**NAPLAN!**

Congratulations to Grace and Harrison for completing their NAPLAN tests this week. The tests are a standardised process undertaken throughout Australia. The NAPLAN tests focus on writing, reading, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. Well done to both of them.

**Student Leadership Group**

This week our Leadership group came up with a new name for themselves. They are officially the Gumleaf Leaders.

**Post-budget blues? We can help!**

We have a selection of resources for our community to use, all tax free. We can help with printing, laminating or sending a fax. We also have guest internet access for community use.

There are a large selection of books and DVD’s at the Bathurst Library Depot within the school. Come in, browse for a book and enjoy a cuppa.

**PJ Day for Asthma**

Don’t forget to wear your PJ’s or slippers to work or school next Thursday to raise money for the Asthma Foundation. If you’re at home for the day you can still be involved by staying in your PJ’s for the day and making a gold coin donation at the school.

**Space Day**

Space day is fast approaching. Students from Hargraves, Wollar, and Glen Alice will be joining us and 2 scientists from Sydney University on the 29th for a fun filled day of science experiments and learning about the solar system.

In the evening Hill End Public School will be hosting a dinner for community guests. Residents will also get the opportunity to do some stargazing with Aina Musaeva. We’d love to see you at school at 6.30pm. Dinner will be served inside in the warmth. It will be a wonderful social evening and we might all learn some things too.

Please RSVP the school by 22nd May for catering purposes. All contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Have a great weekend.

Mr G
Hilala Day
Last Thursday Sofala School came to our school. They came at the time of fruit break. Firstly, Mr G was talking to Sofala School about going to Bald Hill Mine first, then we would have recess and after that we would go gold panning.

After that we drove to Bald Hill Mine and Mr Eddie Long was the tour guide. The other name for Bald Hill Mine is “Born Loser” because it had no gold in the Mine. We had the choice to climb the ladders but I was a chicken and did not go up the ladders. After recess we drove to Tambaroora for gold panning and I got a few specks.

Mrs Rayner and Mrs Shanahan brought lunch and I had beef rolls with gravy. I really enjoyed my day.
By William Drakeford Y4 13-5-2014

"Mars has the biggest volcano in our solar system. It is called ‘Olympus Mons’ & is 21kms high & 600kms across!"

On Thursday, students were learning all about our solar system. They learnt about the sizes of all the planets and who they were named after.

During the week students wrote recounts of the Hilala Day excursion. During writing they make a draft of their ideas. They then write up the recount neatly and then it’s time to type on the computer using their own graphic design. We hope you like Williams.

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In Art each student painted their planet, when completed they will create the solar system for the classroom.

Mrs Groves
In HSIE students are learning about Australia’s past. Students impressed Mrs Groves today on piano and they also joined together for some percussion.
**Transition**

After recess they joined the older children for games, story time, making straw shapes, dancing and some literacy and numeracy.

**Joining with Infants & Primary**

Charlotte, Emily & Nate reading and making puzzles.

**Cooking**

On Thursday, in cooking class students, with help from Mrs Rayner and Mrs Kimm prepared a wonderful Chicken Pasta Bake. Everyone enjoyed this for lunch, Aiden tried some and all the older students came back for seconds.

**Sport**

In AASC this week we have been doing some athletics training, all students had a throw of the discus and it was interesting to see the difference in their abilities from last year. Students were excited to see Nina at school this afternoon. Nina came for a meeting with Mr G to discuss next year’s funding changes.

**Newsletter Briefs**

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

**Awards**

**Student of the Week**
William Drakeford - best effort in all subjects.

**NAPLAN Awards**
Harrison & Grace Browne for completing NAPLAN this week.

**Mrs Groves Awards**
Jinja Turner - piano

**HSIE Awards**
Aiden Davis
Harrison Browne
Jinja Turner
ASSOCIATION NEWS.

The O.M.A. will be providing afternoon tea at the Field Day to be held on the 7th July at Hill End. All members are asked to provide one loaf of bread, cut into sandwiches and a cake. It was decided to also serve a light tea at night if desired.

The monthly meeting will be held at the Club House on Saturday, July 4th at 1-30 p.m. Members are asked to be present at this time, if possible, to allow the meeting to be completed before afternoon tea is served.

BUSINESS: Final arrangements for the official opening.

Films for the official opening and International Day will be available on July 21st.

P. & C. NEWS.

Attendance was a little disappointing at the meeting but this was no surprise because of the inclement weather. However the meeting was a successful one and it discussed the purchase of a new duplicator, Insurance for Children, and Education Week.

Education Week, which will be held in August this year, was discussed at considerable length and plans for this will be finalised at the July meeting of the P. & C. to be held on Tuesday 3rd July. It would therefore be appreciated if as many people as possible could be present at this important meeting.

As can be seen, the P. & C. purchased the new duplicator. This will be of great assistance in the school and in general town affairs.

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