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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos have arrived and are available for purchase at school.

Prices are:
- 1 student $25.00
- 2 students $60.00
- 3 students $85.00
- 4 students $110.00

All packs are beautifully presented in a display wallet which includes 1 whole school photo, 15 different size photos of individual child and 3 family photos.

HEPS has sponsored $14.00 for each child’s photo package.

**Debating Continues!**

Dear parents, carers and community members,

On Monday this week our debating team of Liam, William and Jinja competed against Stuart Town Public School on the topic that “life was better when our grandparents were children”. Both Hill End and Stuart Town presented some excellent facts, points of argument and rebuttals.

Liam started first for Hill End and clearly stated his teams case, he then spoke clearly about how war affected society when his grandparents were children. Next William stood and made a strong rebuttal against Stuart Town before arguing the point that houses are better today than in the past. Finally our third debater Jinja reminded everyone of our team's argument before clearly explaining why hospitals, doctors and medicines are far better today. After the debate the adjudicator gave the debaters from both teams some great feedback before awarding the win to Hill End Public School. Well done team! That makes two wins in a row.

The next debate for Hill End Public School is on Tuesday against Mumbil Public School. Jinja will be leading our team with Allen and Emma as our second and third debaters. It’s just over a week to go until the 2014 Hill End Art Camp takes place. This year thirty students from nine schools will be spending three exciting days creating art with artist Bill Moseley, Jeannie Holmes and Sue Fardell. Thanks to the wonderful support of Club Mudgee and the Mid-Western Regional Council for the first time ever the Hill End Public School Art Camp is being offered to students as a very special ‘scholarship event’ to encourage and support students who may already show an interest or skill in visual arts. The camp will undoubtedly be a great experience for all of the children.

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**Attachments**

- Cancer Council simplest way flyer
- Permission Note Mudgee Film Festival

**Calendar**

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Cricket!

We had a wonderful time in Mudgee last Friday at the Milo School T20 cricket. It was a very warm day but we had a lovely shady spot to sit and a cool breeze. Thanks Mandy and Lee for coming to watch and also to Robyn who came to see us off back home. We played several close games and won one of them. Walkers Field is a beautiful location and the cricket was well organised. Once again, thanks to the Mudgee High School students who gave their time to umpire etc. Thanks Mr G for buying us an iceblock at Hargraves General Store on the way home and to Nancy for driving the bus both ways. What a great day!

More stories of “The Chameleon that Nobody Loved”

The Chameleon that Nobody Loved

Once, upon a time there was a chameleon named Megamoo. Megamoo was a small chameleon, she was only three months old. She was also kind because she always said “Hello” Megamoo was very shy. One night Megamoo was trying to sleep. Megamoo lived in a sewer. Then, all of a sudden, a strange noise came closer and closer. A wild cat came speeding at her. “Arr!” screamed Megamoo. Megamoo took off like a rocket, she was scrambling as fast as she could. Then, she ran on pieces of wood stuck together. Megamoo lost sight of the cat. “Phew!” sighed Megamoo. Then, a huge gush of water pushed Megamoo into the long dull ocean. The next morning, Megamoo woke up after her twelve hour ride. Megamoo spotted a little dot in the distance. “What’s that?” Megamoo asked while chattering her teeth together. Megamoo was very cold. As Megamoo got closer and closer she saw that it was an island. But then, a big wave pushed Megamoo’s raft to shore, as she was getting pushed, the raft flipped and Megamoo got swept under the raft.

A few minutes later she was coughing up salty water. There was a big, black and white fluffy thing. It said “Hello, my name is Bamboo, I live here, what’s your name?” “My name is Megamoo” Megamoo said in a spluttering voice. “Well, we better get you some water and some food.” Bamboo said in a helpful voice. Bamboo and Megamoo went into the colourful jungle. Megamoo followed Bamboo until they got to this treehouse. Bamboo called “Bella” Bella slid down the pole from her treehouse door. “Oh no” cried Bella “You poor thing” Bella said softly. “What happened?” Bella asked Bamboo. Bamboo told Bella the story. Bella said “Come up to my treehouse, we will make you better.” “OK” Megamoo replied in a much loved voice. When they all climbed into Bella’s treehouse, Bella and Bamboo put Megamoo to bed.

