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HILL END PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Golden Quill

TERM 4 WEEK 8

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Presentation Night	7th
Year 6 Farewell	14th
End of Year Mudgee Excursion	15th

PHOTOS

We will be taking school photos on Thursday 8th December. Please ensure that students come that day groomed, in full clean school uniform, and with their best smiles.

Thank you.

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Note

Please inform the school if you wish to receive our newsletter by email.

BER Opening



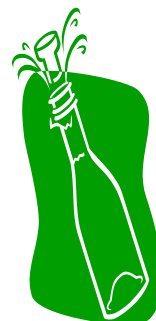
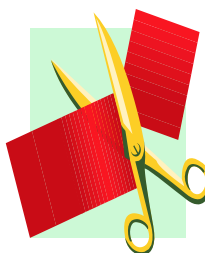
Last Friday Mrs Price welcomed parents, community members, staff and students to the official opening of our new library building and acknowledgement of school refurbishments under the Building the Education Revolution Program.

Before cutting the ribbon Mrs Price read a letter from Senator Chris Evans that congratulated Hill End Public School's BER opening.

After the ribbon cutting guests moved inside to hear the national anthem and the HEPS school song, sung by students accompanied by Mrs Groves on keyboard.

Mrs Price then reiterated Mr Evan's comments on the valuable addition this building and the refurbishments are to a school's learning environment.

The school has already had several visual arts' camps utilising this wonderful asset. After the formalities guests, parents, students and staff all enjoyed afternoon tea while watching a video presentation.



Presentation Night



Presentation Night will be held at the Royal Hall on Wednesday 7th December at 7.00 pm. Supper will be provided by the P&C for a gold coin donation. Come along and enjoy the book presentation and some musical entertainment. There will also be a Christmas Hamper Raffle drawn on the night.

Poetry Writing

In Reading to Learn last week the students from Stage 1 to Stage 3 read a poem called Maggie from the Countdown magazine. We discovered the rhyming and verse in this short amusing poem.

The students then followed the structure, rhyming pattern and punctuation of this poem to write their own poems.

We have included the poems below for your enjoyment.

Maggie

There was a small maiden named Maggie,
Whose dog was enormous and shaggy:
The front end of him
Looked vicious and grim-
But the tail end was friendly and waggy.



The back end
of him

The round
tummy on
him

His front end
was cute

Was really
quite dim

Bruce

There was a big soldier named Bruce,
Whose horse was tiny and loose:
The back end of him
Looked happy and slim-
But the front end was as fierce as a moose.

William Drakeford, Y1



Jack

There was a tall boy named Jack,
Whose turtle was tiny and slack:
One side of him
Was really quite dim-
But the other side was a pain in the back.

William Browne, Y6



Stella

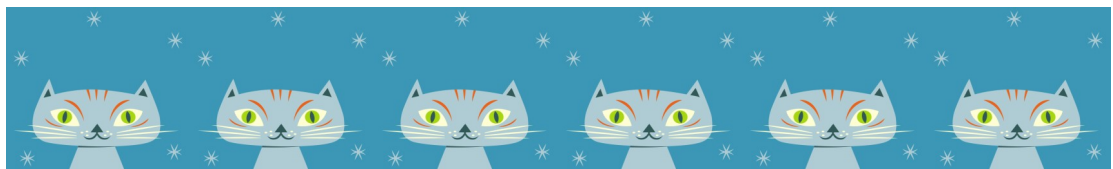
There was a gigantic cat called Stella,
Whose mouse was loud and a fella:
The round tummy on him
Looked ridiculous and dim-
But the front end was cuddly and yella.

Trinity Pilley, Y6 & Harrison Browne Y2

Ginger

There was a cat called Ginger,
He was calm and cool like a Ninger:
His front end was cute
Looked grand and beaut-
Even though nice and calm, he was a winger.

Hannah Browne, Y5



Teacher's Federation Poetry Competition

Our primary students have won the Teacher's Federation Poetry Prize for their poem called "Just One World" Students discussed the importance of taking care of the earth for future generations and ways of helping to save the earth's environment. We then brainstormed their ideas about what we do currently and what could be done to look after the environment in the future.

Their ideas were then put into verse in their poem 'Just One World' The school will be presented with a cheque for \$400.00 from the Federation as their first prize. This money will be used to purchase lower and upper primary books for home and school readers. Congratulations to the primary students for their wonderful effort!

Just One World



Newsletter Briefs

Road of life,
Which fork to take
Which path to follow
Our world in strife
Too much at stake
So much to know.

Her core runs deep
Her heart beats strong
Mother Earth belongs to all
Her lessons climb steep
Don't do her wrong
Too far to fall

We need to think
One world we live in
Reach out and care
So unite and think

Her breath of life
To the child to come
Awakens humankind
Sleep tight tonight

We need to begin
One world to share

Dream of the future to become
A clean, united world to find.

Grow flowers and trees
Recycle, reuse, reduce
Do the right thing
Fresh blowing breeze
Take care to choose
Select what you can bring.

