



# THE GOLDEN QUILL



## Hill End Public School



Term 4 Week 5

10th November 2016

## History Snippets

In this weeks newsletter we give you a treat with more history snippets. Students and staff have been away in Canberra this week on their major excursion.

Look for next weeks newsletter for all the news about the excursion.

## Calendar

### NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day	11
Bathurst Library Van	30

### DECEMBER

Presentation Night	16
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### "Hill End - Boys.

A girls' and infants' department have been erected and brought into operation since previous inspection. Still the accommodation is insufficient. Sheds and lavatories are wanted, and the playground should be separated for the sexes. At present all the pupils play in the same yard, and the supervision during recreation time is somewhat lax. The supply of furniture is sufficient and suitable. The discipline secures very fair order, attention, punctuality and cleanliness. All the prescribed subjects have a place in the school routine, and the teaching is characterized by spirit and skill. The results - between tolerable and fair - are lowered by the shifting character of the population.

### "Hill End - Girls.

The only defect in the material condition and organisation of this school is the want of a playshed and lavatory. Owing to the increasing attendance, a pupil teacher is required, to make the teaching power equal to the work to be done. Cleanliness, punctuality and regularity are fairly satisfactory, order and attention less so. The classification of the pupils and the arrangement of the instruction are marked by fair intelligence. The teaching is methodical and industrious. The average proficiency is between moderate and tolerable, but higher results may be anticipated.



## Remembrance Day

There will be a service held at the Hill End War Memorial tomorrow at 11.00am. Please assemble by 10.45am

# HISTORY SNIPPET

## "Hill End - Infants.

Excepting that the schoolroom is too small, the material condition is good. Desk accommodation is required for about one-third of the pupils. The classification, in some cases, does not indicate the stage of advancement of the pupils. It would appear that the examination at the time of admission was not sufficiently searching. There is some difficulty in getting the pupils to obey orders and yield prompt attention. Cleanliness is not quite satisfactory; to make it so a lavatory is indispensable. The over-crowded state of the school renders good discipline nearly impossible. The instruction accords with the requirements of the standard, the teaching is painstaking and the results are nearly tolerable."

By 1873 there were three teachers in the Infants' Department of Hill End Public School - Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Mills and Miss Barrie, under Mr. Thomas Yates as head teacher.

The school had become something of a community centre with regular meetings of the Musical Society, the Hospital Committee and the Choral Society being held there. However, a complaint appeared in "The Hill End and Tambaroora Times and Miners' Advocate" of 30th October, 1875. The item ran:

"The Council of Education evidently seem to prefer insisting on their rights of property to studying the public convenience. The enclosure of the public school land at present going on, will eventually block the direct ingress and egress to and from Clark Street, and the upper part of the town by way of Short Street. This has hitherto been the thoroughfare most used, and closing it now is likely to prove a serious public obstruction."



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