PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

This week we have the pleasure of Rachel Scott visiting school for Music. ACMF have done a wonderful job each year and this visit in term 4 will be concluded with a concert on Thursday. In other musical news the Master classes held with the RAN band were well attended last week. Thank you to Mrs Bartholomew for her organisation.

Congratulations to our Secondary Captains. At the Assembly on Tuesday they showed the skills that they will be extending as School Captains. It was also very pleasing to have visitors from Leeton HS at the Assembly. They visited to personally thank Hillston for the contribution made to the Stephanie Scott appeal. A copy of the Leeton HS captain’s speech is included in the newsletter.

Next week the Royal Far West are coming to Hillston Central School. They will be conducting free screening for children under 5. This is a fantastic opportunity and all parents and their children are welcome. Information is included in the newsletter and a small brochure can be collected from the school office.

Steve Chapman
Principal

26th –30th October
ACMF

3rd November
Musica Viva 1:45pm

3rd November
Healthy Kids Bus Stop

4th November
Year 6 into 7 Orientation and Parent Info night

5th November
Welfare Day/Jump Rope For Heart

6th November
Primary Principal’s, Parents and Grandparents Assembly 10am

9th-12th November
Borambola Excursion

Valid 8 Science Test
Monday 9th November
P1 & P2
As part of a unit exploring ‘Where Does Our Food Come From?’ K/1 headed into town to have a behind the scenes look at our local supermarket and butchery. We thank Mrs Fitz for driving us in the school bus, at the last minute, due to rain.

We looked at fruit in Roses IGA and related back to the work we have been doing in class about growing things, fruit, flowers and seeds.

Mr Milne was pleased to show us around his store and described how he prepares his products.

K/1 know that beef is cow, pork is pig and lamb is sheep.

Thank you to staff at both stores for allowing us to access their local resources.
1/2 Showed some art work in assembly wk2 where they had investigated blow painting.

3/4 Have been looking at poetry, the girls presented one poem each at last weeks assembly.
Rachel will be here all week. Students will be practising for a concert on Thursday after lunch, please come and invite friends.

Please make sure your permission note and $5 is returned to your class teacher before Friday. Remember parents are welcome to come for free!!

**PRINCIPAL’S PRIMARY PARENTS ASSEMBLY**

10am next Friday November 6th
Please invite Grandparents as this is a special Assembly to celebrate a (late) Grandparents Week. Please bring along a morning tea to share with your child after the assembly.

**HEALTHY KIDS BUS STOP**
Places filling fast!!

If you have not yet booked your 3-5 year old in for this program, please do! We highly recommend taking this opportunity to have a FREE health assessment. This is the first time that Royal Far West has opted to come to Hillston and we would like as many families to take advantage of the day. Please tell friends that have young children, this is too good to miss out on!

Students at HCS are fortunate enough to be able to meet with Sue Butler, editor of the Macquarie Dictionary, this week. Sue will be speaking with students in years 5-10 about how the English language changes and develops through usage, and how words are included in our dictionary.

**SUSAN BUTLER** is the Editor of the *Macquarie Dictionary*, Australia’s national dictionary now in its 6th Edition, and, as Editor, is largely responsible for the selection and writing of new words. She has written the *Dinkum Dictionary*, published in its third edition in 2009. In 2014 she wrote *The Aitch Factor*, a commentary on usage matters in Australian English. She is also a regular commentator on Australian English on radio, television and the internet.
Whole School Welfare Day
5th November 2013
Lots to look forward to

This is a K—12 day where students will move through a number of activities focusing on their social, emotional, mental and physical health. Primary students are invited to continue participating in the activities right up until 3.20pm. If you would like to pick your child up before that you will need to collect them from the School Hall.

Before school
The SRC will be providing a healthy breakfast for students and staff before school

Morning Session
Primary and Secondary will be split into groups and will rotate around a range of guest speakers. **Primary students are strongly encouraged to bring their bikes!**

School Counsellor

Head Space

Griffith Police

Cassie Sheridan

Bike Safety

Middle Session
Students choose one of a range of activities.

