PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

At the Principal’s Assembly last week it was extremely pleasing to see the numbers of students who have achieved Gold Awards in 2015. In total 62 students have reached this level, from years 10 to kindergarten: this means almost 50% of our students have reached this level. Fantastic!! Another five students achieved the Diamond Award. This is an outstanding achievement. The awards also show that there is very good educational learning happening in classes and very worthwhile community service happening across the school. Our students are excelling in many ways and this was an excellent forerunner to Presentation Night which is on Wednesday 9th December.

This Friday will be the graduation evening for year 6. This is a semi-formal evening as students celebrate the completion of their learning time in primary. The skills and knowledge learned over the past two years will stand them in good stead when they commence their learning in Year 7. Also important will be the attitudes they have learned towards learning in class, participating and working with others as well as problem solving.

At a meeting of Access Principals from across NSW the Riverina Access Partnership was recognised as having quality practices that have yielded excellent results for students for many years. At this meeting there was an agreement to recommence sharing these ideas and practices across the state. During the next couple of terms there will be more sharing and improvements for our students. One of the strengths of RAP is our willingness to keep looking for new ways to deliver better educational outcomes for our students.

Around the school people will have noticed many new trees growing. This is due to the work of Mr Sloan and a couple of very reliable student assistants, Josh Lee and Jack Jennings. As many trees were removed earlier in the year as part of a safety program conducted by the Department, we have been able to plant replacements around the school. This is a long term project and students will really notice the benefits over the next few years.

Principal

Steve Chapman
Last Tuesday, the Year 9/10 Food Technology class hosted a Christmas Party that they had been busy planning this term with Mrs Auld. They had plenty of yummy food and activities to entertain the class. The highlight for the students in 1/2 was the cookie decorating. Fun was had by all and we would like to thank Mrs Auld and the Year 9/10 students involved for their efforts.
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 final Gold Award presentation on 7th 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 this assembly of the year.

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Primary Choir

The Primary Choir will be performing at the following local venues.

- **Tuesday 1st December 2015**
  Lachlan Lodge, 10 AM

- **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.

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
Last week a very excited group of 30 secondary students and four staff members embarked on Sydney to experience the life and excitement of the big smoke. The students embraced every opportunity provided throughout the week learning new skills in activities they had never done before and broadening their life experiences through exposure to a number of cultural activities and hands on learning experiences. Each day was filled with a variety of activities from sporting and culture through to adventure.

Our evening in Sydney included a brief walking tour past and through a number of Sydney Icons including the Sydney Town Hall, The Queen Victoria Building, Martin Place and Hyde Park. The students enjoyed seeing the hive of activity surrounding the city at night with the added bonus of some nocturnal animals which provided great entertainment.

One would have thought that the evening was over once the rooms were quiet and heads were on pillows, but this was not the case when an emergency evacuation took place at the hostel seeing the Hillston Students depart the hostel in their P j’s many still half asleep, once all heads were accounted for and the building was cleared students returned to their beds, fortunately it was a false alarm.

Day one was upon us before many of us had received enough sleep and we headed off to Manly beach for a 2 hour Surfing lesson. The students thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of the morning many going out of their comfort zone and mastering the skills of surfing in difficult conditions. Following lunch and a stroll through The Corso the group boarded the Manly Ferry to Circular Quay, where we visited the Contemporary Museum of Art, students were given a tour followed by some hands on practical applications where they learnt to express their emotions through art. The Harbour Bridge was our next point of interest. The students were given the opportunity to walk across the Bridge and back, with a large number also choosing to climb the pylon to obtain a better view of our beautiful Sydney Harbour. From the Bridge we had a brief exploration through the Rocks before having dinner and heading out to Sky Zone, where the students entered the biggest trampoline centre in Australia for a great evening of jumping, flipping, wall climbing and slam dunking.

Day two was another exciting day. The students had an early start setting off to visit the sightes of Sydney on a scenic bus tour. The tour incorporated Bondi Beach, Dudley’s head, The Gap and South Head before returning to the inner city to visit the Sydney Opera House where we were then treated to a production of Hamlet in the Playhouse. It was then off to Taronga Zoo for the wild ropes course and an overnight stay above the enclosures.

The wild ropes course challenged many of us, even those that thought it would be easy! Students and staff moved through different elements at varying heights to complete the very difficult course.

Following the ropes course and dinner, students were treated to some awesome animal encounters where they could get up close and personal thanks to the Taronga Zoo Educational team. The night time stroll through the zoo was to follow, with many of the nocturnal animals out and about and set to impress! That they did. The Lions were out on the prowl, the Giraffes (who apparently only sleep for 20mins a day) were feeding and the Zebras were very polite!!
Another early morning start saw students gain an insight to behind the scenes at the zoo where they saw the Zoo Keepers in full swing, feeding, cleaning and managing various enclosures - students were once again treated to some special talks from the Zoo Keepers about a number of animals. Following the early morning tour we farewelled the educational team, and had time to explore the zoo at our leisure. Many took the opportunity to visit the enclosures they were most interested in and ride the Sky Cable car before hitting the Seal show, which for me, was one of the highlights of the day.

