Week 8 has flown by and we are now into the downhill run for term 1. There are still plenty of exciting things happening over the next three weeks. This week the students have been working hard getting ready for the Variety Children’s Charity visit, practising hard for a special musical item with Mrs Groves. They have also been working hard on the daily five and maths. In science this week we started to look at different aquatic animals and what special adaptations they have for their environment. The students are going to present their findings in a poster that they create on the computer.

We visited Hargraves Public School yesterday for the Life Education Van. Mrs Rae had organised a wonderful day for the students. Years 3, 4 and 5 had a visit from Mudgee Police Officer Hayley. She talked to the students about cyber bullying and answered lots of questions. Year 2 had a visit from the Rural Fire Service. Students were allowed to use the fire hose and the firemen even turned on the siren.

As parents are probably aware, we have decided to change the home reading program. Children can borrow and return books from the library each morning before school. Each student has been given a Home Reading diary to record their progress. I have gone through the recording page with the students several times this week. I would like to stress that we are encouraging the students to do this independently. The comments that I have asked them to write are to reflect either their own feelings towards the book or they can make a comment on the story or characters that they have read about that night. If the child doesn’t like the book and can’t engage in the story, we have asked them to write this in their comments and return the book unfinished. If parents have any questions about home reading, please call and have a chat. Kids who read often and widely get better at it. After all, practice makes perfect.
In Class

Students have worked hard all week in class. They have completed all set tasks for the week, even though they had one day out yesterday. Mrs Auld came for knitting on Wednesday morning and Mrs Browne joined us today to give a lesson on making sushi. We all had a wonderful lunch! Mrs Rayner has done a great job relieving Mr G over the past two weeks and we know he will be pleased when he sees what the students have achieved during his absence.

At our Parents & Friends meeting yesterday afternoon final arrangements were made for the upcoming Variety Club visit next Tuesday. The Association will donate $100.00 towards catering expenses.

In Science, Harrison, William and Allen completed their posters on ‘water’. They show people how much water they should be drinking and why it is so important! Stay tuned - the next project is a poster about aquatic animal adaptations. Students have been learning about Scorpion Fish, Beluga Whales, Marlin, Bottle Nosed Dolphins and the Great White Shark.

Awards

Student of the Week
William Drakeford
Positive Attitude
Mrs Groves Awards
Jinja Turner - Art
Allen Drakeford - Drama
Harrison Browne - Drama
Life Education Award
Harrison Browne - Great Questions

“In Class”

“Science!”
**Wednesday with Mrs Groves**

Students completed their ‘Daily Five’ and in Maths worked on Area. They got 100% in their Times Attack with a mix of 2x and 10x tables. In the afternoon they practised a special song for next Tuesday, completed their Aboriginal dot designs and had fun with Drama.

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**Life Education**

Yesterday we went to Hargraves to attend Life Education Day. We learnt about fire fighting, police work and insects in the garden. The main topic with Healthy Harold was cyberbullying. Students learnt about the do’s and don’ts of being online and the importance of speaking to a parent, friend or teacher if they saw something that wasn’t right online. We had a great day! Thanks for your hospitality Hargraves!

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**Don’t forget ‘Little Diggers’**

**Wednesdays**

10.00am - 1.00pm

**All Welcome**

**Bathurst Library Depot at HEPS**

9.00am - 3.00pm

**Weekdays**

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**Harrison received a nice surprise in the mail this week.**

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**Weekly Raffle**

Tonight’s raffle is on behalf of Hill End Public School

Prizes donated by the Royal Hotel Hill End.
Dear Joy:

On behalf of the Parents and Citizens Association, I would like to congratulate you and your fellow schoolmates on the part you played in the recent Anzac Day Celebrations.

It was a very soul stirring sight indeed seeing you all swinging along to the beat of the Drum as you approached the Memorial to take part in the Ceremony.

Will you please convey our best wishes to all those children who "did their bit" on Anzac Day, and tell them we will be expecting to see them all next year.

Do you want to be a nurse?

(Written by the General Secretary of the H.S.W. Nurses' Association)

I suppose you have thought that when you grow up you would like to be a nurse.

When you are between 16 and 17 years of age, write a letter to the Matron at Judges, Orange, Lithgow or Bathurst Hospitals letting her know that you want to be a nurse and she will probably start you off as a Ward Cadet, then, when you are 17 years of age you will commence your training. This takes four years. During the training you must live in a nurses' home; you are paid a salary out of which a deduction is made for Board and Lodging; you will be supplied with a nurse's uniform and cap; you cannot wear a nurse's veil until you have completed your training.

When you have completed your training you will be able to work in hospitals in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and England, as all of these countries will recognize your training certificate.

To be able to start training as a nurse, you must have your Intermediate Certificate, so remember, work hard at your lessons at Hill End School and one day your hard work will be rewarded as you might very well find yourself a Sister or a Matron in a big hospital.