Dear Folks,

This week has been a wonderful mixture of lessons and activities around our school.

On Monday, ‘Small Talk’ commenced with a thrilling debate between Mumbil and Glen Alice Public Schools. On Tuesday, Hill End won the debate by forfeit while on Wednesday, Sofala and Stuart Town competed against each other. The Hill End debating team are now prepared and enthusiastic to compete in the next round of debates. We will be competing against Stuart Town on Monday! Good luck kids. Updates for the debating competition can be found on the Hill End Public School website.

This week the students have also been publishing some wonderful imaginative stories during literacy. For Read to Others, Liam has been reading a novel about a spacecraft being drawn towards a black hole. He then designed a fantastic spacecraft to mine asteroids. Grace read a story about the water cycle called ‘Hugo and Splosh’ while Allen shared his story ‘Street Sweeper, with the others.

For maths, the students have been working with four digit numbers, dividing sets of numbers and working with money! Phew – busy kids.

Today it was a real pleasure to welcome past student Robyn Drakeford – Wonser into the school. Robyn was a student here in late 1960’s and has since travelled to live in Oregon, USA. The children enjoyed asking Robyn about her time here as a student, and about her life in the US. Grace, William, Liam and Claire also spent the morning in the school gardens planting out a large new crop for our school cooking, learning about watering and getting the gardens ready for new growth over Spring and Summer.

Today, we are off to compete in a T20 cricket completion against some other small schools. The students have been playing and practising all week and are keen to take part in the competition. Enjoy the weekend.

Mr G

Attachments
- Cancer Council simplest way flyer
- Cricket NSW Flyer
- Learn to Swim

NEW FRIENDS

We welcome two new friends to our network: Julie Tomlinson from Bondi Beach and Robyn Drakeford Wonser from Oregon. Welcome aboard!

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In Class this Week

Another wonderful week in class, all students are reading well and completing worksheets on time. Handwriting has been exceptional this week, especially among younger students. Keep up the good work!

More stories of ‘The Chameleon that Nobody Loved” were completed this week, we hope you enjoy them.

The Chameleon that Nobody Loved

Once, upon a time, there was a chameleon named Gilbert. Nobody loved Gilbert. Gilbert was kind and sad. He was sad because he was never loved. Gilbert lived in a jungle. One day he found a wooden raft, he put a lot of food on the raft and then climbed on. He waited for the tide to come in, when it did, he ventured out to sea.

A week later he saw a beach, called Manly, in Australia. He paddled as fast as he could until he reached the beach. When he reached the beach, he got off the raft. He ventured through the beach and he bumped into a man. The man was called Mr Evil. Mr Evil was smart and mean.

He was mean because he was evil. Mr Evil wanted to turn Gilbert into stone, so Mr Evil chased Gilbert. An hour later, Mr Evil lost Gilbert.

Gilbert saw a girl, so he walked up to her. The girl’s name was Lisa, Lisa was happy and brave. Lisa was brave because she once saved a cat from a bushfire. When Gilbert got to Lisa, Lisa said “I will keep you safe from Mr Evil” Gilbert and Lisa became friends forever.

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Clover was scared, she went down to the beach. She found a plank of wood, pushed it into the water, climbed on it and fell asleep. When she woke up, she found herself in a jungle. There was a big sign that said ‘Amazon’ She got off the raft, scary animals chased her up a massive tree. When everything was quiet, she got down. A big furry monster chased her. She ran up to a person called Grace. Grace looked after her for many years and fed her. They lived happily ever after.

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Allen Y2
Bathurst Regional Council’s Mobile Library van visited us on Wednesday afternoon. Students were excited to choose more books. Emma and Claire were able to choose prizes, as they had read and returned all of their books.

Debating Begins!

The ‘Small Talk’ video conferencing debating competition has started with the first topic being “Why cats make better pets than dogs”
1. Mumbil PS vs Glen Alice PS (winner Mumbil PS)
2. Hill End PS vs Goolma PS (Goolma PS forfeited - Hill End PS winner)
3. Stuart Town PS vs Sofala PS (winner Sofala PS)

Judge, Mr G was most impressed with the student’s arguments for and against. The Stuart Town vs Sofala debate was especially close. Unfortunately Goolma PS have forfeited points as they have missed their debate twice. We hope they can attend next week.

‘Little Diggers’

In ‘Little Diggers’ this week, Mrs Rayner read “Little Red Hen” We also coloured in, played in the sandpit and Toby had a bat in cricket. We had such fun on a beautiful Wednesday!

We’ve had great fun this week practising for the T20 Cricket.

Raising good digital citizens
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills. That is, how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term......? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet?

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For the last few weeks the main topic of conversation around the school has been Sports! Sport and more Sport! If enthusiasm can be measured then the boys and girls are well in front. I do not know if the people of Hill End are aware of it or not, but we have at the school some very fine athletes as well as some very good sportsmen and sportswomen.

On Friday at Running Stream I hope to see just how good some really are. Excitement is high and for the little ones the day seems so long getting here.

For the people who have children at school for the first time this year, I thought that you might like to know what the children achieved last year. At their first attempt the school became the holders of the Shield – a really great honour. Robert Flynn was the Upper Senior Boy Champion and Barbara Trevena was the Upper Senior Girl Champion.

These Sports are for the boys and girls from 5 years on.

Each boy or girl runs in his or her age group and then for jumping and the Championship they are in groups: The Juveniles are those 5, 6 or 7. Juniors are the next group and they are aged 8 and 9. The Intermediates are those 10 and 11 years and the Seniors are 12 and 13. Those older are grouped as Upper Seniors.

I am particularly pleased that so many parents will be coming on Friday to show us on to victory or defeat.

A reminder to all parents and citizens that our meeting of the P & C will be held on Tuesday, 9th April and it is hoped that more people will take a more active part by being present at the meetings. A letter will be sent out to ask questions regarding future meetings. I would be glad if you would return this letter so that the business can be discussed at the next meeting.

I hope that as many children as possible will again be taking part in the Anzac Service on the 25th April.

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