PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Riverina Regional principals conference in Albury. It was rewarding to spend time with other Principals and in the discussions be able to talk about the initiatives that are being implemented here at Hillston. The introduction of the Student Planners is an important step in building the capacity of our students to learn. The method of nominating our SRC also compares favourably with more traditional models.

The workshop on the new Australian curriculum put much of the recent staff professional learning into focus. The new K-10 syllabuses, in English, Mathematics, Science and History are focussed on the student, not on the content. Students are expected to become learners. While teachers will continue to teach there is an increased expectation that students will participate more fully in their learning. Assessment will become assessment for learning and as learning. These are significant changes and ones that our staff have been preparing for through the Focus on Reading (K-6) and 2LS (Yrs 7-10) professional learning courses.

It has been satisfying to see the manner in which the new year 11 students are settling into their Preliminary HSC courses. The expectations both in class and at home are increasing. This is the year to build skills that will serve them well as they attempt their HSC courses within this year.

The SRC nominations have produced a quality group of future school leaders. Congratulations to all who were willing to nominate for this important role in the school.

Steve Chapman
Principal

SRC Induction
The SRC induction assembly is being held tomorrow period 4, Wednesday, 27th February, to begin at 12:15pm. All parents and families welcome.
PRIMAR INFORMATION

**Star Students:** Billy, Tegan, Cooper, Amelia, Temeika

**Sportsmanship Award:** Emma Barrett

**Crunch&Sip®**

THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST
It’s the most important meal of the day – but one in four children in Australia skips breakfast. At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and snack on unhealthy foods, such as chips or biscuits. A calm and healthy breakfast every day is the best defence against this happening. It also helps children to get into good habits that they can carry through life.

**All about apostrophes**
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

**Active After School Communities**
Active After School is on Tuesday & Thursday Please return your permission forms, and bring your swimming gear!!!
Active After School is FREE
It provides AFTERNOON TEA
It runs from 3:30 to 4:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays
It is run by trained senior school students
It is supervised by Mrs Murphy
It encourages healthy, active habits and good sportsmanship
It is for any Primary aged student
It is FUN
Senior secondary students who would like to do the coaching training please contact Mrs Murphy or Adam

**Mobile Library**
The Mobile Library will be visiting the school next Tuesday, March 5th.

Free to a good home:
4 Guinea pigs
Contact Mrs Murphy
SECONDARY INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS TODD
Last week Todd Rhodes travelled to Wagga Wagga to trial for selection in the Riverina Open Boys Basketball team. He was successful in gaining selection and will now travel with the Riverina team to the NSW CHS Carnival to be held in Maitland near Newcastle on 9-11 April (last week of term). Well done Todd on a great achievement.

SECONDARY GIRLS OFF TO RIVERINA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last week a small contingent attended the Zone Swimming Carnival in Leeton. The stand out performers on the day were Camilla Rennie who came 1st in the 13years 50m Breaststroke and Nyssa Redpath who came 2nd in the 16years 50m Breaststroke. Both girls have now gained selection in the Southwest Zone team to attend the Riverina Carnival to be held once again in Leeton on Monday 11th March. Other notable performers on the day were Jordan Keefe who Mrs Waters believes finished 3rd in a number of events. Congratulations to the other students who were excellent representatives of the school- Breana Taomia, Emma Fleming, Kelsey Mewburn, Denelle Burgess, Kelly Hewitt, Chace Cashmere, Kaleb Dalton.

SUMMER RAP CHS KNOCKOUT TRIALS
Last Friday 16 students attended the RAP Trials for Touch Football, Cricket and Tennis. A number of students have gained selection in RAP teams. Congratulations to all those below and to the other students that took the opportunity to test themselves against others in RAP. Boys Cricket was played yesterday. Students selected: Nathan Brettschneider, Matt Brettschneider, Dylan Neal, Grant McMaster, Jay Mitchell and Jordan Keefe. Thank you to the Brettschneiders and McMasters for providing transport for the boys yesterday, a full report will be in next week’s newsletter.
Girls and Boys Touch to be played Friday 16th March in Griffith. Travel will be with Mr Adams. Students selected: Brittany Dalton, Nathan Brettschneider, Matt Brettschneider, Dylan Neal, Adam Taomia and Jordan Keefe
Girls Cricket to be played Wednesday 3rd April in Leeton. Travel with Miss Denham. Students selected: Laney Hyder, Kelsey Mewburn, Alix Stevens, Ella Dalton, Jade Neal.

