Dear folks,

This week I was asked to provide a story for the Bathurst City Life newspaper about our great little school. As I wrote the story I realised how proud we are at Hill End of our school and what we provide for our students. So this week I would like to share with you the same story. While small in student numbers, the staff and children at Hill End Public School are excited about the year ahead and the programs already well underway in 2014.

“Last year was very special in terms of both academic success and student attendance at our school and we are committed to pursuing the best possible outcomes for all of our students in 2014” said Hill End Relieving Principal, Mr Grossett.

“We’re really excited about the educational programs we have in place for our students in 2014, we combine the best up to date educational practices along with modern technology in a truly special learning environment. Every student at the school has an individual learning plan that we use to track progress and guide our teaching. Through this careful work we observe some wonderful academic and social development within our students every year.”

Apart from a focus on core academic and social success Hill End Public School provides some very special extra-curricular activities to its students. The students at Hill End Public School also experience a variety of sporting activities through the Active After School Communities program. The children all enjoy a range of sporting and fitness based activities throughout the year, and often combine with other schools for events such as swimming and athletics carnivals.

“Hill End Public School is one of the few schools nearby where the students are lucky enough to have their own swimming pool” said Mr Grossett. “We operate a School Swimming Program every year for our students, enabling them to learn vital swimming skills and gain confidence in the water.”

“We are also lucky enough to have our own special music and drama teacher who comes out from Bathurst every week. Last year the children all learnt how to play the piano keyboard, and all of the students performed musical items at our end of year presentation evening.”

As a part of the school plan to increase community engagement the students and staff are also very excited to announce the Bathurst Library Depot is now open at the school.

“Community engagement within the school is vital to enhancing our school environment”, said Mr Grossett. “The library is open during school hours to members of the Hill End village and surrounding area. We have a great selection of books and DVD’s and people are free to come in, browse the selection of books and enjoy a cuppa.”

First opened in 1870, Hill End Public School continues to be a special place of learning for children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Mr G
Weather Warning!
Hi, my name is Harrison Browne. There is a severe storm warning for Hill End! 100km winds, watch out for falling trees and flying debris. Kids and adults stay inside. Old men, using walking sticks, watch out for cars rolling down streets. My name is Harrison Browne and good night. I better get going before we die, bye!

The Endeavour

Mr G brought his model ship to school to show students. The model is the ‘Endeavour’ which became Captain Cook’s ship. Mr G explained the history of the ship and spoke about the work involved in making the model. Students were very interested, especially in the tiny canons and portholes.

The Truck Parade

Toy cars have been a hit this week!
Special Visitor

Dave Rankine came to visit HEPS on Tuesday. Dave is a journalist and photographer for the Bathurst City Life newspaper. Students asked him some interesting questions about how a newspaper is run.

‘Little Diggers’

This week the Little Diggers dressed up in bright clothes using the dress up box. They looked beautiful! The girls danced to some music and painted Humpty Dumpty using pink and brown paint. Charlotte and Emily had a great time kicking the ball around the playground at morning tea time with Mr G.

New time for ‘Little Diggers’
Wednesdays 10.00am - 1.00pm

Cooking Class

This week students prepared and cooked a delicious ham, asparagus and cheese pasta bake for lunch. This was served with a fresh garden salad picked from the garden!

In Class with Mrs Groves

Today with Mrs Groves, students had their keyboard lesson. They also read ‘The Rainbow Serpent’ together as part of their Aboriginal Studies lesson. After that they painted some rocks black in preparation for next week’s dot painting lesson.

“Awards

Mr G’s Award
Student of the Week
Harrison Browne - doing his best work all week

Mrs Groves Award
Grace Browne - Piano Keyboard

Acting out a Fairy Story
THE "RAYS" CLUB.

With a Scout Troop and Cub Pack formed for the boys, many complaints were heard from the feminine section of the school with the result that we now have a girls' club in our town.

The club is known as the "Rays" and meets each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the school. All girls 9 years of age and over are most welcome.

The "Rays" will wear a uniform of a blue pinny and yellow pullover in the winter and blue pinafore and yellow blouse in the summer.

The club is run much on the lines of the Girl Guides—games are played, stories read and a little work done with a good time being had by all.

Weekly Raffle
Tonight's raffle will be conducted by Mrs Joan Auld on behalf of Hill End & District Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Variety Club Visit
Community members are invited to join us and the Variety Club for lunch on Tuesday 25th March. A gold coin donation will get you a wonderful lunch and a chance to meet with Variety Club members. For catering purposes please RSVP by 18th March.

Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association
Annual General Meeting
The AGM will be held at 5pm on Tuesday 11th March in the Royal Hall Hill End.

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