Dear parents and community members,

I’d like to start by thanking everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. There is a summary of the raffle on the back page of the newsletter.

Teaching Towards Student Outcomes

I am a firm believer in having high expectations for ourselves and our students. Individual academic success comes from this starting point.

From these high expectations, teaching children then involves careful assessment, planning and individual assistance to help students reach outcomes, and develop skills.

Every year, each student is set clear academic targets by their teachers.

Regular individual student assessment allows us to track student progress and help them reach their full academic potential.

The Golden Quill
Principal’s Report

CALENDAR

April

Public Speaking 5th
Last day Term 1 12th
Staff Return 29th

May

Students Return 1st
Wizard of Oz 2nd
Library Van 8th
NAPLAN 14th, 15th 16th
Road Safety 20th
Burrendong 22nd, 23rd 24th
In Class

Public Speaking Competition

Throughout the week the students have been busy writing and practising speeches for a Public Speaking Competition being held in Mudgee tomorrow. K-2 students have to speak for up to a minute on their topic while Year 3 & Year 4 students have to speak for up to two minutes.

Here are our student speeches.

Dogs are better than cats!

Hi my name is Allen and I am from Hill End Public School. I am here to tell you that dogs are better than cats.

First, dogs can work on farms and help muster cows and sheep. Next, dogs can be used for hunting.

I love friendly dogs.

Thank you for listening to my speech

Hi, my name is William and a person that I admire is my mum.

My mum is special, her name is Felie and she was born in the Philippines.

I love my mum because she tucks us into bed at night.

My mum is a great cook, her sausages are yum!

Lastly, mum is great because she takes us to the bus stop every day.

Thank you for listening to my speech about my mum.

Hi, my name is Harrison and I come from Hill End Public School. I am nine years old.

I am going to talk about a person I admire, his name is Jimmy Barnes.

Jimmy Barnes was born in Scotland in 1956, he is 57 years old. Jimmy Barnes was the singer of the band called Cold Chisel. The band started in 1973 and it broke up in 1984. They recently got back together again.

Some of their famous songs are Flame Trees and Forever Now.

In the early 90’s he released a duet called ‘Simply The Best’ with Tina Turner. Jimmy Barnes still tours and sings great songs. He sometimes sings with his daughter and is about to sing with Van Halen.

Thank you for listening to my speech.
Hi, my name is Grace and I am from Hill End Public School.
I am here to say that cats rule and dogs drool!
First, cats are good company when you are lonely. They can comfort you, and you can pat them.
Next, cats are fluffy and cute, not like smelly dogs—phew!
Cats can also kill mice that might put holes in walls.
Finally, cats have amazing eyesight. That’s why cats rule and dogs drool.
Thank you for listening to my speech.

Preparation for our visit to Hill End Press

This week all of our students are to be congratulated for each completing over 100 lessons as a part of our ‘Daily 5’ literacy program so far this year.
Well done kids!
Mr G

AWARDS
Allen Drakeford - Daily Five Award
Grace Browne - Daily Five Award
William Drakeford - Daily Five Award
Harrison Browne - Daily Five Award & Student of the Week
Cartridges for Planet Ark

Hill End Public School applied to be part of the Cartridges for Planet Ark Campaign. We now have a collection box for used ink cartridges. If you have any used cartridges they can be dropped off at the school office on Wednesdays & Thursdays during school hours. Cartridges accepted are: brother, Canon, EPSON, KONICA MINOLTA, HP, KYOCERA, LEXMARK, Toshiba, Lanier, Fuji Xerox Australia, Samsung, Panasonic, Sharp and Oce. Looking forward to your support.

Easter Raffle Success

Our Easter Raffle was a huge success, raising over $800.00 for our major Sydney excursion. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and also a special thanks to all those who sold tickets and Felle, Julie and Bruce and students past and present who gave their time on the day. We really appreciate your efforts. Thank you also to our local businesses and P&C Association for your donations of great prizes. Mr Grossett gave away free Jeep rides to those who bought tickets, this proved to be a huge success. Every time the jeep was parked, groups of people gathered to get a closer look, so Mr Grossett pointed them in the direction of the tickets.

In the Garden

We gave everything a good water after the long weekend. Everything is growing well as the weather has been warm. Mrs Kimm took some tomatoes home and brought us back some tomato sauce!

PRIZE WINNERS

1. Toni Krasiki
2. Sarah—Library Van
3. J&G Shanahan
4. Robert
5. Ian Hodgson
6. Kerry Cole
7. Paul L
8. J&L Browne
9. Renee Cade