Creating lifelong readers
As usual the children have been busy with classroom lessons. The students continue to learn to read using a range of lessons including guided reading, shared reading and listening to classroom stories. Reading is of course such a vital skill and I cannot stress enough to parents the importance of setting a regular home reading time.

10 minutes a day will make all the difference – it all adds up!
If a child reads for just ten minutes every day it adds up to nearly 800 hours of reading, learning to read and enjoying reading by the time they reach Year 12. The effort now will make such a positive difference to their lives forever.

Hilala Day
Yesterday both Hill End and Sofala Public Schools combined to undertake a shared day of learning in and around our village. The students were very excited to explore the Bald Hill Mine with Eddie and then try their luck panning for gold with Michelle at Tambaroora. While we were at Tambaroora everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of roast beef rolls specially prepared by Mrs Kimm, Mrs Rayner and Mrs Shanahan. The day was a great success with the children all learning something new to share with their parents. Many of the children want to come back and visit Hill End with their families.

Student Leadership Group
Our new Student Leadership Group of Harrison, William, Jinja and Cloie met again this week. The students discussed the qualities of leaders and started thinking of a special name for their group.

Music with Mrs Groves
The children have all been spending time with Mrs Groves learning the piano keyboard and making some pleasing progress. The children practise the piano before school and it is wonderful to hear them as they improve with the instrument.

Space Dinner – 29th May 6.30pm
Flyers have gone up around the village concerning our 2014 Back to School Dinner with special guest, astronomer Aina Musavea. It really will be a warm, social and enjoyable night and I hope as many of you as possible can make it along.

Enjoy the weekend.
Mr G

Unfortunately, our Wattle Flat excursion has been cancelled due to road works on the Sofala Road.
Luckily, Sofala PS was able to come through yesterday. We all look forward to the completion of the works, it will be a big plus for the area.
Students have had a busy week in class with the ‘Daily 5’, ‘Times Tables Attack’, ‘Mother’s Day craft’ (Shhh...), ‘Dance’, ‘Science’ and Music. Homework returns continue to be high. Well done students! Mrs Groves was very impressed with piano skills this Friday, she knows students have been practising during the week.

On Wednesdays, during the middle session Transition, Infants and Primary have been combining for story time, dance, literacy and numeracy. It’s proving a great success with ‘Little Diggers’ learning about being in class and the older students enjoying working with and helping the littlies in the varied activities.

"Being a Crunch & Sip school means making healthy food choices at fruit break, recess and lunch and drinking plenty of water"

Students got to see the wonderful space posters that Mr G has purchased for the upcoming event.
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Thanks to Kerri, from the Ranch and her staff Eddie and Michele for making our excursion possible. We really appreciate Kerri and Ian’s continued support of our school.

**P & F Meeting**

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**Bathurst Library Van Visit**

The library van visited this Wednesday and students were able to borrow and return books. Cloie was especially excited about the van, it was another opportunity for her to borrow some more books!

Students took the opportunity to use the playground equipment during the fine weather. That’s William hanging upside down!

**Community Use**

Don’t forget, community members are welcome at HEPS to use resources and also borrow from the library depot.

**Australian**

**St udent of the Week**

William Drakeford - dedication to all areas of school life.

**Mrs Groves Awards**

Grace & Harrison Browne conscientious effort in class today.
On Sunday, 17th June, a tennis team from Sofala visited Hill End and a keenly competitive match was played on the beautiful courts. The day was very bleak and windy and the players had great difficulty in moving at all. The Sofala team went home victorious but Hill End hope to have their revenge when the return match was played.

A double match was arranged with two Sally's Flat teams for Sunday 24th June, but chosen players were very disappointed when rain stopped the day's play.

On Wednesday, 20th June, the Ray's Club held a Visitors' Night in U.D. room at the School. The girls who were invited looked very smart in their new uniforms and received armbands according to their particular patrol. They may now earn stripes to wear on these bands. The girls gave their visitors a demonstration of a usual Wednesday night's activities and the visitors proved greatly interested.

The evening concluded with supper which the girls themselves had prepared. Congratulations girls on a night's work well done.

We would like to welcome back two of the town's citizens, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Allen, after a trip abroad.

Congratulations, too, to Jimmy Tombrides on his coming of age.