On Tuesday, ‘Small Talk 2’, the small schools video conference (VC) debating competition kicked off with excitement and enthusiasm. Hill End Public School is again a centre of debating in the region, coordinating the entire competition. This year twelve schools are competing for the title of ‘Small Talk Champion 2015’. The competition utilises the amazing video conferencing equipment within our public schools to enable students, some over 200km apart, to debate live, ‘face to face’ instantaneously. This week Liam, Jinja and Harrison from Hill End completed strongly against Stuart Town PS on the topic that “Reading is more fun than watching TV”.

Also this week Hargraves PS faced off against Sofala PS while Meadow Flat PS and Hampton Public Schools debated strongly against each other. The competition this year looks set to be exciting!

Science Week Activity
Please book the 20th August in your social calendars for a special community activity. We will be officially opening the Hill End Public School kitchen garden and everyone in the community is invited to come along enjoy lunch, see the school gardens and the amazing school science experiments as part of Science Week 2015.

ATTACHMENTS
Earn & Learn Sheet

HEPS is once again seeking your support in collecting Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths. Please drop off or post to us. We will use the rewards for our ‘Little Diggers’

BIRTHDAYS
Congratulations to Jinja, Ruby, Oliver and Mr G. They all had birthdays this week!
Athletics Carnival

Once again our students made us proud in their attendance and achievements at the Mudgee Small School’s Athletics Carnival held in Mudgee on Tuesday. The weather was wonderful and everyone had a great time. All of the students participated with enthusiasm in a number of events and recorded some great results.

Harrison Browne recorded 2nd equal in Senior Boy’s High Jump and our school came third in the 4x100m relay! A number of other excellent results were recorded in other events; unfortunately all of the ribbons have yet to be sent out to the school to pass onto the students. Thank you to all our parents & carers for your attendance too, it really gives students a boost to see all of you there supporting them and helping with events. Personally, I found the support and encouragement our students gave each other throughout the day just brilliant, they are a credit to themselves and always represent the village in the most wonderful way. Mr G

Visitors

Iris and Alison from Bathurst Regional Council visited us on Monday. They came to talk to us about road safety and recycling. Once again, students learnt some valuable lessons and junior students received an information bag. Students then showed Iris and Alison around our kitchen gardens. Thanks BRC!
The sun was shining on Monday so we checked our vegie gardens to see how they have managed during the cold weather. They are growing well, considering the kangaroos have had a nibble. We noticed that our pea plants are starting to come up, hooray!

The younger students planted some flower seedlings in their new, little garden bed. Mr Shanahan has erected the last of our garden beds and we just need one more load of soil to complete.

Fleming’s Nursery in Victoria have donated five fruit trees to us as part of the SAKGF. These should arrive in the new few weeks. Many thanks to them. Mr Shanahan will extend our orchard to accommodate them.

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our grant application to start our seed saving bank. We intend to go ahead anyway, so if anyone has some seeds they would like to donate to us, please drop off to the school. Please make sure they are named and also where they have come from for our records. Many thanks.

What a birthday week it has been! Students and staff haven’t had to think about morning or afternoon tea all week. Two cakes down and two more to go! Thank goodness we all eat healthy food every day, this allows us to lash out occasionally!

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We wonder which ones are Mr G’s
History Snippet August 1963

The P. & G. meeting was held on 17th May, & it is a pity that that matter could not be present at all meetings.

The trees were obtained by Mr. Polkew and have been planted. The property of the fence & film might not have been finalized because of the illness of Mrs. Andrews. The rug was won by Mr. J. Hobbs.

Cobb & Co. have this Saturday when a link with the past will be re-established. The children are excited over this "Historical" occasion.

As the clock strikes 5 p.m., there will be an end for children to leave school earlier. Those who have to leave can do so by following the instructions given, to them.

SPELLING: Jacqueline Merry received the first ironed card for outstanding work.

REMINISCE. - John Judge (3rd) & Alva Bayly (5th) were the best this week. It was a sketch in charcoal entitled "At the Meal Table".

John's drawing is particular was very well done.

SPELLING IMPROVEMENT:
Belinda Roberts.

Junior Red Cross:

The Children - boys & girls have completed a rug made up of squares. The boys helped by supplying wool. If any Mother has a suitable piece of cloth which could be used for backing the rug we would be very grateful! Probably in early October a competition arranged by the children for the Junior Red Cross will be held.

Permit:

The holidays continue on this Thursday, 22nd August, and school re-opens on Thursday 16th September. By which is that the holidays are safe and happy once. Remember, stay, think and think again before making a decision and come back ready for the Third Term.

Judges Sports are to be held on Saturday 16th September and we shall be glad if a high percentage are entered. Those of the meeting were told how this would be.

If the greater majority are not going then only 1 teacher will go, as usual. I hope that all can go.

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