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**CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER**

- Last Library Van Visit 2015
- Presentation Night
- ATTACHMENTS
  - Presentation BBQ
  - Jobs List
- Local Land Services - Locust Update

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Science with Mrs Rayner

In science this term we have been looking at rocks and soils. This week we conducted an experiment to help the students better understand erosion and weathering. The students were put into groups of three where they had to build three sand castles and use watering cans to pour different amounts of water onto their sandcastles to see what happens. They then had to observe what was happening and record their findings. All the students seemed to really enjoy building sandcastles and destroying them.

In this book, my favourite character is Ned Kelly because he is smart. He always thinks ahead of everybody. Ned is proud because he saved a mate from a fast flowing creek. Ned is also brave because he had no fear in anything. Finally I think Ned is adventurous because he travelled all over the countryside. One of the places where the story is set is Glenrowan Inn. This place is iconic because this is where Ned and his mates had a standoff with the police. It is also remote because it is in the middle of bushland. Glenrowan Inn is a beautiful place because there are beautiful plants and wildlife.

Meet Ned Kelly

Author - Janeen Brian
Illustrator - Matt Adams

In the book Ned went to school for three years, he had mates, school books and he was happy. But that all changed when his father died. Then his family was poor and had to move to a little farm. In the middle of the book Ned was gaol for three years for helping a random man who stole a horse. Ned was only nineteen. Three years later Ned was set free. He formed a gang with some of his mates and his brother Dan Kelly. Ned was officially a bushranger. At the end of the story Ned had a long gun battle at the Glenrowan Inn. He wore iron armour that he had made himself. He was shot in the leg, and he was hanged in the Melbourne Gaol. Ned Kelly was only 25 years old.
In the Garden & Kitchen

This week in the garden we patrolled for bugs and found that the white cabbage moth has been laying eggs in the cabbage. Some of our lettuce and all of our parsley is going to seed so this week we have some maintenance to do before planting seeds next week. We picked a huge bunch of silver beet to use in the kitchen. In the kitchen senior students cooked a Turkish dish called ‘ispanak’ using our silver beet and a container of tomatoes that we cooked and froze in March this year. Please see recipe below. This was an easy dish to make and was really delicious and so healthy. We added chickpeas to ours. (For a vegetarian meal just leave out the mince) Thank you to volunteer Mrs Auld and work experience student Lilllian Stocks for their help. This recipe called for a lot of fine dicing and we all noticed how improved students are becoming in their knife skills. Junior students worked with Mr G in organising magazine food cuttings into their food groups. They then came into the kitchen to present their findings and answer questions from senior students. Senior students showed the juniors what they had been cooking.

Ispanak (translates to spinach)

**INGREDIENTS**
- 500g of beef or lamb mince
- 1 bunch of silver beet (or English spinach, or kale) – finely chopped
- 2 large brown onions – finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves – finely chopped
- 2 carrots – finely chopped
- 3 tomatoes or 1 can of tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon of tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon of ground coriander, cumin and smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon of cayenne pepper
- salt and pepper to taste

**Optional**
- 100g of soaked chickpeas.

**METHOD**
1. Brown the onion in olive oil in a large, heavy based pot and let sweat. After a few minutes, add the garlic.
2. Once the onion is translucent, add the mince.
3. When the mince is cooked through, add all the spices, salt and pepper and stir through. Taste to make sure the balance of flavours is good.
4. Now, add the tomato paste, tomatoes and carrots and stir through. If you’re adding chickpeas, now’s the time to throw them in as well. Cover and turn down heat, leaving to simmer for 30 minutes.
5. Once the 30 minutes is up, open the lid, throw in your washed and chopped silver beet and keep uncovered for another 5 minutes or so. Serve with brown rice or Turkish bread. Yummy!

**Visitors**

At school this week we’ve had Brooke Thompson come into school to help with reading and swimming. We have also had Lilllian and Debbie Stocks visiting. Lilllian has spent the week at HEPS on work experience and her mum Debbie is an ex HEPS student. Debbie was very impressed with the school facilities.
Happenings at Hill End Public School

At HEPS this week a number of things have been happening in the grounds. A cement slab was poured for our greenhouse by Brad & Tass. A working bee will be organised at a later date to erect our greenhouse. Everyone is looking forward to seeing it up.

JOSS Facility Management employees also came to test and tag our vacuum cleaners and to clean our water tanks.