**Bookworms Rule!**

Reading is a critical part of a child’s development. While regular reading is a part of our school learning environment is it important that reading is encouraged and supported at home. This week I would like to again encourage parents and carers to ensure that their children are spending regular and sustained time at home enjoying reading.

The facts about reading are clear;

1. Children who enjoy regular reading at home get better at it. This is pretty much common sense.
2. Reading exercises the brain. It is a much more complex task than watching TV or playing computer games.
3. Reading improves concentration.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
5. Reading improves vocabulary.
6. Reading develops a child’s imagination
7. Reading helps children develop empathy.
8. Because reading does all the things above, children who enjoy reading regularly often do much better at school, in all subjects, all the way through school.
9. Reading is great entertainment.
10. Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.

Hill End Public School students are encouraged and given time at school to choose and take home books for their home reading. Students with home internet can also access their Reading Eggs accounts with many hundreds of books and reading activities available to them.

As a child I was encouraged to read every day, I enjoyed reading amazing stories of science fiction. Authors such as Piers Anthony, Frank Herbert, James Di Griz, Orson Scott Card, William Watkins and Harry Turtledove fired my imagination. I still remember some of the great novels I read to this day. (Thanks Mum)

Encouraging your child to read at home is one of the greatest gifts you can ever give your child. It will open doors to opportunities in life and quite simply reading is fundamental to function in today’s society.
Homework writing this term has shifted to our Hill End studies. The first task for the students was to imagine that they were alive in the 1870’s and to describe their journey from Bathurst to Hill End to join the gold rush.

Allen
I headed towards Hill End. I brought my horse and cart. On the way the bottom of my cart broke, my stuff broke too. My bag survived.

I got on my horse and set off but a gang of bushrangers chased me so I hid under a bridge. They couldn’t see me so they went away. Then there was a steep hill, my horse and I started to roll down. I pulled my lead and when we got to the top I could see Hill End. When I got there I went to bed. The next day I went to the river and I found gold.

Diary entry by Liam English 1870
I was accompanied by two policeman who were also going to the gold rush, but were making sure the miners behaved. We were all armed with a rifle with a bayonet and a revolver. On we went on our bay stallions until we came across Ned and John Kelly. We fired at them, the bullets bounced off but scared them off, “Yikes!”

For writing during the week the students studied fantasy/fairy-tales. Their task was to write a magical spell or potion.

Jinja
How to make a goat speak
First, pour in some sparkles of the rainbow and the tip of a dragon’s tail.
Then, add the horn of a golden unicorn.
Next, add two big toes of a troll.
Then, don’t stir or it will blow up.
Next, boil for one hour.
Finally, say “Baa baa speak.”

Ronald
How to get X-Ray Vision
First, add a moon rock to the horn of a unicorn.
Next, add some fairy wings.
Then add the legs of a giant centipede.
Next, wait until the unicorn horn blasts out with rainbows.
Then, roast in the oven for ten minutes.
Finally say “Let me see the light, zing-zang-zing”

Emma
How to make a huge toad
First, put golden water into a pot.
Then, add a blue toad’s body from the Golden Kingdom.
Next, add powder from an enchanted wizard.
Then, stir two hundred times.
Boil for one hour.
Finally, say “Grow humungous toad”

Liam
How to make somebody strong
First pour the poison from a huge scorpion into a pot.
Then, add a metal kangaroo’s tail.
Next, add a winged rattle snakes head.
Then, stir 88 times. Next, boil for two hours. Finally say, “strong, strong, don’t take long.”

Claire
How to make a tree become a chocolate tree
First add a leaf from a golden tree.
Then pour in some chocolate milk from fairy land.
Next, stir ten times
Finally say, “Yummy, yummy, in my tummy”

Allen
How to make a fast food tree
First add a golden apple
Then pour in some dragons blood into the pot.
Next, add water from a magical fountain.
Then cook for two minutes.
Next, stir four times.
Finally, say “Food, food into a tree.”
This week in the garden, we picked some kohlrabi and parsley to use in a yummy creamy kohlrabi and potato soup. The kohlrabi had a very long tap root. In the kitchen we chopped the kohlrabi and parsley. We also chopped potatoes, onions and garlic. If you would like to make an economical, easy, tasty winter soup please try our recipe. We multiplied this recipe by 3. This was enough to serve everyone.

**Creamy Kohlrabi and Potato Soup**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 large kohlrabi
- 3 medium boiling potatoes
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup milk
- 1 small chopped onion
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

**METHOD**
1. Peel and chop kohlrabi and potatoes into even sized cubes.
2. Place into pot, cover with water and boil until fork tender.
3. Remove from heat and drain.
4. Cover and let sit 5 mins allowing vegs to absorb excess water. Add 4 tbsp. butter and cover.
5. In another pan, melt remaining butter and cook onions until golden, add garlic and cook a little more. Set aside.
6. In a small pot, bring the milk to the boil.
7. Combine all ingredients with the kohlrabi and potato and puree with a stick mixer or simply mash.
8. Reheat and add parsley and salt and pepper to taste.

ENJOY!

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**In Class & ‘Little Diggers’**

This week Years 3 & 6 have been busy with NAPLAN assessments over 3 days during the morning session. On Wednesday afternoon, Years 2-6 were engrossed in their IT Skills lesson with Mr G. The younger students and ‘Little Diggers’ were kept busy with some constructive play with Miss J. Thank you to another of our volunteers.

We had a return visitor to Hill End (Lynne Knox) from Tasmania who came to donate some books to HEPS as she was so impressed with the students, who clapped when she was last here.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already provided dates available for fundraising at Bunnings. We will notify you of booked dates ASAP. Also, thanks Colleen for sending in the jars etc, much appreciated.

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**‘The Hill End Library Depot is open between 9 and 3 Monday to Friday’**

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**Thank you!**

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**SENIOR Ronald & William**

**JUNIOR Charlotte**
**History Snippet June 1963**

Did you know that on Tuesday, 3rd July, the Medical Health Officer will be visiting the school for the purpose of examining the children? I feel that we are fortunate to have such a service. In the past many children were found to have defective sight. Early detection not only prevents the deterioration but it could save your child's work from being handicapped.

Another important date to keep in mind is 16th July, when Dr. Pepper will be coming to Hill End for the purpose of administering injections for polio. The Doctor expects to be here at approximately 3 p.m. and will stay for several hours to give the men who are working away a chance to get there injections. Remember, 16th July!

The last film, "Operation Petticoat", was one of the funniest shows this year. Those who missed it would be sorry. Judging by the laughter and antics of several of the men, it won't be long before the seats will need reinforcing.

6th July is a date that the P.A.S. would like everyone to keep free. On that night at the school cards will be played as well as the night of films. Extra films have been ordered and these together with "Sailors Three" should ensure a good programme there. The card fanciers will be well catered for with Buchra in the Upper Division room. Those who are reluctant to venture out in the cold need not fear as the fires will be a light that night. Supper will consist of biscuits and tea.

This is one of the nights set aside each year to boost the funds of the Association and the Treasurer informed me that funds are very low. There is a guessing competition in operation and the prize is an electric radiator – an appropriate prize for this time of the year.

Negotiations have been made to have the film room lined in the very near future.

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**Making use of HEPS Resources**

Ex-resident Barbara Pender visiting the school again, to make use of the Hill End Library Depot. Barbara borrowed some DVD’s and books to see her through the colder weather.

All community members are welcome to use the Library. You don't have to be a member of the Bathurst Library to borrow. There are a large range of books, magazines and DVD’s to suit all tastes.