This week we had a Parents and Friends meeting at school. There were a number of things on the agenda which included the ‘Road Map’ and situational analysis for the future direction of Hill End Public School. Outlined at the meeting was HEPS’s pathway to learning 2014-2015 which includes: engagement of exciting extra activities for the benefit of students ie: AASC, cooking, gardening, music, drama and excursions.

Enhanced community engagement through a range of formal and informal strategies which include resources, library, events and Friends of HEPS.

Continued network ties with Bathurst and Mudgee small schools in athletics, swimming, Healthy Harold, Bathurst Art Gallery, NAIDOC etc.

In administration, the use of PLAN software has been developed to effectively track individual student outcomes, academic progress and targets.

There has also been the implementation of Literacy and Numeracy continuums as individual targets for students, classroom planning processes to incorporate Individual Learning Plans for all students and a clear school wide behaviour and values model.

After examining many School Management Plans for effectiveness and relevance within the small school environment our SMP’s strategic outcomes have been rewritten to guide HEPS forward.

Other items that were discussed were:

- **Live Life Well @ School Program**
  - This program will continue to be implemented and it has been great to see healthy food choices in students and staff lunches and recess. We have also signed up for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for 2015.

- **AASC**
  - This term we have been playing golf and tennis. Next term it will be martial arts, orienteering and swimming.

- **Music, Drama and Aboriginal Studies**
  - These continue with the excellent teaching of Mrs Groves and, yes the end of year play is still a secret!

- **Science**
  - Mrs Rayner spoke about upcoming science activities.

- **Fundraising**
  - A stall and raffle will be run during the October long weekend to raise funds for a new keyboard.

- **Art Camp**
  - VC Debating Competition
  - Transition
  - MSSN Film Festival
  - School Photographs
  - 2015 Major Excursion were also discussed.

Thank you to everyone for attending.

Mr G
**IN CLASS THIS WEEK**

On Monday, after read to others, some students shared their work with the rest of the class. We all enjoyed hearing about the books they were reading and they had done some great work on their worksheets related to their books.

This week Mrs Shanahan listened to Grace, Aiden and Claire read. She was very impressed with them all, as were Mr G and Mrs Rayner with the other students reading and worksheets.

Mr G was absent on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to attend a conference and a meeting and Mrs Rayner took lessons for those days.

**CYCLING**

Below, students are riding as slow as they can, the last one wins the race!

Each fine lunchtime, students have been split into 2 groups for cycling. Group 1 rides with Mr G around the village, putting into practise the road rules they have been learning in their bike safety awareness lessons. Group 2 remains with Mrs Shanahan, for some free riding and practising braking and stopping etc. This week Aiden was thrilled, as he is now able to ride without trainer wheels. Congratulations Aiden!

**‘LITTLE DIGGERS’ WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday, we did some craft for Father’s Day. We hope that the Dads really like all the effort that we put in. For our literacy session the senior children wrote some excellent descriptions of a storm. The younger children wrote a sentence about themselves and things that they can do.

The ‘Little Diggers’ and the older students were engrossed in the online story about a real storm with thunder and lightning.

**BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**HILL END LIBRARY DEPOT**

Mannie enjoys a cuppa, while borrowing some books and DVD’s and checking her email. The Hill End Library Depot is open school days for community members. We also have facilities for faxing, photocopying and printing. Don’t be shy, come and have a cuppa and pick up a good book.
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SCIENCE WITH MRS RAYNER

ALL ABOUT CHOCOLATE!

We did an experiment in which we used our body heat to melt different sorts of chocolate. We had to predict which one we thought would melt the fastest and then run the experiment to find out the answer. Most predicted that the milk chocolate would melt fastest. They were correct!

Then, we had a wonderful time as we finally got around to our all-important ‘Taste Testing’ of white, milk and dark chocolate. Some of the descriptions are as follows:

“Bumpy feel, nice but too creamy and milky” Cloie said about white chocolate

“Yucky” Claire’s comment on white chocolate

“Yummy, good, 100 out of 100” Aiden wrote about dark chocolate

“Dark smell, rich taste. Powdery texture, thin. 10/10 LOVED it. Pure cocoa! Yum!” Harrison said about dark chocolate

“Creamy and soft. Easy to chew. Good.” William said about milk chocolate

“Bitter taste, full of cocoa, not that good. 5/10 Horrible!!” Liam thought of dark chocolate

“Yummy. A bit rough, with more cocoa flavour than milk chocolate” Allen said about milk chocolate

“Yummy 20 out of 10” Emma thought of dark chocolate

“10/10 It was silky. Lots of cocoa. Yummy” Grace said about milk chocolate.

We all had a lot of fun!

ALL SMILES IN SCIENCE!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

1. Dark Chocolate
2. Milk Chocolate
3. White Chocolate

To all the Dads
A WORD OF INTRODUCTION.

This newspaper will endeavour to bring to the parents and citizens of Hill End information regarding your school activities within the school and to comment on the achievements of the children.

Coming functions which will be announced, will be included in "THE NUGGET".

At times samples of the children’s work will be presented to give you an idea of the type, style and standard of work which the children do. Each publication will have its separate headings which will, we hope, become of interest to everyone.

In each publication there will be printed the first in each class. This position is worked out on spelling and arithmetic marks each Friday.

The Champion of Upper Division is worked out by taking the highest score.

The child who was first in Third Class last week, was Bruce Drakeford with 199 out of a possible 200.

Garry Flynn was first in Fourth Class.

In Fifth Class Stephen Polaim was first with 193.

First in Sixth Class was Albert Hobbs.

The Champion was Bruce Drakeford... well done, Bruce!

In Spelling this week Bruce Drakeford and David Rayner had no mistakes. This was a splendid effort. I hope to see more people with 100%.

The best artists this week were Steve Polaim and Garry Flynn with their paintings, "Fishing".

MY BEDROOM

By Julie Polaim, 3rd Class.

In my bedroom there are two single beds, a built-in wardrobe, a pink dressing table and a pink wardrobe. The curtains in my bedroom are coloured a light yellow and my bedspread is all different colours. The picture on my wall is very colourful.