At lunch time we boarded our coach and headed back into the city where we visited the Sydney University. The students were given a brief tour of the university and the Nicholson Museum, this provoked much interest for our history students who had the opportunity to analyse 3000+ year old Artefacts kept in the lower chambers of the University and learn of the processes of mummification performed many years ago to preserve organs and deceased bodies. Following the University we embarked on the Maritime Museum. Students wandered through the HMAS Vampire and a war submarine investigating the sleeping and living quarters of many of war heroes. Students then had free time to explore the museum which was very interesting.

With little time left to explore Sydney many students were keen to hit the shops. Groups visited Market City, Darling Harbour and Paddy’s Market before returning to our hostel, quickly getting changed and heading out for a stroll through China Town and returning to Darling Harbour for dinner on the board walk, and to soak up the festive atmosphere. Students enjoyed pizza & gelatos and the time to relax with new and old friends over dinner.

With the heat about to hit Sydney it seemed an appropriate time to head home on what was a quiet journey following a very eventful, fun filled adventure in Sydney. On behalf of the teachers I would like to congratulate the students who attended the excursion on their outstanding involvement in the activities and on their pleasing behaviour while on the trip. I would also like to acknowledge the parents for getting their children on this excursion it was certainly an experience they will never forget! And lastly but most importantly I would like to acknowledge the staff who attended the excursion. It is always difficult to go away from your homes and family for a week and to be handed over the responsibility for other people’s children - especially in a “big city”, Thank you to all the staff who combined together to make this excursion one that will be embedded in the hearts and memories of these students forever.

Mrs Bartholomew
Sydney Excursion 2015
Term 4 Principal's Assembly

Term 4 Principal's Award of Excellence Winners
Nicholas (Primary) and Priyanka (Secondary)

Diamond Award Winners
Hayley, Jennifer, Preeya and Emily

Award of Excellence Nominees

Term 4 Award of Excellence Nominees (Secondary) -
William, Timon, Jennifer, Hannah, Emily, Preeya, Priyanka and Jack

Secondary Merit Awards -
Sophie I, Breanna, Tatum, Emily, Elli, Hannah, Jack T, Maggie, Vikrant and Killara

Term 4 Award of Excellence Nominees (Primary) -
Nicholas, Jorja, Ukaipo, Connor, Yingxin, James
Term 4 Principal's Assembly

Quicksmart Awards

Quicksmart Awards (Primary) Ryan, Jacob, Ukaipo, Jessi, Jorja, Delcie, Lily, Tanahia

Quicksmart Awards (Secondary)
William, Jack T, Simran, Ethan, Cody, Jaydan, Preeya, Sophie I, Jack J, Billy, Liana
Ukaipo, Jessi, Jorja, Delcie, Lily, Tanahia

Term 4 Year Awards

Term 4 Primary Awards
Nicholas, Cody, James, Cameron, Rachel, Noah, Cooper, Mitchell, Tyson, Hamish, Zak

Term 4 Secondary Awards
Sophie I, Breanna, Emily, Hannah, Maggie, Killara, Tatum, Ellie, Jack T, Vikrant

Gold Awards

Secondary GOLD Awards - Pryanka, Ellie, Charlotte, Killara, Tayvin

Primary GOLD Awards - Markaya, Jorja, Ukaipo Yingxin, Nicholas, Jordan, Aynslee, Maddison, Ted, Madison
Last week the Primary Choir performed four pieces for the residents at our Hospital, and today at the Lachlan Lodge. The children all donned some Christmas red and green to promote the festive spirit. After many practices, they sang beautifully and should be commended on both their performance and exemplary behaviour. From all accounts the residents and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show! Opportunities such as this give our students not only the chance to perform but also the ability to touch base with our broader community, and hopefully bring a little joy to them. The students gave the residents of both the Hospital and Lodge a little piece of Christmas: a gingerbread Christmas tree and a candy cane to wish them all a very Merry Christmas. Well done Choir, you should be really proud of your efforts.

Next Tuesday 8th December, we are very fortunate to have been invited to perform at the Carrathool Shire Council MSO Christmas Lunch. Please remember FULL SCHOOL uniform is required, even if this falls on a PE day.

Secondary Learning during Week 7

While some of our secondary students were enjoying new experiences and new learning opportunities in Sydney, those students at school also experienced opportunities for learning. Each morning, students completed Accelerated Reading, followed by a different Maths learning activity each day. On Monday and Tuesday, students constructed Advent Calendars and conducted some research to complete a PowerPoint presentation on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, students were active in the afternoon, with a range of sports on Wednesday, they extended their cooking skills and on Thursday, they extended their maths skills with a creative arts activity. Please check out the display in the foyer of the office to see their great work!
HILLSTON JNR CRICKET
vs
LAKE CARGELLIGO JNR CRICKET
9AM
SAT 5TH DECEMBER
STAN PETERS OVAL
BBQ & DRINKS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.
If anyone is able to help with the BBQ on the day
it would be greatly appreciated.

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

Contact/Phone: 0467 782693

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.

Hillston Billylids Early Learning Centre
61 Burns Street Ph: 69072558
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!