



# The Golden Quill

HILL END PUBLIC SCHOOL

## CAMP EXCITEMENT!

### ATTACHED

- Hargraves Excursion Permission Note
- Mariners Football Flyer
- Nutrition Snippet



### CALENDAR

#### NOVEMBER

Hargraves Excursion  
**NO LITTLE DIGGERS** 23

P&F Meeting 23

Library Van 29

#### DECEMBER

School Photos 5

Presentation Night 15

As I am sure many people know last week we were away on a combined small schools camp on the Central Coast. Our students joined with four other schools from the Mudgee Small Schools Network for three exciting days of activities.

It was great to observe all of the students having a good time and coming away with some fabulous memories.

### Classroom Activities & Assessments

Back in class after our excursion and our edu-

cation programs are still in full swing with numeracy and literacy lessons happening every day. In addition to our literacy and numeracy lessons we are working to finish our Science and Personal Development units of work for the year!

The final round of student assessment for 2017 will be starting next week, the information from these tasks is used to gauge student progress throughout the year. All of the completed assessments will be sent home for parents as soon we

have finished studying the information.

### End of Year

Just over five weeks to go and we are now starting to prepare and rehearse for our end of year presentation evening. There will be some singing, action and a fun student play performed this year. We hope to see as many of the community as possible for our special evening. Enjoy the rest of the week. Mr G



## FAREWELL

We say farewell to Albert Mobbs who passed away last Saturday. Albert was a long standing member of our community as were his family before him. His granddaughters Charlotte and Emily attend our school and his children and other grandchildren live in Hill End and on the Mudgee Rd. His funeral service will be held tomorrow at noon at the Presbyterian Church. We send our thoughts and condolences to all of his family.

# STUDENT WRITING



*“Education  
is...doing  
anything  
that  
changes  
you.”  
George B*

## Camp Toukley

Last Sunday we left Hill End to go to Camp Toukley, when we got to camp we were told to go to our cabins. After we setup our cabin we did our first activity.

The first activity was the flying fox. After the flying fox we had free time and I played with Ricky and Abbey. After free time we had dinner. For dinner we had veggies and lasagne. After dinner we had a bonfire and toasted marshmallows



and then we went to bed in our cabins.

The next day we went to the beach. When we got to the beach we played a game. The game was called Get the Eggs. After we played the game we went for a beach walk. After lunch we went to the light house and then to the rock pools for a swim. I played a game with my friends. The game was ‘shark attack’, I was the shark. I had to pretend to be a shark under water and tip their feet.



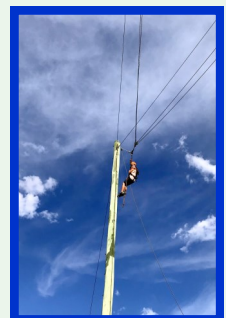
After swimming at the rock pools we went back to the camp and did our second activity, the giant swing. Later we had a shower and then we had a bit of free time, then we had dinner. For dinner I sat with my friends. We had roast lamb with veggies. That night we had a disco. At the disco my friend and I were dancing and one of my friends pushed me up on stage. Camp Toukley was epic!

**Lachlan Y4**

## Camp Toukley

This term we went to Camp Toukley. Beth, Emma, Toby, Bryton, Lachlan, Grace and I went to camp. One of the things we did at camp was go on a giant swing. You had to put on a harness, and then the person who is working the activities would clip you on to the rope. Then, the rest of the kids would pull a rope to make you go up. I went to the top which was higher than three phone poles on top of each other. Then when you were as high as you wanted to go you say “stop”. Then there was a smaller rope that you had to pull, and then you would go for a really big swing. When you were only swinging a little bit there was a medium rope that the person would slow you to a stop. Then he got a ladder and unclipped you. One other thing we did was go to the beach. At the beach before we went swimming we went for a beach walk. When we were walking the camp lady found an old lobster shell. She picked it up and broke it. Also on the beach walk I found some shells, then we went to swim in the rock pools. Camp was fun.

**Claire Y4**



# CAMP TOUKLEY

This term we went to a camp for small schools. I hated the long trip to the camp. I can tell you though, it was worth it! One of the things we did at Camp Toukley was to drive to the beach. The bus we drove in was rather fancy, and it gave an enjoyable ride. When we arrived we ate some fruit. We were sorted into groups and went off to our first activity. It was a two and a half kilometre walk. We walked through a forest like place and I found out that in *May Gibbs* stories *Banksia men* aren't made up by her, they're really a plant! After we covered the forest part we walked along the beach. I was feeling very

tired by the time we got back and was happy to flop down on the grass and eat recess. After recess we set off to the light house. The light house had an interesting history and intriguing stories. The top of the light house was just amazing! I looked through a pair of binoculars at faraway objects. It was the hottest day I'd ever experienced and with swimmers underneath my clothes I thought I'd be melted by the time I reached the meeting place, but probably by a miracle, I didn't melt! Finally after toiling below the torturing hot sun it was time to plunge into the cool water. I felt satisfactory relief as the

cool water washed over me. I watch the TV show *River Monsters* which gives me the creeps every time. It makes me so scared that I wouldn't even want to jump into a paddling pool! Nevertheless I was the only person to swim out far to sea. I also went snorkelling and saw an octopus (which, when I saw , I gave a snorkel concealed screech and swam away as fast as I could) a starfish and hundreds of tiny fish. I found snorkelling very relaxing. (Apart from the octopus encounter!) It was a good day. Camp Toukley was the best!!

Emma Y5



## AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Claire English

CITIZENSHIP

Bryton Spencer



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

There will be a service held at the Hill End War Memorial this Saturday 11th at 10.50am. Mr G will be in attendance and HEPS students and their parents/carers are invited to attend if they are able. **LEST WE FORGET**

## School History Snippet

Further alterations and additions to the school were made in 1877. It had been suggested that an additional classroom be erected on the girls' wing but this proposal was vetoed on the grounds that the symmetry of the building would be compromised?

and the incidence of colds and sickness greatly increased as a consequence. It was obvious that the population was declining slowly as families moved out and so the local education council's battle for better accommodation was fairly futile. A letter from Mr Blumer to the Secretary of the Council of Education supports this.

" Since Christmas ( 1877 ) the place has declined very considerably, as the accompanying return will show. Many families are leaving every week, and more intend to do so at an early date. One of the surest evidences of the unpromising state of the place is the fact that several individuals who have been here many years and who have been foremost in assisting in developing some of the principal claims, are now making preparations for an early departure. "

Early in 1879 a verandah was added to the girls' school and a wooden floor constructed in the weather shed. These additions, plus painting and general repairs, were performed by Thomas Ackland for £95.

Continued next week.....



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