Dear parents, carers and community members,

After a myriad of lessons and activities throughout term the school holidays are at last here. Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts and attendance so far this year.

Our last topic in persuasive texts for the term was ‘debating’, we revised the key features of a debate and then the students had fun learning about facial expression and gestures to enhance debate speeches.

In science this week our infant students studied clouds while the primary students learnt how a thermometer works, including an introduction to atoms and energy.

Our thanks to Mrs Auld for providing her expertise in the kitchen again this week.

Thank you Mrs Smyth

This week we are saying a warm “farewell” to Mrs Smyth who has been teaching at our school every Thursday throughout the term. The children have all enjoyed having her as a teacher and the wonderful art & music they have created with her guidance. Next term, we will be welcoming back Mrs Rayner to the role.

Easter Raffle

Don’t forget to buy some tickets in our Hill End Public School raffle this Easter. There are some fantastic prizes and all of the money is going towards the children’s Sydney excursion in October.

Bathurst Library and Community Resources

The Bathurst Depot Library will be reopening after the school holidays, it has been great to see the library and computers used regularly by members of the community. We also have a range of resources available to residents of the village and community including a fax, laminator, internet access, printer and copier. These resources are available during school hours.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr G

Happy Holidays!

Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for our raffle: Allan Dennington, Colleen & Jack Thorburn, Wallflower Arts, Denise Forester, Daphne Shead, R&R Auld, N&N Harvey, Northeys Store, Trevor Sherry, Chris Grossett, R&W English, F&B Drakeford, La Paloma, L&A Mobbs, Hill End Press and the Hill End Ranch. Also, thank you to those who have donated money to help fund the Opera House excursion — Beverley Stuart, Amanda Hinchcliffe, Carol McCance, the Hill End & Tambaroora Common and Ian Hodgson.
This week has been another busy one for students, finishing off any outstanding lessons, joining in with ‘Little Diggers’ for Easter activities, gardening, cooking, music and for the older students ‘ANZAC Studies’. Everyone is looking forward to the holiday break.

Today, we farewelled Mrs Smyth. Mrs Smyth has been relieving Mrs Rayner while she has been on maternity leave. Mrs Rayner will return next term. We have been so lucky to have had Mrs Smyth here, she is such an experienced teacher and fitted in perfectly into our little school. The students have loved Thursdays with her. Not only has Mrs Smyth taught literacy and numeracy lessons, she is an accomplished art and music teacher. It has been a delight to hear the children singing each Thursday afternoon as the sound wafts around the school. The children were so pleased to hear that Mrs Smyth will be joining us in Hill End on Anzac Day. Thank you to Mrs Drakeford for making her famous cheesecake brownie for Mrs Smyth’s farewell.

Anzac Day 2015 will be a very special one in Hill End this year as the War Memorial will be rededicated. After raising over $6000.00 over the last ten years through donations and sale of Spirit of Anzac memorabilia and receiving a grant of $5,500.00 from the ANZAC Centenary Grants Program, work has begun on the restoration of the Hill End War Memorial. Numerous community and War Memorial Committee meetings have been held over the past 3 years to establish how the restoration would proceed. It was decided to restore the War Memorial near to the original idea of the 1925 model. In keeping with the history of the Memorial, the slate that was used in the 1989 refurbishment will be retained. Plaques will be added commemorating the 173 WW1 service men and women from this district. Another part of this special day will be our HEPS students performing two songs for the occasion with Mrs Groves and Mrs Smyth also in attendance.
This week we picked all of our red tomatoes for preserving. Mrs Auld, Mrs Shanahan and Mr G helped us in chopping our tomatoes, onions and garlic. We tore our basil into small pieces. We cooked the onion and garlic in some butter until it was translucent, then we added the tomatoes, basil and some salt, sugar and pepper. We cooked these for about 30 minutes, then had a taste test - yummy! We put the pots aside to cool. After lunch, we ladled the mixture into freezer containers and put into the freezer. We had 12 full containers, the younger students counted these while the older students did some maths to work out the cost of preserving. They calculated that we saved approximately $36.00 by preserving our own tomatoes instead of purchasing at a store. The students also worked out that they would taste better and it was good for the environment because no fuel had been used in transportation. Our preserves will be used throughout the winter in our cooking lessons. The taste will remind us of warm summer days!

Students and staff were very excited to receive in the mail our LLW@S Kitchen Kit this week. There were mixing bowls, chopping boards, scales, measuring jugs and lots more. These items go a long way in completely setting up our kitchen. Thank you to the LLW@S staff and our mailman Graham Pound for picking it up for us.

As a Live Life Well School HEPS promotes healthy life choices. We encourage parents and carers to provide healthy food and water for recess and lunch.
History Snippet June 1963

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No illness has improved considerably and in the future even greater kindness should be noted.

Julie Polain is leading in the "Honor Board" - this means that Julie is also the leader in 3rd Class. Rosemary Fraser is just ahead of Garry Flynn in 4th Class. Stephen Polain is holding the lead in 5th Class. Eddie Byrne is the 6th Class Leader.

Arithmetic & Spelling Charts.

3rd Class: Julie Polain 167.
4th Class: Rosemary Fraser 200.
5th Class: Alan Sibley 162.
6th Class: Albert Hedges 169.

Arithmetic: Rosemary Fraser (160), Bruce Drakeford 98, Julie 92.
Improvement: Garry Flynn 89.

Spelling: Rosemary Fraser 100
Paintings: Garry Flynn & Eddie Byrne.

Rosemary Fraser is to be congratulated for achieving 200 out of 200 for spelling & Arithmetic. Well done Rosemary.

Secondary pupils have completed their examinations. It is disappointing that so few were given exam papers, but this is due to the fact that some of the boys & girls had not returned sufficient fees. Parents of Secondary pupils should impress on them the need for now work at home and greater speed & accuracy.

There are far too many children who are just fiddling in their time at school and are wasting their opportunities.

Robert Flynn, John Holden & John Flynn have received favourable comments over the last few weeks.