Guided Reading

It is always a pleasure to teach individual guided reading lessons and to hear progress being made with reading skills and abilities. Our K - 4 students are all given individual books at a level that is set to challenge and develop reading skills. This week some of the individual books our students have been reading include non-fiction books on bakeries and the Earth’s crust.

I again encourage all families to ensure that your children are spending some time every night reading at home.

From our own Department of Education and Communities the top three reasons for encouraging reading at home include:

- Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever.
- Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes.
- Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.

Enjoy the weekend.
Mr G

Community Health News

On Monday, President of the Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association (HE&TPA) Mr Nick Harvey was pleased to officially hand over the new Australian Medical Couches 2500 series bed to Transitional Nurse Practitioner Jim Schumacher at the Hill End Health Clinic. Also present on the occasion were Bradley Mollenkemp – Director of Nursing and Jackie Corliss – Manager Community Health.

This bed was purchased by the HE&TPA to better facilitate health care for Clinic users, especially the elderly and disabled. The 2500 series bed is fully automatic and adjustable to suit the needs of every patient. The Hill End community and surrounding district residents appreciate our Health Clinic and the committed staff who operate it and are always happy to support them in their endeavours.
WRITING - INFORMATIVE RECOUNT

Father and Son Go Riding

On Sunday August the ninth, senior constable William English and his son, Liam English went riding in the bush. Firstly, they hopped on their bikes and put on their helmets. William was first to do this and then went out of the gate and waited.

When Liam was ready they went down to the oval in what they call, Hill End.

Secondly, they did some off road bike riding before coming to the old dam. Then they ate some snacks and then started following the dam until they could go no further as they saw a cliff.

After that they started walking their bikes up to their destination, a road. When they reached the road they got on their bikes and rode home.

“It was tiring but a lot of fun,” said Liam English.

by reporter Bob Haywood.
(Liam Y5)

In Class with ‘Little Diggers’

On Wednesday, ‘Little Diggers’, Kindergarten and Year 1 presented their reading books and work sheets to the class. During the past week they have been reading some great stories which include: ‘Me’, ‘I Want Some Honey’, ‘The Astronauts’, ‘The Toytown Helicopter’, ‘We Go Out’ and ‘My Sandcastle’

In the Garden

Let’s just say, we are glad we have raised vegetable garden beds! Over the weekend we had a little bit of rain. On Monday, it was still drizzling with some thunder and lightning. Then, just before recess we had hail, luckily small, but lots of it! It was the biggest downpour we had seen in a long time. As you can see from the photos, the water was running off the hill behind the school, then down around the pool and on past the pool pump house, forming a river behind the Western Store, Police Station and Post Office. Continuing drizzle throughout the week. Lovely rain before Spring!
‘Small Talk’ Debating

Last Friday our debating team competed against Hampton Public School on the topic that ‘Money spent on space exploration should be spent on other things’. Our debating team consisted of William, Liam, Harrison and our thinker Ronald. Our first debater William clearly defined the Hill End PS case, outlined our argument and set out to highlight the extreme waste of money spent on space exploration. Liam followed up with a truly engaging argument that we should be spending the money on eliminating world poverty and hunger. Ronald kept our debaters fighting back with a series of strong and very effective rebuttals. Final debater Harrison effectively concluded the Hill End debate by furthering arguments for spending the money on world education, poverty and access to water. He also clearly argued that space exploration was not only a waste of money, but it cost lives. Congratulations on a great debate boys.

The ‘Small Talk’ debating competition for 2015 has again proved to be an amazing stage for many students to develop and show off their skills. It has been a pleasure to adjudicate some thoughtful and very emotive debates over the past term. I truly believe the competition is a true reflection on the high quality of education and resources that our small public schools are able to offer our students.

This week Capertee, Trunkey and Glen Alice Public Schools all recorded debating wins. Next week Hampton take on Stuart Town, Meadow Flat challenge Hargraves and Hill End compete against Sofala Public School. Good luck to everyone.

Fundraising!

On Saturday the Hill End Public School P&F again took up the tongs outside Bunnings in Mudgee to fundraise for our upcoming Sydney excursion. The HEPS sausage sandwiches were a hit with the public, including a parrot named Eric who stopped to buy one for his human companion! Thanks again to everyone who helped prepare and man the BBQ throughout the day.
Well! The Scouts are still keen and it is hoped that they will be in uniform within the next month.

I am pleased that most Scouts are keeping the 3rd Scout law in mind and are doing their best to help people.

Scoutmaster Gordon Maurice kindly came out from Mudgee before the holidays and assisted us with the official formation of the 1st Hill-End Scout Troop and accompanying Committee. Mrs. Charlie Pol in was elected president, Mrs. A. Drakeford Treasurer, and Mr. Ian Darmoner as Secretary.

It is hoped that a meeting will be held this Saturday week (28th Sept.) at 3 pm and it will be greatly appreciated if all who can will attend.

CALLING FOR DONATIONS

Dear Readers,

An opportunity for a spring clean! Hill End Public School will be conducting some fundraising activities on the October Long Weekend to raise money to send our senior students to the Primary Choral Concert at the Opera House. We are seeking donations of goods for our chocolate wheel. These can be any new or second hand items as long as they are not broken. Please drop off at the school during school hours.