The term 1 RAP study day was held at Hillston on Friday. The majority of students from the RAP schools attended making the day a very successful one of learning. The development of interschool friendships was another important part of the day. The P&C catering on the day earned great praise from all who attended. Thank you very much.

A very successful anti bullying workshop was developed and coordinated at school on Friday. The students from years 7-10 participated in the workshops and have produced an effective large wall display of their ideas. Congratulations and thank you to Miss Butler and Mr Cooper for their hard work on the day.

A belated welcome back to Mr and Mrs Bartholomew who returned last week from a short holiday. Thank you to Ms Cullen who ably replaced Mrs Bartholomew.

Parent teacher interviews for kinder to year 12 will be held on Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 7pm. This is a good opportunity to speak with teachers about the progress of your students. Appointment sheets have been circulating for a few days.

K-12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW

Wednesday 25th March

Last week students brought home booking sheets for Parent/Teacher interviews. These need to be completed prior to the interviews on Wednesday evening.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK
CAKE STALL

The SRC will be holding a cake stall this Saturday during the state election. We are asking students, families and friends to assist by dropping off any baked goods to the school on Friday. If possible, the baked goods should be packaged up ready to be sold. If you have any questions please contact Ms Martin at school.

Whole School Fun Run

Our school FUN RUN will once again double with our Cross Country. The run will take place on the afternoon of 24th April first Friday of Term 2. All primary students should have received their fund raising forms. Secondary students need to collect a form from Ms Martin if they are interested in collecting sponsorships. Remember that all funds raised go towards purchasing sporting equipment for our school and every little bit helps!

K/1 TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

K/1 invited their year 6 buddies to make and share a healthy picnic lunch last week. Everyone had a great time working and sharing together. As it was anti bullying day, many K/1 students indicated that their year 6 buddy was a person they could trust to help them if they needed it.
Primary News

Student of the week

Sportsmanship Awards

Silver Awards

Home Reading Awards
Last Thursday, Year 5/6 students from St Joseph’s came up to compete in our Maths Challenge Day. During periods three and four students were split into groups. The groups were named after famous mathematicians and consisted of both Central and Joey’s students. The challenges included maths mentals, verbal problem solving, estimating and creating shapes. A big thank you to Ms Maher for designing the challenges. All students had smiles from ear to ear as they worked through the challenges.

Central students enjoyed showing Joey’s students around at lunchtime. After lunch Year 9 students, with the help of Mrs Bartholomew ran a Soccer round robin. The Year 9 students assisted with coaching, refereeing and scoring. The day was a great opportunity for students to spend time with students that they know outside of school as well as practise the skills that they have been learning in class. Thank you to the St Joseph’s staff members for bringing the students down.
EASTER FUN DAY

THE SRC IS GOING TO BE HOLDING AN EASTER FUN DAY ON

WEDNESDAY THE 1ST OF APRIL:

DRESS UP COMPETITION.

YOU HAVE TO DRESS UP AS SOMETHING STARTING WITH THE LETTER E, A, S, T, E OR R

COST: 1 DOLLAR FOR BEING OUT OF UNIFORM.

EASTER EGG HUNT

ON THE OVAL AT LUNCHTIME

COSTS: 1 DOLLAR.
PEANUT ALLERGY

Remember that some students at our school have a dangerous allergy to peanuts and other nuts. Students must be aware of this and discouraged from bringing nuts to school. If nut products are brought students should ensure they tell their teacher, sit away from allergic students while eating and remember to wash face and hands after eating.

NO NUTS

PLEASE

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

Last week Friday, Kelly, Denelle and Vikrant went to Lake Albert, Wagga to study the geographical issues surrounding the lake. The students conducted soil and water testing. They even got to check the depth of the water table near the lake. Some of the issues they were investigating included soil erosion, water quality and salinity. Evidence of salt was found on some parts of the lake. Mr. Greenwood (Principal of Riverina Environmental Centre) provided the students with lots of valuable information which they can use in their assessment. This assessment is due on Week 10, Thursday 2nd of April.
On week 6 of this term, the Commerce class went on an excursion to the Griffith Court house. This is to facilitate the topic they are currently learning in class on Law and Society. Below are samples of students work based on their experience to the court house

"The Griffith Local Court was quite small but on this particular day was very busy. There were many people lined up and the room was jam-packed. We entered the court and walked through the crowd into the courtroom. It was a small, well-lit square room. The Magistrate was at the head of the court, seated on an elevated desk and in clear view of the whole court. At the end was a large amount of seats where the defendants and some family and friends awaited their cases. In the middle of the room facing the magistrate were the sergeant, lawyers. We were seated on the left of the room near the magistrate’s associate (who was not seated much) and had a good perspective of the whole scene.

It was a good thing to hear that none in Griffith at the moment is a serious sex offender, burglar or murderer as most of the cases to do with drink driving. Several people had been caught with mid-range BAC levels and sentences included fines of which were $800 or above and 6 months licence suspension. Another was the custody of an autistic child which we didn’t hear. There was also a young man who had attacked someone with a belt due to a verbal altercation. We would say that is a serious offence and he should be in good behavior as an alternative sentence but he was decided to be dealt with by 10.1.1.b, which is not familiar with so its hard to decide whether was a good way to punish him.

There were several lawyers in the court and many of them to multiple defendants. The magistrate was addressed as your honour and all her decisions were respected and final. However, there was a young lawyer who seemed to challenge her but was turned down each time. The magistrate also made many adjournments as it was her first case.