From that day on Megamoo hasn’t wanted to leave. Harrison Y5
In Class this Week

This week started with writing up our garden watering roster. Every morning two students water the vegetable gardens and pots. We also did some weeding in the garden, our radishes and broccoli are up! On Monday afternoon we debated Stuart Town PS. It was very close but we managed to win. Mrs Groves was here on Tuesday so we did some craft, music and play rehearsal along with our other subjects. On Thursday, we welcomed new Transition student, Reece. Reece will join Toby each Thursday at school for a full day in preparation for Kindergarten. William and Harrison completed their country projects.

Debating!

This week’s topic in the ‘Small Talk’ video conferencing debating competition was “Life was better when our Grandparents were Kids”
1. Stuart Town PS vs Hill End PS (winner Hill End PS)
2. Goolma PS vs Mumbil PS (winner Mumbil PS)
3. Glen Alice PS vs Sofala PS (winner Sofala PS)

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to speak in front of others and to also use our video conferencing systems to bring these small school students together.
Everyone has noticed that students are gaining confidence throughout the competition. They are looking at the camera and using strong, clear voices. Some are even adding some humour to the debate! Well done everyone!

‘Little Diggers’

In ‘Little Diggers’ this week, Mrs Rayner continued reading the “Little Red Hen”
We coloured in our headbands and acted out the story with the older children. We played with puzzles and the car mat and later we went outside to play captain ball and tunnel ball!

“puzzles, books, sand and balls!”

Beth has a giggle with Mrs Rayner, while Toby, Allen and Claire dig for gold in the sand pit.
April 1963

SCHOOL HISTORY SNIPPET

Tables and Reading are receiving some added attention and by next edition I hope to have some names of those who have improved or broken the "Sound Barrier".

EDDIE BURNE AND ALBERT MOBBIE.

IMPROVEMENT IN READING:

DEIRDRE AND CARMEN MOBBIE & DAVID RAYNER.

RUNNING: Those are some athletes to watch-Julie Poulson, Rosemary Fraser, Garry Flynn, Ian Anderson, Robert Flynn, Dave Byrne, Pat Warry and Vivien Rowland.

SECONDARY: Robert Flynn received some very good comments on his papers which were returned this week. In the future I hope to see more following Robert's example.

GENERAL - Well! Enthusiasm is mounting both in the classroom and out in the playground - especially in the latter as the time is fast drawing near for the Running Stream Derby.

I am very pleased with the keenness of the children to practise running, jumping etc. and am positive that they will all be running at short odds. If I was the Hunter I'd be tempted to follow such sitters as Timbering Lance, Little Jim, Peter the Hunter, Running Round Robin, Vicki Velocity, Spotty Sandra and Our Lucy - all of these will be up amongst those who finish in a place.

Myself, and even more so, the children will be pleased to see parents at the "RaceTrack" as we are sure it will promise to be an enjoyable day.

Getting back to the classroom - work is equally as enthusiastic. Robin, Vicki and Eric are the best in this field - particularly in the Speed Sound Tests, and are finding that their reading ability is being much improved. Others realise that reading must be placed foremost in their field of learning. Bookwork's next and therefore much more impressive on the children's mind, I feel.

Our motto is that "A thing worth doing is worth doing well".

CLASSROOM MERITS:

Improvement in Reading: (1st Class) - Lance Hayner
Reading & Composition: 2nd Class - Vicki Eason, Robyn Drakeford
Number Ring - Eric Warry
Number Quest - Sandra Thompson, Jim Warry
Spelling Quest - Vicki & Robyn (10 & 11 voss)
Kinder: - Peter O' Reilly, Warren Hobbs, Dean Price, Shane Hayner

Treasure Chest - Winning Block - KANGAROOS (Robyn Drakeford, Jim Sibley)
Individuals who reached the Chest were: Robyn Drakeford, Jim Warry, Vicki Benson, Beverley Auld and Lucy. Others are very near (at Pirate Cove and Crocodile Creek).