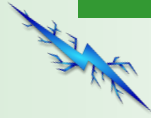




# The Golden Quill



TERM 1 TOPIC  
PHYSICAL WORLD - ENERGY



## CALENDAR

MARCH

# Alpha Road Fire

STEM Day

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### Topics for news days

On Friday mornings the students present their news. We are encouraging them to talk about and bring in items relating to their holidays, family or their pets.

### ATTACHMENT

Nutrition Snippet and Bathurst sustainable living expo.

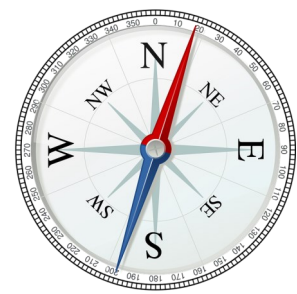
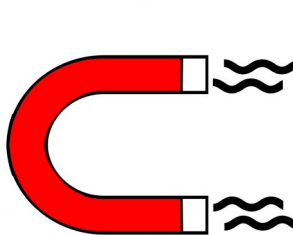


This week as I am sure everyone is aware the Alpha Road Fire has burnt through many rural properties around Hill End and the surrounding district. For those in its path the fire has of course been very traumatic, everyone at the school would like to send sincerest thoughts and support to those involved or impacted by the fire.

I would also like to thank parents for managing the emergency, and the temporary inoperable status of the school this week. The Department of Education have an Emergency Incident Manager who decides on the operation of schools in such a situation – the decision to keep students at home is not made at a local school level.

## Topic Studies

There has been a powerful force in school this week. A magnetic force. We've studied how magnets attract different materials, how the poles of a magnet work and even studied a magnetic field using a special container full of iron filings. We then took our studies outside to examine the use of the earth's magnetic field with compasses.



## STEM SHED

This week we've been back in the STEMShed finishing our moneybox projects.



# Ready, Set, Write

### The Fire.

When Ally and I were going into Bathurst we saw some smoke. There was some smoke in Hill End and it was black.

Jeannie was at school when Ally and I started school. **Telisha Y2**

During the fire I saw some helicopters that were carrying water to put out the fire.



I saw a humongous jet in the sky. **Imogen Y1**

We saw a big chopper dropping water on the fire. There was lots of smoke and it was very hard to breathe.



### Chelsea Y1

I saw big planes. My Mum and me were driving and we saw a big fire. We had to go to the farm and we came back when it was safe.

### Leela Y2

In Hill End it has been a hard time for everyone but we managed. I am

sorry for all the trees in Hill End. I missed going to school for the whole week.

### Archer Y2

I saw the fire.



It was scary. The fire was near the house, it was close. **Ally Y1**

I saw a lot of smoke. It was at Hill End. I love this town

it's awesome.



### Ethan Y2

This was a rough week for me. My family and I got evacuated because of the fires. Then we came back and we got evacuated again. When we got evacuated the first time we went to the caravan park for a couple of days. In the middle of our stay we went and had dinner with my brothers, Mum and me. I had a burger and chips.

We saw an aeroplane called a 747. It was so cool because we saw it

picking up water from our dam. We went up our driveway and saw a couple of fire trucks. One stopped at the gate and let my brother get in the fire truck and beep the horn and turn on the sirens.

### Jordan Y5

On the weekend we went to Bald Hill. A helicopter went over us so we waved to the pilot and he waved back. The helicopter was going to get water to put onto the fire. There was a gust of



wind which made a lot of smoke in the air. We could see the smoke and the big smoke cloud from the fire. We saw a chinook chopper and a 747 plane. They were so loud. Peter took a video of the 747 dropping the pink retardant from the plane.



### Emily Y6

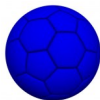


# Library Van

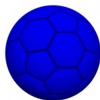
The students enjoyed a visit from Mel and Alissia in the Bathurst Library Van. There is such a wide variety of books to choose from and the students love looking for books that interest them.



## PE Time



## In Class



## Student of the Week



Archer Mobbs  
and  
Edmond English



# HEALTH CLINIC NEWS



The new Hill End/ Sofala Community Nurse Lisa has been recruited and will start orientation at Hill End/ Sofala on Wednesday 29/03/2023 with Nurse Jo. The service will remain on Wednesdays (10-11 am at Sofala and 1-3pm at Hill End) until orientation is completed.

The Doctors Clinic will remain on the first Wednesday of every month.

Appointments can be made by calling 6330 5211.

It is anticipated that the Hill End/ Sofala nursing service will resume 3 days per week after Easter. Thankyou for the Community's patience whilst ongoing staffing issues have been resolved.

Susan Shawcross Western NSW LHD

***Don't forget your support of the Hill End Health Clinic is vital for our community.***

***When you see the nurse's white car at the clinic the doors are open.***



## Community News

# Still Available

**HARGRAVES  
COMMUNITY SALE DAY**

Saturday 18 March 2023  
9 to 3  
Empire Hall & Louisa Park

Arts, crafts, homewares, bric-a-brac, pre-loved and lots more!  
Sausage sizzle, coffee, tea and soft drinks

ALL PROCEEDS TO MAINTENANCE OF EMPIRE HALL

Brought to you by Hargraves & District Progress Association Inc.  
For more information and to book a stall (\$5 each) contact Leanne Mackenzie via Facebook PM or call 0438 007 385.



Our wonderful 150th Anniversary book is only \$40.00 from the Hill End General Store and Hill End Public School or you can purchase it from: [heatgg.org.au](http://heatgg.org.au) \$40.00 + \$14.00 postage. Full of historical photos and anecdotes from the past 150 years.



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