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**TERM 4, WEEK 10**

**12TH DECEMBER 2014**

# THE GOLDEN QUILL

**HILL END PUBLIC SCHOOL**



## Tonight's the Night!

### THANK YOU

*To all our supporters who have donated money for trophies and book prizes. With your support we know that we will have another wonderful Presentation Night. Our students feel privileged to have such a supportive community.*

**Happy Birthday to Claire, who turned 7 this week!**



**ATTACHMENT**  
**Bathurst Library**  
**Holiday Program**

### Calendar

#### DECEMBER

<b>Last ASSC Excursion</b>	
<b>Last Day for Students</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Staff Development Days</b>	<b>18</b> <b>19</b>

Hill End Public School is the sum of many parts; it is the residents, the staff, the past students and the present students, it is the history and the village itself. All of these factors combine to create a very special learning environment. Regardless of whether you have children at the school or not, or we see your face regularly or not, it is the people young and old that sustain, enrich and write the ever deepening history of our school every year.

2014 therefore, has been yet another page in our school's rich history, full of characters, events and memories for our students.

Firstly, of course it has been wonderful to have welcomed new young faces into the school this year, both primary and as our 'Little Diggers'. Liam, Emma and Claire English along with Ronald Merritt have all become part of a close group of learners and friends within the primary school.

On Wednesdays as a part of our 'Little Diggers' Toby, Beth, Ruby, Emily and Charlotte have all enriched the school with their laughter, fun and enjoyment of learning and playing with the other children. Throughout 2014 we have welcomed numerous guests into the school such as internationally

acclaimed astronomer Aina Musaeva, members of the Variety Club and many, many children from schools both near and far. Educationally we took a "steady as she goes" approach to programming, simply trying to maximise the individual learning outcomes for each and every student. Within the classroom, apart from a core focus on literacy and numeracy our children have enjoyed a diverse range of lessons and activities including music, drama, science, country studies, personal development, art, aboriginal studies, PE and of course swimming in about the only school pool that I know of.

Apart from key learning within the classroom this year our school has become the focus of some extraordinary educational initiatives. Firstly, it was a delight to revive the Hill End Art Camp in 2014. Support from Club Mudgee and the Mid-Western Regional Council allowed us to offer the camp as a Hill End Public School Art Scholarship. 33 students from nine different schools came and stayed at Hill End for three days learning and exploring art under the guidance of Bill and Genevieve Moseley, Orange artist Sue Fardell and my partner and artist Jeannie.

In 2014, Hill End Public School became the centre

of focus for small school debating in the region. Using Video Conferencing technology our students combined with five other schools to debate a range of topics over a number of weeks. Some of the schools competing were over 200km apart and the use of the technology allowed our students, and the others to debate live, without having to travel. Known as 'Small Talk', the competition really captured the imagination of the students involved and will be expanding in 2015 to twelve small schools with Hill End again coordinating the entire program. Our students performed marvellously coming equal second at the end of the round robin stage.

Finally, in 2014 our school has seen some changes within our staffing. As many of you are probably aware Mrs Brooke Rayner took time off this term to go and relax and have a wee baby boy. Mrs Groves kindly took on our 'Little Diggers' teaching role and we have been blessed to have Mrs Jenny Smyth to take Brooke's role on Thursdays while she is off taking it easy. I am thankful and grateful to everyone at the school including Gaye, Jim, Jill, Brooke, Marianne and Jenny. Every day that you work you help make a young person's life better, improve their chances for a wonderful future and you help write the chapters in the history of our school.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Mr G**

## This Week in Class

What a busy week it has been. Students have been rehearsing the play, making Christmas decorations, swimming, listening to stories and much, much more as everyone is preparing for the end of the school year. Mr G has been very busy with reports, parent interviews and Presentation Night preparations. Mrs Groves and Mrs Kimm came on Wednesday and students had another rehearsal at the Royal Hall. Ruby visited on Wednesday too. Charlotte came and visited this week and helped in the classroom and playground. Students were happy to have Charlotte at school at school and she enjoyed it too. She has been visiting us at school for over 10 years now.



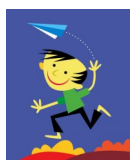
Well done  
students  
for your  
wonderful  
work this  
year!



*Thanks Collen, for sending in the clothesline and cherries with Ronald. As you can see, the line has been put to good use and the cherries were delicious!*



**NO 'LITTLE DIGGERS' ON  
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER.**





## NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

### Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all. Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

### Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

### Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

**The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:**

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

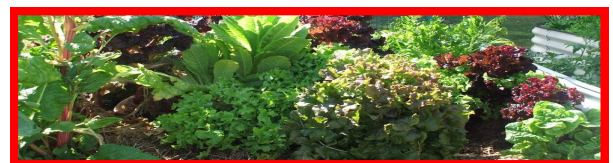
## Baby Rayner!



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Rayner on the birth of their beautiful baby boy this week! Both mum and baby are well and we can't wait to see him in the flesh.



We continued mapping our gardens this week. We also picked lettuce for use in the salads for Presentation Night.

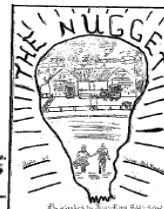


## Last Newsletter for 2014

Well, we finish up on a high today with final preparations for our Presentation evening tonight. The students are so excited about putting on a great show for their parents/carers, visitors and community members. They are also looking forward with some nervousness to the presentation of book prizes and trophies. It has been a wonderful, busy 2014 with many milestones and achievements made. Students will finish the year next Wednesday with an excursion to the Bathurst Aquatic Centre with a relaxing day of swimming. They have worked very hard this year and we believe this will finish 2014 very nicely for them. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 'Friends of Hill End Public School' for your continued support throughout the year. We hope that you have enjoyed hearing about the happenings at our beautiful little school. To our community members, the last library day will be Friday 19th for borrowing. Please stay tuned to our website and community noticeboards for opening days of the pool during the holidays and other school news. **Merry Christmas to everyone. Have a safe, relaxing holiday and a happy, prosperous New Year.**

## SCHOOL HISTORY SNIPPET

April 1963



SEWING



Miss Elizabeth Goodwin is in charge of the sewing & already the girls are showing some 1st class examples. Last week Jacqueline, Julie, & Rosemary did the best work. Next week the girls will start their 1st real sewing for the year. Miss Goodwin has set a high standard & the girls should strive to reach this standard.



LOWER DIVISION



Well! the Sports are past History & very creditable History at that. Most children not only come up to expectations but also surpassed. Congratulations to Robyn, for her very high achievement, and to all the other children who I feel did their utmost also. I am sure that the children kept to their Sport's Motto, "Strive With Honour", and I was pleased to see some of our children applauding the good efforts of children of other schools.

Now that the Sports are over we have settled down to extra hard school work & the children are endeavouring to do just as well in this field as in the Sporting.

We have quite a few innovations to the class room - foremost being the attractively painted desks for which we owe thanks to those willing participants in a Working Bee last Friday night. We have a Hard-Workers' Cupboard which is used for holding work-cards, activity sheets, books etc. Children who do meritorious work - especially from the Hard-Workers Chest - advance accordingly on the Island of Hard-Workers. Class - Monitors are elected each week & their job is to collect & distribute materials & books from the Hard-Workers' Chest - among other duties.

Class Monitors this week are:-

Platypus Block (K) - Lucy Rayner  
Kangaroos " (1st) - Peter O'Reilly.  
Koalas " (2nd) - Vickie Beeson.



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