Scavenger Hunt

Dance

Outdoor Gym

Aboriginal Art

Cooking

Pencil Art

Skin Therapy

Then...
Students will participate in whole school team building activities

After Lunch
Positive Reward System

On the next page is a copy of our Positive Reward System for 2015. The final cut off date for this year is Friday December 4th 2015. Children must have all their final merits in to the office by this date to gain their last awards of the year at the Presentation Assembly on Wednesday December 9th.

Many of the students have worked very hard to earn their awards this year and it has been a pleasure to see so many children keen to progress through the reward system and enjoying their gifts for their hard work. I look forward to seeing some well deserved presentations at our final assembly.

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5/6 Assessment

In class we have been reading the book Bridge to Terribithia where the children create their own magical kingdom. 5/6 students must use their imagination, as well as some of the knowledge they have gained in class to create their own kingdom inside the video container. Students should have received their assessment sheet and container on Monday. The assessment is due 6th November.

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Year 6 into 7 Orientation

Orientation Day is on **Week 5 Wednesday 4th November**. Students will participate in a full day of classes and have a chance to practice moving from room to room. Students are required to arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.55, for a morning roll call. Students should bring paper and pens for the day. Students will make their own morning tea in class and lunch will be provided. Students will be expected to participate in classes through to 3.25pm and will be able to catch normal buses after that.

Information evening is also on **Week 5 Wednesday 4th of November** and will be held at 7pm in the Library. Parents and students of Year 7 2016 are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for both students and parents to learn more about what high school will involve for them, including basic information, opportunities and expectations. It is also a chance to meet teachers and other parents.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you,

Zoe Coffa
Year Advisor

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Secondary Silver Award Receivers
Logan, Damian and Jade
State Drama Festival

Students in years 3-6 enjoyed a virtual excursion to the State Drama Festival Matinee. The matinee was streamed live for students in rural and remote areas. The State Drama Festival comprises of the best drama pieces from public school all over NSW. The students had their eyes firmly fixed on the Smart Board and picked up some ideas for our future performances.

Visual Art Term 4

Congratulations to all the Year 7&8 students who contributed to the display of art work at Hillston Show. This term both classes have begun some interesting projects. Year 7 are going to combine artistic skills with their knowledge of story writing to produce a story book or picture for the Infant students. The goal is to finally read or show their stories to the juniors towards the end of term. So far they have looked at picture books in the library and market research, visited Mrs Murphy’s class to talk about the type of stories they like. They need to decide the type of book they are going to make and whether or not they will work by themselves or in a group.

Puppets are the thing for Year 8. Using paper mache techniques and other ingenious methods, they are going to make paper mache puppet heads, arms and bodies. They will then use wood and fishing line to turn their puppets into marionettes. To go with the puppets they will write a script and make or paint back-drops to bring the puppet show alive.

The Elective class have begun a really interesting topic on Traditional Japanese art as the cultural frame or background to Anime drawing which they will move onto later in the term. They have begun research on Japanese culture, like customs, festivals, the main religions of Japan and their influence on art and important art forms, like woodcuts, scripts, calligraphy and decoration of fans and screens. They were very interested to look at a quilt that has been made with many Japanese fabrics, including some of the special Kimono lengths woven in thick thread and dyed using indigo.

Below: Liana and Ben reading to K-1
On Tuesday, 20th October, 7 girls (Charly, Breanna, Jade, Adela, Killara, Lekisha and Maggie) travelled to Goolgowi to participate in the NRL Girls Tackle Rugby League Gala Day. The NRL development officers in the Riverina ran the day for the girls, with 3 schools participating, these were Hillston Central, Hay Memorial High School and Marian Catholic College. Hay and Hillston joined forces and united together as the Hay/Hillston team for the day.