YEAR 7 to 10 PDHPE
All of Year 7,8, 9 and 10 PDHPE Classes will be going swimming for practical lessons over the next few weeks. Please make sure that your child brings in their costume to change into a towel, some sunscreen and $1.50 for pool entry if they do not hold a season pass.

Swimming is a compulsory part of our course and all students are expected to participate, whilst at the pool we will be covering a wide range of activities including the bronze star swimming and lifesaving award, water safety, and a variety of aquatic games.

Any questions should be directed to Mrs R Bartholomew or Ms Kate Denham at school on 69672277.

2013 SPORT DATES
This year the Zone has tried to set as many Gala Day dates for 2013 as possible for the CHS Knockout Competitions. Students will need to attend the trial days to be selected in the RAP team to participate in Gala Days. The dates are correct at time of printing of the newsletter each week. Please add to your calendars to avoid medical appointments clashing!
- Riverina Secondary Swimming @ Leeton Monday 11th March (PARENTAL TRANSPORT)
- Open girls basketball Wednesday 13th March (MRS STORRIER TRANSPORT)
- RAP Trials U15 Boys AFL, + Open Netball @ Barellan Friday 22nd March. PLEASE NOTE- 14’s Under Girls Netball has been moved to Term 3(BUS)
- WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN/CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL @ Stan Peters Oval Thursday 28th March

More Gala Day dates will be added each week so stay tuned.

SEYMOUR ALTERNATIVE FARMING FIELD DAY
Saturday the 16th of February four students travelled to Seymour for the Seymour Alternative field day. The range of alternative farming enterprises was not as extensive as was anticipated there were still a number of valuable exhibits to view. While it was a very long day it was a good day was had by all.
Onstage Excursion 2013
Drama hit the road running in the usual way this year with a trip to Sydney to see Onstage. Onstage is the best of the previous year’s HSC performances and projects and is an excellent means of giving our senior students a clear idea of what they need to do and how a finished piece of work should look like.

The trip to Sydney became a lot longer than expected, we arrived in Avalon shortly before dusk. We still enjoyed a barbecue at the beach despite the wind and the dark. For some it was the first time they’d been to a beach and so rolling about in the sand and dipping their feet in the ocean was a new experience.

The next morning we travelled to the Wharf Theatre to see a performance by the Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP). Again, crossing the Sydney Harbour Bridge and being in a city the size of Sydney was a new undertaking for some. The performances were a series of monologues written by some of Sydney’s best up and coming playwrights and performed by young actors aged between 15 and 26. A NIDA student had created a set that looked like a construction site and we had to walk through sand to get to our seats. The show began with a character who was morphing into a clown and had a girlfriend with coulrophobia (yes that means a fear of clowns). Linked via music and dance the show featured another 9 solo pieces including a charismatic street vendor (selling possibly illegal studded gloves) and a girl who liked to hang around her father’s graveyard sunbathing. It was a first-rate performance and the actors and director shared a Q and A session with the students after the show.

Afterwards we took the opportunity to explore Paddy’s Market, some of the boys did a lap on the monorail and two of the seniors took an opportunity to see the award winning Les Miserables film. The students returned to the bus with all sorts of bargains.

We then went for a meal and who should be sitting a few tables away but Samara Weaving (Indigo “Indie” Walker from Home and Away) who was good enough to sign a few autographs for the kids.

We then went to the Seymour Centre for the main event: Onstage. As usual, the performances were disciplined, funny and emotional. My personal favourites were the “Middle Men” – a group performance about all those minor characters who get left in the wake of the hero as he makes his way towards super villain at the end of a film – and a hilarious solo piece featuring an “east-ender” from London discussing the trials she puts her six year old daughter through. During the interval, the students were able to look through all the great design projects on display. We had a great day full of fantastic experiences.

On our final day, we had an abbreviated tour of the Home and Away filming sites. We hiked up to the lighthouse that features in the show and afterwards had a quick dip in the pool at Whale Beach.

Saturday night, we arrived home tired but having had a really good excursion full of great learning experiences.

