The School Presentation Evening which is to be held on Wednesday night will be a celebration of the learning, sporting and cultural achievements of our school. Students will be expected to be in full school uniform if receiving an award. The evening is 6:30pm for a 7pm start.

Friday was the final date for students to submit their Merit Awards to earn a Gold Award in 2015. The full list of Gold and Diamond award recipients for 2015 is printed in the newsletter. Congratulations to all those who have achieved this significant milestone in the school year. As was stated at the most recent Principal's Assembly, almost 50% of our students have achieved this award. This merely emphasises the quality of application to learning and commitment to the school shown by our students.

In 2016 school resumes for students on Thursday 4th February. School photographs for 2016 are booked for Tuesday March 22nd. All students will be expected to be in full summer uniform for this occasion.

In 2016 all voluntary school fees which are collected will be used to pay for two additional water bubblers in the school playground. The P&C have decided to support this initiative and will also contribute significantly to the project. The new bubblers will be positioned in areas of the playground where more students are playing. Over the summer holidays a new air conditioner will be installed in the library annexe. This has been a very long term project and will ensure increased comfort for students as they use the area for learning.

Principal

Steve Chapman
Winners of the Healthy Plate display that was run on Welfare Day by Cassie Sheridan.

Well Done Maddi and Montana
K-2 SWIMMING LESSONS
Thanks to all our fabulous helpers. This year we have run another highly successful swim and water confidence program for K-2 students.
All of our children benefitted from intensive and explicit activities designed to help them be safe near water.
Thanks to Lea, Lauren, Blake, Mia, Liam, Natassia and Tarisha who were reliable and enthusiastic tutors.

ACCELERATED READER AWARDS
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday during the school holidays to Tyler and Maddi.

BOOK AMNESTY
Please look around for, and return any school books this week.

Readers
Text Books
Library Books
School novels

Return to primary staffroom to earn a sweet treat.
Starts Monday, ends Friday

MILKSHAKE CLUB
Super Readers will be rewarded this Thursday with a walk down to The Shed to share a milkshake with Mr Chapman.

TERM 4 REWARD DAY
This Friday!

Our Whole School Reward Day for Term 4 will be at the Hillston Pool from 12pm. This is a mufti day for students, please wear suitable clothing (no thongs at school). Students will be dismissed from the pool, Buses will pick up from the pool after 3:20. ALL students must leave the pool area by 3:30.

Students who have reached level 2 or above will be supervised at school.

PRIMARY CLASS PARTIES
All Primary class parties will be held on Friday December 11th before we head to the pool party. Students are expected to bring along some food to share—some healthy options would be appreciated.

Reminder that students are expected to maintain full school uniform right up until the end of the school year. The only exceptions being this Wednesday 9th so uniforms are fresh for Presentation Night and Friday December 11th when we have our whole school Reward afternoon at the pool.
Library News

Please return all borrowed books before the end of the year. They all need to be accounted for. There will be no more borrowing this year and if you wish to borrow for the holidays, this may be arranged.

Rewards Voucher Slips

Gold and Diamond Reward Vouchers need to be handed into the front office by Wednesday 9th if you wish to receive your voucher by the end of term.

2016 Primary Classes

The Primary faculty have been busy planning for next year. At this stage class structures are as follows. These are subject to change if there is a change in circumstances.

K/1—Mrs Murphy
1/2—Miss Preston
3/4—Mrs Burgess and Ms Maher
5/6—Ms Martin
Instructional Leader—Ms Ryan

Presentation Night

This Wednesday the 9th December, 7pm start.
- Students receiving awards need to get their names marked off with Miss Butler before 6:45pm.
- Students must be in full summer uniform including black shoes.
- There will be no Intermission.

Canteen news

From Monday the 7th December all Recess and Lunch orders must be put in before 9am in the Morning. There will be no extra food on the counter.

The Canteen will be open for recess only on Friday 11th December.

The Canteen will be closed on Wednesday the 16th December.

Primary Choir

The Primary Choir will be performing at the following venue.

- Tuesday 8th December 2015
  Hillston Ex-Servicemen’s Club, 1-2.30pm
  Shire Multi-Service Client Christmas Party

Please wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM on these days. Thankyou. Mrs Fitzgerald

Tea Towels & Aprons have Arrived!

Drop into the office to collect your order.

Yr 12 Formal Photos

Year 12 Formal Photos have arrived at the office, they can be purchased by the Year 12 students for $30.

Presentation Night

HCS merchandise will be available to purchase on Presentation Night.
Tea Towels -$15
Aprons- $20
HCS water bottles -$6
2015 School Magazine- $10
2014 School Magazine- $5
On Friday evening parents, relatives, friends and staff gathered to celebrate the end of Primary schooling for our Year 6 students. They are Delcie, Jorja, Jessi, Byanka, Cody, James, William, Connor, Ryan, Luke, Jacob and Justin. The students decorated the Ex-Servicemen’s Club with the help of Year 5 and turned it into a lollipop rainbow world. They all enjoyed a delicious roast meal from Tony’s Restaurant and listened to some inspiring words of advice from Mr Chapman. Ms Martin presented the students with a personalised gift and some special words about each student, celebrating their many achievements throughout their time at Hillston Central. Year 6 than performed a fabulous rendition of The Pride Of Erin, which they have been busy practising with Miss Cullen. Thankyou to Hayley, Priyanka and Charlotte for partnering our Year 6’s. Students then danced the Pride of Erin with their parents. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous graduation cake for dessert and the students had a disco following proceedings. We would like to wish all the Year 6 students good luck as they embark on their secondary education. Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated with our Year 6 students; we hope you enjoyed your night!
**Project Men’s Shed**

I started with the Men’s Shed at the end of Term 2, going every Monday period 3 and 4 to work on a project together. I have made a cabinet for my models, DVDs and entertainment system. For my project I got to pick the timber I wanted to use which was Cyprus pine. It has an unusual smell to it when it’s cut or sanded. My cabinet has 3 shelves to hold my Xbox, DVDs and models. For the finish we stained it with a special type of oil to protect the wood.

