Don’t forget:
- Christmas item donations for our raffle to be drawn on Presentation Night
- No hat, shade play

ATTACHMENTS
Presentation BBQ
Jobs List
Jackeroo Ranch Flyer

CALENDAR
DECEMBER
Last P&F Meeting 2015
Presentation Night
Excursion Bathurst Pool
Last Day 2015 Students

The Golden Quill

Last Library Van Visit for 2015

Sarah and Mel from the Bathurst Regional Council’s Library Van made their last visit to HEPS on Wednesday. What an afternoon it was for all students. After a swim in the pool they were greeted by Sarah and Mel who gave out prizes to students. Our best borrowers received movie tickets while the others received ‘shrinkies’. Thank you once again to the Bathurst Regional Council Library and Sarah and Mel who come to Hill End Public School rain, hail or shine (and sometimes snow and heat). We look forward to seeing them again in 2016. We hope they have a wonderful Christmas and holiday.

Reading Rules!

Developing a love of reading is a vital key to success at school and later in life. There are many wonderful reasons why children should be encouraged and supported with reading. Benefits include building family relationships, academic excellence, thinking skills, language skills and simply learning that reading is great fun.

This week within class our students have been reading a wide range of books and texts. Emma has been reading a book on the history of writing while Allen has been reading about food from around the world. Charlotte has enjoyed reading a book about hats while Toby has been reading books about building a raft and about a family holiday. Our Year 5 and 6 students have continued reading a modern version of Jules Verne’s, Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea. With the end of the school year fast approaching I want to encourage all the children to read a great book over the holidays, what a great way to relax! Mr G
Fun at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre

What a great day we had at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre on Tuesday. While the senior students practised their swimming strokes in the big pool with Mr G, the juniors practised floating on their backs and fronts, blowing bubbles and diving through the water with Mrs Shanahan. We are very impressed with the progress of Toby and Charlotte in the water. We had a yummy lunch of a ham salad roll, hot chips and juice. After lunch all the students got together in the whirlpool for some fun games and free time. Mr G bought everyone an iceblock to have on the way home. Thanks Nancy for taking us in.

We look forward to out next trip on the 14th.

New swim vests for the juniors and ‘Little Diggers’ have been purchased with Sporting Schools funding.

and the HEPS Pool

On Wednesday the ‘Little Diggers’ joined the other students in the pool for water familiarisation and assessment of skills. They had a great time and we know that they will become good little swimmers when they begin Kindergarten next year and swim every day. We’ve also had Beau and Louis enjoying the pool too. They have been attending HEPS for the past few weeks while staying in Hill End with their artist mum Brooke.

You're Invited!

Presentation Night
Friday 11th December 2015 at the Royal Hall

Community members and friends are invited to join us for a BBQ dinner at 6pm followed by the presentation and play at 7pm.

We’d love to see you there.

Student of the Week
Claire
Citizenship
Ronald
Mathletics
Grace
Attendance
Allen
In the Garden

In the garden this week we have been keeping our vegetables well watered during the hot weather. Everything is growing well and we hope to provide some salad ingredients for the presentation night BBQ.

‘Paper Bag’ Character Study

The 26 - Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
Main Character - Andy

CHARACTER TRAITS
Andy has lots of character traits. The three I have chosen are adventurous, clever and co-operative. He is adventurous because he goes on adventures with his friends Jill and Terry.
He is clever because Andy and Terry make three more storeys each time there is a new book. Andy is also co-operative because Jill, Andy and Terry get along with each other to solve problems.

LIKES
In this story Andy likes lots of things. The three that I have chosen are Terry, the treehouse and writing. He likes Terry because he is his best friend and they also live together. The second thing Andy likes is the 26 storey treehouse because he lives in it and there are also fun stories in it. Finally, he also likes writing, it is his favourite thing and it is his job.

DISLIKES
Also in this story Andy dislikes lots of things. The three I have chosen are pirates, Mr Big Nose and Barky, the Barking Dog Show. He dislikes pirates because he had to work for them once. The second thing he dislikes is Mr Big Nose because he is his publisher and he is so fussy. Finally, Andy does not like Barky, the Barking Dog Show because all the dog says is “bark”.

OTHER CHARACTERS
In this story Andy interacts with lots of people. The two I have chosen are Jill and Terry who are his friends. Andy interacts with Jill and Terry because in the story they have to work together to get rid of Captain Wooden Head, (pirate captain).

We have some cherry tomato plants for sale at school. Large $3.00 and small $2.00. Please see our table out front and pop your money into the honesty box. All proceeds put towards our gardens

William Y5
History Snippet October 1963

Well! we certainly should be happy with the weather we are experiencing.
Is our room our theme is - HEALTH! HEALTH! & HAPPINESS!
Last week was Health Week and most work was centred around this.
The children designed and painted bright Health posters. Fruit was decided upon as being one of the healthy foods and so the children have made flour and salt models depicting a bowl of fruit. Also in craft the children have made everlasting rings by wool-winding.

We have all decided that HEALTH is more important than wealth but we are still discussing how different people earn their living. We have learnt that the grazier raises beef cattle and sells them - also that the sheep - farmer grows sheep so he can get money for either wool or mutton and so on.

Happiness stems from GOOD HEALTH not good WEALTH.

So make sure that you try to keep a smile on your face through thick and thin.

Scouts should remember that "a scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties".
The children have been working hard and happily in the classroom. I am pleased to see that children are finding happiness in books - and are especially pleased with Group A.

Merit are as follows:

READING: Kindergarten Ann Hobbs. 2nd Class Warren Hobbs 3rd Class Caroline Ellis.

NUMB.RES: Kindergarten - Eddie Haldane 1st Class - Dean Price 2nd Class - Vickie Pascoe & Blythe Drakeford.

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre's Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years and will be held during the April 2015 school holidays. This education program is designed for primary school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Dates: Tuesday 12 January to Friday 15 January 2016
     Monday 18 January to Thursday 21 January 2016

Age: 5-12 years

Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - $45.00 per child per day (If booked before Thursday 17 December 2015).
      Normal Rate - $55.00 per child per day (bookings after Thursday 17 December 2015).

How to Book:

All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website

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