PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last week Rachel Scott returned to commence the 2013 music program for primary students. As she has done over the past 7 years Rachel introduced the younger students to a range of practical musical experiences. With the older students there was another opportunity to revisit and extend the skills that have been developed over past years. Rachel also made time to check over the organisation that supports Cheyne as he delivers the secondary music program. The guitar players will have more opportunity to build their musical and performance skills. The support that the ACMF gives our students in their music is fantastic. It is open to all students and students appreciate it.

During the week the first of the Navy Band video conference lessons for the school band commenced. Despite a few teething problems the students gained some valuable lessons and experience. Again the advantages of technology and the efforts of ACMF have delivered a great program to our students. Over the school holidays the musical instruments of the band were all serviced and repaired. Mrs Bartholomew deserves special thanks for her organisation of this work. The school band now has a large range of instruments for students to learn. The contributions of the community members who freely and gladly give their time is also deserving of a huge thank you from the school.

The first parent teacher evening of the year will be held in three weeks. This will be an opportunity for all parents to review the progress of their children with their class teachers. Already this year many parents have been in contact with the school regarding the educational progress of their children. As preparation for this evening I would advise all parents to take a few minutes each evening to look through the school books of their children. Evidence of the learning should be visible on every page. If not then questions need to be asked.

Thank you to all parents who have supported the school by not allowing their children to bring mobile phones to school. While some students require their phones for after school use the support of parents in ensuring that phones are not used in school is appreciated. Unfortunately there are still a group of students who are not able to demonstrate the required restraint in mobile phone use at school and who bring the reputation of the school into disrepute. These students will experience appropriate consequences.

Steve Chapman
Principal
PRIMARY INFORMATION

STAR STUDENTS: Liana, Madison, James & Emily

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Will, Cooper, Lukas, Jordan, Jack, Hamish

SILVER AWARD: Our first Silver award in Primary for 2013 goes to Amelia Hutchison – Spence.

ACMF
Primary students enjoyed Rachel's visit last week, and Primary staff are excited about continuing her programs for the rest of the term.

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Active After School is on Tuesday & Thursday
Please return your permission forms, and bring your swimming gear!!!
WE ARE SWIMMING AGAIN THIS WEEK!!

Active After School is FREE
It provides AFTERNOON TEA
It runs from 3:30 to 4:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays
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

ZOOMOBILE
On Wednesday this week, staff from Taronga Zoo’s Zoomobile will be in the school to conduct an environmental awareness program with Primary students. All students are expected to attend. Please return your $5 ASAP.
Students who are unable to attend will be supervised and will complete alternative work.

Last year the students saw echidnas and lizards.
WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

2013 SCHOOL FEES

PRIMARY
Kinder-Yr 6 inclusive.
$40 per 1 student, $60 per 2, $70 for 3 or more.
$15 Maths Book Fee

SECONDARY
Yrs 7-10  $70 per 1 student, $100 per 2, $120 for 3 or more.
Yrs 11-12  $75 per year per student.

7/8 LOTE  $10 per year
Art Yrs 9 & 10  $35 per year
Wood/Metal  Yrs 9/10  $35 per year
Drama  $35 per year
Computer Studies  $35 per year
History  $35 per year

D & T, IT  Year 11/12  $50 per year
VET Metals/Engineering  $80 per year
VET IT  $80 per year
VET Primary Ind  $80 per year
VET Hospitality  $80 per year

Agriculture  $35 per year
Photography  Yrs 11/12  $45 per year
Food Tech 9/10  $35 per year
VA Yr 11/12  $35 per year
Food Tech 11/12  $40 per year

Commerce  $35 per year
PASS  $35 per year
Computer Application  $35 per year
IPT  $35 per year

SCHOOL FEES CAN BE PAID AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY.

P & C NEWS

P & C meeting tonight 7.00pm in the school common room. All welcome.
This is an active and inclusive group of parents who meet each month in the school common room at 7.00pm. Each meeting provides an occasion for parents to contribute to the school. ALL are welcome. Please consider giving only 2 hours each month to play a part in the active life of the school.
The remaining meeting dates for Term 1, 2013 are:
Tuesday 12th March
Tuesday 11th April

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs on Thursday 4th April
Our school has booked Academy Photography to take our school photos this year. They arrive early on Thursday 4th April and should have completed all photos by lunchtime. Students are to wear summer uniform for photos.
An opportunity exists for families to have group photos at recess. If you would like a family group photo of all your children attending school you will need to contact the school and let us know.
Envelopes should be going home early next week for parents to choose the package that most suits their needs.
This year our photographer will provide proof of identity cards free to all secondary students.

2013 School Captains and SRC Representative with Mr Chapman
All SRC representatives will receive a copy of this photo.
Hillston Central School students involved in the first ever Master Class program

Last Wednesday 22 students from Hillston Central School were involved in group tutorial sessions provided by the Royal Australian Navy. The lessons were delivered using the school’s video conferencing technology and our students were the first in what we hope to be many more students from remote areas to receive lessons this way. The students of Hillston Central School are very privileged and grateful to have been the trial school for this program, which has been funded and organised by the Australian Children’s Music Foundation (ACMF).

