History Studies

Our Year 4 - 6 students have started a study this semester into Australian history. As a part of the topic we first discussed the statement “what it means to be Australian”. Each student came up with a number of different ideas and thoughts of their own that we then shared with the rest of the group.

Some of the things the children felt made Australia special included:
- “Unique animals” - Jaiden
- “Great places such as Bondi Beach and the Australian War Memorial” - Liam
- “People are kind and nice” – Jaiden

“It is a safe country” - Claire
“Free schooling and a good education” - Ronald
“We can vote for our leaders so people can have a voice” - Ronald
“Good emergency services that give help when needed” - Ronald

The students then put all of their combined ideas under three headings that they developed together, they included:
- ‘Our communities’
- ‘Our people’ and ‘Our Australiana’.

Reading Rules
We of course spend time every day in class on different reading activities. Our older students have been enjoying their first Sherlock Holmes mystery while Claire has started reading a book about fire. She has even designed her own fire ban symbols. Toby has just finished a book about hunting for crabs while Quinton has been reading a book about shopping! Our infant students have all just finished reading about different types of hats. As a shared story we have been reading Roald Dahls ‘Matilda’ which the children are really enjoying.

Have a great end of week. Mr G

The Golden Quill

Term 1, Week 5
25th February 2016

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Special points of interest:
- Life Education Excursion Permission Note
- Family Fun Challenge Flyer
- International Women’s Day Flyer

NO HAT, SHADE PLAY
Reading & Listening

This week students read their stories to each other. It is so important to read aloud to gain confidence in front of a group. Another great skill is listening and being able to ask relevant questions about the story.

In the School Library

Each Monday students have a library lesson. They learn about how to use a library. They return and borrow books for the week. The younger students listen to a story read by Mr G while the seniors have some quite reading time.

Hill End Public School is continually purchasing new books for the library. These include picture books, junior and senior fiction and non fiction. Students are able to take books home each week and as part of their homework they are encouraged to read at least ten minutes at home every night.

“Books, books & more books!”

At Play!!!

You never know what will happen when Mrs Groves is here!

Sorting out the dress-up box and fun in the sand-pit.

Visitors

Daphne Shead visited us during the week to print her family history newsletter. Daphne printed some to be placed at the Post Office and other venues around the village. Don’t miss the opportunity to pick up one of these great newsletters. They’re a wonderful read!

Melanie Fraudenstein - school counsellor also visited during the week. Having morning tea with Mrs Rayner.
Student Awards!

Student of the Week
Ronald Merritt
Citizenship Award
Emily Mobbs
Attendance Award
Claire English
Mathletics Gold
Liam English

Quote of the Week

TODAY
you are you,
that is
truer than true.
There is
NO ONE ALIVE
who is your
than YOU!

In the Garden

It’s been a very busy week in the garden. With the hot dry weather we needed to make sure all gardens have been well watered. We have a roster for watering each morning. We spent time on our seed saving, sorting and packaging several different types of seeds. We have once again set up our produce table at the front of the school. Thank you to those people that have purchased from us. We hope you enjoy! This week Mr Shanahan put up our greenhouse. It looks fantastic. We can’t wait to put it to use.

Dr Seuss

“Garden Produce for Sale!”
Mining continued………

Certainly, it was gold and nothing else that had populated this district and built the towns of Hill End and Tambaroora.

It is recorded that the Chinese arrived in small numbers in 1853. 1854 however, 37 shiploads of them disembarked and made their way to the diggings. In 1855 sixty-one shiploads came.

Wherever people of different countries meet there is always unrest and this was the case in Hill End. There was no major violence. A small riot or two, a few electrics, but nothing which resembled riots that were to be seen on other fields.

The Alluvial Period

The discovering in N.S.W. during 1851 and 1852 caused a rush of people who migrated from one gold field to another in search of the gold. It did not take long for Hill End and Tambaroora to become a centre for thousands. Miners converged from other fields into the rich field of Hill End. The area soon became the scene of one of the greatest alluvial rushes in the state.

In next to no time every outcrop course in the neighbourhood had been worked. Saw Pit Gully, Nuggety Gully, Oakley Creek, Hill End Creek, Golden Gully, Foreman’s Gully, and Tambaroora Creek all received attention until the diggers were satisfied that no gold was left.

"A few years later came the industrious Chinese who, with painstaking care systematically worked those same areas discarded by the white men, and received rich laurels for their efforts" (says M. Purser).

Because of this rush and years of erosion the creeks and gullies are the scene of denuded desolation now.

Reef Mining:

When the alluvial gold became harder to obtain, reef mining in the district was gradually developed.

It is interesting to note that there was a ban on this type of mining. However, this did not stop miners from conducting reef operations. It is recorded that one miner who used this method of obtaining gold, amassed out his findings to recomb alluvial gold.

The first battery set up was at “Alpha” station, at present owned by Mr. Walker on the Hudson Road.

The first method of freeing gold from matrix by pounding it with hammers and washing in a cradle was replaced by the use of a stamp battery.

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.