PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Each week the school is at the centre of a range of student focussed activities. It makes writing this report an exercise in remembering what has happened.

This week is no exception.

On Tuesday, Hillston Central School hosted a team from the Royal Far West children’s scheme. This team consisting of local and out of town health experts who provided an assessment service for children under 5 years.

Hearing, dental and speech were some of the areas assessed. The children and their parents were able to visit a number of stations around the hall during their visit. For the small amount of down time a small play area and some equipment was also available.

On this occasion the local member, Mr Adrian Piccoli MP also attended. He was able to speak with representatives of the Royal Far West and the school before spending much of his time with children and their parents.

Wednesday was the day when Year 6 students visited the school as a major element of their orientation to Year 7. Well organised by Miss Coffa, the students experienced a range of secondary lessons. Science, technology and Maths were among the lessons. They experienced the walk from room to room and the change of subject each lesson. The willingness of secondary teachers to prepare and deliver extra lessons on the day contributed to the success. Later that evening an information session was held for parents and students. This evening explained the school organisation as well as the curricular and non-curricular activities available to all students.

Thursday was the 2015 Well being Day, organised by the SRC (with guidance and support from Miss Martin and Mrs Bartholomew). Again a series of workshops and activities presented by local and out of town experts. A copy of the program for the day showing the variety of activities is included in the newsletter.

Thursday concluded with Jump Rope for Heart. It is astonishing how skilled some students become with a skipping rope. If you think it is easy try some of their tricks. More impressively, some students who excelled were unable to skip ropes until a short while ago.

Steve Chapman
Principal
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 November 13th so we can place our order and have them back for Christmas.

MUSICA VIVA

“Sounds Baroque” presented an opera style performance for both St Joseph’s and Hillston Central School last Tuesday. The harpsichord and viola da gamba are instruments popular from 300 years ago and the group used them, along with a baritone and soprano singer to tell the story of how Hercules became brave and strong enough to rescue his love, Hermione, from the clutches of evil Lycos. Our schools have been welcoming Musica Viva to Hillston for as long as 10 years; performances are always interesting and varied and fit with our whole school music curriculum. Students are always overwhelmingly positive about the performance and this year was no exception. It is gratifying to see how engaged and responsive our whole school group is during the show.

Grandparents Day at HCS was once again well supported. Our primary students love to have their families visit their school and enjoyed presenting a small item with their class for your entertainment. Special thanks must go to Bec Fitzgerald for her organisation of the morning tea and displays.

Thanks also to the School Band who performed at recess time, adding a festive air to the morning.

Kinder 2016 attended their first assembly and performed ‘Big Red Train’.
Melbourne Cup
Last Tuesday, students helped the Hospital Auxiliary and Can-Assist cater for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon. They were fantastic helpers on the day. The students made people cups of tea and coffee, served people and assisted in putting out platters. The ladies were very impressed with the students with all reports of their service being positive. Congratulations!

The Leeton Outback Band Spectacular
The Hillston Central School Concert Band travelled to Leeton on Saturday participate in the Leeton Outback Band Spectacular. The band performed at the Chelmsford Place Rotunda for a bracket of 30 minutes before having some lunch and enjoying the music of other performing bands on various stages around Leeton. Band members then stayed on to join in a massed band rehearsal which encompassed approximately 160 musicians playing together in preparation for the evening concert that was held at the Roxy Theatre. During the evening concert we were treated to a variety of performances from a number of bands and smaller ensembles including the Leeton Town band, The Golden Kangaroos from Hornsby in Sydney as well as some smaller groups including the St Vinnies Tamborine players who were exceptional, a Piano accordion trio and the YAHS Drumming Corp who were very inspirational. The band arrived home late on Saturday evening after a very long, music filled day which I hope has opened many student’s ears and eyes to some of the amazing experiences that can be had through music. Thank you to the parents and tutors for all your help and encouragement, it was great event to be a part of. Please note that there will not be any band for the next two weeks due to the primary and secondary excursions. Band will resume on Thursday the 26th of November 3.30-4.45pm.
Mrs Bartholomew
GRIP Student Leadership Conference 2015

During a conference in Albury last week our School Leaders from Year 11 Laney Hyder and School Captains for 2016 Denelle Burgess and Vikrant Jatan, were involved in workshops and lectures based on leadership. The conference, organised by the GRIP (Generosity, Respect, Integrity, People) Leadership group, delivered an exciting program with hands-on activities that saw our students interacting with leaders from other schools, obtaining new ideas on how to make events exciting and dynamic, how to plan meetings, and most importantly the role of a leader in a school. This was a great opportunity for our students to prepare for their role as leaders in 2016. They have returned with a plan of ways they would like to improve things in our school and ideas on how to make our school a better place for all.

Mrs Bartholomew

The Healthy Bus Stop

Hillston Central School hosted a team of health professionals from the Royal Far West to conduct health screening for children 3-5 years old. The Healthy Bus Stop is an initiative jointly funded by the NSW Govt, Royal Far West and Ronald McDonald House. Parents booked their children in to have a comprehensive health check up including hearing, dental, speech, nutrition and coordination. The team made recommendations to parents and arranged referrals where necessary.

