



# The Golden Quill

## HILL END PUBLIC SCHOOL GRAND FINAL DEBATE

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### DON'T FORGET

School photos will be taken next Tuesday. Students must be in full school uniform, please wear black shoes too if you have them.



TODAY at 10am for the SECOND YEAR IN A ROW our students competed in the grand final Small Talk debate!!! This year our boys and girls made their way through the competition undefeated and faced Lue Public School for the title of champions 2017. It was a very close debate with Lue PS beating us by 1 point! Well done boys and girls!

#### Splish Splash – Shiver, Shiver!

The children were very excited last week as Mr Shanahan had the school pool ready for swimming early this year. The first swimming lessons have started with a review of some basic skills and of course the children having lots of fun. There were a few squeals as I think the water may still be a *little* chilly!

Great to see children remembering to bring suitable footwear to walk down and back from the pool.

#### Presentation Evening

We are looking forward

to sharing some songs and a great school play with the community this year. Please come along, enjoy the dinner and the show, the more the merrier! Hill End Gold have kindly offered to provide transport to and from the evening for those people who have difficulty with transport. Don't hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### One Schools Network

As you know recently I have been working closely with a group of similar small schools known as the One Schools Network. The aim of the network is to enhance the positive experiences for students across all of our schools. Recently we have worked and created a shared School Management Plan to guide our schools from 2018 – 2020 with a shared vision of; Excellence through innovative collaborative practice to develop outstanding global citizens.

I am excited about the opportunities the network will give our students into the future to work collaboratively with other students, share experiences and expand their learning possibilities. The network will also benefit the students by combining the expertise of an increased number of teachers and principals with a great deal of experience between us.

#### Student Gardening – Financial Literacy

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the students this year as they have grown and sold seedlings outside the Royal Hall. As you know the project has combined literacy and numeracy alongside great skills in learning how to grow and care for plants. Part of the project involves the students now finding and selecting a worthy charity to donate some of the money towards.

Mr G

# LAST LIBRARY VAN VISIT FOR 2017



Yesterday was our last visit this year from the Bathurst Library Van. Students were pleased to receive prizes from Mel, these included movie tickets! We always look forward to the Library Van visit. Thank you to Bathurst Regional Council and the Bathurst Library staff for providing this great service to all our small schools.

## PLAY PREPARATION



*“The hardest thing to teach is how to care.”*

*Unknown*



It's been all hands on deck preparing props for the play this week. Students have been busily rehearsing too. Everyone is getting excited about our upcoming Presentation Night! **Welcome all!**



## ELECTRICAL WORK

We've had some major electrical work done at the school this week. Unfortunately, some parrots accessed the roof area in the main building and decided to sharpen their beaks on the electrical cables! Work will continue next week after more parts are purchased.

## AWARDS

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Claire English

### CITIZENSHIP

Beth English





# VISITORS & RESIDENTS!

This week Annie came in to school to use the Bathurst Library Depot. The library depot is available to community members and visitors in the area. You can borrow books, DVD's and magazines during school hours. Please note that the last day for borrowing this year is Friday 15th December.



As everyone is aware of the huge population of resident kangaroos around the village at present, we also have a number coming into the school. Even though they are very cute, this picture shows how quickly they can breed when conditions are right. These were snapped from the pool gate.

## SEWING

Senior students are continuing their sewing lessons with Jeannie as they get closer to finishing their final project for the year! Can't wait to see them!



## SWIMMING

Swimming lessons and the fun continues every day in the pool! Weather permitting we will be swimming every day. Cossies etc can be left at school during the week and taken home on Fridays for washing.



## DEBATING

We are so proud of all our students who competed in the 'Small Talk' debating competition this year. The team of Grace, Emma, Claire, Lauchlan and Toby all participated in several debates throughout the competition, winning every debate! The grand final was held today against Lue PS. It was a very strong debate on the topic 'That team sports are better than individual sports' with Hill End in the affirmative. Unfortunately, we were defeated by 1 point! We look forward to 2018.



## School History Snippet

September, 1890, Arbor Day was celebrated - 50 trees and a 100 shrubs had been ordered from the Botanical Gardens and the sum of £10 had been raised by subscription to pay for the preparation of the school grounds for planting. The school children had given a concert a few days before the ceremony and funds raised were used to pay for a picnic following the Arbor Day ceremony. The occasion was further marked by the presentation of a book to each child in the school.

Complaints had been made from time to time about the lack of water in both school and residence and perhaps in consequence of this, typhoid fever struck the Bradstreet household late in 1897 and it wasn't until 17th March, 1898 that Mr Bradstreet was able to resume duty again as his son, and then later his wife, both fell victims to the fever. The local physician, Dr. Muller, was unable to issue a clearance certificate under the circumstances and so a relief teacher was posted until the clearance was forthcoming.

The fourth "William" in succession arrived in 1899 as principal teacher - William Perkins. His staff consisted of an assistant, Margaret Findlay, and two pupil teachers, Elizabeth Christie and Mary Ritchie.

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