J Laurich

7 Science
To start the year, Year 7 are working on the topic ‘Working as a Scientist’ where they learn about the scientific equipment, safety, measurement and how to conduct experiments. Thursday saw them begin to learn how to use the Bunsen burners.

8 Science
To start the year, Year 8 are working on the topic ‘Be a detective, solve a mystery, scientifically’ where they revise their understanding of the scientific equipment, safety, measurement and how to design and conduct experiments. On Wednesday they experimented with a Non-Newtonian substance that behaved as both a liquid and a solid under different situations.
HILLSTON SWANS
Hi All, Thank you to everyone that attended our Junior Rego Day. We have good numbers for Football and Netball. For anyone that missed Rego day please contact the numbers below.

NETBALL TRAINING – FOR ALL GRADES OF NETBALL is at The Stan Peters Oval (behind the Exies Club) on the far side at the Netball Courts. Please wear your training gear, bring a Hat and a water bottle.

THIS TUESDAY ONLY - TODAY
Under 13’s – Training Starts TODAY 4.30 PM Sorry for the late notice.
Training is today and once a consensus is reached with all players a firm day will be set. Any enquiries please contact Kristy Tong.

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THURSDAYS
Netta, Net Set Go - Training Starts 10th APRIL 4pm
Under 10’s – Training Starts 10th APRIL 5 PM
Any Queries regarding netball please contact Kristy Tong on 0428 672 786

FOOTBALL
THURSDAYS
Auskick training starting soon – To be advised
Under 12’s, Under 14’s, Under 17’s - Training starts 6th March at the LAKE.
Any Queries regarding football please contact Andrew Tong on 0427 279 668

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
WHERE: CORYNNIA STATION CARRATHHOOL
DATE: FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 10.00 AM - 2.00 PM
RSVP CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 6965 1900

Come and spend a relaxing day in the exquisite grounds of Corynnia Station and be inspired by the stories of amazing women who are turning their dreams and passions into successful businesses and careers.

Bron Hall Founder of The Research Den is our keynote speaker. Bron has established a thriving business which she has successfully operated ‘on-line’ whilst travelling and living in China and India. Whilst in China, Bron started the Students’ Library Project where ex-pat students are developing libraries in Chinese schools.

Julie Armstrong Proprietor Corynnia Station Farmstay
Claire Walker Agri Business Manager Commonwealth Bank VIC Central North
Jenny Jones Be Calm Yoga

A sumptuous morning tea will be provided on arrival
BYO picnic lunch and fold up chairs
There is no charge for this event..
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
Anyone wishing to put an article or an advertisement in the School Newsletter are asked to either fax it to 69672385 or email to the school’s email address, hillston-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
If items are emailed to an individual staff member and they are absent the item will obviously miss the newsletter.

Growing the Professional You
Have you been out the workforce or need to gain some skills?

WRCC is offering for FREE Certificate III in Business Administration to assist you in building your confidence in returning to the workforce.

Contact Cathy Ziliotto on 69645334 or email c.ziliotto@wrcc.nsw.edu.au to see if you are eligible.

KYOKUSHIN KARATE
GREAT FOR THE MIND, CO-ORDINATION, FITNESS AND FUN
All ages
Day: Wednesday afternoons
Time: 4.30-5.30pm
Place: Hillston Central School Hall

Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au

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KICK BOXING FITNESS
BUILD STRENGTH, STAMINA, TONE UP, LOSE WEIGHT
15yrs plus
Day: Wednesday afternoons
Time: 6.30-7.30pm

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL
“Promoting our future through diversity”

Community Consultations
Carrathool Shire Council is currently undertaking a series of community consultations as part of the review of the Delivery Plan 2012-16.

This will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and priorities for the future of the Shire and for Council to report back on progress against the plan to date.

Meetings will be held at:
Goolgowi Ex-serviceman’s Club 7.00 pm Thursday 28 February 2013
Rankins Springs Hall 7.00 pm Tuesday 5 March 2013
Carrathool Hall 7.00 pm Thursday 14 March 2013
Merriwagga Hall 3.00 pm Thursday 21 March 2013
Hillston Ex-serviceman’s Club 7.00 pm Thursday 21 March 2013

Please take this opportunity to contribute to the vision for your shire.
Enquiries can be directed to the Goolgowi Office 6965 1900

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