Its been another wonderful, busy week at Hill End Public School. On Monday, Mrs Price started as Relieving Principal for Mr G. She was very impressed with the manners, behaviour and class participation of all students. On Tuesday, we visited Hargraves Public School to join with their students and staff for Healthy Harold and many other fun activities. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a great day and also to Mrs Price and Hill End Gold Limited for transportation. On Wednesday, Mrs Groves and Mrs Kimm were here for our ‘Little Diggers’ and on class for the older students. Students also rehearsed their songs for the upcoming Choral Concert and Anzac Day. Mrs Smyth joined us on Thursday, students completed all their lessons and after a swim at lunch, they completed some beautiful art for display in the classroom. Today, brought some cooler weather, so unfortunately no swimming. Everyone is hoping for some rain. In their library lesson today, students spoke about the books they had read during the week and then chose some new books for the week ahead.
Students welcomed Mrs Price to school on Monday. It was lessons as usual in class and they swam at lunchtime. Mrs Price put the senior swimmers through their paces in the pool. They thoroughly enjoyed executing the different strokes and survival skills.

Special thanks to our volunteers Mrs Auld and Miss J for your continuing commitment to numeracy and literacy for our younger students. This extra one on one time adds to their learning and social skills.

“Thank you to all our volunteers”

From Mrs Price

Thank you to the staff and students for welcoming me back this week. It feels like coming home to me. I’m really enjoying my two weeks, relieving for Mr G while he’s on long service leave. The children have been very co-operative and I’m so impressed with their reading skills and progress in all areas.

I’ve been doing some temporary and casual teaching in some of the small schools and I really enjoy keeping in touch with the staff and students in the district. I regularly go to Ilford and Capertee Public Schools and have done some casual work at Hargraves, so it’s great to build the student’s skills and enjoy their progress. It’s easy to feel the great support that the community gives this school.
In the Garden

In the garden this week we mulched our seedlings and picked tomatoes.

Our kohlrabi, beetroot and brussels sprout seedlings are growing well in the ‘Southern Cross’ garden. Still no sign of our leeks and lettuce. We have been watering our seedlings daily because we haven’t had any rain and the weather has been very warm. Mr Shanahan has picked up another load of soil, which he put into our ‘Star of Hope’ garden ready for planting. We have lettuce and parsley going to seed in our ‘Guiding Star’ garden (which we will collect) and our rhubarb and asparagus are growing well.

Visitors & HEPS Resources

Don’t forget that school resources are available for community use. We have computers, printers, photocopying, faxing and of course, the Bathurst Regional Library Depot open here during school hours.

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Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.


Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Easter Fundraising

Our Parent’s and Friend’s Association in conjunction with HEPS will be having an Easter raffle to be drawn at the Royal Hall on Easter Sunday. Tickets will be available for sale next week. Thank you to those who have already donated to this worthwhile fundraising cause. Money raised will be used to help send students to Sydney in October to participate with many other students in the Primary Schools Choral Concert at the Opera House. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students.

We are still seeking prizes for the raffle. If you have a donation please leave it at the school or Hill End Post Office. If you live further afield and would like to contribute money please send a cheque, made out to Hill End Public School or direct deposit to Westpac BSB: 032-001 Account: 141514 (please reference with your name and Opera and also ring or email details so we can receipt and thank you.)

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.