The students have been like busy bees this week, writing, discussing, calculating, creating and playing together in a hive of learning and activities. On Monday we again worked in the school garden, this week the students transplanted some vegies. In class we created word lists to help our gardening diaries. For cooking Mrs Auld and Mrs Kimm helped the children make some fantastic wheat tortillas. All of the children love the cooking lessons!

In class Charlotte and Toby have been learning three more sounds for Jolly Phonics. This week they learnt about the sounds ‘g’, ‘o’ and ‘u’. Together we learnt the sound, the associated action and read the wonderful story to go with each sound. For read to others lessons Claire finished reading two stories this week including Night Walk and Picked for the Team. Our Primary students have all started new stories and also had some time preparing for the NAPLAN tests early next term.

In maths the Kindergarten students have continued to read, write and count numbers while the year 2-6 students have continued to learn about fractions. Year 5-6 students have been learning to convert between improper fractions and mixed numerals as well as add fractions together.

For studies into Interpersonal Relationships the students discussed respect and we came up with a meaning for the word. Then we looked at different emotions and feelings and how to identify them in people.

Finally for writing the students this week presented their short and sharp persuasive speeches. Liam chose the topic “that a good mind is better than good looks” while Grace, Emma and Claire each spoke strongly that “animals should not be kept in cages”.

Allen spoke on the topic that “we should not judge a book by its cover” while Harrison convinced us that “we should say what we think”. Finally Jinja spoke on the topic “that computers should not replace teachers” and included the points that teachers don’t need electricity and that computers can break down! I couldn’t agree more Jinja – uh oh...need coffee....ee..e e zzzzzzzzzz brrzttttttt.

All that and transition, word work, library, PE, swimming, art, music, handwriting, computer skills and much more. PHEW!

Enjoy the weekend,
Mr G
Visitors

This week as a part of the School Management Plan process I hosted Peter Harvey, Director of Public Schools for the Bathurst Network and Principal’s Mrs Merz and Mr Stewart from Glen Alice and Ilford. We spent the meeting discussing directions for each of our schools and processes to enable our students to succeed within school.

Hill End Public School operates on the School Management Plan with three strategic directions.

1. All students achieve individual targeted outcomes in all subjects
2. All students will undertake high quality, engaging lessons in all subjects
3. That school, parent and community partnerships are encouraged and enhanced in order to enrich student engagement and outcomes

What do you think? Your thoughts and input is valued on these strategic directions. Are they clear? What do they mean to you?

I’d love your feedback, email me, call or slip a note under the door, you can add your name or keep your views anonymous.

Allen was amazed that he finished his lunch before Harrison. This was the first time ever!

“Busy Bees!”

Congratulations to Harrison who received this letter from Mr Peter Harvey this week.

Harrison Browne
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Dear Harrison,

I would like to congratulate you on your selection as School Leader. This role of a school leader will provide wonderful opportunities to further develop your leadership skills.

I am sure that you will enjoy fulfilling this important role and find it a rewarding experience.

Your principal, staff and students are very confident that you will be a fantastic role model and ambassador for Hill End Public School. I look forward to hearing you and discussing your role on one of my visits to your school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Harvey
Principal
Public Schools NSW
Bathurst Network
23 February 2015

Senior
Jinna Turner

Junior
Emma English
**IN THE GARDEN & KITCHEN**

In the garden this week we transplanted some of our kohlrabi and beetroot plants. We also replanted some brussel sprout seeds. Our water monitor Liam, has done a good job as they haven’t wilted at all.

In the kitchen we prepared and cooked wheat tortillas and sliced and diced fresh vegies for our salsa.

**MRS PRICE - RELIEVING PRINCIPAL**

Mr G is taking two weeks leave as of today to drive his 1953 Dodge M37 truck over the Snowy Mountains and around NSW. His partner Jeannie will be driving their 1942 jeep and they’ll be travelling with around 10 other World War 2 jeeps before taking part in a rally with around 300 ex-military vehicles.

Mrs Winsome Price has kindly agreed to relieve for Mr G while he is away. School and classes will continue as normal.

**NEWSLETTER BRIEFS**

**Good number sense**

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


**Reading with your child at home**


**Removing head lice and nits**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits)
History Snippet May 1963

In this week’s history snippet, we explore the importance of education and the role of parents in supporting their children’s learning.

G E N E R A L

Pupil forms must be returned to those parents who were collecting them so that the numbers can be given to the Health Officer. It is anticipated that it could be some time before the injections will become available. After the 31st May the list will be sent to the Health Officer.

Examinations!

Upper Division will commence their Half-Yearly Examinations on the 17th June. Lower Division will start theirs on the following week. It will be greatly appreciated if parents would avoid taking their children to town during these weeks as it means that the tests have to be given twice. Parents can help their children by encouraging them to study a little harder, giving them a few minutes of their time each night to hear tables, and give spelling.

In the first term, a great deal of time had to be spent in finding out what was known and how best to reach the standard required. Quite a lot of improvement has been made and now it will need constant work to maintain and improve on these standards.

A little effort on each child, together with their efforts, will greatly assist in achieving this standard.

I am very pleased to see so many girls and boys attending in their school uniform. They not only look neat, but they help to achieve a school spirit. If any parent is not sure of the school colours, then a note to me, and I shall send out the information required. If any parent is buying clothes for her child, I suggest that you buy the school uniforms; they are not expensive, and they certainly look better.

In the next few weeks, a film night will be held in the school.

Keep this night free and come along to help your school raise some finance as well as to enjoy yourself.

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