



The Golden Quill

TERM 4 WEEK 9

8TH DECEMBER 2011



IMPORTANT DATES

December

Year 6 Farewell	14th
End of Year Mudgee Excursion	15th



Note

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



Presentation Night



Presentation Night was held at the Royal Hall last night. It was wonderful to have such great community support on the night.

The students and Mrs Groves were joined by guests in singing our school song and the national anthem.

Year 6 students Trinity and William welcomed our guests and told them about some of the many things we have done throughout the year. Our Principal Mrs Price then spoke about the achievements made by our students throughout 2011. She also thanked staff members for all their dedication and support.

She congratulated Kathy Horan on receiving the Graham Gordon Memorial Award for exemplary service to public education 2011 from the Cudgegong Learning Community. Jim and Gaye Shanahan also received Certificates for their continuing dedication and support of Hill End Public School.

She thanked volunteers Jill Groves and Joan Auld for their ongoing commitment to the school.

All students received book prizes for different subjects and some received trophies for exceptional contributions throughout the year. We farewelled our Year 6 students and welcomed Hannah Browne as our 2012 School Leader.

We then enjoyed a year in review slide show prepared by Mrs Colley.

We all realised how much our students have matured over the past year.

Mrs Groves and the students performed a percussion piece which was followed by their version of Humpty Dumpty. Well done students and once again thank you to Mrs Groves for putting together such wonderful entertainment for the community.

A wonderful supper was served by the P&C for a gold coin donation.

Thankyou to Julie, Felie, Fiona and Fiona's mum Valmay - just delicious!!!



Presentation Night continued...

Our P&C Association Christmas Raffle was drawn by Mr Lew Bezzina -Parks Service Division Hill End.

1st Prize - The Pilley family (Christmas Hamper - items donated by the P&C and Mrs Groves)

2nd Prize - Marianne Kimm (Camp Oven - donated by Northeys Store)

3rd Prize - Terry & Ann Hocking (Basket of toiletries - donated by Hosies Store)

4th Prize - Lena Price (Camp chair donated by Mrs Price)

5th Prize - Karen Brown (Pudding donated by the P&C)

6th Prize - Rita Auld (Cake donated by the P&C)



Acknowledgements

Thankyou to these individuals and organisations that contributed to our book prizes on the night.

Mrs Joan Auld

Ms Kim Deacon

Mrs Sue Thomson

Hill End Gold Limited

Mrs Rosalie McGregor

Pilley Contracting

Mrs Robyn Auld

Northeys Store

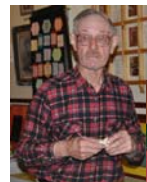
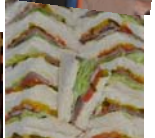
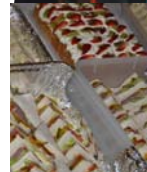
Parks Service Division Hill End

Hill End & District Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association

Thankyou to you all for helping to make such a successful night.

Also a big thankyou to community members who attended last night. It makes a huge difference to students and staff to see that the community is supportive of our school.



Summer fire safety

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet:

www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website:

www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.

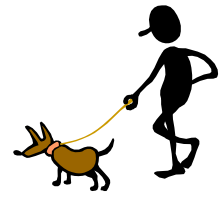
Don't forget that your local Hill End & District Volunteer Bushfire Brigade members are always available for advice.

Captain : Eddie Long 6337 8207

High School Tips

During the holidays, have a look at the great information on the School A to Z website about starting high school and what to expect in the senior years. You'll find a wealth of tips and hints about moving up to high school, including a vodcast you can watch together at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

You can also download a handy high school checklist at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php



SPRING INTO SUMMER WALKING CHALLENGE

What is the Spring into Summer Walking Challenge?

The Spring into Summer Walking Challenge is a self paced walking challenge. Our aim is for participants to increase the amount of exercise in their daily lives, in a self paced matter with support from Hill End Community Nurse Jim Schumacher, and the LEAN staff. The challenge will run for 12 weeks starting in December 2011- ready for the New Year's resolutions!!!

What is involved?

The Spring into Summer Walking Challenge involves participants being given pedometers, fact sheets, and record cards.

