



The Golden Quill

HILL END PUBLIC SCHOOL

METEOR DESTROYS BUILDING!



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Yes it's true*, last night a meteor from space smashed into a building in Hill End causing extensive damage.

The property, known locally as 'Lyles - The Old Sydney Hotel' has been cordoned off and is now undergoing major repairs by a NPWS strike team.

The meteor strike is the latest of a series of strange space related events across the village. What's going on and just what is happening in policeman Will's shed?

Only by coming to the 2017 presentation evening can you find out the answer to these and other amazing questions.

You are needed, come along; enjoy the fun, dinner, supper and show.

Dinner & Supper

We will be providing a free BBQ dinner for everyone.

If you are able to, feel free to bring along a small plate for the supper.



Transport

For those of you with transport concerns Hill End Gold have kindly offered a courtesy van to take people to and from the presentation evening. There is no charge for the service. Please contact the school to let us know if you need a lift.



You're the best!

At Hill End PS we are all naturally very proud of our village and community, as everyone should be. It has been my pleasure to serve as the principal of the school this year and I would be thrilled if as many of our community could come along to our presentation evening as possible.

Yours kindly
Mr G



*Just because I say something is true doesn't necessarily make it so.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela



The end of the school year is coming fast. It has been another busy week with students working on their normal lessons in class. Students and staff have also been busy with play preparations – rehearsing, painting props and sewing costumes. It’s going to be a wonderful play judging by the work completed so far. Staff members have been busy collecting

donations for presentation awards, organising presentation books and trophies, having engraving done, preparing the BBQ menu, completing the presentation program and student reports!



2018 School Management Plan - No! But we do have a Flux Capacitor!! Ha, Ha, just joking!



In sewing lessons with Jeannie the senior girls completed their final project cushions! Their work will be on display at the Royal Hall on Presentation Night.



AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Bryton Spencer
CITIZENSHIP
Lauchlan Miller

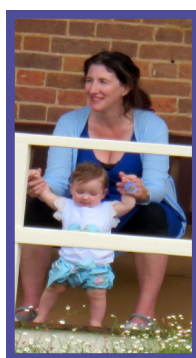
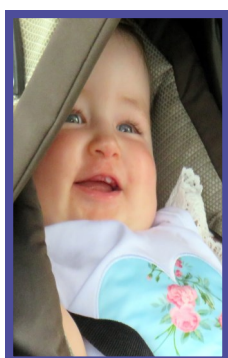


RAIN, GLORIOUS RAIN!

Well, we can’t go by without mentioning the wonderful rain we have had over the past couple of weeks. We hope everyone’s tanks and dams are full and that the river got some too. It has certainly given the gardens a boost.

FUN WITH LITTLE DIGGERS

Little Diggers joined with our students for a story, some games and a swim in the pool. What a great day they had! Next year Little Diggers will be on Wednesdays 1.00pm–3.00pm. Come along and join the fun!



END OF YEAR TINGED WITH A BIT OF SADNESS



It has been a bitter, sweet experience getting ready for our end of year Presentation Night . This year is our first without the phenomenal Mrs Groves. We have all been very busy preparing for the big night but always with us is the thought of Mrs Groves. What would she be doing now - probably having us running around in circles, making sure everything was perfect. Students would be making sure they were in tune when singing and please don't forget your lines! We've had some laughs too, remembering past years. She kept all of us on our toes, we hope we can do her proud on Friday 15th! We miss you Jill.

VISITORS



This week Daphne popped in to print her Hill End District History Newsletter. Another good read. Lorraine also visited to use the photocopier. Thanks Lorraine for giving us a copy of this wonderful historical document! **Don't forget Friday 15th December is the last day for borrowing from the Bathurst Library Depot and using school resources until 2018.**



School History Snippet

When Mr. Owen Martin was appointed to Hill End in 1938 he also faced a whooping cough epidemic, the second in 2 years. Now well known as a text book writer and a publisher, Owen Martin was then in his early years as a teacher. He experimented with yellow boards (instead of black boards) and wrote papers on the desirability of correlating handwork with other school subjects.

1941 saw the return of Harry Walpole as headmaster of Hill End. An ex - pupil of the school, he was in charge during the difficult war years when school materials were in short supply, so much so, that the children were reduced to writing on scraps of paper or wall blackboards because no new writing materials had been supplied for over two years !

During 1941, £48 was subscribed by the pupils for War Savings Certificates, salvage was collected, and the children were congratulated on the splendid amount of knitting done under Mrs Walpole's supervision for the Red Cross. Negotiations were started at this stage to secure the land on the eastern boundary of the school as a Children's Play Centre, but it wasn't until 1949 that transfer of the land was completed, as difficulty was found in tracing the legal owner of one of the blocks of land.

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