The Golden Quill

Term 4 Attendance!

Don’t forget:

- No hat, shade play
- Bathurst Library Van next Wednesday
- Parents & Friends Meeting next Thursday

Attendance Rules!
I’d like to congratulate everyone for their great start to the term. Our attendance for the term stands at 100% - fantastic! We are now holding a fun prize draw every Friday for every student with perfect attendance throughout the week.

Garden Thriving!
Our kitchen garden has really started to thrive. This week we spent time both planting and harvesting. The infant students also carried out some bug watching and planted seeds in our miniature greenhouse.

Community Resources and Library
Don’t forget we have a range of resources available to members of the village and community including a laminator, fax and computer with internet access. The Bathurst Library Depot also has a great number of books, magazines and DVDs available to borrow. You don’t even have to be a member of the library, just come in and borrow.

Sydney Excursion
Just over two weeks now until our Sydney excursion. We have an amazing four days planned for the students including a trip to Hyde Park Barracks, the Maritime Museum and the Sydney Sky Tower. All this and not to mention singing in the Sydney Opera House.

Mr G

Loud Shirts!
Today was Loud Shirt Day! I’m so glad I wore my sunglasses! Students and staff all wore their brightest shirts and gave a gold coin donation. HEPS supports Loud Shirt Day every year because it helps deaf children. We believe that if these children get help early they can get an education just like us. We raised $52.20. Well done everyone!
Rehearsals

Senior students are continuing their rehearsals each fortnight with Mrs Groves. Everyone is getting very excited about the Opera House performance. We can’t wait!

School Photos

School Photos were taken on Thursday. Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that students looked their best for these. We know they look good all the time but they were especially neat yesterday.

Toby said “This is a worksite!”

On Wednesday, our ‘Little Diggers’ enjoyed their morning in class and also had fun in the playground. They were very creative in the sandpit with the Kindergarten students. The sandpit is a real hit with the younger students and a wonderful spot to play on warmer days.

Our transition students Emily and Beth are really settling in well at school on Wednesdays. They follow the school routine and work quietly in class when asked. They listen attentively to stories and mix with all the other students. Well done girls! Of course, Edmund always has a great time when he visits.

Student of the Week
Charlotte
Citizenship
Jinja
Mathletics Allen  Attendance Ruby

‘Little Diggers’ join Kinder in the Sandpit
In the Garden & Kitchen

It’s been a wonderful week in the garden with lots of growth. There were two storms over the weekend so the gardens had a good drink. Our marigolds are already up! We picked lots of parsley to use in the kitchen. Senior students measured, peeled, chopped and squeezed to create a delicious tabouleh salad. While we were in the kitchen with Mrs Shanahan junior students set up more gardening experiments with Mr G. At lunchtime, everyone had a taste of our tabouleh. Everyone liked it and Oliver even came back for seconds! It is great to see students try new things.

My Name is Michael LINEHAN.

My name is Michael LINEHAN; I’m on board the Maitland, bound for Botany Bay, on the coast of Australia as a convict and it is the 3rd of August 1826. Before this I lived in County Waterford as a bricklayer, a mason and a soldier. I am single and I was born on 25th January 1800.

I have been sentenced to fourteen years for striking a sergeant because he had spoken badly about my religion, the Catholic faith. I had protested, so he tried to hit me. In self defence I hit back. I was taken to court to be sentenced by Akbar Raymond. I am lucky that I don’t mourn for the loss of a companion; I can also read and write, unlike some convicts. My fellow convicts and I have been through a lot. Horrible food, the nasty smell of seasickness, and much more.

We are watched carefully as an uprising was spoken about recently and we had swivels pointing at us. There were also guards with whips and if we misbehaved there would be a punishment, flogging for example. Many are sick and have died, I have already lost a fellow Catholic friend.

People might say I’m lucky that I am only sentenced to 14 years but really there is no difference. I may as well be dead. The British government won’t bother to take me back home where I belong. I hope I get back to Ireland and that I don’t have to follow Britain’s Laws, though I’ll most likely never see my country again, independent or not.

What lies before me I do not know but hopefully I will survive, unlike some of the other unfortunate convicts who have already died on this fateful voyage.

40 years later……

I did survive, we arrived in Botany Bay on the 8th of January 1827, I was escorted by a guard along with some other convicts. I worked on making buildings, as I used to be a bricklayer. Unfortunately I never got a chance to return to Ireland but Australia isn’t so bad, it is a lovely place and here I shall stay for life.

Liam Y5

“I’ve been sentenced to fourteen years”

On our Sydney excursion students will be visiting the Hyde Park Barracks. As part of their HSIE unit with Mrs Groves students were asked to write a historical fiction about this era. Of course, they all wanted to be a convict. Please enjoy Liam’s story. More next week.
Parents and Friends Meeting

Next week’s meeting is the last one prior to the Sydney excursion, so we hope everyone can come along at 3:00pm to discuss the final details for the Opera House performance. Mrs Groves will be coming out especially to inform parents and carers of the timetable for the Opera House performance. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to know details of the excursion week please contact Mr G

History Snippet October 1963

Hill End has once again shown the districts around that “It has some excellent athletes.” On Tuesday, 1st October, Hill End was represented at the Zone Sports at Mudgee. What a day it proved to be! The rain fell lightly in the morning but the children’s spirits were not dampened. As the day progressed the sun shone and so did our boys and girls.

There was not one person who did not strive to do his or her best. Those who did not receive the honour and glory of filling a place should feel proud with their achievements. Not everyone can win but it is an honour to be able to take part in any sports in which you are representing the school.

In the Junior Championship heat Estor Auld ran very well to finish second to go into the final. Jacqueline Henry (9 years) ran one of her best races to finish second in her heat to go into the final, together with Julie Pajam who ran a dead-heat for last.

Estor again ran well in her 10 year old race to finish first to go into the final.

Gary Flynn finished second in the Junior Champions heat. This is very good considering Gary is only 9 years.

Lance Haynor (6 years) ran extremely well to finish inches away in third place against 6 year olds! This is a runner to keep your eyes on in future years.