Don't leave it to fate
Find what you can do
Use your eyes to see
It's never too late
You can help her too
One Earth is the best she can be.

Healthy lunchbox ideas

We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school. The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas. The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive. And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption.



Reading to Learn

In our session in Reading to Learn we read the poem 'On a country drive' by Claire Saxby. We discussed lack of punctuation in this poem, as there are no capitals. We discussed what the poem was about, driving through the country and what the poet observes. Other teaching points included verses, lines, metaphors, where something is something else, eg 'the road is a zip, the car a zipper'.

We then wrote a joint re-write of a poem using the same structure and punctuation of this poem.

The joint re-write poem is below for your enjoyment.

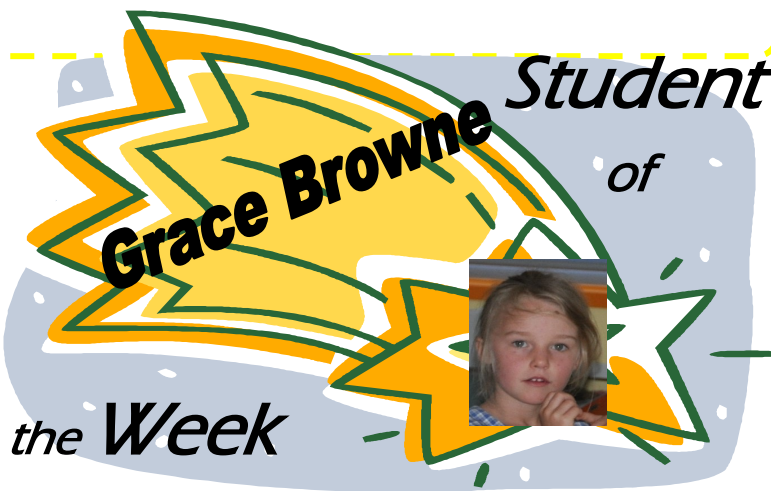


On a motorbike ride

Tight kurrajongs	Far wrapping horizon	Flat slippery rocks	Multi-coloured cows	The path is a life-cycle
Endlessly growing	Pale yellow dingo	Stepping stones	Follow the leader	The motorbike a jet
On the dusty side of the road	Travels over hills	To the future	Along beaten tracks	Connecting fields
				With each k

Swimming in AASC

Students and staff were pleased to have a visit from Nina Nyitrai, the Regional Coordinator for Active After School Communities last Monday. After helping the young ones with some breathing activities, Nina gave the older students a diving challenge. After many attempts, Trinity was able to do it once. Nina said that was great, but the next challenge is doing it 4 times. Students always enjoy Nina's visits, they have a lot of fun and they always enjoy the challenges she sets them. Good luck Trinity for the next time!

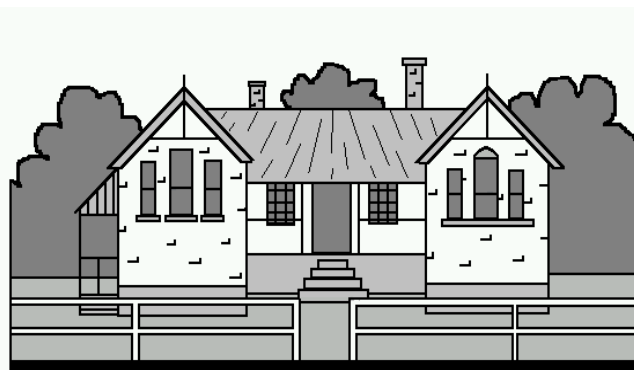


Commendation Award

Mrs Price recently nominated the Mudgee Small School's Network for the 2011 Cohesive Community School Award. She was pleased to receive a letter from Dr Checka MacLaurin, Manager Awards & Recognition, NSW Department of Education & Communities advising that the MSSN had received a special commendation for the diversity of programs implemented by the network of schools. These programs contribute to the development of a cohesive community.

School History Snippet

An influenza epidemic raged through the school but again permission to close the school was refused. By 1937 enrolments were down to 38. Although average attendance in the first quarter was down to 21, because of an outbreak of whooping cough, which at its worst had 2/3 of the pupils absent. The Inspector commented, "During the early months of the year the school lost the assistant. Following this was a whooping cough epidemic which lowered vitality and greatly retarded progress". When Mr Owen Martin was appointed to Hill End in 1938 he also faced a whooping cough epidemic, the second in two years. Now well known as a text book writer and a publisher, Owen Martin was then in his early years as a teacher. He experimented with yellow boards (instead of black boards) and wrote papers on the desirability of correlating handwork with other school subjects. 1941 saw the return of Harry Walpole as Headmaster of Hill End. An ex-pupil of the school, he was in charge during the difficult war years when school materials were in short supply, so much so, that the children were reduced to writing on scraps of paper or wall blackboards, because no new writing materials had been supplied for over two years.



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