We are very fortunate to have this screening service come to our town with such a range of health professionals to give our kids pre-school check ups for free. We all know how difficult it can be to arrange doctor visits to far away places when we have to juggle work, family responsibilities and the cost of transport. Education minister, Adrian Piccoli, in his role as our local member, attended to see how the service supports the families in our town. Mr Piccoli was interested in how the screening tests were conducted and enjoyed interacting with some of the youngsters attending on the day. Hillston Central School looks forward to welcoming the Royal Far West bus back again to our town and hope to continue to develop a supportive relationship with a compassionate, non judgemental team equipped with information and expertise to help our kids make the best start when they arrive at school.

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 Principals Assembly on Monday 7th of December.

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

The Healthy Bus Stop
PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION
EVALUATION OF THE RIVERINA ACCESS PROGRAM

The Access Program is an initiative of the NSW Government which aims to reach senior students whose learning experiences are restricted through distance or other life circumstances. It provides a shared curriculum for senior secondary students across five clusters of schools which are linked via video and web conferencing and other collaborative technologies. The program provides opportunities for students to come together to engage in shared activities including study days and excursions. The sharing of curriculum delivery enables rural students to complete their secondary education at their local school without having to live away from home.

Who are the evaluators?
Dr Ann Daly is coordinator of the Evaluation Team from the Policy Planning and Reporting Unit. Kym Knight is from the Rural and Distance Education Unit of the Department of Education. Together they will be conducting interviews as part of the evaluation of the Riverina Access Program. They will be examining the program to determine which aspects have been most successful in helping students to meet their learning objectives.

When will the program evaluations be happening?
Ann and Kym will be interviewing principals and teachers at Ardlethan Central School on Tuesday, 10 November 2015 and at Barellan Central School on Wednesday, 11 November 2015. Teachers and principals from other schools in the Riverina Access Program will be able join the interviews via video conference.

How can your children take part?
The opinions of students are a particularly important part of the evaluation, so a survey will be used in order to hear from students at all of the schools. Each school will provide a link to students who participate in the Access Program so that they can complete the survey online. A digital scan code will also be provided so that students who have downloaded a free scanning app can use the code to access the survey on a mobile device if they prefer.

Further information
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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
Australia Day.
Celebrate what’s great!

NOMINATIONS OPEN

Carrathool Shire residents are encouraged to nominate a person / group that has made an outstanding contribution to the community in 2015 in the following award categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (Under 25)
- Junior-Citizen of the Year (5-12)
- Sportsperson of the Year (18+)
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year (12-18)
- Sub-junior Sportsperson of the Year (5-12)
- Community Group of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Environmental Care Award

Nomination Forms available at:
- Council Offices in Hillston & Goolgowi,
- Hillston Library,
- Post Offices in Biuya, Rankins Springs and Merriwagga
- Carrathool Public School or
- Complete an online application by visiting Council’s website [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)

For more information, contact Penny Davies, Community Development Officer on 6965 1900.

Nominations Close 4 pm Friday 4 December 2015

TERM 4 COURSES

‘Jump into a Job’ with Hospitality short courses!

Riverina Institute is offering three exciting new courses to help you find employment in the Hospitality Industry. Take advantage of this opportunity to receive these qualifications at a lower than usual price. Apply now to check your eligibility.

**RSA, RCG, Customer Service – Hospitality Essentials**

*Statement of Attainment (164-70034V/01)*

Gain the skills and knowledge to provide responsible gambling services, responsible service of alcohol, along with the essential skill of interacting with customers.

*Where* At your local campus or Max Access site (Barham, Henty, Hillston, Holbrook, Moama & Moulamein), Connected Classroom

*When* 20 & 27 November and 4 December, 9.30am – 4.30pm

*Cost* $234^*

*Please note: Students are required to be 17 and over to attend RSA and at least 17 and 11 months to attend RCG*

**Café Skills – 5 Days of Hospitality**

*Statement of Attainment (162-12072V/01)*

This course is the first step towards job readiness for work in restaurants, hotels, pubs, clubs and cafes.

You will learn how to:

- Prepare a range of espresso coffee beverages
- Apply food and beverage service techniques
- Apply the principles and practices of food hygiene
- Provide responsible service of alcohol

*Where* Albury or Wagga Wagga Campus

*When* 23 – 27 November, 9.30am – 4.00pm

*Cost* $458^*

**Coffee Essentials**

*Statement of Attainment (166-12013V/01)*

For the budding Barista looking to enter the Hospitality Industry. Over 5 nights, you will learn to extract and serve espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine. Course also includes SITXPSA101 Use Hygienic Practices for Food Safety.

*Where* Albury or Wagga Wagga Campus

*When* 23, 24, 25 & 30 November & 1 December, 5.30pm – 9.00pm

*Cost* $243^*

^ This training is subsidised by the NSW Government for eligible students. All courses run subject to demand.
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
Rainy day activities

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:
• build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
• play hide and seek
• play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
• have a dance competition or disco at home
• set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).

Red Dust & Paddy Melons
Gallery
KID'S CARDMAKING WORKSHOP

Over 7 years only!
SAT 21st Nov
$10 each

Book now at the Gallery, 69671594

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).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02