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5TH DECEMBER 2014

THE GOLDEN QUILL

HILL END PUBLIC SCHOOL



Rehearsal Week!

DON'T FORGET!

Dear friends and community members. You're invited to our Presentation evening on Friday 12th December at the Royal Hall, Hill End. Come along at 5.30pm for a delicious BBQ prior to the presentation and show. Supper will also be served during the interval.

This is our way to say thank you to all our supporters for their generosity in 2014.

LOUD SHIRT DAY

Thank you to community members who made donations to this worthwhile cause.
We raised \$44.80



Presentation Night Excitement Builds

After helping write the script, make the props, choreograph, rehearse, prepare and practice the 2014 Hill End Public School presentation evening is set to roll next Friday at 5.30pm! Full of music, fun, laughter and special awards the night will be a celebration of the Hill End Public School students and their achievements for 2014. Everyone is welcome – we hope to see you there!

Reports and Assessments

Final assessments for the year have been undertaken by the students and academic reports are in the process of being written. These will be sent home on Thursday the 11th of December. Parents are invited to book a time on Monday or Tuesday afternoon from 3.00pm – 5.00pm to discuss the reports and progress of their children in 2014.

Stephanie Alexander (Hill End) Kitchen Garden

Every week the students have been regularly working to re-establish our kitchen garden for the new season. We have planted quite a number of new vegie seeds and

starting on mapping the garden. The students have decided to name the garden beds after historic mine claims on Hawkins Hill.

In the Hill End PS kitchen the students have completed a *Kitchen Audit* to work out what new cooking utensils and equipment we may need for a fresh start in 2015!

"Small Talk" Debating Competition Grand Final

After nine weeks of intense debating, the grand final debate between Sofala and Mumbil Public Schools was held this week. Using video conferencing technology nervous students from both schools 'tuned in' to debate the topic 'Humans should Colonise Mars'. Mumbil Public School debated the affirmative, Sofala the negative. The grand final debate was simply wonderful to witness and adjudicate. The students argued strongly, used facts, research, humour and deep personal sentiment to push their respective opinions. In the end Mumbil Public School secured the win and took out the title "Small Talk Champion 2014". The competition has proved to be a great success for all of the

students, across all of the schools. Hill End Public School students debated strongly throughout the competition and came equal second after the round robin debates with three exciting wins against Goolma, Stuart Town and Glen Alice Public Schools! Well done!

Have a great weekend!

Mr G

ATTACHMENTS

Excursion Permission

Jobs List for
Presentation Night

DPI Flyers

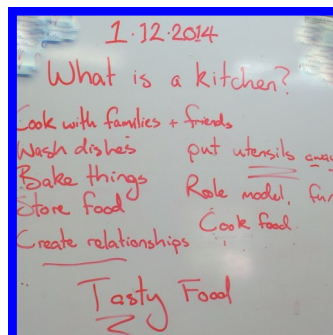
Calendar

DECEMBER	
Last 'Little Diggers'	10
Presentation Night	12
Last ASSC Excursion	17
Last Day for Students	
Staff Development Days	18 19

This Week in Class

Well, it's been another busy week at Hill End Public School. Students have worked really well in class on all their usual lessons as well as gardening, kitchen auditing, play rehearsals, swimming and working with the 'Little Diggers' and Toby and Reece in Thursday Transition. We encourage all students to have a relaxing weekend to be ready for next week, which will be their busiest before the end of term.

NO 'LITTLE DIGGERS' ON WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER.



Senior Student
Of the Week

Jinja
Turner

Junior Student
of the Week

Grace
Browne



VISITORS

Ronald making use of the Library Depot and Daphne using school facilities to print and copy the latest Family History newsletter.



'Small Talk' Grand Final

On Thursday Sofala Public School and Mumbil Public School met in the Grand Final of the 2014 'Small Talk' Debating Competition. Their topic was "Humans Should Colonise Mars" What a debate! All the students who have participated in the 'Small Talk' Competition should feel proud of their achievement. It has been wonderful to watch you all progress during the competition.



Mumbil Public School

Sofala Public School

Last Library Van Visit for 2014



On Wednesday, the Bathurst Regional Council Library Van visited us for the last time this year. Once again we'd like to thank BRC and Sarah and Catherine for this great service. Some of our best borrowers received a Smiggles voucher and all students received a prize. They will return on 11th February 2015.

HILL END LIBRARY DEPOT

The library will be replenished on Monday 15th December. Please come and borrow before Friday 19th for your holiday reading and DVD's.

NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Summer holiday fun

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after. For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

For the love of science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in

pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.

Listen to the podcast: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips-for-the-love-of-science>

Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

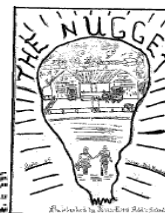


We mapped our garden this week. Next week we will name our garden beds after some of the Hawkins Hill claims. We also did a kitchen audit to see what utensils we have.



SCHOOL HISTORY SNIPPET

April 1963



On Friday night a successful band of workers came forward to paint the desks & one lady covered quite a number of library books. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. R. Rayner, Mr. Fraser, Mr. A Drakeford, Gordon Bennett. The desks are most attractive and I am sure the children will try to keep them that way. We are very grateful to those people for giving up their time. Mrs Rayner & Mrs Joyce provided supper for those who were able to stay.



The display boards are in use & those present at the last meeting were able to see the usefulness of the se boards. Seventeen new library books have been added to the library. These books are being reviewed in the School Magazine.

New vases were admired by the women folk present. A second hand mower has been bought.

An appeal is made to one of the mothers who is handy with the machine to make some curtains for the Lower Division shelves.

FILM NIGHT

The long awaited resumption of film nights should be soon. If the films come through as ordered our first screening - 4th May. Watch the notice board at the Store for title or postponement.



The past few weeks have been broken ones so many of our competitions have not had a fair chance to continue. Book work is much improved and special mention to Julie Polain, Jacqueline Warry, Rosemary Fraser, Garry Flynn, Albert Mobbs and Ian Anderson. Third and Fourth Class are doing well with their Modified writing and Third Class should be writing completely in Cursive the 1st week of 2nd Term. Paintings were particularly good last week. Dell Byrne and Paul Thompson were voted the best. The topic "Our Family" These people are improving generally in their work - David rayner, Garry Bennett, Bruce Drakeford and Jacqueline Warry.

SECONDARY

John Mobbs has received some favourable comments. Pat Warry is doing verdy well & I hope that she will keep up this splendid effort. Quite a number are battling to keep up with the pace & encouragement from home will help them.



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