It’s been another chilly week here in Hill End. We saw some more snow, although it didn’t settle this time. Luckily the weather has been breaking at the right time to allow students to get outside to eat and play. We have started to notice some blossoms and green growth about the place, so Spring is on its way!

Open Day
Don’t forget to come along on Thursday next week at around 12pm to help us officially open the Hill End Public School Kitchen Gardens. The Parents and Friends will be providing a tasty lunch and the children will be performing some very funny short plays. We hope to see as many of you as possible!

The Write Stuff
It was a pleasure to work on writing this week and some entertaining informative recounts.

Practise makes Perfect
Students enjoying their keyboard and choir lessons with Mrs Groves.

JEANS FOR GENES
Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause. We raised $46.10

ATTACHED
Flyer for Dylan Thomas Show at the Royal Hall

THANK YOU
To everyone who has been sending in Earn & Learn stickers. Our sheets are starting to fill.
Girls and Mum go Bike Riding.
Yesterday two girls and their mum went bike riding to Split Rock. Claire, Emma and their mum climbed a steep hill. They stopped for a drink and a snack. They had a muffin, an apple and a muesli bar. They also brought some water. “We had a good time,” said Emma.
By Reporter Claire Y2

Boy helps Dad in the Wool Shed
This week a boy by the name of Harrison helped his father with cleaning the wool shed. First they cleaned out the dirty wool from the sheep they had crutched a few days ago. Then they chucked the wool onto the back of the ute and took it up to the airstrip to put in the washed out road. Here’s what Mr Browne had to say, “I’m so glad we got that shed cleaned out for the shed hands and the shearers.”
Here’s what Harrison had to say, “I enjoyed helping dad in the shed.”
Reporter:
Jack Web – Mudgee Guardian (Harrison Y6)

Hill End Kids Thought They Were in the Game
Yesterday the 10th of August Hill End Public school kids played Pac Man on the field, da daaaaaa!!!
This frightening series of events started when all the kids got to school and noticed that the field had new white lines on it. Then they started to play.
One of the children named Ronald said, “It was fun”.
by Barry Jones (Ronald Y5)

In the Garden
In the garden this week we planted some beetroot and mini cabbage seedlings. We received our two new garden pots - thank you to Bunnings in Bathurst and Mr Shanahan for picking them up. We will plant these with herbs next week. We checked for bugs and how our science experiments were progressing.
‘Small Talk’ Debating

The ‘Small Talk’ competition has continued with some excellent debates. The topic this week was that, ‘The world is better today than in 1915.’ It has been wonderful to adjudicate on some well thought out and highly persuasive debates on the topic. The standard of student public speaking and debating in the schools taking part this year is just brilliant and all of the students are to be commended for their efforts.

This week Meadow Flat, Stuart Town, Capertee and Trunkey Public Schools all scored debating wins.

Puppetry

Kathy and Jane were sharing their talents with the students again this week. Everyone is getting excited about our Science Week Open Day next Thursday. We hope you can come and join us for the afternoon for lunch, science and some wonderful entertainment! RSVP 6337 8265

Visitors

Visitors to the school this week included Daphne, to copy her family history newsletter and Jo and Glynis came in to borrow some books from the library. Happy reading!
LOWER DIVISION

Well! Spring has sprung! and we could not wish for a more brighter and happier season to start off our last Term of this year. The children have been noticing that September has brought about a great change in Nature around us. Grass is greener, trees are blossoming, bees are buzzing, birds are busy, flowers are blooming, and children are skipping along to school.

Our Theme at the moment is "Spring in our Australian Bush Wonderland" and we have been compiling a sand tray model depicting this. The children have made artificial flowers and we hope to make up a Spring frieze in the near future.

Our Australian bushland and scenery is something of which we should be proud of - especially here at Hill End. If the children have the opportunity I hope they will take the advantage and enjoy themselves by going on picnics or camping - but remember don't light fires, don't chop trees, keep away from cliffs and mine-shafts and respect our flowers, shrubs and bird life.

Now life at school will be even brighter and happier than Spring around us even though it means hard work from now on till the Exams. It won't be as bright and happy as it should be though unless we strive to do our best in Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic.

Some children have proved that they can work if they want to.
Honours cards have been given to the following children:

Robyn Drakeford - Best Speller in 2nd Class during last Term
Peter O'Reilly - Best Speller in 1st Class during last Term
Robyn Drakeford and Eric Wray - equal best at Arithmetic in 2nd Class during last Term.
Peter O'Reilly and Jim Sibley - equal best at Arithmetic in 1st Class during last Term.