Welcome Back to Term 4!

A warm welcome back! It has been wonderful to see and hear all of the children back at school this week, they have certainly enjoyed catching up with their friends and the school has been buzzing with their conversations, friendships and play. Our classroom programs are already rolling again and the students have completed their first assessments for the term.

Sun, sun, sun!
With the warmer weather the children are now encouraged to wear their broad brimmed school hats while in the sun as a part of our ‘Sun Smart’ policy. Students not wearing hats will be required to play in the shade. Students are also encouraged to drink plenty of water while at school and stay sun smart.

Student Awards
As a part of updating the Hill End Public School Student Welfare Policy there are a number of new awards that will be given out each week to students to encourage their work and recognise their effort. The updated weekly awards are; Student of the week, Citizenship, Mathletics Medals and 100% attendance.

School Grounds Work
Some of you may have noticed some work going on around HEPS. Thank you to Lee Walpole for helping Mr Shanahan remove and install a new water tank. Mr Shanahan representing the War Memorial Committee has organised for the refurbishment of the some of the back fence, gates and Memorial Play Centre sign of the school. Thank you to Don Grainger and the community service ISO’s, Brad Sibley and Mr Shanahan. We are hoping that this work will be completed prior to Remembrance Day. Students will plant a lone pine on this day in commemoration.

Don’t forget:
- No hat, shade play
- Full school uniform for photos next Thursday
- Loudest shirt and gold coin donation next Friday

Keep your eyes out for the winners each week.

Fundraising
Thank you to everyone involved with fundraising over the past term. Your efforts have helped make the planning for our upcoming Sydney excursion all come together smoothly.

Enjoy the weekend.

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Term 4 Week 1
9th October 2015
In the holidays I stayed in Bathurst with mum. I made new friends with the next door neighbours and one night we heard a possum outside in a tree. It was making a very weird noise. Also, on another day mum and I went to the Bathurst library and I picked out a couple of books. Next we went to the movies in Bathurst and we watched ‘Pixel’s’. We had a bucket sized popcorn, a large drink to share and I had a choc top. The movie was funny.

**Jinja Y5**

We had lots of people coming to our house, but my favourite visitor was my cousin Ben. We did lots of things together; we played board games including my new all-time favourite game Axis and Allies 1941. We chased the girls as well; sometimes we played at night. Also, while Ben was here a friend of Dads, who also likes Land Rovers, and has a Land Rover 110 Defender came over with his wife and his kids; Luke, Craig, Daniel and Katherine. We took them all down the Bridle Track to the river two times, the second was the best because the water was much deeper. Though by that time Ben had left which was really sad but I still had fun with Luke and Craig. The one I enjoyed being with the most was Ben.

**Liam Y5**

My holidays

In the holidays we made mixed berry pie. Ben and Neve came over and we also rode the horses. Mum made meringue and we also toasted some marshmallows.

**Claire Y2**

During the holidays I went to the Dubbo Zoo to stay the night. When I first got there I noticed some of my friends from Condobolin were there also, their names are Clarry, Vanessa and Christopher. First off we held all the animals in the building such as a Shingleback, Blue Tongue, Bearded Dragon and a Children's Python. When it became night time we went out with a red light to look at the animals. We looked at the Dingos, Emus, Kangaroos and we also went into the walk through area where you can pat the animals. We also got to feed the wallabies cracked corn. The next day we went on a bike ride and had a look at all the animals. At one o’clock Colleen and Jack came and picked me up. Then went back to the motel.

**Ronald Y5**

In the holidays I did some cool things. It was very hot and one of the things I enjoyed doing was going to Bathurst. Dad, William and I went to Bathurst for a Bathex. First we went to look at some coins, then we looked around and lady gave some Roman coins to William and I. Then we went to look at some tobacco tins, I got one and dad got some. After that dad got three pocket knives, then we went for a look around. I got a snail shell fossil and dad got some fossils and rocks. Then we had lunch. After lunch we went home.

**Allen Y3**
Holiday Recount

During the holidays I stayed at home helping Dad and Mum on the farm. In the first week of the holidays my family got ready for shearing. We had to get all the mobs of sheep for the shearers to shear; it was hard work gathering up the sheep. We also had to clean the wool shed up and get the shearing machines ready. When we started shearing, my brother William and I spent a whole day helping in the wool shed picking up the fleeces, sweeping the floor and pressing up the wool bales and branding them. We also had to pen up the sheep so the shearers could get the sheep easier. After a big day in the shed, 5 o’clock came, the day ended and we took the sheep away to their paddock.

I liked my holidays even though it was hard yakka, it was fun.

Harrison Y6

Student of the Week
Ronald

Citizenship
Claire

Mathletics
Ronald

Attendance
Toby

In the Garden

Wow! Our gardens certainly grew during the holidays! Our beetroot seedlings, lettuce, peas, broad beans, parsley, sage, thyme, rhubarb and flowers are booming! We planted seeds of nasturtium, capsicum, basil and marigolds during the week. We’ll definitely be in the kitchen next week.

Quote for the Week

“The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

IF ANYONE HAS CLEAN, SMALL POTS THAT WE CAN USE TO POT UP SEEDLINGS AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE LEAVE AT THE SCHOOL. YOU MAY BE REWARDED WITH A SEEDLING.
P. & C. MEETING

The next meeting is on Friday 11th October at 7pm. Please note the change of time.

There are three important matters of business to discuss.

1. End of Year Functions.
2. The Hill End Sports Day.

Try to come along and give your ideas and help your school – this way you are helping your child.

Abuse of Tests in Skills and the Sports we haven’t been able to hold our usual competitions. However, below are some pieces of outstanding work or achievements.

Alan Sibly 5th Class made an excellent fruit basket last week. Alan should be very pleased with his effort. Most boys made quite good models.

Didre and Carmen Nobbs have shown a very determined effort in reading. Keep it up girls!

Robert Nobbs has shown that he understands and can do his Arithmetic very well.

Teamwork together with faster and more accurate work will be the aim for the rest of the term.

Well, Spring time is proving to be a busy time here at school, as well as at home. I am pleased with the children’s present attitude to school – work and I hope it will keep up. Every child now realises the importance of being able to read well and has this objective in mind.

Most children are sticking to our slogans of LOOK CLEARLY! HEAR CLEARLY! THINK CLEARLY! SPEAK CLEARLY! and WRITE CLEARLY!

The children are all aware of the changes brought upon Hill End by the wonderful season of Spring. Some children have already taken advantage of the lovely weather by going on picnics, fishing trips and so on.

Here at school our central theme is “Spring” and we are endeavouring to make our room as bright and cheerful as the season. So far the children have brought along many flowers, books, pictures, etc. from which we can all LOOK & LEARN. Our sandtry nest of “Spring time” gets plenty of the children’s attention.