Welcome Back to (C)Hill(Y) End.
It has been a real pleasure this week to welcome all of the children back to school. I certainly enjoyed the holidays as much as the students, however it has been great to see them all return to school ready to get back into learning.

This term our maths throughout the school will be focussing on multiplication, division, money and time. All of these important skills can be practiced at home to help with educational progress.

The recent snow has been quite exciting to see, severe weather can of course impact on the operation of the school. If the decision is made to close Hill End Public we will endeavour to contact all parents as soon as possible. Please note that even during a school closure staff will be on hand.

At this stage the MSSN Athletics carnival has been postponed until Tuesday.
**A Horse Loss**

Hi. My name is Sophia Dawson, this is my story:

Once upon a time I was married to Mr Dawson, my husband, he was a miner. I had six kids. One day I woke up and was planning to go to town.

I went to fetch my horse. Her name was Milky Way because she was white. Then I realised my horse was gone. I went as fast as a horse to a stable and collected another horse and galloped off.

I went to the police but they couldn’t help so I began to look for clues. I found horse tracks in the mud. I followed the trail to a camp where there were some bushrangers.

I found my horse tied up. I untied the rope and replaced the horse with the one I had been riding.

I rode Milky Way back to town and did some shopping, then I went home.

**Emma Y3**

**The Gold Thief**

One hundred years ago in the beautiful village of Hill End there was a gold rush.

There lived me, a honest and tough miner, my name is Greg.

One day I was working at Hawkins Hill when I struck gold.

“Yes I’ve struck gold.” Then a voice from behind me said.....

“Well you had better give me that sir.”

“Hang on, who are you?” I asked.

“I’m Rex T Rex. Now give me your gold or were going to go down with a fight.”

“Here take it, just don’t hurt me.” I said in a frightened tone. Rex took off on his speedy horse, Fearless.

The next morning there was lots of chatter around the village about the bushranger stealing gold. So all the miners including me made a plan to stop Rex stealing our hard earned gold again.

Right on dusk, big mean Rex came trotting down the avenue.

“Ready boys let’s get him.” I whispered.

Rex came to the hotel, as soon as he hopped off his horse we made a mad run to the hotel.

“Stick them up Rex, give me my gold or we’re going to go down with a fight.” I said, in the meanest voice I could.

“Alright Greg you’ve got me.” Rex said. Just as Rex was going to pull out the gold he pulled out his colt pistol.

“Tackle him boys.” I said in an angry tone.

My mates tackled Rex to the ground; I got my gold and put Rex into the hands of the law.

“Good job boys. Lets go and celebrate.”

**Harrison Y6**

**The Gold Rush**

One day in 1820 in Hill End I looked in the newspaper. It said “Gold rush in Hill End!” So I got my pickaxe, shovel and my horse and cart and went searching for a gold mine.

When I was looking for a gold mine a sign said “Bald Hill Mine”. While I was mining I only found rock and quartz but no gold so I dug more. When I was digging I found gold.

“At last,” I said.

So I put the gold in my pocket and raced to the village. When I got to the village I got the gold out of my pocket. But it was then that I saw it was only a rock called devil’s dice. So I got on my horse and cart and headed to my house.

While I was at my house I put the devil’s dice in my glass cabinet then I decided to have a cup of tea. While I was having a cup of tea a person came from the mine, he said, “There is no gold in the Bald Hill mine”.

We decided to call it the Born Loser mine.

I decided to look for another mine.

When I was looking I saw a sign, it said Hawkins Hill, so I went in it and joined the Star of Hope miners.

**Allen Y3**
In Class

It’s been a busy start to Term 3 spent covering new exercise books, starting new Maths, Information Technology and new Read to Others programs. All students were happy to be back at school with their friends and they also eagerly embraced their lessons throughout the week. Hill End Public School—the place to be!

“In Class”
Our second inter-school debating competition starts next week!

Allen’s Birthday Cake

Thank you to Mrs Drakeford for sending in a cake for everyone to celebrate Allen’s birthday. As you can see by the photos, everyone enjoyed this treat!

In the Garden

Well, it was very cold over the holidays with frosts, rain and snow. We checked our gardens on Tuesday, no sign of our peas or broadbeans and the kangaroos had been in and munched on our lettuce and parsley in the new garden beds. Luckily they are still growing and should be fine.

Because it has been very wintry this week, no outside gardening has been done. Instead, some inside scientific gardening activities have begun with equipment purchased with our ASTA grant. These experiments will be on display for the community and parents/carers at our Science Week Open Day on Thursday 20th August.

Senior
Ronald
Junior
Claire
Mathletics Awards
Toby English
Charlotte Mobbs
Allen Drakeford
History Snippet August 1963

Since our last paper, Education Week has been and passed. I feel that this week was very successful and those who visited the school enjoyed their visit. The Display of Work was greatly admired and the standard and work generally was praised. For those who were unable to see the display it was arranged as follows. In each room the display boards showed the type and standard of work for the particular room. The newly completed Assembly Room held the majority of work which was arranged on the walls, and on tables and stools. It is encouraging to see so many coming along but it is a pity that some people do not come through the year to discuss their child’s work.

The week was brought to an end with a special film night and Dukshor. The extra films were of exceptional quality and must carry a vote as the best film a long time. The film “Carry on Kansas” may people suitable on the floor with laughter.

The Dukshor was disappointing in that there were not many players. The winners were Mr. E. Hobbs and Mrs. B. Dry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who supplied the Supper for Saturday, and also the people who provided the cup of tea on Open Day.

The Assembly or Film Book was completed for Education Week. The painting was done by a small hillside group. Those present were Mr. G. Polchin, Mr. A. Boleford, Mr. J. Hendelhiff, Mr. A. South, & myself. The scene looks particularly attractive. This is due mainly to the new curtains which were made by Dale Byrne & Miss B. Goodwin. The modelling of the blue sky around the screen was done by Mrs. V. Polchin.

Many thanks to those able people.