Student Knowledge Grows
On Monday this week we again ventured forth in our quest for knowledge. This week we visited Steve Hobbs's to learn from his gardening skills. What a fantastic garden – the children were amazed to see the large variety and quality of vegies in his garden including tomato plants over three metres tall. Steve answered questions and told us what plants grow well in our climate and how he controls bugs and pests. We learnt a great deal and brought back some enthusiastic students with ideas for use in our school gardens. Thanks Steve!

Back to School – Parent BBQ
The rain on Wednesday stayed away long enough for parents and children to enjoy a school BBQ together. The children shared lunch with their parents before spending the afternoon relaxing in the pool.

Sydney Opera House Excursion
Thank you to those people who have already offered some great prizes for our upcoming fundraising raffle this Easter at the Royal Hall. Planning for the Sydney excursion is well underway and looks set to be a once in a lifetime experience for the children.

ANZAC Day Studies
Last week for our ANZAC studies the children enjoyed seeing a selection of military items from my personal collection. This week the students paired up to discover the meaning behind some of the symbols of ANZAC Day include rosemary, Simpson and his donkey, the red poppy, the slouch hat and the Last Post and Reveille.

Listen to Reading
As a part of our ‘daily five’ literacy program students are read to from two books every day. Two books are used - one for infants and one for Primary – and the time is used to introduce reading skills, strategies as well as encourage a love of reading. Our senior books this year have already included an Enid Blyton adventure – A Puzzling Adventure, and The Cleo Stories – The Necklace and the Present. Infant students have enjoyed Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Mr Bud, The Butterfly and Little Lost Penguin to name just a handful.

We have purchased many new wonderful books for the library recently and I would like to again encourage parents and carers to encourage students into the pattern of reading at home, every night.

Enjoy the weekend
Mr G
In Class

It’s been another busy week at HEPS as you can see by the pictures!

“Thanks for the crazy spectacle straws
Lee”

Visitors

Everyone was pleased to see Mrs Rayner and Hudson yesterday. Community members Kathy George and Karin Ramsten also popped in during the week to utilise school resources.

BBQ Lunch

Parents joined us at HEPS for a wonderful BBQ lunch. John Mead also arrived at the right time to enjoy lunch while having a meeting with Mr Shanahan about the War Memorial restoration.

Senior
Grace Browne

Junior
Charlotte Mobbs
**In the Garden**

This week we visited Steve Hobbs's vegetable garden. It is a beautiful garden, gravity fed watered from a dam above. Steve's garden is very productive, feeding he and partner Daphne for most months of the year. He also gives away a lot of produce to community members. Our students asked some great questions and were very impressed about how much Steve had fitted into a small space. We got some great ideas about things we would like to try, especially training our tomatoes up! Steve gave us a butternut pumpkin and some green beans which we used in a salad for our BBQ lunch on Wednesday. Yummy! Thanks HEGL & the English family for transportation.

**Newsletter briefs**

**All about apostrophes**
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

**Multiplication times tables**

**Sorting fact from fiction**
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

**Opera House Music Books Arrive…**
Our students were very excited today when Mr Groves unpacked their music books for the for the Opera House Concert.
History Snippet May 1963

General: Well, the holidays are just about here and we'll soon be able to look back on an interesting and hard-working term. The children have been working to capacity throughout the year, and they have informed me that they feel they are in need of a holiday.

In the Lower Division, the Hard Work has done wonders. Chest has proved a very useful innovation in the classroom. The children are also very proud of their newly-painted desks - especially since they have transplanted on them.

Classroom names in last week were as follows:

* Number (6) Anna Hobbs
  (5) Peter O'Reilly
  (4) Eric Noy
  (3) Robyn Drakeford
  (2) Vicci Benson

Most Improved Reader - Lance Rayner (3)
Book Prize for neatness - Lucy Rayner (2)
Winning Block - Kangaroo's (Jim S., Peter D., Dean P., Robyn D., Laren M., and Lance R.)

Reading ability is improving. Those who passed Treasure Chest Word Test (1) last week were Betty Campbell and Chrissie Ellis. Those who passed Treasure Chest Word Test (No 2) this week were Robyn Drakeford and Sandra Thompson.

Class Monitors have been filling their office well. Class Monitors last week were:

(6) Jim Warr
(5) Jim Sibley
(4) Robyn D.
(3) Vicci Benson
(2) Lance R.
(1) Lucy R.

Well, we'll close the book of an eventful term today and I wish all girls and boys the very best of happiness during these May Holidays. Make sure you come back refreshed and fit to have an even more enjoyable Second Term.