Thursday last week the students presented a musical concert. Fantastic! Full credit to Rachel and Ben for their labour of love in preparing and delivering such a wonderful afternoon of music. Full credit to the teachers who have created such a great climate in their classrooms so that the children can gain maximum benefit from the extension work that Rachel brings every term. This was an occasion where everyone could look and listen and just feel extremely proud to be a part of Hillston Central School. Events such as this concert are a feature of each year at our school. It is too easy to hear the critical voices who notice and are quick to loudly condemn every tiny blemish and overlook the superior performance of so many at our school. Thursday should silence those voices.

Staff have been working hard at recent staff meetings. Over the past weeks they have been focusing on differentiating classwork to cater for the range of learners in their classes. This has been intensive and experimental at times. It is important to trial new ideas and not just rely on the same old trusted experiences. This is what we encourage in our students and it is important that we model risk taking ourselves. The second major work has been reviewing the 2015 school plan as part of preparing for 2016. The new planning strategy involves all staff and as many of the school community as is practicable.

The display of the proposed new school uniform has been in the school foyer for the past couple of weeks. It will be there for another week. There are avenues for feedback so please let the committee know your comments. It is worth noting that overwhelmingly the observations have been positive.

This week the HSC exams conclude. The next big event for Year 12 will be their formal. This will take place at the community hall on Saturday 21st November. Tickets are on sale at the school office and must be finalised by the closing date.

Steve Chapman
Principal
K/1 presented their bean seeds, which they have been growing in class. The students have learnt how to care for their seeds and the steps they will need to take to plant their seeds in the garden at home.
ACMF CONCERT
Last week we were once again treated to an outstanding display of musical variety at the ACMF concert in the BN Hall. Building upon the musical experiences that Primary teachers give classes throughout the year, Rachel worked tirelessly this week to prepare our students for a performance on Thursday. Many parents and friends were in attendance to see K/1 perform Ram Sam Sam using tambourines, egg shakers and bells. K/1/2 performed ‘March’ from The Nutcracker with cymbals, triangle, tambourines and shakers. 1/2/3/4 included the Thongaphone into their item ‘Trepak’ also from The Nutcracker. 5/6 were precise and energetic in their ‘Round Up’ drumming performance accompanying the Navy Band.

Audience members were moved by the choir’s performance of ‘Adiamous’ with many commenting on the impressive singing. A highlight of the day was the secondary djembe drumming accompanied by Ben, Richard and Rachel, including a small ‘extension’ group performing an impressive piece with Ben.

Our whole school and wider community are so appreciative of the ACMF and the support they provide to keep music in our school program. Rachel is a tireless advocate for quality music education in our schools. We are always amazed by her energy, creative input and her dedication to provide for our students. Rachel loves Hillston, all of our kids have experienced her compassion and care for each individual and love her for it.

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

TEA TOWEL/ APRON FUNDRAISER
All students, K-12, have been given the opportunity to add their portrait to a school tea towel. Attached to the newsletter is an order form.

- Tea Towels $15 (navy on white)
- Apron $20 (white on navy)

This is a great keepsake or gift.

Orders must (strictly) be finalised by Friday Nov 13th so we can place our order and have them back for Christmas.

Amelia and Ellie having a flute Lesson
ACMF Term 4 Concert
Whole School Welfare Day
5th November 2015
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

**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**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

**JUMP ROPE**
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. They are required to arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.55, for a morning roll call and 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.

An 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

Positive Reward System

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 of the year.

S Ryan

HSC Chemistry

This term Denelle and Vikrant have been learning about fossil fuels, their uses and the products such as ethylene. Ethylene is a really important monomer (small molecule) from which many other substances are made by joining many of these ethylene monomers together to make a polymer (many monomers). It is used to make products such as PVC pipes, plastic bags, plastic tables and chairs and children’s toys.

However, fossil fuels are a non-renewable resource and scientists have conducted extensive research into renewable resources, such as ethanol. Denelle had to model the addition of water to ethylene to produce ethanol whilst Vikrant modelled the dehydration of ethanol to produce ethylene. We used lollies to construct the models and each lolly represents a different element. The milk bottles represent carbon, the raspberries represent hydrogen and the mint leaves represent oxygen. We used toothpicks to hold them together; these represent the bonds formed between the elements due to the sharing of electrons.
**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.

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**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 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.

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**5/6 Assessment**
In class we have been reading the book Bridge to Terabithia 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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**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.
Primary Puzzlers: “Good Morning”
8 people arrived at work and they greeted every single person with “Good morning”. How many times is the phrase “Good morning” being said?

Dividing Camels Solver Winner is Jen Maher!
Here is her solution:

They asked for help from their wise and pool old friend, who came to them on his equally old and tatty camel. He told them ‘I will lend you my camel to make 12, as that will surely be easier to split between you’. So they did. The eldest got 1/2 of the camels; which was 6. The middle child got 1/4 of the camels; which was 3. The youngest got 1/6 of the camels; which was 2. After this, there was one left—the wise friend’s camel, which nobody had wanted. Their wise old friend said, “well that seems to have solved the problem”, and rode off on his camel.

