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## The Golden Quill

### Don't forget:

- Christmas item donations for our raffle to be drawn on Presentation Night
- No hat, shade play

### Message from Mrs Groves Clothing needed for play.

#### White T-Shirt

Harrison

Ronald

Toby

Ruby

Charlotte

#### Shoes

Grace - red slip on

Jinja - white slip on

## 'Small Talk' Grand Final!



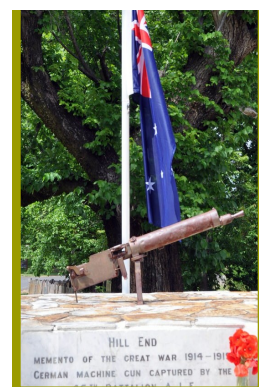
The 2015 Small Talk debating competition wrapped up for the year with an amazing grand final held between Trunkey and Meadow Flat Public Schools this week. This year the competition doubled in size bringing together nearly one hundred students from twelve small schools to compete over an entire term on a range of thoughtful debating

topics. Coordinated by Hill End Public School, the competition utilises high tech video conferencing technology to bring together teams, over many hundreds of kilometres, to debate live and face to face. Once again the competition proved to be a wonderful success with some incredible thought and effort put in by students to prepare for their debates.

Not only did the students prepare well, but they all demonstrated remarkable public speaking skills and teamwork. The competition is a wonderful opportunity for students to put literacy skills into practice and a chance for small schools to again highlight the high quality learning experiences we provide our students. Planning for the competition next year is already underway. Enjoy the remainder of the week & weekend. **Mr G**

## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday students, staff and community members gathered at the Hill End War Memorial to commemorate Remembrance Day. After the service everyone returned to HEPS to help plant a Lone Pine in what was once the Hill End Memorial Play Centre (now part of the school grounds).



## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

P&F Meeting 19

### DECEMBER

Last Library Van Visit 2015 2

Presentation 11

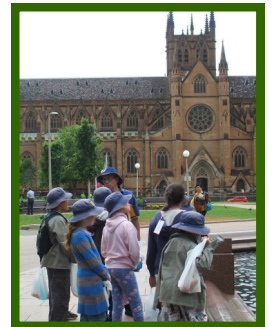


# Excursion Recounts



## My Excursion to Sydney

Last week the senior students went to Sydney for the Sydney Opera House concert. On Tuesday we went to the amazing Sky Tower. To get there we caught a train which was fun since you don't get to go on one every day (for some people). When we got there we went to a 4D cinema where we were splashed by water and you could feel it, fantastic!! After that we went to the top of Sky Tower where the view was extraordinary, up there it had telescopes where you see things up close. But it was nice just using our own eyes. On Wednesday we went to the Maritime Museum where we saw the destroyer HMAS Vampire, the submarine HMAS Onslow, the patrol boat HMAS Advance and a replica of Captain Cook's ship, HMB Endeavour. We couldn't go on Vampire or the Advance, or even the Submarine Onslow but we went on the replica of the Endeavour where we had a tour of the life of Captain Cook and his crew. After this fascinating tour we went to the souvenir shop where Dad bought me a toy warship which I called HMAS Ironclad. Later we went on a ferry to get to the extraordinary Sydney Opera House where we did a rehearsal of the Concert which we would do later on. At the concert we sang the songs Silent Moon, Endless Blue, Danny Boy and many more, including the song from Toy Story, You've Got a Friend in Me (my favourite song out of all of them). After the concert we went on a train back to the YHA for a good night sleep. My favourite part of the Sydney Excursion was singing at the Sydney Opera House Concert. **Liam Y5**



*“You could  
feel it -  
fantastic!”*



**Student of the Week**  
**Allen**  
**Citizenship**  
**Grace**

**Mathletics Toby Attendance Toby**

## **Our Sydney Excursion**

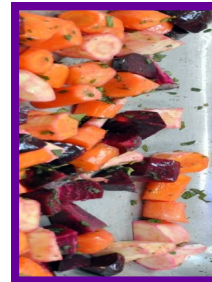
Last week my friends and I went to Sydney. We caught a train. When the train started it made me wiggle a bit. When the big kids practised singing for the Sydney Opera House Daddy and I had some time together. We had popcorn with caramel sauce on it. I also had a yummy cold cream drink with Dad. On the top there was chocolate sauce. One night we watched the big kids sing at night for four hours. They sang in the Sydney Opera House. I loved their singing. I had a great time.

**Claire Y2**





# In the Garden & Kitchen



This week in the garden we picked parsley, sage, thyme, parsnip, carrot, beetroot, lettuce, peas, broadbeans and rhubarb. In the kitchen with Mrs Auld and Mrs Shanahan we prepared our root vegetables and roasted them in the oven with olive oil and herbs. We then combined them with the lettuce, peas, broadbeans and sage flowers to make our 'salad of the imagination' Kindergarten students and Mr G did a hazard audit of the garden and kitchen. Charlotte told what to do if we spot a snake while Toby spotted things that might trip us up.



