**Students Shine!**

**Anzac Day**
Over the past week I heard from many people congratulating the students on their respectful behaviour and singing during the Hill End Anzac Day commemorations. My warmest congratulation goes to all of them for their behaviour, singing and reading of names on the honour roll.

**New computers**
Over the holidays the school invested some money into upgrading technology in the classroom and installing seven new student computers. The new computers are a hit with the students and already well used within reading and technology lessons this week. The new computers will be used in conjunction with maths and reading lessons to compliment teaching and learning. In addition to using the computers during maths and reading our Year 2-6 students are learning specific I.T. skills, vital in our modern world.

**In Class Activities – Writing**
Writing this week has been on the theme of fairy tales & fantasy writing. Students first explored the elements of the genre before brainstorming magical creature, items and spells! On Tuesday we learnt about goblins, elves, trolls and hobbits. Today, our students published their very own magic potions and magical spells.

**Maths**
Our maths has once again turned to working with numbers, Claire is reading and working with three digit numbers while our senior students are mastering numbers with six digits.

**Jolly Phonics**
Our Kindergarten Jolly Phonics program has continued to roll out every day. Ruby, Toby and Charlotte have all been learning ‘ch’, ‘sh’ and ‘th’ sounds this week.

Enjoy the weekend. Mr G

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**Calendar**

- Hill End Open Day 3rd May
- Bathurst Library Van 6th May
- Bathurst Excursion Years 5 & 6 7th May
- NAPLAN 12th, 13th & 14th May
- Special Assembly 15th May

**Attachments**

- Bathurst Excursion Permission Note

**Birthdays**
Happy Birthday to William 11 and Grace 10 who had birthdays in April.
We welcomed Reece back this week, so four ‘Little Diggers’ (including Edmond) joined us on Wednesday. They had a wonderful time catching up with each other and the other students, colouring in and learning new sounds. It was great to have so many children in class!

Congratulations to all our students for working hard all week. They have been working well in Maths, English, Science, HSIE, and Art all week. They also represented our school and community beautifully at the ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony. As a community we can all be proud of the wonderful children growing up amongst us. Well done to you all.

There has been some secret Mother's Day activities happening with Mrs Groves and Mrs Rayner. Shhhhhhh……. Our lips are sealed.
In the Garden & Kitchen

This week we have been picking caterpillars off our brussel sprouts. We harvested beetroot and parsley and made a wonderful warm roasted beetroot with orange dressing salad. Yummy!

Visitors

Mrs Drakeford prepared a feast to celebrate William’s birthday on Thursday. Everybody enjoyed this lunch! Thank you Felie.

Lorraine Purcell made use of HEPS facilities to prepare for Hill End Open Day, which is on this Sunday. If you wish to see through up to 10 historic buildings you can purchase a ticket at the Royal Hall from 9.30am on the day.

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We now have a Spelling Results Chart in our room which records, in graph form, the individual results of every child in his/her Spelling Test. This awareness of results has built up a healthy competitive spirit which is improving the child’s spelling ability and word consciousness. It is hoped to have more of these charts in the room as the children like to have a comprehensive record of their results over the year.

Returning to the Seaside Theme—The children have brought along many interesting books, pictures & specimens. They are in the middle of making fish-bowl calculators and the sand-tray model "Our Own Little Seaside" is coming along well.

Class Arts for the past week are as follows:-

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Improvement in Reading
Corinne Ellis (2nd Class)

SPELLING & DICTATION

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Improvement
Betty Campbell (2nd), Lance Haynor (1st)

"MY OWN STORY - BOOK" of the week
Jim Sibley

Feature (Book Prize) - Anne Hobbs (Kindergarten)