



The Golden Quill



TERM 4 WEEK 5

Hill End Public School

15TH NOVEMBER 2018

STEM Challenge!

Calendar

November

Blue Mountains Excursion	29 & 30
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December

Presentation Night	14
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School Photos

These will be available to families next week for \$10.00 per pack. If more copies are needed please supply a USB for digital copies.

Yesterday our school was simply buzzing with excitement as ten schools competed in the inaugural Hill End STEM Challenge.

Combining elements of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths students worked in teams to complete a series of space themed challenges. The challenges including designing and constructing models of space elevators, landing equipment and water powered rockets. Hill End students excelled working together on all of the tasks.

Guest judges including Rachael Young from the BRC, Brett Kearins from the NPWS and Tanya Riach a STEMshare Leader for the Department of Education. The judges encouraged teams throughout the day and were amazed at the skills demonstrated by the students. Judge's Choice trophies were awarded to

Wallerawang, Ulan and Hampton/Capertee PS teams. The day was capped off with two very special messages for all of the children. The first message came from Rocketlab - who have had another successful launch. Selena from RocketLab wrote; *Each and every one of you can make a real difference in this world. If you give everything you do your best shot, and with a smile on your face, you will go far! You are the next generation of STEM leaders - so work hard, don't be afraid of failure, ask for help when you need it and make sure you have fun! All the best with the competition.*

The second message for the students came directly from the Australian Space Agency; *On behalf of the Australian Space Agency, we were delighted to read of your STEM*

Challenge 'Into Space'. Space is our favourite thing too. With your excitement for space and your commitment to learn, we are certain that all of you will achieve your dreams. We can only encourage you to continue to work hard towards your goals. We wish you all every success and encourage you to keep studying and reaching for the stars.

The day was a wonderful event for our students with a true focus on the future. The activities linked in perfectly with our own STEM program and the event will become an incredible annual event hosted by Hill End Public School. The inaugural 2018 STEM Challenge trophy was won in a draw by Lithgow and Zig Zag PS teams. Our Hill End team were only two points off a win! Congratulations everyone!

STEM Day in Photos!



“Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen”



STEM continued.....



“Don’t stop until you’re proud.”

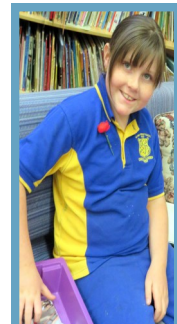
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to Heather Powell for her donation of sewing bobbins.



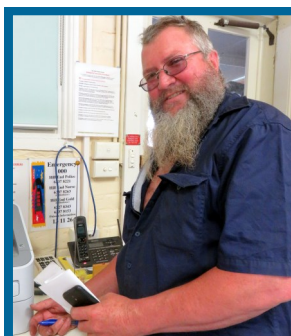
In the Library

On Monday students enjoyed choosing new books from the library with Mrs Smyth. Library is always an enjoyable lesson that sets them up for a week of reading.



Visitors

This weeks visitors included Mannie who came to use the library depot and Trevor who dropped in to send a fax and photocopy.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Our STEM team and our junior student supporters.





ART CAMP SNAPSHOT



Students and staff from last week's art camp would like to extend a warm thank you to our local artists Rosemary Valadon and Luke Sciberras for opening their studios and local artisans Lino Alvarez and Kim Deacon for opening their studios and preparing a wonderful Mexican feast for all. A big thank you to HEPS staff too for a delicious BBQ lunch. Students were given a rare invitation to visit the studios of some extraordinary Hill End artists and artisans. It was an inspiring experience for the students to see real working artists/artisans in their working environments. Hill End has always attracted artists throughout the decades and we are lucky in 2018 to still have working artist/artisans living and working in our beautiful village. These local identities made the 2018 Hill End Public School Art Camp a memorable event for all those who attended. Once again, thank you.



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