



The Golden Quill

HILL END PUBLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING AT HOME

ATTACHED

- Bathurst Regional Council Vacation Care Flyers
- Nutrition Snippet



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Hargraves Excursion **23**
NO LITTLE DIGGERS

P&F Meeting **23**

Library Van **29**

DECEMBER

School Photos **5**

Presentation Night **15**

What Parents Can Do

While the role of teachers is clear – to provide a quality education for all students at school.

Parents also have a clear and vital role to play in educating their children.

This week I'd like to shine a light on one of the things you can do at home to help your child succeed.

First and foremost is **READING**. For infant students reading should be a part of every daily activity. Reading with your child not only helps with their reading skills, it builds their vocabulary (language), their interests and helps build value in what they are learning at school. Not only that, but quite simply children **LOVE** reading with parents, it is often a special family time. Unfortunately, as a teacher in class it is often clear those students who are missing out on this

regular time reading at home.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Make time to read with your child or children, every day.

One Schools Network

This term I have been working alongside a number of small school principals in a network known as One Schools. The One Schools network is bringing together similar small schools to enrich student activities and experiences. Planning is already well underway on a number of combined units of work and inter-school projects for next year. I am excited about the opportunities the One Schools will give our students. The network will expand learning experiences, enable students to learn and share work with students of similar ages and bring together the skills of teachers and principals from a

number of schools for the benefit of our students.

Presentation Night

Yes, it's on! Friday December 15th. The play is ready, songs prepared and food cooked (not quite) – the **ONLY** thing we really need now is **YOU**. As I say every year everyone is welcome, old-timers, newcomers, old, young, locals and visitors, we hope to see you there.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Mr G

SWIMMING

Weather permitting, swimming lessons will begin tomorrow. Students must bring their costumes, a towel and slip on sandals or thongs. All of these can be left at school during the week and taken home on Fridays for washing.



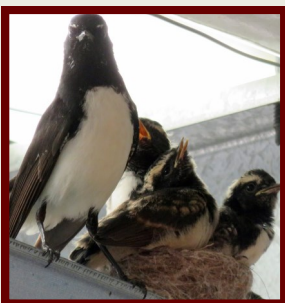
IN CLASS THIS WEEK



*“Friendship
is a horizon
- which
expands
whenever we
approach
it.”*

*ER
Hazlip*

It’s been another busy week in class with students completing their usual lessons along with gardening, library, art, craft and visitors. Our students have also been practicing for the end of year Presentation Night. This is a very busy time at school for students and staff as we prepare for the end of 2017. Coming up we have the Hargraves excursion, school photos, debating grand final, art, sewing, swimming lessons, staff professional learning, organising awards, invitations, book prizes, trophies, play and choir practice and of course finishing it all off with Presentation Night! We look forward to our community joining us on Friday 15th December.



Our resident Willy Wagtail and three new chicks.



IN THE GARDEN



In the coming weeks students will be selling the last of their seedlings before the summer break. They have had amazing success growing from seed this term, we hope everyone was able to purchase some of their healthy seedlings for their gardens. Our students have learnt so much this semester about the different growth cycles of plants. In Financial Literacy lessons senior students have learnt a great business lesson. They found out what are the most popular plants to grow, from what sold the best. There will be a few changes next season.



AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Emma English

CITIZENSHIP

Bryton Spencer

VISITORS

This week’s visitors to Hill End Public School included Michelle Walpole who came to borrow from the Library Depot. Thanks Michelle for becoming a friend of HEPS. Also visiting was Patti Mackenzie, an ex teacher from Newcastle. Patti popped in for a tour of the school, she was very impressed and made a donation to our library. Julie Bradley—Artist in Residence came to use a computer. Special visitors were Danelle Bergstrom and her friends from Finland, Elspeth and Sheila. They came into class to tell us all about Finland and to answer questions from our students. They also donated two beautiful books about Aland, Finland for our library.



School History Snippet

During Luke Blumers period one of the assistants was Thomas Girvan Weir. He had formerly been teaching at Pyramul which had no teacher's residence. Thus his family ^{lived} stayed in Hill End and he stayed, apparently most unhappily, at the local Pyramul hotel during the week, returning to Hill End at the weekends to see his family. Often however he found it difficult to ride back to Pyramul if the weather had been wet, and, after he had missed 44 days of school, an official inquiry was held and he was censured by the Council of Education. Obviously though, his excessive absenteeism bore results for he was transferred then to Hill End where he remained from October, 1876 till March, 1882, apparently quite happy in the service.

The next ^{two} decades from 1880 to 1900 saw continuing complaints from the parent concerning accommodation and this eventually resulted in some building activity, but not in earnest until 1893. Rather than build new accommodation at a time when the school population was declining, sanction was given for the renting of a building across the road from the school at three shillings per week and this was to be used as an Infants' classroom. Still later in 1882 the Council Clerk drew attention to the bad effect on the health of the overflow of children still being taught in the weathershed. During the first fortnight of June several of these little children returned home seriously ill, apparently due to exposure to the cold winter air. Subsequently the Rev. J. Kimberly of the local Church of England offered the use of the Sunday School room right near the school for 10 shillings a week and this arrangement was accepted and started in 1882. By that time Luke Blumer had requested a move to Orange and he was followed by J. Carolan. It is interesting to read his request for reimbursement of his travelling costs.

Continued next week.....



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