PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Presentation evening provided an excellent conclusion to the 2015 school year. The many award winners achieved the accolades which they had earned and the achievements of the school throughout the 2015 school year were highlighted. At the end of the evening it was a pleasure to reflect on the academic, sporting and cultural achievements with a great deal of pride in the students and staff. The contribution of the parents was valuable and appreciated.

Particular thanks for the success of presentation evening are extended to Miss Edwina Butler and Mrs Yvette Bourke for their extensive organisation of the evening. Kelly Hewett was impressive as she led the evening.

During the school holidays it is important for all students to maintain a reading habit, particularly those younger students who have shown great improvement this year. Recent research shows that an extended break from reading (ie the long summer holidays) will actually see students lose some of their reading skills. For 2016 HSC students reading of their English texts and study notes from other courses will also keep their learning on track. Between 30 and 60 minutes each day is a minimum that students should be achieving.

In this the final Newsletter for 2015 I wish all the school community a restful and enjoyable Christmas and holiday season. School returns for students on Thursday February 4th.

Principal

Steve Chapman
Reminder that students are expected to maintain full school uniform right up until the end of the school year.

SANTA VISIT

K/1/2 had a lovely surprise last Friday when Santa stopped by for a pre Christmas visit.

Our students were very excited to see him and had beautiful manners when Santa gave them all a small gift.

Thanks to Mick for driving Santa in the fire truck and to all Santa’s helpers for allowing this special visit.

Reminder that students are expected to maintain full school uniform right up until the end of the school year.
The Primary Choir again donned the red and green to perform at the Hillston Ex-Servicemen's Club for the Shire MSO (Multi Service Outlet) Christmas Party. The children were very excited to sing their musical pieces to residents of the Hillston Community. They were also very excited to receive a bag of treats from the MSO Staff! Once again, the choir sang and behaved beautifully. I would like to congratulate them on the way they have committed to choir throughout the year, especially this last semester when we have been really busy. This is the third performance for Christmas, having been to the hospital and the Lodge prior. Thankyou also to Miss Jefferis for her support this semester. WELL DONE to all the choir on a fabulous year!! See you all next year.

Mrs Fitzgerald

The Carrathool Shire MSO thanked the Choir with a lovely card that read “Thankyou so much for bringing the choir to our MSO party! We appreciate all the effort that goes into organising such an event. Everyone is thrilled to have you all here. Many Thanks from the MSO Staff.”
SRC Bowling

Our SRC have had a particularly busy year, this year organising a number of events for our staff and students to enjoy. Last week we headed to Griffith to enjoy lunch and bowling together.

Reward Pool Party

Last Friday, the students who have followed school rules throughout Term 4 attended our whole school pool party. Students enjoyed a number of games in and out of the water. Thanks to the staff and students for making it a fun afternoon for everyone!
On Thursday 10th of December we held our annual ‘Mock Interviews’ for our Year 10 students. They all arrived on time for the commencement of their first interviews, dressed for success. I would like to thank all the employers who took time from their busy schedules to come and help out on the day and give the students a valuable experience as they begin to think about their future. Students were interviewed by employers in a range of different careers, most of which the employers were familiar with. Students were given feedback on the way they conducted themselves in the interview and how they presented themselves. Congratulations Year 10 on a job well done.
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.

Book Mobile
Could all Book Mobile books please be returned to the town Library

Canteen news

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

ADVANCE WARNING, SAVE THE DATE

HCS P&C would like to invite all parents and staff to a ‘Meet The Teacher Evening’ on Friday February 19th. The evening will be from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at a venue in town. This will give parents an opportunity to informally meet with their child’s new teachers over a drink and nibbles. You will receive an invitation and more information early next year.

WATER BOTTLES FOR SALE $6
Great range of colours!

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

STOCKING FILLER IDEA

3-6 Stationery Requirements 2015

- 1 x large pencil case to keep all coloured pencils and textas.
- 1 x small pencil case in which to keep daily work stationary (lead pencils, pens, eraser etc).
- Glue stick
- 2x lead pencils
- 2 x Red pens
- 2 x Blue pens (years 4 to 6)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Eraser

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