Art Camp Excitement Builds!

Dear folks,

Although Hill End Public School may be small and we may be rather isolated, it certainly doesn’t mean that our students miss out – far from it! Apart from individualised learning for all students across all Key Learning Areas, our students enjoy interacting and playing with students from near and far at numerous events, activities and learning experiences throughout the year.

This term alone our students are highly engaged in an interschool debating competition and next week we will be hosting thirty students from across the region for three days of art, expression and excitement.

This week our debating team consisted of Jinja, Allen and Grace. Our team debated against Mumbil Public School on the topic that “homework should be optional”. The Hill End Public School team spoke on the negative.

Allen was wonderful in presenting our team’s case, introducing his team-mates and stating clearly that homework helps kids who may have to stay at home.

Grace spoke second in a strong, clear and effective voice that homework helped on excursions. Our third speaker Jinja reviewed what our team had debated and then pointed out that homework helps learning stick! Well done to our debaters, it was a close win to Mumbil Public School.

Don’t be surprised if you see a crowd of young students around the village drawing, painting and enjoying art next week. The 2014 Hill End Public School Art Camp – Artrageous is ready to roll with three guest artists, thirty students and a whole bunch of enthusiasm ready to hit Hill End for three days!

Proudly supported by the Mid-Western Regional Council and Club Mudgee for the first time ever the Hill End Art Camp has been offered to students from schools as a unique ‘art scholarship’. A huge amount of work has already gone into making the camp a reality and I’d like to especially thank Mrs Shanahan for her amazing organisation and our wonderful sponsors for making the event happen this year.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr G

Fried Rice

Mrs Drakeford cooked fried rice for everyone on Thursday. It was delicious! Thank you!

Blackberry Waldo

We’re hoping for some yummy blackberries!

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In Class this Week

What a busy week it has been in class and out. Along with all our regular lessons we have been preparing for our upcoming Art Camp which starts next Monday. Our Year 4 & 5 students are getting excited about the camp, as this year they will be staying at the Ranch for 2 nights! Younger students are happy too, as they will join in with all the day activities during the camp.

“More seedlings emerge”

In the vegie garden this week, we picked lettuce to take home and we had a munch on some snow peas. Our radish, broccoli, spring onions, peas and asparagus are up and growing well despite the hail on Wednesday. Our reporters for the SAKGF shared table this week were Liam and Allen. They took photographs of our activities to post on the website. After the practical gardening lesson, students returned to class to learn about the history of school gardens.

Preparing our welcome banner for the Hill End Art Camp!
Visitor

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Mrs Smyth. Mrs Smyth is a teacher and also a friend of Mrs Groves. She will be filling Mrs Rayner’s position on Thursdays from 20th November. Mrs Rayner’s last day at school will be Thursday 13th as she will take maternity leave from then. We will miss her, but we wish her the very best for this most exciting time.

‘Little Diggers’

In ‘Little Diggers’ this week, all the students got together for a game of volleyball. We have such a wonderful playground for the children to play in and they really do make the most of it!

Debating!

This week’s topic in the ‘Small Talk’ video conferencing debating competition was “That Homework should be Optional”

1. Mumbil PS vs Hill End PS (winner Mumbil PS)
2. Goolma PS vs Sofala PS (winner Goolma PS)
3. Glen Alice PS vs Stuart Town PS (winner Stuart Town PS)

The Roses were Beautiful ……..

Wednesday afternoon, when a huge hailstorm arrived just after lunch!

Indoor play during the storm.

The vegie garden got a bit of a battering too!

All in all, a very exciting afternoon!

Senior Student Of the Week
William Drakeford
Junior Student of the Week
Emma English
Blitz Restoration Project Completed!

This week, the final work was completed to finish the restoration of the Hill End & District Volunteer Bushfire Brigade’s first motorised vehicle ‘The Blitz’

The Blitz first came to Hill End after the devastating fires of 1957/58. Research indicates the Blitz is a Ford Canada Military Pattern Vehicle Model F60S with a type 13 cabin manufactured in 1942. The water tank was added by Engineering Products Pty Ltd of Burnley, Victoria at a later date.

When newer model vehicles replaced the Blitz, it was purchased by a local farmer and passed through many hands. It was forgotten until 2004, when some brigade members noticed it sitting, rusting in a paddock on a property down the Bridle Track. After negotiation with the land holder it was purchased by the Brigade for $1000.00.

Then, began the campaign to raise funds for its restoration. Many fundraising events have been held over the past ten years and along with generous donations from businesses and the general public we were able to employ a professional spray painter. This cost the brigade $18,000.00.

But the biggest contribution to the project has been the numerous volunteers working with ex-captain Robert Anderson week in and week out. All sponsors and volunteers of the project will be recognised with a contribution board which will be on display with the Blitz, when it is displayed in the new NPWS Interpretation Centre currently being built.