## Sydney Excursion

This year my fellow students and I and the teachers went to Sydney for an excursion by bus and our driver was Bernie Baker. The excursion lasted for four days. We were also going down to sing at the Sydney Opera House with 700 other kids with a combined musical choir. When we were on the bus to Sydney there was lots of laughing and chattering. The trip took a long time, but it was fun.

The next morning at the YHA, we had some breakfast and we were off to the Hyde Park Barracks.

When walking to the Hyde Park Barracks we had to power walk to get out of the rain. When we saw the barracks we also saw a statue of Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert Consort. When we entered the barracks we became convicts, we weren't happy school children, we were grumpy, sad and dirty convicts.

We were led to our sleeping quarters and had a five minute rest. Then we were sent to build a wall for a little cabin. After the wall building we had to build a chimney, it was hard work. Finally, we had finished building, we washed our hands and went forward in time to our normal selves, school kids.

After the Hyde Park Barracks we went to the ANZAC Memorial. In respect we took off our hats to all those men and women who risked their lives making the world a better place. Mr Shanahan bought us all a poppy.

After looking around the memorial we watched a short little film about Australian defence force men and women going to war. I liked going to the memorial.

Then the Opera House, what we had been practising all year, the night we had all been waiting for. Before we sang in front of thousands of people and some of our family and friends we had to do a rehearsal to make sure we knew what to sing and not what to sing. This took 3 hours to do. Our conductors Ian and Jackie were really funny. We all loved the rehearsal, Mr Baker and Mr G met us at the Opera House. When we were at the YHA we had a good rest before it was our time to shine. At dinner time we had fish and chips, Mr G shouted us a milkshake, yum. After dinner we went to Central Train Station and caught a train to Circular Quay, when we got there we met up with our families. We had a little yarn and we went to our seats before the concert started.

When the concert started we sang Live Out Loud, after that Sailing Away, then Danny Boy, after singing those three songs we had a break we watched other schools do percussion and sing. The Opera House was amazing!

I was glad to make it to the excursion because it was my last. If I could go to Sydney again I would. I would like to thank all the teachers Mr G, Mrs Shanahan, Mr Shanahan, Mr English and our bus driver and tour guide Mr Baker.

Harrison Y6



## History Snippet October 1963

### COMING EVENTS.

There are some very important dates to keep in mind now that the year is drawing to an end.

### EXAMS.

Commencing on 18th November the Half Yearly Examinations will be held. If you are planning to be away this might help you. With this examination all the only children who will receive papers should, they miss them will be those who are genuinely sick. The remainder will be given an estimate so try to see that your child will be present during the examination week.

### CONCERT

On Saturday, 7th December the school will present a full concert for your enjoyment in the hall.

Perhaps there are few who fully realize the work detailed in preparing a concert of this size. If you do not know then I can assure you that it is a very detailed and exacting one. From time to time I shall be asking for assistance which I am sure will be forth coming. My first request is this. Will you check to see if your child will be present from now until the 7th Dec. If they won't, please let me know because there is nothing so disappointing for a child to find that at the last minute he cannot participate. This is small in comparison to the confusion it causes for the teachers. Will you help please?

### PRIZE GIVING NIGHT

Due to many factors the Prize night cannot be held on a Friday or Saturday so it will have to be held on Tuesday 20th Dec.

### "BREAK - UP" PARTY

On Wednesday, 11th December in the school ground the children will have races, & games etc. in their "houses". During the afternoon I hope that the children will be treated to sandwiches, cakes, and drink which the parents are asked to help supply. Parents & friends will be welcome. This will not be a day for raising money.

### DATES:

EXAMS: 18th November, 1963

SCHOOL CONCERT: 7th December, 1963.

PRIZE NIGHT: 20th December, 1963.

"BREAK-UP" PICNIC 11th December, 1963.

## KIM DEACON: A STORM AT SEA

Kim Deacon presents an installation based on the 1865 shipboard diary of Mary Maclean, a Scottish immigrant who married into Hill End's Marshall family in 1873. *A Storm at Sea* recreates the steerage accommodation aboard *The Africana* through film, narrative and a soundscape featuring the windharp.

### JOIN KIM DEACON FOR THE OPENING:

Friday 20 November 2015

5.30pm for 6pm speeches

To be opened by artist John Firth-Smith



Kim Deacon's windharps at the Corridor Project, Cowra, NSW

### JEAN BELLETTE GALLERY

Hill End Visitor Centre

High Street, Hill End

Open 9.30am - 4.30pm daily

Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1.30pm

Kim Deacon: *A Storm at Sea* is on exhibition at the Jean Bellette Gallery, Hill End, from 20 November 2015 - 24 January 2016



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