The program came about following the visit from the Royal Australian Navy Band, who workshoped with the school band and performed for the schools and the community last year. From there, discussions were had and the ACMF made it a reality. Free music lessons will be provided to the students of the Hillston Central School concert band twice a term. WOW!

The Hillston Central School concert band has now been up and running for 18 months and anyone who has heard them play would agree that they are making sound progress.

The biggest struggle that we have had has been access to professional teachers to take the students beyond the very basics. The ACMF and the Royal Australian Navy Band have made this possible through the provision of these lessons. Our students are very fortunate to have this support and we hope that now that it has been successfully piloted that other students who suffer the same isolation issues will also be able to access such a program in the future.

Some of the comments from our students following their lesson include: “That was awesome!”; “I learnt so much just in one session”; “Today I learnt three new notes!”; “I can’t wait until our next session!”

What a fantastic opportunity this has been for all of the students and staff involved. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn music this way, and we are looking at bigger and better things for the future. Thank you to the Royal Australian Navy Band and to the ACMF coordinators who have made this learning opportunity possible.

Mrs Robin Bartholomew (HCS Band Director)
SECONDARY INFORMATION

SECONDARY HOMEWORK CENTRE

Need help with homework, assignments, assessment tasks, classwork or want access to computers and printers?? Then Homework Centre is for you.
WHEN: EVERY Wednesday
TIME: 3.30-4.30PM
WHERE: Library Annexe

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!

- Open Girls Basketball @ Narrandera Wednesday 13th March Mrs Storrier (BUS)
- RAP Open Touch Football @ Griffith Friday 15th March Mr Adams (BUS)
- Open Boys Basketball Wednesday 20th March @ Leeton Mr Toohey (Bus)
- Open Girls Soccer @ Griffith Thursday 21st March @ Griffith . Mrs Bartholomew (BUS)
- RAP Trials U15 Boys AFL, + Open Netball @ Barellan Friday 22nd March.
- PLEASE NOTE- 14’s Under Girls Netball has been moved to Term 3. Mrs Waters (BUS)
- WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN/CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL @ Stan Peters Oval Thursday 28th March
- Girls RAP Cricket Wednesday 3rd April @ Leeton Miss Denham

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

Mnemonics
Year 7 Geography students were asked to write mnemonics for the word ‘Geography’ and here is one of the best written by Preeya Burgess. Mnemonic is a memory technique to help students remember important terms and concepts.

Digital Education Revolution NSW

DER INFORMATION SESSION
To all current Year 9 students and parents.
Your invited to an information evening in regard to the current rollout of DER devices. There have been a lot of changes to the DER Program and it would be beneficial for you to attend the information session.
WHEN  Monday 18th March, 2013
WHERE  Lab 2 (New Science Building )
TIME  6.30 PM

Any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me at school. We look forward to seeing you all there.
Bec Fitzgerald  TSO
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:
- 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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COMMUNITY NEWS

HILLSTON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Rego Day—Friday 22nd March, 4.30pm at Stan Peters Oval. Cost: $50.00 including shorts and socks. All ages welcome—Boys and Girls. Come down and enjoy the fun of Rugby League. Also taking orders for new jackets contact Kelly—0427 469 263 or Belinda 0488 671 211

HILLSTON OUTDOOR GYM EASTER CAKE STALL & RAFFLE
28th March. Open 9am till everything sold
Free delivery to in town businesses of orders of stall goods $15 or over. Raffle will be drawn at the end of cake stall winners will be contacted by phone
1st Prize Easter hamper to value of $350
2nd Prize Photoshoot with RSS Photography to value to $200
3rd Prize 7 inch Android TouchTAB Tablet to value of $130
Tickets are 1 for $5/ 3 for $10/ 4 for $15 and 6 for $20 and are available now at Hasslefree Secretarial, Lachlan Produce and with Cassie Sheridan, Sam Neal and Jenny Sheridan.

HILLSTON SWANS
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. Any enquiries please contact Kristy Tong 0428 672 786
- Under 13’s – TUESDAYS 4.30 PM
- Under 16’s –TUESDAYS 5.30 PM
- SENIORS – A, B, C Grade - WEDNESDAYS  6.30 PM
COMING SOON
Netta, Net Set Go - Training Starts THURSDAY 6th APRIL  4-5 pm
Under 10’s – Training Starts 6th APRIL  5 -6 PM
1st game of the season is on 6th April
The only reason training will change is if you hear DIRECTLY from your coach.

FOOTBALL Training
WEDNESDAYS
- Auskick training starting soon April 6th 4-5pm
- Under 12’s, Under 14’s, WEDNESDAYS This Wednesday 13th March at the LAKE.
Any Queries regarding football please contact Andrew Tong on 0427 279 668

We are trialing all footy grades training on a Wednesday to try and fit in with other activities around the town. If there is an issue please speak with Ged Ryan or Andrew Tong ASAP. Thankyou. The committee is looking forward to a great season of footy and netball. GO SWANS