During the project I had help from Merv Snr, Merv Jnr, Freddy and Joe Rose. I enjoyed the experience with Merv Snr and the other guys. They gave me lunch every week and Merv Snr cooks the best eggs. I learnt lots of important woodworking tips from the boys and I enjoyed my time. I would like to thank Merv Snr, Merv Jnr and Freddy for their support and help.

Brett Coonan

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**K-6 Scripture Assembly**

Last Thursday students from K-6 had their Scripture Assembly. We had performances by K/1 with a poem, 1/2 with a play, 3/4 with a play and 5/6 with a skit all about Christmas. We would like to thank Mrs McKeon, Mrs McMaster and Mrs Whybrow for their support and organisation throughout this year. We would also like to thank parents, family, friends and community members who attended our assembly.
P & C
The P & C will be providing refreshments at the conclusion of presentation night. We are looking for cakes and slices etc. to be brought along on Wednesday night.

Thank you. Kent Burgess

Hillston Exies Toy Raffles

19th December
Ticket sales 6pm to 7pm
Each child receives a drink and lollies.
Sausage sizzle on sale
Supervised Disco 7:30pm– 8:30pm

EYE CLINIC
An Optometrist from the Brien Holden Vision Institute will be conducting an eye clinic in your community on:

WHEN: MONDAY 14 DECEMBER & TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER
WHERE: Hillston Hospital

To book an appointment
CONTACT / PHONE: Tamika Cahill 0467 782 693
Eligible patients on a current Centrelink pension card will receive their spectacles through Vision Australia at no cost. Those not eligible can access spectacles through our low cost spectacle scheme.
Eye examinations will be Medicare Bulk Billed.

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Want to know where you child can learn AND have fun???

Hillston Billylids Early Learning Centre
61 Burns Street Ph: 69672358
Opening Hours are 8.15am – 5pm Monday to Friday

You are welcome to tour our magnificent and serene facilities. We are a two room centre, catering for children from 6 weeks to school age. Our nurturing staff can provide the care, security and enjoyment your baby needs right through to the exploration and opportunities of social, physical and emotional development your pre-schooler can enjoy as they learn through play.

Our early childhood curriculum is designed in collaboration with our children, families and community. It is supportive of children’s interests, which is encouraged through opportunities of discovery, investigation, experimentation and interactions. We follow and value the five learning outcomes provided by the National Early Years Learning Framework;

Children have a strong sense of identity
Children are connected and contribute to our world
Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
Children are confident and involved learners
Children are effective communicators
We prepare fresh nutritional morning and afternoon tea.
Milk is offered and water is always provided.

We are currently taking bookings for Long Day Care, Occasional Care, After School and School Holiday Care for 2016

So come on in, meet Cheryl, Jenna, Fallon, Susie and Marlene and give your child’s early learning years a great start!

Summer 2016 Western Riverina Junior Chess Tournament in Griffith

WHERE: St. Patrick’s Primary School Hall, Griffith (Warrambool St)
WHEN: Monday 25th January 2016
(last week of the school holidays)
TIME: 9:15 am to 3:45 pm
ENTRY FEE: $10 ($15 for a family) payable on the day.
OPEN TO: Anyone under the age of 18 who likes to play chess
PRIZES: Guaranteed trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in U18 & U12 Possible trophies for U10 depending on numbers.
REGISTER BY: 22nd January 2016 by contacting:
Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626
or by email: noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au
WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & refreshments [soft drink and water for sale]

You don’t have to be a great chess player, as this is a fun tournament, but knowledge of the rules is required.
The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.
A Quick Bite ...

Celebrate a Festive and Healthy Christmas!

Christmas is coming but your family’s healthy eating routines don’t have to fly out the window this Christmas.

Enjoy a nutritious Christmas breakfast so you won’t be tempted to nibble on unhealthy snacks while waiting for Christmas dinner.

Christmas dinner can be healthy too. Trim fat from poultry or meat before roasting or barbecuing and fill your Christmas menu with a variety of vegetables steamed, microwaved or roasted in olive or canola oil. Go easy on the potatoes which are very filling.

Provide plenty of chilled water so that everyone can help themselves.

Later in the day ‘burn off’ Christmas lunch with a family walk, bike ride or a game such as cricket, fly a kite or throw a Frisbee.

For more information visit

mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy
A Quick Bite ...

Drink Water First

Did you know that by the time your child tells you they’re thirsty they’re already dehydrated? Encourage your children to enjoy drinking water from an early age.

Drinking water instead of sugar filled juices and soft drinks will protect their teeth against tooth decay and reduce their risk of putting on extra weight. Encourage children to drink water regularly, before they feel thirsty in hot weather because they have a higher risk of becoming dehydrated.

Some tips to help your child drink more water:

- Carry a water bottle with you wherever you go.
- Freeze bottles of water for the family to take from home to sport and outings.
- Add a small frozen water bottle to your child’s lunchbox to keep food cool.

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