Welcome to our new students!

It has been a great pleasure to welcome two new students to Hill End Public School this week. Ruby and Oliver have both settled into class routines and lessons and enjoyed making some new friends at school. It is a pleasure to have them join us and I know all of the children are enjoying having two new friends to learn and play with.

Maths Matters

As we approach the end of the term our children have all been working hard to master maths skills. Our infant students have been learning to count and write numbers, Mrs Groves has been teaching the children measurement, Mrs Smyth has focussed on graphs and data while I have been teaching the children fractions and decimal numbers.

NAPLAN Exams

Early next term our Year 3 & 5 students will be sitting a series of exams known as NAPLAN. These students have been spending time with me in order to familiarise themselves with the test formats and offer some strategies for completing the tests.

Easter Raffle

Our students have been selected to sing at the ‘Australis’ concert at the Sydney Opera House in October this year. Hill End Public School will be holding a raffle on the Easter weekend to help raise money for the excursion. Thank you to everyone who has already donated prizes or otherwise towards the raffle. Raffle tickets are available around the village and will be on sale at the Royal Hall during Easter.

Snowy Mountains Trip

As many of you may be aware I have just returned from a two week break for long service leave. My partner Jeannie and I joined with some other friends to spend a week driving our 1942 Jeep and 1953 Dodge. We met up with over two hundred ex-military vehicles at Corowa on the Murray River for a few days of events including a grand parade.

Our aim while travelling in our vintage vehicles is always to stay off the main roads if at all possible. The journey down around and over the Snowy Mountains took over 650 miles (1000km) and included lots of dirt roads, some amazing 4WD tracks and fantastic remote campsites.

The return trip was just as much fun!

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr G
**More Poetry!**

Blue is.......  
Blue is up high in the sky,  
Blue is the sea, I wonder why?  
Blue is the deep dangerous sea,  
Blue is a sapphire, found by me!  
Blue is a motorbike, I’d like to ride,  
Blue are my two blinking eyes.  
Blue is a very speedy car,  
Blue is the wrapper of my chocolate bar.  
Blue is the colour of police car lights,  
Blue is a warplane fit to fight.  
**Liam Y5**

Brown is.......  
Brown is a tree trunk that kids can climb,  
Brown is a rotten, climbing vine.  
Brown are kids that play in the mud,  
Brown are beavers, their tails go thud.  
Brown are horses that are put to work,  
Brown are lips that have a smirk.  
Brown is dirt on my shirt,  
Brown is my brother, his name is Bert.  
Brown is dry grass, in a hot drought,  
Brown is a potato after it sprouts.  
Brown are my eyes that always blink,  
Brown is an anchor, that should sink.  
**Ronald and William Y5**

**Experiment Results**

Potato 1 - peeled and placed directly into bag. Started to go a little brown on day 3.  
Potato 2 - peeled and passed around students. Mould started to grow on day 2.  
Potato 3 - peeled and passed around students after they washed their hands. A little mould starting to grow on day 5.  
Most senior students were able to predict what would happen.  
Conclusion: **Make sure you wash your hands before touching food!**
**NEWSLETTER BRIEFS**

**Practise to be a journalist**

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. [http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp](http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp)

**Safetytown website – A road safety education program**

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit [https://www.safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

**Back by popular demand**

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. [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

**In the Garden**

When Mrs Shanahan was in Orange last week she bought us some new gloves for the garden. She also purchased a mixer with a dough hook that we will use throughout the year in the kitchen. Yay! We had just over 10mm rain on Tuesday. Our new seedlings are emerging! Our new students learnt all about our gardens and worm towers.

The mobile library van visited us on Wednesday. All students were able to borrow some wonderful books. The van is a real treat and we look forward to every visit! Thanks to Bathurst Regional Council.

**Parents & Friends**

We had a very informative and constructive Parents and Friends meeting on Thursday. Some items discussed were the:
- School Management Plan
- Classroom Programs
- New Students
- Sporting Schools Funding
- Sydney Excursion

The main discussion was organising our Easter fundraising. Tickets are on sale at the General Store and Post Office. Thank you to both. Mr G will be selling tickets at the Royal Hall on Easter Saturday and Sunday. Jennifer and Shane will join him on Saturday and Sunday in the Noon—3pm slot. Felie and Colleen will help on Saturday from 9—12pm. Julie took all the raffle books home to stamp. **THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

**WORK WANTED**

Hello, my name is Kathy and I’m a Hill End resident. I’m looking for work to assist with domestic help. I’m attending a TAFE course in Mudgee at the moment doing a Certificate 3 in Aged Care. If you require help, please call me on 6337 8237 or 0413 237 276. I’m available Wednesdays, Fridays and the weekends.
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