Carnival. Students from eight small schools will be racing in a range of events throughout the day. Good luck to our boys and girls. Enjoy the weekend.

Mr G

Gardening Knowledge Grows

On Monday this week our students again went out and about on our quest to learn more about growing vegetables.

Our first visit was to Robert and Maxine Andersons where the children were shown their amazing corn, potato and tomato crops. Robert then demonstrated the skill of bandicooting potatoes to the children. The students asked some great questions that will help us develop our gardens at school.

After visiting the Andersons we then journeyed to the Auld’s. The children were amazed at the different crops and fruits grown by Robert Auld, including some fantastic climbing beans. Mrs Auld then showed the children many different ways to preserve fruit and vegetables.

Next week, Mrs Auld and the children will be preserving fruit at school.

Sydney Excursion

Later this year we will again be undertaking a major excursion to Sydney in late October. Taking place every two years our major excursions are truly wonderful experiences for the children. This year the children will be singing at the Sydney Opera House as a part of the Primary Schools Choral Concerts.

In addition to singing at the Opera House the children will be visiting some great places to compliment out studies. These include visiting the Hyde Park Barracks and boarding the Endeavour at the Sydney Maritime Museum.

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday next week our students will be competing in Mudgee at the Mudgee Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Students from eight small schools will be racing in a range of events throughout the day. Good luck to our boys and girls.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr G
Another busy, great week at school. We welcomed William and Allen back yesterday after their visit to family in the Philippines. We have been practising our swim strokes for the upcoming swimming carnival and playing some softie hockey during lunch times. Students have jumped straight into their homework, completing their set tasks. Well done! Keyboard lessons started today with Mrs Groves, students were a little rusty after the holidays but Mrs Groves is confident that they will be back to where they were very quickly.

“Back into the swing in Class”

**NEWSLETTER BRIEFS**

**Jargon buster**
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


**Avoiding injuries**
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


**Maths questions**
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

In the Garden

Last weekend, Mr Shanahan topped up one of our vegie garden beds with a trailer load of good garden soil from Bathurst. He will bring in two more trailer loads during the next couple of weeks to top up our other two gardens.

We planted seeds of brussel sprouts, kohl rabi, leeks, beetroot and lettuce last Monday in the topped up bed. Then, we went visiting some local vegie gardens to see what local community members are growing. We are really enjoying learning about and growing our own food. Thanks to the Aulds and Andersons and to Hill End Gold Limited for the use of their van for our community garden visits.

Parents & Friends

We had our first Parent and Friends meeting yesterday. Mr G spoke about the new Spelling and Maths programs, homework (based on students own lives) HSIE - learning about Anzac Day and British Colonisation of Australia, Science - Weather. He also spoke about our Transition Program and our new kindergarten students. A general discussion took place about the upcoming major excursion and ways to fundraise for it. All agreed that a raffle would be held at Easter and we would also ask Bunnings Mudgee if we could have a BBQ on 28th March at their store. Colleen said that she would be happy to put a Easter Basket together for the raffle. Gaye said that she would put up some notices and send letters out asking for raffle prize donations.

Library Van Visit

We had our first visit for 2015 from the Bathurst Mobile Library Van last Wednesday. All students, including kindergarten were able to choose some great books to read and enjoy. This is an invaluable service to the school and community. Thank you Bathurst Regional Council and Bathurst City Library.
Well, the Hill-End scouts are on the road to becoming worthy scouts. We are continually learning a little more about Scouting. We now have 10 boys enrolled - Gordon Bennett enrolled last week - welcome Gordon! We hope you enjoy yourself.

We have been scouting for approximately 6 weeks. Under regulations, if we are compelled to undergo a trial period of at least 2 months before we can officially apply for recognition as a Scout Troop. Before we apply for recognition we must form a Scout Committee. It is therefore imperative to call a meeting in about 3 weeks or a month or time of all interested parents and citizens. I hope to arrange for a District Scout Leader to attend this meeting. It is the job of those who attend this meeting to select a Hill-End Scout Committee who then in turn nominate the present Scoutmaster. The choice of Scoutmaster then has to be approved by Scout Headquarters in Sydney. So far, everything is satisfactory and there is every confidence in the boys and their parents being able to form a first-rate Hill-End Boy Scout Troop.

We have about $50 in the bank & once we become a recognised Scout troop, I'm sure we will be able to raise enough money (eg. through donations) to equip ourselves as well, if not better than any other Scout Troop. Even now we are very well-endowed in that we have a wealth of camping country to carry out Scouting in.

Last week-end we had our first Scout Camp at Sailors' Bluff on the Murray. There were 12 of us under canvas & an enjoyable, although inebriated, evening was had by all. We walked about 25 miles & covered a fair bit of country - as well as an oak laurel. The Weekeaemers & Skyhooks added to our trouble but we were kept awake on the hikes - weren't we Bruce?

The evening was a hit on the Ammersee side but we all came through fine. Aidan Byrne & Albert Hobbs proved capable Patrol Leaders & were ably assisted by Jim Hobbs & Garry Bennett. - Bravoo! Boys.

Well space is limited hence we'll say, "Happy Scouting" till next week.