PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Term 4 has seen the commencement of the HSC exams and the students have presented punctually and prepared for their exams. The last few weeks of final preparation should have seen revisions completed. Thank you to Miss Coffa for giving up several of her days during the holidays to assist students with their Maths revision. Miss McCarthy also gave of her time to assist students with their final preparations.

Year 11 have commenced their own HSC courses this week having completed their Preliminary HSC at the end of Term 3. The new RAP timetable will not commence until next year so during this term there will be more than adequate time available for these students to really push on with developing their knowledge and skills.

The school playground is looking terrific at the present moment. The new playground paintings are being enjoyed by all Primary students and the bottle brush trees are flowering strongly. Thanks to Mr Sloan the lawns are looking wonderful.

The induction of our 2016 school captains is occurring on October 21\textsuperscript{st}. At this assembly students who have achieved gold and diamond level awards will also be recognised.

Steve Chapman
Principal

P & C Meeting
tonight 7pm
Staff Common room.
All Welcome.
5/6 Took out a class sportsmanship award this week. Great team work and encouragement were displayed during the cricket skills and games.
Just two examples of great writing from Lewis and Tyson in K/1

It was easy to pick the potatoes.
and I like the bus.

The bus was fun to go on and the beet root.
Woo's fun to pick.
Throughout this term our SRC will be holding games during lunchtime. Last Wednesday, students enjoyed playing our newly painted games while singing and dancing to music. It was nice to see some secondary kids getting involved and the bigger kids helping out the younger ones.

Secondary Silver Award Winners

Timon, Preeya, Maggie

Happy Birthday to George as he turned 6 this month!
3-6 Borambola Excursion Reminder
This year students in Years 3-6 will be invited to attend our Borambola Sport and Recreation Camp excursion.

Dates to remember
Departure: 7am on the 9th November
Return: 5.30pm on the 12th November

First deposit of $50 due in by the 9th October
Remaining $180 must be paid by Week 4 (the 30th October).
If parents are after more information they can contact Ms Martin or have a look on the website.

Hillston’s Got Talent DVD
The Hillston’s Got Talent DVD is now available for purchase through the office. Unfortunately the quality of the DVD isn’t as good as we had hoped so we are halving the price to $5.

Hillston Swimming Club AGM
Thursday the 15th October.
Hillston Exies Club Meeting Room at 4pm.
All interested should attend.
For more information please contact Robin Bartholomew on 69672999.

Year 6 into 7 Transition
As part of the Year 7 transition program, all Year 6 students from HCS and St Joseph’s who are attending Hillston Central School next year are invited to participate in Secondary sport on Friday 23rd October and Friday 30th October.

Secondary Sport begins after lunch on Fridays and concludes at 3:25pm (at the end of school). Students will be placed into sports groups at Hillston Central and will be participating with students from Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

This will give students the opportunity to integrate and familiarise themselves with the procedures, activities, teachers and other students, something that they would not usually get to do until next year.

Students are required to wear full sports uniform, including a hat. It is recommended that students also bring a full drink bottle of water.

Jump Rope For Heart
This year our school will once again be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. All money raised goes straight to the Heart Foundation.
Throughout this term, primary students will enjoy improving their fitness and skipping skills during rotations each morning. We will then hold a whole school ‘jump off’ on the 5th November, where students will rotate through a number of skipping activities with their mates. All primary students should have received their sponsorships forms.
If secondary students would like to collect sponsorship they can pick up a form from Ms Martin.
Money must be back on or before the 5th of November so that we can get our paperwork off and prizes back before the end of the year.

Jump Rope for Heart
Foundation.
Feedback from a recent Educational Conference

We love Jane Caro, a forceful advocate for public education. Following is a tongue in cheek list of reasons that you should use to congratulate yourself for choosing public education. But amongst the humour are some gems that you really should store in your head for next time some well meaning but misguided friend or relative offers you advice about sending your child to a nice private school. As Jane described recently at the principals conference in Sydney- some over zealous parents who try to convince you to send your child to a private school are actually justifying to themselves because, secretly, they feel that perhaps they may have done rather a silly thing...

Don't be a sucker for private school advertising.
Government school students perform better, and are less likely to drop out of university, than students from private schools...

10 reasons to send your child to a government school

By Jane Caro

Bio:
Jane Caro is a writer on women, families & education, and is convenor of the Sydney public education advocacy group, Priority Public. She is the parent of two children in government schools.

1. Your child will get four more weeks of education every year. By the end of an average thirteen year education, children in government schools have received an entire year of extra education, for free. Think about it, not only do the non-government schools charge you anything up to $12,000 p.a. for the privilege of 4 weeks a year less education, but you then have to shell out even more for camp or school holiday care, to keep the kids occupied while they're on all those extra holidays.

2. You will never have to keep a straight face while lecturing your child about their boater, summer versus winter blazer, hat, skirt length, hair length, behaviour in the train, chapel, or lack of school spirit on compulsory Saturday sports days. You will not have to manufacture ersatz school spirit on said hellishly inconvenient, cold and
mind numbingly dull school sports days. You may also be able to go away for the odd weekend without feeling guilty.