By Timon Meyer"

"The trip to Griffith Court House was extremely interesting. We were able to see multiple members of the Local Court including a Magistrate, Sheriff’s officer, magistrate’s associate, plaintiff and a small counselor for defense (as well as media). There was a mix of cases we viewed including traffic criminal cases (drink driving and speeding) and a case of assault/sexual abuse.

I believe that all of the sentences that were given on the day were pretty fair, although most of the cases that were brought to attention were mainly aged to a later date. An example of one of the cases that were sentenced were a man that was caught for drink driving in the high range, with a minor in the car. He had to drive less than 1000 metres to get to his destination from where he was drinking, and was pulled over by local police officers. He was sentenced an $800 fine and was suspended from driving for 10 months.

By Hannah Tong"

"Huge thank you to Ms Maher for driving us!
Mrs Jatan"

"Drawing by Kelsey Mewburn. Showing the Layout of the Court House in Griffith."
CRACKED CUPS
As a part of their Introduction to History Course, Year 7 students were asked to create an archaeological dig site for their peers to investigate. They provided clues for each other as to where to dig and once found the students had to piece together broken pottery just like real archaeologists. They found that identifying and piecing together broken pottery is not as easy as it seems. Year 9 will be doing real archaeology later this year when they continue work on the site that Mr Newton’s class explored last year.

CONCERT BAND NEWS
Welcome to all of our new concert band members in 2015. This year we have had a lot of interest in the band with the following students joining up:
Paige McKenzie - Trumpet
Tanahia Woods - Trumpet
Jen Maher - Baritone
Ava Doyle - Flute
Ki Mann - Tuba
Lily Caldwell - Clarinet
Madison Caldwell - Clarinet
Emma Barrett - Clarinet

It is very encouraging to see all of these new students stepping up to the challenge of learning an instrument. They are making great progress with their music and having a lot of fun learning.

The main concert band although has diminished in numbers with students finishing year 12 and the loss of Kayla, are doing well. We welcome Miss Zoe Woods an accomplished musician into the band who will be assisting with the tutoring of the Clarinet and Alto Saxophone. The band is presently learning some new popular music as well as preparing for ANZAC Day which will be early in term two. Time Changes: Due to the winter sports starting up and clashes with training sessions and band rehearsals from next week both bands will rehearse on a Wednesday afternoon. The beginner band will rehearse from 3.00pm - 3.30pm and then the main band will follow rehearsing from 3.30-4.30pm. Beginner band members are invited to stay and join the main band if they would like to, otherwise they are welcome to go home at 3.30pm.

Due to Parent Teacher interviews being held this week we will not be holding any band rehearsals – band will resume next Wednesday as stated above.

HILLSTON SPORT DATES

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Remember if you are on Level 2 or above you are ineligible to attend.
Last week on Friday, the Year 10 students went to Lake Wyangan to study Salinity. Salinity is the excessive amount of salt found in the soil. Removal of native vegetation for farming has resulted in the increase level of salinity. Students used several techniques to collect primary data such as soil tests and water tests. The Year 10 students were all involved on the day and they gathered a lot of valuable information which they will apply to their assessment task which is due on Term 2 Week 2 Friday. Mr Greenwood from the Riverina Environmental Centre provided us with a lot of useful information.

A big thank you goes to Ms Maher for driving the bus.
On Friday the 20th of March, all students from K-12 (including visiting students from RAP) were given the opportunity to convey their own personal message against bullying and raise awareness of this important issue. The students decorated a small hand with their message, which was then combined to form a giant hand in the library. The hand is a symbol, representing that everybody must do their part and contribute to the whole to ensure that bullying and violence has no place in our school.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

On Friday Hillston Central School played host to Year 11 and 12 students from across the Riverina Access Partnership’s six schools. With around 70 senior students for the day our school was a very busy place! While here the students enjoyed face-to-face lessons with their RAP class teachers as well as building social relationships with their peers. Another highlight of the day was the delicious morning tea and lunch prepared by the P&C. A big thank you to all involved; both those helping on the day and for the many donations of delicious goods.

SECONDARY SILVER AWARD RECIPIENT

P & C THANKS

At our recent AGM, the following office bearers were elected. President: Kent Burgess, Vice-president: Jo Keefe, Treasurer: Tania Dalton. The positions of secretary and 2nd Vice-President are still vacant and will be filled, hopefully, at the next monthly meeting which will be held on May 12. I would like to thank our outgoing office bearers Sally Redpath and Katieanne Parker for their work for the P and C.

I would also like to thank all who contributed food and time for the RAP study day lunch last week. A special thankyou to Rebecca Dalton, Tania Dalton, Liz Ceccato, Katieanne Parker, Sam Neal and Jo Burgess.

Kent Burgess 0428672530

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDRENS DISCO

Date: Friday 27th March  Place: Hillston Exies ladies lounge  Time: 5.00—8.00pm
Mum’s and dad’s drop the kids and go relax in the main bar or out for dinner. ** Sausage sandwich and drink provided for each child’s tea.  Cost: $5.00 per child

VOLUNTEERS AND BOTTLE CAPS NEEDED!

During youth week, Healthy Hillston and the youth forum will be hosting a Paint Dash event on April 15th. We are looking for volunteers to help us cook healthy food and to help around the running track. We are also asking for bottle caps donation for the event. These can be dropped off at the Hillston Library, Hillston Central School and St. Joseph’s Primary School. Please contact Kim for further details on 0488 181 373.