Yesterday, while on an excursion to Green Day, I was once again thrilled with the enthusiasm and manners that our students showed. Throughout the day our children asked and answered many questions with each of the presenters and represented Hill End Public School with great pride.

Within class the students have been writing some exciting stories for literacy and completing a round of assessment tasks. The assessments are a part of school life and are used for Mrs Rayner and myself to track academic progress and set individual targets for the upcoming term. This week, Peter Harvey, our Regional Director also visited the school to undertake a regular review and offer support to us where needed. Mr Harvey has been an educator for many years and was for some time a Principal of a small school. He is a strong supporter of Hill End Public and was very happy with the work being undertaken at the school and the support we receive from the community.

Debating Excitement Grows
Early next term I will be coordinating a small-schools debating competition across two regions. Entitled ‘Small Talk’, the competition will allow our students to take part in some fun debates using our huge screen video conferencing technology. The competition will be taking place over a number of weeks and looks set to be quite exciting!

Parents and members of the community are invited to come in and watch our student’s debate against other schools. Keep posted for times and dates!

Art Camp
Excitement Builds
In another exciting development for the fourth term Club Mudgee has kindly supported the 2014 Art Camp. Students from nine schools will be spending three days at Hill End learning under the guidance of some great artists.

This year, our supporting artists include Hill End resident and artist Bill Moseley, Wellington artist Jeannie Holmes and Orange artist Sue Fardell. Bill will be helping the students create some amazing pin-hole camera images, Jean will be teaching tradition painting and drawing while Sue will be helping the children create mosaics using a range of mediums.

Finally, this week I’d like to put the call out for your help. Unfortunately after over ten years our piano keyboard is starting to fail.

Hill End Public School will be having a raffle and stall on Saturday of the long-weekend and I’d simply like to ask residents to please buy some tickets so we can buy a new keyboard.

Have a good weekend.
Mr G
FITNESS FIRST WITH FRUIT & VEG

This week began with a burst of fitness and bike riding. All students and staff are enjoying this daily routine. We are also still marking our lunchboxes everyday. This has been great and a lot more green foods are being consumed each day.
HEPS is also participating in Fruit and Veg Month and we have some great prizes from the Healthy Kids Association as added incentive for our students to be involved in making healthy choices.

IN CLASS THIS WEEK

It's been assessment week this week, with Mr G looking at the progress of all students throughout third term. All students have participated in reading, writing and mathematics assessments. These results will be marked and looked at by Mr G and Mrs Rayner at today's PLAN meeting. At the meeting the future ILP’s for all students will be formulated for Term 4.

GREEN DAY EXCURSION

Yesterday, we travelled on the Hill End school bus with Nancy, Mr G and Mrs Shanahan to Mudgee, to join with over 600 other students for Green Day! We had a wonderful time and learnt a lot about caring for the environment. We were in a group with Dunedoo PS and we learnt about soil, about the bugs that are living in the Cudgegong river and Ruben Meerman - the surfing scientist showed us some amazing physics experiments! We had a great time, there was even time for a siesta after lunch for some!
‘LITTLE Diggers’ WEDNESDAY

The ‘Little Diggers’ had fun colouring their headbands for their new story ‘Chicken Little’

VISITORS

We have had a number of visitors to HEPS this week with Mannie using the library on Monday and Wednesday. We had a number of other visitors on Wednesday too, Rebecca here with transition, Mr Peter Harvey (Director Bathurst District Public Schools) for a meeting with Mr G and to visit students. The Bathurst Library Van also visited in the afternoon.

MORNING TEA/BABY SHOWER

Today, we had a surprise morning tea for Mrs Rayner to celebrate the upcoming birth of her new baby. Parents, community members and staff members attended and Mrs Rayner received some wonderful presents. Students were surprised at recess when they were invited in to join everyone for fruit platters and cake!

AWARDS

Senior Student of the Week
William Drakeford - help with Transition

Junior Student of the Week
Grace Browne - Story Writing

Mrs Grove’s Awards
Liam English - Brilliant Story
Claire English - Beautiful Artwork
A NIGHT IN TIGHT SHOES.

By Carry Bennett, 6 th.

For Christmas I received a present from my aunt. I opened it straight away. How excited I was when I saw a pair of black shoes which I needed to wear to the dance the next night.

The night of the dance came. I dressed myself, put my shoes on and told Mum that they were comfortable.

By the time I reached the hall my feet were burning so I sat down. After a couple of dances over I selected a partner and got up in the next dance. My feet began to burn more and more, I sat down again and relaxed my feet. I was glad to know that we were going home.

We had only gone about fifty yards when Mr Drakeford gave us a lift. When we arrived home I sat down and pulled my shoes off. I went to bed and dreamt about my night in tight shoes.

On Friday the boys and girls of the senior section elected their School Captain and Vice-captain for 1963.

The person on whom this honour falls is Robert Flynn. Last year's Vice-captain. The Vice-captain is Vivian Brown. Congratulations to Robert and Vivien. This an honour which should not be treated lightly.

COMING EVENTS

On Saturday night, 23rd March, there will be a BARBECUE & DANCE at Hill End. Tea can be obtained from 6 p.m. Chips and Sausages will be on sale. Admission to the dance is adults only 3/-, children 1/-.

A good night should be had by everyone.