3. You will not have to pretend you hold values you don't hold practice a religion you don't practice, do things you don't do (or don't do things you do do) to get your child accepted into one of these schools.

4. Your child will learn the true meaning of certain words. Words like "battler" which doesn't mean someone on $80,000 with a company car. Let's be clear, anyone who can battle to find $12000 (even $6000) after tax, on top of all their other expenses is, by definition, not a battler, no matter what postcode they live in. And words like "choice", something the middle class has, but battlers don't.

5. Your hairstyle will never be more fashionable than your teenager's.

6. You can spend far less on school uniforms. Most government school uniforms are simple and inexpensive. Some government schools (Mosman High for example) recognise that adolescents will quickly develop their own uniform if left alone, and have a school population dressed entirely in jeans and T-shirts.

7. You can use all the money you save (on fees, uniforms, school holiday care etc) in far more useful ways, state of the art computers, educational trips and holidays, exchange student programs. You may even, given the cumulative cost of $12,000 a year (more if you have more than one child) save enough for a small investment unit or hobby farm. Better yet, an annual overseas holiday for two, right away from the kids.

8. Your children will get used to mixing with all sorts of people from all sorts of backgrounds. They will learn it is possible to be happy and productive even if you don't earn six figures and live in a tastefully restored, much extended Federation bungalow on the leafy North Shore. A useful lesson for anyone to learn particularly if you don't want to be expected to subsidise their lifestyle for the rest of yours.

9. Your child will receive an excellent, inclusive, modern, realistic, rough and tumble, non-eliteist education. Your involvement in the school, particularly as a middle class parent, will not only benefit your own child, but every other child there. Your child will also most likely get the same UAI as they would have done at any other school, at no extra cost.

10. Your child will be valuable to the school even if they are not academically brilliant, musical or good at sport. Your child will not be used as a selling tool, expected to drive up the school's average UAI to help it attract new, fee paying students.

So, when it comes to deciding on a school for your child, it may pay to remember that a better education is not something you can buy.
Temporary Closure Notice

Claudia would like to advise her valued clients that Salon 17 will be temporarily closed until further notice.

Claudia thanks everyone for their kind thoughts and well wishes.

VOLUNTEER AWARD – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

Sport and Recreation are again holding the Central West Winter Sport Volunteer Award. It’s the end of the winter sporting season, but it’s not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities. The Award has separate categories for both open and youth (25 years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroot sports.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded $250 & $100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs. It’s a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It’s a simple process that won’t take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteer award or call 6362 6623. Nominations close Friday 6th November 2015.

Djembe Drumming Workshop

On the 7th of October, Ms Maher took 5 students Preeya Burgess, Emily McIntosh, Sophie Currie, Jen Maher and Harriet Kelly to a djembe drumming workshop at Yanco Agricultural High School. We were taught new rhythms by Yacou, from Senegal, on the djembe and Jonathan on the dun-duns. We learnt that the djembe is traditionally used for communication and is believed to be the best medicine. We learnt a piece that was traditionally used for celebration it was composed of two calls, two responses and two breaks. Some of us also tried to incorporate different percussion instruments into the piece. Then we performed for Yanco High’s Year 8 class. All in all, we all enjoyed our day and would like to thank Ms Maher for giving us a good day.
The P&C are holding a cake stall and raffle this Friday, 16th October to raise money to support our students at Hillston Central School. It will begin at 9am at the kiosk on High Street (near the newsagency).

We are asking for donations of cakes and slices, as well as other items including jams, sauces, plants, eggs and vegetables. We are also looking for volunteers to help run the stall on the day, sell raffle tickets, and deliver cakes/slices to business houses. Cakes can be dropped off at the kiosk from 8:30am or school office till 9am.

Tickets can be purchased at the front office or at the cake stall

$1/ticket

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DRAWN 16/10/15
Paella by The Sculptures
Friday 16 October 5.30pm

Real Juice Company
Citrus Sculpture Launch Street Party
Visitor Centre Car Park, cnr Banna & Jondaryan Aves, Griffith

Made possible with the support of:
Griffith Fish Market

Pamphlets are available at front office

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).
HILLSTON
HEALTHY KIDS BUS STOP
3 NOVEMBER 2015

What is the Healthy Kids Bus Stop?
The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is a **FREE** child health check and pathway to care program for children aged 3-5 years old. The program includes:

- A comprehensive health assessment
- Vision and hearing check
- Oral health check
- Fine and gross motor skill assessment
- Speech assessment
- Food and Nutritional assessment

Why are health checks important?
Regular health checks keep kids healthy. Health checks will identify lifestyle, development or illness-related issues and will help your child be healthy and fit and ready to learn when they start school.

How do I book my child in?
Registrations are essential. Please call Royal Far West on 02 8966 8500. A time slot will be selected that suits you and your child. As this is a comprehensive health check please allow up to 2 ½ hours for appointments.

Registrations close 23 October.

Where will it be held?
Hillston Central School

What do I need to bring?
- Your child’s Blue Book
- Your child’s hat
- Your child’s drink bottle
- Snacks for your child