Participants can choose if they wish to use a pedometer or not (Instructions and a hand out will be supplied with regard to the use of Pedometers).

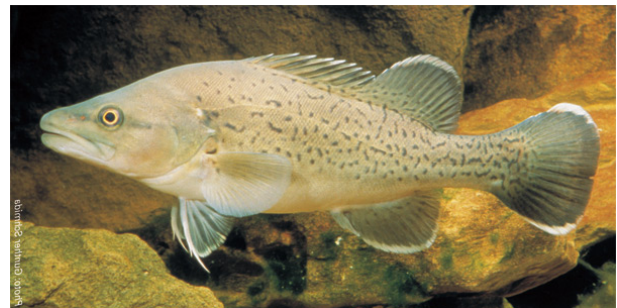
Record cards will be supplied for the recording of time spent walking, and the distance walked. It is up to the individual to walk as far, and for whatever distance they like. Support and advice will be available to participants in getting started and how to reach your goal.

Who can participate?

Anyone interested in the Hill End Community who wants to challenge themselves can join in.

Interested?

Call in to the Community Nurse Office, pick up a Walking pack and add some Spring into your Summer!!



NSW Fisheries bring endangered Trout Cod to Hill End.

The NSW Fisheries Department and other interested persons visited us at school to talk about and show us some Trout Cod fingerlings. They were on their way to release them into the Macquarie River. Trout Cod are an endangered native species. There are now only three self sustaining populations of Trout Cod remaining in the wild. They were originally described from the Macquarie River , where they have not been recorded since the 1820's, other than a single unconfirmed record from the Turon River in the 1970's.



All students will take home a NSW Fisheries calendar, book, poster etc
Thankyou to NSW Fisheries for teaching about this important endangered species - **Trout Cod**.

Mrs Horan receives prestigious award



Mrs Horan received the Graham Gordon Memorial Award for exemplary service to Public Education 2011 from the Cudgong Learning Community at an awards dinner held recently in Mudgee. This was recognition for her ongoing dedication and commitment beyond her own schools. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

School Photos

Please find attached 2011 school photos.

Year 6 Farewell

Don't forget to bring your swimmers (if it's warm!) next Wednesday the 14th.

End of Year Excursion

We're going to Mudgee next Thursday to join Windeyer for our end of year excursion.

Our Sincere Sympathy

Students and staff extend their sympathy to Mrs Joan Auld and her family on the loss of Mr Ray Auld. Mr Auld's funeral will take place tomorrow at 11.00am at the Presbyterian Church Hill End.

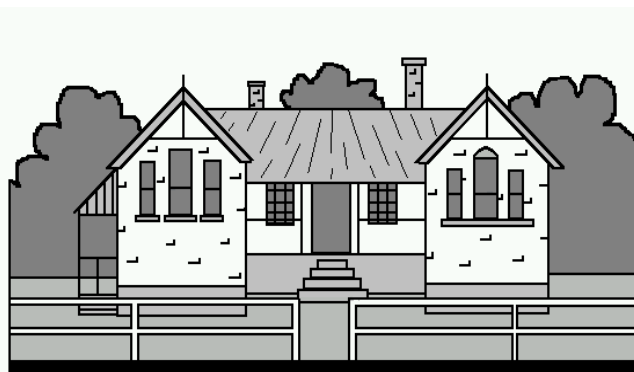


School History Snippet

During 1941, 48 was subscribed by the pupils for War Savings Certificates, salvage was collected and the children were congratulated on the splendid amount of knitting done under Mrs Walpole's supervision for the red cross. Negotiations were started at this stage to secure the land on the eastern boundary of the school as a children's play centre, but it wasn't until 1949 that transfer of the land was completed, as difficulty was found in tracing the legal owner of one of the blocks of land.

By this time William Nicholson was Headmaster. An assistant had been restored in 1946 to the school once more, after it having been without one for most of the years since 1938.

The next 20 years passed without causing many ripples on the calm surface of life in Hill End. Enrolment hovered around 40 with Principal following Principal in regular procession. Maxwell Pursar, John Fitzgerald, Thomas Ireland, Darel Mullen, Colin Joyce and Tom Shuker, who left at the end of 1969.



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