Starting this week the Golden Quill will be published every Thursday. The newsletter will still have all of the same great news and information from our fantastic school, just look for it a day earlier! Our weekly student awards will also be given out on Thursday afternoons. The excitement over our Sydney Excursion has continued at school this week with the students writing some wonderful recounts of some of their most memorable moments. These will be printed in the Golden Quill over the next few weeks! The new weekly awards are proving to be a hit with the students. Congratulations to our student of the week William and to Citizenship award winner Liam. The Mathletics medals are great fun and highly sought after by the children. The gold medal this week goes to Allen, silver to Claire and the bronze medal for the week is awarded to Charlotte. In addition to our regular awards a number of students were presented with special awards for debating. Congratulations to Emma, Grace, Allen, Ronald, Harrison, William, Liam and Jinja. Finally, attendance for term four has been fantastic, keep it up, well done. Our attendance award winner for the week is Ronald. Enjoy the remainder of the week, and the weekend.

Mr G

Last week the senior students from Hill End Public School went down to Sydney to sing in a small school choir at the Opera House. Before we went inside to sing we saw our families. When we got inside we sang a whole lot of songs with over 700 other students. We also went to the Australia Museum, while we were in the museum we had lunch. Then we split up into two groups, there were a lot of stuffed animals, and one of the stuffed animals we saw a diprotodont. The Sydney trip was awesome. Grace Y4
Sydney Excursion

This year the senior students went to Sydney on an excursion and to sing in the Sydney Opera House as part of a combined schools choir. On Tuesday morning we went to the Hyde Park Barracks. Once we got there the tour guide was setting up the activities. She came over and we went into the building where the convicts were kept. There were a lot of tools and a big map, I put on leg irons and we were allowed to pretend to whip people. After that we went upstairs and we got to dress up like convicts and we slept in their hammocks. Then we went back downstairs to make bricks with sand and we made a chimney around Claire with Styrofoam bricks. My favourite part was making the bricks. On Wednesday morning we went to the Maritime Museum to have a tour of the HMB Endeavour. The tour guide showed us some replica cannons like the ones Captain Cook had aboard his ship. When we got on board we went to the front of the ship where the tour guide showed us the toilets they used which was a plank of wood hanging over the ocean (the long drop) Then we went down into the hull of the ship where the crew slept and we saw where the food was cooked. Then we got to where Captain Cook slept, he collected a lot of souvenirs. On Wednesday night we went to the Opera house were we sang with 700 other kids. There were eleven songs to sing and there were a lot of people in the audience, in one of the songs the power went out but we all kept on singing the song. When it was all over we went back to YHA to go to sleep. Ronald Y5
In the Garden

While we were in Sydney the warm weather and rain in Hill End made all of our plants grow gigantic and some have started to go to seed. We haven’t been able to get outside because of the rain this week and the vegies are growing and growing!!! Next week will be a busy one!

Student of the Week
William
Citizenship
Liam
Mathletics Allen Attendance Ronald

Sydney Excursion

Last week Year 2 to 6 students of Hill End School took a bus trip to Sydney for an excursion. It lasted for four days and I knew it was going to be great fun!

One of the amazing things we did was going to Chinatown. After we settled into the YHA, we all walked to Chinatown, Mr Baker was the leader. We had to buddy up; I buddied up with William and Liam. We walked over a bridge, we could see the Goods Railway. When we got over the bridge we saw an odd shaped building, we took a photo of all of us.

When we got to Chinatown I saw a lot of shops and we saw crabs. Then we went back to the YHA. Another thing we did going the Sky Tower. We took a train from Central Station to St James Station. First we went into a 4D cinema. It was fantastic, the things on the film were popping out. After that we took an elevator to the top of the Sky Tower. When we got on the top I could see Sydney, it was an amazing site, I could even see the Sydney War Memorial.

Then we bought some souvenirs. I bought a boomerang and a tiny Sky Tower. Then we went to the YHA. On the third night we went to the Opera House to sing songs. We got to see our parents and we got to go to the toilets. When we were finished we went inside the Opera House. The songs we sang were Live Out Loud, Sailing Away, Danny Boy, Give me a Kite, An Empires Message and lots more. My favourite was River Song. Some other schools performed songs and music.

After we had finished we went outside to see our parents, then we went back to the YHA. I loved the excursion I which I could go back again.

Allen Y3

“We’re back!”
The last week we’ve been doing more wool craft. Most children have completed a little wool mat and some have nearly finished a trinket basket.

Class merits for last week were as follows:

**READING**
- Kindergarten: Jim Barry
- 1st Class: Lance Rayner
- 2nd Class: Vickie Desson

**LUNGS**
- Kindergarten: Lucy Rayner
- 1st Class: Jim Sibley & Peter O’Reilly
- 2nd Class: Robyn Drakeford

**SPELLING**
- 1st Class: Warren Hobbs – 10/10
- 2nd Class: Robyn, Eri, Vickie & Sandra – (all 20/20)

**Music**
- Suzy Dee – Gary O’Reilly
- Nostalgic Book Prize: Corinne Ellis

**Winning Blocks**
- Koalas: Betty, Corinne, Eric, Sandra, Vickie & Robyn
- Craft: Dean Price

Class Monitors this week:
- Suzy Dee – Justine Sibley
- Group A: Pauline Hobbs
- 1st Class: Jim Sibley
- 2nd Class: Betty Campbell

We had a delightful visit from the English children’s grandparents. The weather was sunny on that day. We’ve had rain from then on.

Our ‘Little Diggers’ enjoyed a day in class with Mrs Rayner during the week. They had a wonderful time! Indoor play only but we love the rain.