Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, we were once again impressed by our student’s presentation and behaviour at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Our community can be really proud of the way our students represent your school. Some of the fantastic results from the day include;

**Claire English**
- 1st 16m Freestyle
- 3rd 16m Breaststroke

**Grace Browne**
- 1st 33m Breaststroke
- 2nd 33m Freestyle

**Ronald Merritt**
- 1st 33m Breaststroke
- 2nd 50m Freestyle

**Liam English**
- 2nd 33m Breaststroke
- 3rd 33m Backstroke

Well done also to Jaiden Roach for competing in the 4x50 medley and the 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke.

Finally, our 4x 50m relay team of Jaiden, Ronald, Liam and Grace also recorded a wonderful 3rd place!

Our infants and younger students also had a great time playing games and novelty events.

Well done everyone.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr G

Enrolments

Hill End Public School is open for enrolments for Kindergarten to Year 6 from Hill End, Turondale, Windeyer, Pyramul, Ullamalla and the surrounding district. If anyone requires further information, please don’t hesitate to contact us by phone or email for an enrolment pack.

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Our Daily Five literacy program is now well underway for 2016. Every day the students undertake five literacy lessons including Word Work, Work on Writing, Reading to Self, Reading to Others and Listening to Others.

The children have also enjoyed starting their Science unit on Antarctica!

#### Homework

This year our homework continues to focus on encouraging reading and writing.

The Primary (year 3 –6) students have both a reading diary and a writing journal.

Students are expected to read for at least 10 minutes every night and to complete some writing in their journal. Infant students also have a reading diary and their own homework book.

Children should bring their homework in every Friday to share with the rest of the class.

Please note that I will be sending home reminders from this week for students who do not bring in their homework.
In the Playground

Our students are straight back into playing soccer during recess and lunchtime. The playground equipment and sandpit are getting a workout too. It’s been great weather for running around and playing sport. This week we have started playing baseball as one of our sporting schools activities.

Visitors

As our school is listed as a NSW State Significant Site this week we hosted three visitors from Sydney to form a specific plan to help preserve and care for Hill End Public School. The plan should enable us to take steps to ensure our school is adequately protected and maintained long into the future.

Heritage Officer
Shane Cridland
Heritage Specialists
Sarah Zammit and Roy Lumby

Student Awards!

Student of the Week - Jaiden Roach
Citizenship Award - Emily Mobbs
Attendance Award - Liam English
Mathletics Gold - Liam English
History Snippets—1964

The district of Hill End was no sooner established than the churches started sending their ministers.

In the early years they visited the district at regular intervals, then as the population became stabilised resident clergy were appointed.

The Church of England were one of the earliest with the appointment of Rev. Henry Palmer as resident clergyman to Sofala in 1851.

In 1852 Rev. Proctor was appointed to the gold districts of Moroo & Tambaroora. It was not until 1868 that a resident minister was appointed to Hill End. This was the Rev. George Stiles who preached in the Church of St. Andrews. This is not to be confused with the present St. Andrews. The church referred to was demolished in 1914. This was a very regrettable thing.

The present St. Andrews originally was owned by the Methodist Church until 1930.

The Presbyterian Church has been active since 1858. In that year Rev. Mr. Evan, a resident minister of Mudgee visited Hill End. In 1873 the first resident minister was appointed to Hill End.

The former home of the Presbyterian Church is now the home of Mr. John Ellis of Bowen Street.

The Presbyterian Church still stands in Tambaroora Street but at the moment it is not used, however the Presbyterian people hope that in the very near future the Church will be in use again.

A Restoration Fund has been commenced and already £700 has been raised. If you are interested in making a donation to this very worthy cause contact Mrs. R. Lincoln or any citizen of Hill End will see that your donation reaches her.

The Roman Catholic Church was first commenced in the district at Tambaroora.

The foundation stone of the permanent R.C. School was laid in 1872 on land adjoining the Public School Residence. This new school was used as a church.

The present Roman Catholic Church stands on the corner of Denison Street, and the road leading to the Bridle Track.

This Church was purchased from the Primitive Methodists. The Presbytery at Kandos is the same as that once occupied by the resident Priests at Hill End.