1/2 of 11 is not a whole number (we cannot cut the camels up!), so if we add 1 more camel, 11 + 1 = 12 camels.
1/2 of 12 = 6, 1/4 of 12 = 3, 1/6 of 12 = 2 and 6 + 3 + 2 =11 (there is one left over!)

Well done Jen and what a great story you wrote with your mathematical problem solving!

Secondary Solvers: Angles of a Star
What is the total of the angles A to E?

One Apple, Banana and Orange Solution.
Unfortunately no one handed in their solution for this puzzle. However, here is the solution.
The apple costs $1.60, the banana $1.20 and the orange $0.80.
Whooping Cough

There has been an outbreak of Whooping Cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may get worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor
- If your Doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school ages child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccine, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all year 7 students through the NSW school based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300066055 or visit the NSW health website.

Yearly Exams Information.

Secondary yearly exams will be held next week (Monday November 9th to Friday November 13th) in the school hall.

The exam week will be used to complete additional assessments. Year 8 will complete VALID. VALID is an assessment of student skills in science. All year 8 students in NSW complete VALID. Both primary and secondary students will complete progressive achievement tests (PAT). This will provide information to benchmark the literacy and numeracy skills of the students and improve the planning of lessons in 2016. The tests will also illustrate progress made by students during 2015.

Exams rules: a reminder

Students are expected to:
- Bring their own pens, calculator, ruler and pencil.
- Wear school uniform
- Make a serious attempt of all exams
- Switch mobile phones off during exams
- Respect the rights of other students to complete exams without disruption
- Raise their hand and ask a question if they cannot understand something on the school
The P& C will be catering for the Year 12 formal on Saturday 21st of November and are asking for your help once again to assist with food preparation and serving. We will be preparing the main course as a buffet/smorgasbord with a selection of meats, salads and lasagne. All of the food will be prepared at the hall on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY so we will be requiring helpers to assist in the kitchen from 9am-12pm Friday and possibly Saturday morning.

We will also require help during the evening to present and serve the food and to clean up at the end of the meal. As we all know many hands make for light work so we would appreciate any spare time that you might have available.

Please send back the attached table with your name added to where you can help or call Jo Burgess on 0429672530, or 69672530. If you would like to contribute food or make a donation please contact Jo or hand money in a labelled envelope to the school office. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. Help us to make this occasion a special and memorable one for our Year 12 class of 2015.

Thank you in advance. Jo Burgess
All students and community members are invited once again to join the Hillston Swimming Club. The club meets twice a week during the summer months. On Tuesdays club members are involved in squad training from 4.30pm-5.00pm (Beginners children that can progress through the water unassisted, but require stroke development can swim between half and one length of the pool); 5.00-5.45pm (swimmers who can comfortably swim two lengths of the pool in most strokes Free, Back and Breast); 5.45pm-6.30pm (advanced swimmers with the aim to increase speed and technique) and on Thursday evenings from 5.15pm-7.30pm club members participate in races (younger swimmers are welcome to use aides or have someone assist them in the water). This year the swimming club has been able to make memberships significantly cheaper (especially for larger families) and we are only charging $40.00 per family. If your child/ren enjoy swimming and you would like them to be involved we would love to see you down at the pool. Club races will commence this Thursday evening from 5.15pm followed by our first squad training which will be held on Tuesday the 10th of November 2015. If you would like to know any more about swimming club please don’t hesitate to contact Robin Bartholomew on 69672999 for more information we look forward to you joining our club.

Friday Night Tennis

Games start at 7:00 pm.
Ages 12 and up, new players most welcome.
Contact Shaina 0458 672 663
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.

Please email your comments to p.c.hillstoncentral@gmail.com
2015 TEA TOWEL & APRON FUNDRAISER

Dear Parent / Carer / Friend,

As part of our fundraising efforts for this term, the school is running a group tea towel and apron project to help raise funds for school resources.

The unique tea towel and apron designs will be made up of individual portraits created by all our children and staff. The children’s pictures and names will be arranged together as commemorative designs for the whole school, then screen printed in navy onto high quality white tea towels (50x70cm) and white onto navy aprons (85x70cm).

We chose tea towels and aprons because the project involves the children, provides a wonderful keepsake and makes a meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends. They look amazing, they’re useful; are so easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of your child’s early years. There is a sample tea towel hanging in the office to view.

It is only $15 for one limited edition tea towel and $20 for an apron. Tea towels and aprons can be ordered by completing the order form below and returning with exact payment to the office in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL / APRON ORDER".

Make sure you don’t miss out! Preserve your child’s artwork and remember friends and teachers forever!

Final orders are due STRICTLY before → Friday November 13 The order will be made on this day

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Murphy

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TEA TOWEL & APRON ORDER FORM

Student Name: ____________________________  Class: ____________

Contact Name and Phone Number: ____________________________________________

Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ or more →@$15ea

Number of Aprons Ordered: 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ or more →@$20ea

Please enclose payment with your order
Cash or cheques made payable to: ________________________________________

TOTAL Enclosed $__________

Hillston Central School