



# THE GOLDEN QUILL



*Hill End Public School*

## There's Still Time!

Term 4 Week 8

1st December 2016

### Calendar

#### DECEMBER

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| Parents & Friends Meeting  | 8  |
| Presentation Night         | 16 |
| Last 2016 day for students | 16 |



### Parents & Friends Meeting

Don't forget our Parents & Friends meeting on Thursday 8th December at 3.00pm to discuss final details for Presentation Night. Please come along.



The play is ready, songs prepared and the BBQ all fuelled up. The 2016 Hill End Public School Presentation Evening is only two weeks away and there is still time for you to book the event on your social calendar.

Starting at 6pm there will be a delicious free community BBQ followed at 7pm by awards, singing, dancing and much more. Everyone is welcome; we are expecting a record crowd this year so don't be the only one left at home watching repeats on TV.

Come along, enjoy the show and community atmosphere.

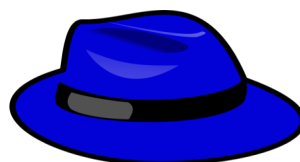
#### Student Businesses

Our small business owners have been working hard preparing seedlings and selling produce. Thank you to everyone who has supported the program throughout this semester, there will be a special business presentation as a part of our awards program this year.



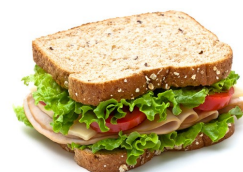
#### No Hat - Shade Play

A reminder that our school operates a 'no hat - play in the shade' sun smart policy. Hats may be kept at school and hung on hooks.



#### Cool Lunches

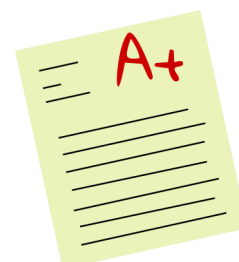
Another friendly reminder, this time that children are of course allowed to put their lunches in the school refrigerator.



#### School Reports

All of the students have been undertaking final academic assessments for the year.

This information is being used to write up their individual school reports. These will be sent home on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



Enjoy the warm weather  
Mr G

# Canberra Excursion Recount

*Monday 7th November*  
Journey-Settling In

Today was the day the school and I went to Canberra. We all piled into Bernie's bus, it took a bit of getting used to being in that cramped space for so long. Some of the towns we went through were Bathurst,



*“Sometimes  
the  
questions are  
complicated  
and the  
answers are  
simple”*

**Dr Seuss**



Cowra, Yass, Boorowa and some others I can't remember the names of, in Cowra we stopped at the Japanese gardens and we also stopped at a park in Yass.

When we got to the YHA Mr G told us to unpack so we unpacked until Mr G called us to have dinner. For dinner we had corn soup, chicken with noodles and vegetables and for dessert we had jelly. After we ate we went for a walk and saw lots of war memorials.

*Tuesday 8th November*  
Mint, Questacon and Cockington Green

Today we went to Questacon and the Mint. Firstly we went to Questacon (Its proper name is the nation science and technology centre.)

Once we arrived at Questacon we had to wait for it to open. Once it was open we all had to go up a ramp which led to the exhibits, the exhibits were named and numbered. The things I enjoyed most were the Drop (which is like a giant slide engineered to make you feel like you're in zero gravity) the earth quake lab and this thing involving eggs. At the mint we went

and looked at the history of coins and how they came to be. We also saw a robot in the factory named Titan and we got to see a machine stamp a one dollar coin which we got to keep.

This evening we went to Cockington Green which is sort of a mini model English village, it also has famous monuments. Two of the things I enjoyed most were the steam train ride and the mini automated trains and some of the interesting facts I learnt today were that Cockington Green was created by one family. Another thing I learnt was that if you fill a balloon with water and put it to a flame it won't burst because the water absorbs the heat and that coins date back thousands of years.

*Wednesday 9th November*  
The Australian War Memorial, National Zoo, Aquarium & Black Mountain Tower

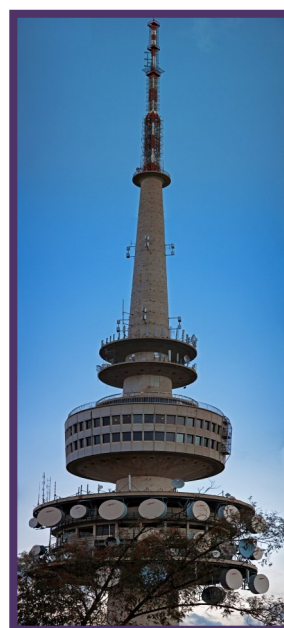
When we arrived at the War Memorial there were a few statues to look at. One was of Simpson and his donkey, another one was of Weary Dunlop. Once we got in to the War Memorial we split up into groups, we didn't get to see the whole

memorial but the things we did get to see were pretty cool. One of the things I learnt was that the life raft of the HMAS Sydney had nobody on it and only one body was found.

The next stop was the zoo and aquarium. We saw lots of animals such as penguins, lions, fish, sharks, tigers, a wombat, a koala, birds, snakes, lizards and alligators.

The last tourist attraction we went to see was Black Mountain Tower, it wasn't very good in the glass viewing area but the open viewing area was spectacular. The only complaint I have about the open viewing was it was freezing!

**Ronald Merritt Y6**



# In Class this Week

Along with their usual lessons students and staff have been busy this week with Presentation Night preparations. There has been play practise, singing, finishing artworks and much, much more. Staff have also been busy with reports, presentation programs, organising books, trophies, engraving, donations and also working with parents and carers on the community BBQ for the night. It's full steam ahead at Hill End Public School!



Is it the  
holidays yet?



## Last Library Van Visit for 2016

The Bathurst Mobile Library Van visited for the last time for 2016 on Wednesday. Thank you to the Bathurst Library, Bathurst Regional Council and all the wonderful staff who visit us during the year. We really appreciate it! Once again, students were awarded prizes. Grace, Liam and Emma all received movie vouchers and everyone else was able to choose a prize from the basket. We would like to say a huge congratulations to Sarah on the birth of her beautiful baby boy Louis. Merry Christmas everyone. We look forward to seeing you next year.



## Welcome Visitors



This week we welcomed Daphne to print her newsletter and Simone for speech pathology. Don't forget that the Library Depot Will be closed from 16/12/16 until next year.



## AWARDS

Student of the Week - Ronald Merritt

Citizenship - Charlotte Mobbs

Attendance - All Students



# HISTORY SNIPPET

An extract from a current Sydney Morning Herald sets forth briefly some of the operating difficulties:

"The miner has to dig a quarry out - a platform on the hillside where he intends to sink his shaft, and he has then to build a shed for his whim to put up a blacksmith's shop and other erections. As a rule the first 130 ft. have to be sunk through broken ground filled with enormous boulders, and in some cases the sinking is through hard rock at a cost from £5 - £8 per foot. In most of the works every inch has to be brought away by blasting, and in one tunnel (King's and Hudson's) penetration could only go at one foot per week and that with three shifts of men working the clock round. . . . labour in dark conditions aided by 2 candles . . . men needed courage and strength and perseverance. . . ."

Just as important was the capital required to provide the necessary materials for buildings, crushing machinery, rolling stock, tools, piping, pumping equipment and chemicals, among other requirements and infers important reasons for the exodus from the diggings as gold output fell per unit of input.



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