The day started with warm up drills including tackling and ball handling techniques followed by 2 games for each team (years 7/8 and years 9/10) against Marian Catholic College, Griffith.

The girls played fantastic games and displayed some great techniques when tackling, running the ball in attack, and learning some extra skills off team mates from Hay High School. The Hay/Hillston team won both of their games against Marian in both categories. During the lunch break the NRL development officers ran a 100m sprint race. This saw Lekisha and Charly coming in the top 3 spots of the race and winning a prize!! The best parts of the day was seeing so many girls enjoying the game of Rugby League, showing great sportsmanship and meeting new friends from Hay High School.

The girls are excited to play again next time. Well done girls on a great day!!
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.

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 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.

Year 6 Graduation

Save the Date

Year 6 Graduation will be held on Friday the 4th December at the Hillston Ex-Servicemen’s. More information to come.

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.

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 need more information they can contact Ms Martin or have a look on the website:
**Lost Property**

There is a large amount of lost clothing accumulating in the front office with no names on them. If your child is missing an item of clothing please come and look as all clothes will be given to the Op Shop by this Friday.

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**Friday Night Tennis**

Games start at 7:00 pm.

$5 per player.

Ages 12 and up, new players most welcome.

Contact Shaina 0458 672 663

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**Making Families Happy**

Staring 8.30pm, Tuesday 27 October on ABC

**TEACHERS AND AV TECHNICIANS:**
Set your recorders for 8.30pm on Tuesday 27 October to record the first episode of the three-part series Making Families Happy on ABC. Subsequent episodes will air at the same time for the next two Tuesdays.

**SYNOPSIS:**
What are the secrets to a happy family? Good communication? Strong parenting skills? Spending quality time together? As the pressures of modern life impact on Australian families, finding the answers is more urgent than ever.

The hit ABC TV series Making Australia Happy and Making Couples Happy proved that science can make individuals and couples happier in just eight weeks. Now, in an Australian and world first, the 'Happiness' team are turning their attention to their greatest challenge yet: families.

With the help of a team of experts over two months, three very different Australian families attempt to overcome longstanding barriers to happiness. They range from a large blended family to a single mother with a thirteen-year-old daughter. Their problems are ones that all Australians will relate to: poor communication, financial stress, lack of parenting skills, defiant teenagers, and so on. For the three families, it's their best hope for change after years of conflict.

As well as compelling on-screen drama, this three-part series provides valuable information for viewers, which can be used by every Australian – young and old – to improve the happiness of their families.

www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/making-families-happy/

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**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
- Dental check
- Oral health check
- Fine and gross motor skill assessment
- Speech assessment
- Food and Nutrition 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 2½ hours for appointments.

Registrations close 23 October.

**Where will it be held?**

1-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
Special SRC Assembly: Induction of new Captains, visit by Leeton Captains and relieving Principal: Gold and Diamond Awards.

Last Wednesday Hillston Central Students conducted a special whole School Assembly for three important reasons. Jorja Dalton and Jessi Knowles, as co-chairman, managed the assembly with help from Delcie Coonan, Maddi Lynch, Will Knight and Connor Lee. Mrs Fitzgerald, (with Miss Jefferis as co-ordinator) conducted the Primary Choir while they presented two songs. Then came the first important event, the induction of the new School Captains, Denelle Burgess and Vikrant Jatan. Mr Chapman spoke about leadership and then the Captains gave the SRC Captains Pledge. Hayley Burgess and Breanna Kerr spoke on behalf of the students. Denelle and Vikrant spoke about their new role and later the Captains’ parents pinned on their badges and congratulated them.

Three special visitors came to mark the outstanding contribution Hillston Central School made to the Stephanie Scott Memorial appeal. The two Leeton High School Captains thanked the school for their generosity and spoke about Stephanie Scott, her impact and the plans they had to construct an outdoor amphitheatre in her honour.

