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# The Golden Quill

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## NEWS FLASH!

Trinity Pilley has won runner up in the Paul Toole Christmas Card Art Competition with her work, 'Christmas Eve' Well done Trinity !!!



### Note

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



## Merry Christmas



Mrs Price read the book "The Honey and Bear Stories" to K12. The last story in this book is 'Honey's Dream' a story about a dream Honey had on Christmas Eve.

Students then wrote their own Christmas Eve stories.



### The Fun Day

On Christmas Eve there was a cat called Max, he was a tabby cat. He went to his friend's house for a party. He liked the party. **Harrison Y2**



### Presents

One day Honey and Bear went to the park. She unwrapped the presents. She got stuff like different kinds of grains, some worms and a jingly ball. **Grace YK**

### The Park

One day Honey and Bear went to the park. There were no people but they had fun. They played on the swings and the slides. They climbed up on to the Christmas trees to see if people were coming. They went home by walking and when they got home they cooked dinner. **William Y1**



## Message from Mrs Price

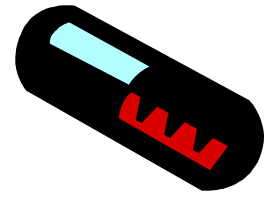
The end of year has closed in very quickly for us all. The students and staff have had a productive and rewarding year. Congratulations to all the students and staff members who have received awards. It is great to see the dedication, effort and enthusiasm rewarded.

On behalf of the staff of Hill End PS I wish everyone a happy holiday and Merry Christmas with family fun. Remember the spirit of Christmas and enjoy each others company. Thankyou to all the students, staff, volunteers and community members for supporting our unique small school. Great things come in small packages!

We all wish our Year 6 students Trinity and William well for their future High School years.



# THANK YOU



Thankyou to Scott Rattray for fixing our 1998 Time Capsule.

Thankyou to Allan Dennington (Big Al) for making us our 2011 Time Capsule.

Both of these were dedicated last Wednesday 14/12/11 and will be interred during the holidays.

Thankyou to Kerri Burns for your donation towards Presentation Night.



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## Goodbye to Galloping Gumnuts

Hill End farewelled the Galloping Gumnuts last Monday. It was their last run to Hill End due to insufficient child numbers. This has been an invaluable service for many years. If anyone has property in the area to accommodate families, please let our school know so we can advertise it through our newsletter and throughout the community. Children are the lifeblood of a living community.



## Mrs Joan Auld returns to school

Students and staff welcomed Mrs Auld back to school last Tuesday to continue her volunteer listening to students read. Mrs Auld was happy to settle in to a bit of routine after the past traumatic months with the illness and loss of her husband Mr Ray Auld. Ray's funeral was held last Friday at the Presbyterian Church and the Tambaroora Cemetery. Over 200 family and friends attended, this was a fitting tribute to Ray and the Auld family.



# Year 6 Farewell



Students, staff and parents all enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked by Julie and Lee Browne. Students then participated in a game of cricket. We then had our photo taken with the 2011 Time Capsule. Two wonderful cakes baked by Felie Drakeford for the farewell were then presented to Trinity and William B as we sang Happy Graduation. We all wished them good luck for the future. It was then off for more cricket and other games.



## We will miss you both



# Yet More Awards.....



As we draw to the end of the school year more awards are arriving by post and in person. Science Challenge Certificates arrived with Hannah receiving a Credit, William B receiving a Distinction, Harrison & Trinity each receiving a High Distinction. **Congratulations!!!!**



We also had a visit from John Pratt from the NSW Teacher's Federation to present the school with 'The Sam Lewis Peace & Environment Awards 2011' for Years 3-6 poem 'Just One World' We also received a cheque for \$400 which will be used to purchase primary books for the school. Once again **Congratulations Students!!!**

# ART

We've had lots of arty fun with old shoes recently. First we sketched them using water paint on canvas. Then we drew them using pastels on a painted canvas background. Next we turned our shoes into 3D sculptures, painting and decorating to our own choice of theme. We even wrote stories as if our shoes could talk about their lives.



# 2012 Starting Dates

Teachers - Staff Development Day - **Friday 27th January**

Students Years 1-6 **Monday 30th January**

Kindergarten - **Tuesday 31st January**



## Christmas Wombat

Harrison read the book 'Christmas Wombat' to K12 on Tuesday. It's been a fabulous week of Christmas activities!



## Presents!!!!

All students received a Reading is RAD bag full of goodies and a candy cane pencil from Mrs Price. They were also given a ruler from Mrs Shanahan. Their friend Charlotte was visiting and she gave some chocolates to Mrs Price and a small gift to each student.

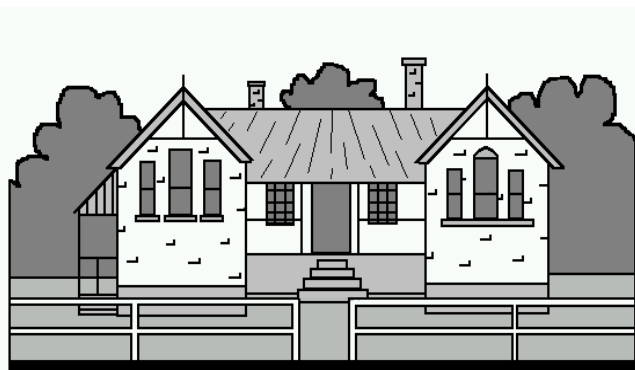


## School History Snippet

**Distinguished ex-students** - It seems to be mainly in the field of education that the former pupils of Hill End Public School made their mark. The list of high ranking Principals in the Department of Education is far above what one would expect from a relatively small place such as Hill End.

Luke Blumer, George Christie, Edgar George Evans, Harry Walpole, The Hodge Brothers, Russell and Harold, Evelyn Piesley all excelled in the Department of Education.

William A Anderson became Secretary of the State Railways. Stuart Kay became a doctor and later Mayor of Mackay in Queensland, Valentine Ackermann became a solicitor and was well known in Sydney legal circles in the 1920's. Jim Willard won the Australian Tennis Title in the 1920's and also captained the first Australian Tennis Team to compete at an Olympic Games. The Goddard brothers, Joe and Ned were very successful in boxing, Joe winning the Australian Heavyweight Championship in the 1880's.



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