Welcome Back!

**THANK YOU**

Special thanks to Gwen Coppinger. Over many years Gwen has donated craft items for use at our school. This year we have received numerous rolls of ribbon, sequins, beads etc. All of these items are used during craft lessons and for end of year presentation costumes.

Dear folks,

Well at last long I hope that everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, all we need now is some more rain for our farmers. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, purchased tickets and helped with our school raffle on the long weekend. Together we raised over $600 which was immediately used to purchase a new piano keyboard for the students. Everyone in the village is of course invited to our end of year presentation evening to see the first public performances using the keyboard.

**Toby’s first day**

It was a delight yesterday to have Toby English start his first day as a Kindergarten school student at Hill End Public School. Toby has been enjoying coming to our ‘Little Diggers’ transition program every Wednesday. This term however he will be spending every Thursday playing and learning with all of the other children as a part of his transition into full time school next year.

Parents and friends are invited to come along at 1.40pm and watch our students compete in this exciting competition.

**Gardening and Cooking**

With such beautiful weather it was a pleasure to get back into our cooking and gardening programs for the term. In the garden the students picked some spinach and planted basil. The students also made some observations of what was happening in the garden and used a microscope to view the detail of leaves and petals in the garden.

**School Resources & Bathurst Library Depot**

Don’t forget that the school has a number of resources available for community use. We can fax, laminate or help you with printing or copying. These services are of course free to residents of the village and surrounding properties.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr G

**Attachments**

- Cancer Council simplest way flyer
- Bathurst Regional Council Village Meeting Notice

**Calendar**

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On the October long weekend students, staff and parents ran a stall and raffle at the Royal Hall Market. We had a great day! We had a lot of large items for sale including a fridge and reclining lounge. Mrs Groves came in on the day with lots of other things for us to sell. We also had a tray full of lettuce plants from our school garden. These sold very quickly. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and to Hill End Gold staff who took all the items to the hall prior to the market. With our stall and raffle we raised $614.75, which has been used to purchase a new keyboard.

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

1st - Gold Nugget donated by Mr G. Ticket 80C - Peta Duggan
2nd - $100.00 cash donated by Royal Hotel Ticket 08E - Harrison Browne
3rd - Gift Hamper donated by English family Ticket 07E - Jennifer Abbot
4th - Hill End Gold Book donated by NPWS Ticket 90C - Ian Hodgson

On Thursday, today was cooking day too!

Mrs Rayner returned to school on Wednesday for transition. Toby and Beth were pleased to see her and had fun playing with play dough and later listening to a story and colouring in. Toby joined us for his first full day on Thursday. He will join us every Thursday for the whole day this term. This will help him in his transition to Kindergarten next year. The older students were very excited and warmly welcomed him on Thursday. Luckily for Toby, today was cooking day too!

Students arrived back at school this week happy to be with friends again and back into our school routine. Some students shared books they have been reading with the rest of the class.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED PRIZES & BOUGHT TICKETS**

5th - Enamelware donated by Northeys Store Ticket 10E - Nicole Cameron
6th - Holtermann’s Nugget Book donated by Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Ticket 13C - Murray Price
7th - Bottle of Wine donated by The Lodge Ticket 14E - Will English

Allen, William and Harrison manning the stall.

“Little Digger Toby joins us for a full day each week this term as his transition to Kindergarten next year”

Toby colouring in his worksheet on Wednesday.

Mr English sorting out the goods.

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Mrs Drakeford & Mrs Groves find time for a laugh.

Fun in the sandpit!

Jinja keeps a close eye on Edmund.
In the Playground

Transition joined with the older students in a game of captain ball during their Wednesday Physical Education session.

We will continue with our Wednesday PE Sessions in Term 4 as it’s a great chance for all the children to come together in healthy exercise.

What wonderful weather we have had on our return to school. Everyone has been able to get outside in the fresh air and sunshine. Last term Mr Shanahan extended and rebuilt our orchard fence and moved the fruit trees. He was most relieved to see that all of our fruit trees survived the move and are blossoming.

Spotted on our front verandah.

Gardening and Cooking

This week in gardening we picked silver beet and lettuce for our cooking lesson and we planted some basil seeds. We also looked at a lettuce leaf through the microscope.

We each took home a potted lettuce plant.

In cooking with Mrs Rayner and Mrs Kimm we cooked yummy chicken meatballs. There were many healthy ingredients in our meatballs which included corn kernels, sliced mushrooms, shredded silver beet, grated carrot, grated cheese, diced onion, sweet chili sauce and of course some chicken mince.

We really enjoyed these for lunch served with salad.

“The lettuce leaf looks like a jigsaw puzzle under the microscope”

Caught in the Act!

Well, nearly! Students were practising their end of year play with Mrs Groves. I tried to listen, but all I could get was a picture! Mrs Groves brought in costumes today for some final fittings.

She also brought in the new keyboard, everyone was most impressed as you can even record what you have played!

We know that the new keyboard will be such an asset to our student’s music lessons.

Thanks to all our generous supporters.
March 1963

No Hat, Shade Play Only

During the warmer weather school policy is that if students do not have a hat, they must play in the shade.

Students are welcome to leave their hats at school if they have their name on them.

Parents/Carers, please also label all students clothing so there is no confusion when jumpers are taken off or when swimming begins.