The last of the three events was particularly pleasing: the presentation of Gold and Diamond awards to the many students who have now reached those levels. Mr Chapman congratulated the students with the help of Denelle and Vikrant in their first official School Captain duty. Congratulations to all who were involved and thank you to the parents, family members and friends who attended.

Leeton High School Speech Presented at Our School Captain Induction Ceremony by Leeton High School Captain

Good Morning staff and students

Georgia and I would firstly like to thank you for the opportunity to speak to you all in person. Our school, Leeton high, were blown away with the generosity of the Hillston Community and your Donation of $3281.00 towards the Stephanie Scott Memorial.

It has been decided, in honour of Steph, that we will build an outdoor amphitheatre within our school grounds which will enable drama productions, outdoor learning and a host of other activities to be held there.

Stephanie Scott had been an English/Drama teacher at Leeton High for four years. She was a wonderful person and teacher and will be greatly missed by us all.

Through this tragic experience we have learnt a lot about the amazing generosity from communities like Hillston, and from many other people and school throughout the country. The support has been truly overwhelming and we are forever grateful.

We would like to congratulate all of the 2016 school leaders and wish them well.

Thank you once again and all the best for the remainder of the year
School Captain Induction Ceremony

Leeton High School and Hillston Central School Captains along with Mr Chapman and Leeton High Principal Mr Morschel

Primary Gold Awardees

Denelle our new school Captain, has her badge pinned by her father Mr Kent Burgess

Secondary Gold Awardees

Vikrant our new school captain, has his badge pinned by his Mother Mrs Litiana Jatan

Diamond Awardees
Please come to our Community Concert

An opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills they have been learning & to showcase to the wider community the talents of our ACMF tutors.

Thursday October 29th 1:45-2:45pm

At the BN Hall at Hillston Central School
All HCS students will attend as audience members
Community members, Parents, Pre-schoolers & St Joseph’s cordially invited

Performances by:

- K/1, 1/2, 3/4 & 5/6
- HCS Primary Choir
- Rachel’s secondary djembe drummers
- HCS Concert Band
- Rachel & visitors
Hillston Central School Uniform Proposal

The Hillston Central School P & C are actively involved with the introduction of a school uniform change. This has been brought about through the ongoing concern of parents, students and staff that it has become increasingly difficult to source the current uniform. We are actively seeking feedback on the changes put forward and welcome your interest in this decision. We are conscious of a few matters which may arise and would like you also to consider the wider student body in your appraisal or concerns.

- Sourcing of uniforms all year round for current students and new.
- Costs so as not to discriminate against any student or student’s family.
- Uniform should be perceived as a structured dress code making it recognisable in the wider community.
- Ideally the uniform would be suited to our changing climate throughout the year, extremely hot summers and particularly cold winters.
- Suitability to all students male & female, primary & secondary, regardless of medical matters or cultural backgrounds.

We realise we will not be able to satisfy all the parent and student body, however we will proceed with the majority if the suggestion is within the above criteria. Final decisions are ultimately those of the Hillston Central School Principal, however this is an opportunity to give reason for any appraisals or concerns you may have. The P&C have deliberated on options, availability, current uniform, current colours, social, environment and budget. The display is of options readily available from Griffith school uniform provider Lowes and is based on their current uniforms available in shop immediately.

Please be aware we have many options to evaluate including-

- Skirts can be long or short.
- Long or short sleeve shirts/winter & summer.
- Style or pattern choice is endless.
- Boys have worn grey on grey for many years and parents have made a request for some colour change, costs minimal with white and blue already part of current school uniform.
- There is more than one option in winter for girls- pants or skirt.
- Knitted jumper is much warmer than previous polar fleece – both could be included.
- Current summer uniform for girls can be sourced at Target but they will give no guarantee of availability.
- Uniform changes must be phased in so do not be alarmed if you have recently purchased a uniform.
- Knowing what your child is expected to wear makes the mornings easy and less stressful for all.
- Uniform definition – distinctive clothing worn by an organisation or body.