratulations to all of the students who have earned commendations so far this year by being RESPONSIBLE, REPECTFUL and SAFE.

Keep up the great work!
**KANGAROOS**

The past two weeks have been very busy in the Kangaroos room!

In literacy, Bradley and Austin have been learning about ‘creepy creatures’ such as Big Foot and the Loch Ness Monster. They have enjoyed researching and writing stories about them. Amy, Codi and Tori have been reading lots of books focusing on counting in the lead up to world book day which was on the 1st of March.

We have been enjoying some fresh air outside while gardening this week. Each of us have created our own ‘mini garden in a bottle’ and have enjoyed watching them grow! On Wednesday, we used vegetables from our big garden to make mini pizzas.

In the lead up to the Festival of International Understanding we have been doing lots of work on South Korea! Bradley helped Miss Kylie decorate the windows of Royce's bakery if you would like to pop down and look at some of our work!

We have all been busy in the kitchen making cakes and muffins for our cake stall on Saturday!

Mr Bryson and Michelle

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**GOANNAS**

We continue to see the Goannas class develop and learn each week.

This week has been a very busy week in the Goannas classroom. The students have been writing acrostic poems about dinosaurs. All students really enjoyed this activity.

The class have also been learning to re-write passages and correct any missing capital letters.

In maths the students have been learning about graphs this week and last week the student discovered 2D and 3D shapes.

With Miss Louise, the Goannas class have planted cucumber and cherry tomatoes. The students are enjoying looking after them and watching them grow.

*Acrostic poem by Caleb Langfield.*

**T**hey lived in a forest.

**R**an very fast.

**E**at meat.

**X** ray vision.

Thanks Allison and Ruth
This term is quickly moving on and the students are producing some great work.

Cowra’s Festival of International Understanding is on this weekend with South Korea being the celebrated nation. This year will be the first time that the festival is held in the afternoon to coincide with the Festival in the Park markets.

The class worked superbly as a group to decorate the South Korean flag that is now on display down town. We also made some traditional South Korean fans in class this week. They were great for promoting our students fine motor skills, cutting and colouring. I encourage all parents and carers to take a look at the windows and to get to the festival on the weekend. It is a great day with lots of fun things for kids and big kids at heart to do.

Shopping continues to be a success with the children displaying great responsibility, respect and safe behaviours while out. Pancakes were such a hit last week that they are on the menu again this week. We are serving them with fresh banana and berries, topped off with some maple syrup.

What a great term so far. The Emus are working hard everyday. I am impressed with the work ethic and commitment of the students so far.

As the term continues we are learning more and more about dinosaurs. The students have surprised me with their research skills. I am proud to say that all students have been trying hard to remember dinosaur names and interesting facts about dinosaurs.

We have had a huge focus this term on being respectful. We are encouraging all students to recognise what is being respectful and what isn’t. Being a respectful learners and respectful community member is an important life skill.

Last week we ventured down to Kendal street and decorated Royce’s Bakery and Studio Menswear front windows with our South Korean artwork. They look fabulous, so if you get a chance go and have a look.

This week we have been cooking and getting ready for our cake store at the Cowra Harvest in the park. So many great helpers in the Emus class.

Have a great week!

Brooke, Chris and Nat
Festival of International Understanding and Harvest in the Park—Saturday March 7.

School ends for term 1 on Thursday April 2.

School resumes for term 2 on Tuesday 21st April.

Anzac Day will be on Monday 27th April.

Welcome to Miss Lucy Ryan, our latest Casual Teacher who had her first day last week with the Wombats class. We hope to see plenty of Lucy in the coming year.