Attending the primary Principal’s assembly on Friday was a real highlight for the week. It was very rewarding to see the numbers of students who were receiving certificates for actions that showed they are really getting engaged in their learning. Each class presented a short musical item, again showing the range of the curriculum and learning that the teachers are leading in each classroom. The musical items in particular are valuable training exercises for the brain; flexible lateral thinking as well as being able to work as part of a larger team. The large number of parents who also attended will have been impressed also with the quality of the students’ performances.

Sadly last week we farewelled Mrs Gillian Collins, who has left our school to take up a position at a school in Newcastle. Mrs Collins has been an integral part of the Learning and Support Team for the past four years. She has assisted with the building of personal learning plans and whole school literacy and learning strategies. Her expertise will be sorely missed. Mrs Collins also made many great contributions to school activities such as Creative Arts days and sports carnivals.

The final reform of the education was announced late last term. The wellbeing framework will see major spending and changes in the area of school counsellors and the management of mental health issues among students in schools. This announcement concludes the government’s reform agenda in education and now the emphasis will be on implementing all of the reforms.

Next week I shall be attending the state Secondary Principals conference in Sydney. This valuable annual conference provides a great opportunity to hear inspiring speakers, discuss contemporary educational issues and importantly gather new ideas for implementing at the school.

Steve Chapman
Principal
On Friday we had the Primary Parents Assembly. We had a great day with lots of performances to see and awards to give out. A special thank you to the great turn out of parents.

Mrs Collins’ last day in our school was on Friday. She was presented with a book of pictures and stories that the children of primary made for her with the help of Mrs Fitzgerald. Mrs Collins has been in our school for 18 years. She will be missed!

Good luck Mrs Collins!
ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Last Thursday we took our biggest Zone Cross Country team to Lake Wyangan that we have had in years. 18 students competed on the day. There was great excitement on the bus trip over. Amelia led the students in stretches to ensure they were ready in the cold conditions. All students gave 100%. A special mentioned to Jordan Bartholomew who placed 6th, Markaya Dalton 8th and Amelia Hutchison-Spence 9th. There are some great sportsman and sportswomen coming up into primary. Thanks to those parents who bought children over and stayed to cheer on all our students. Thanks also to Ms Maher for driving the bus and putting up with our “fantastic” singing.

COMMUNITY BUDDIES

5/6 students have continued enjoying their visits to our community buddies at the Hillston Hospital. During our visit last Thursday students received a buddies bear from their buddy.

REMINDER Year 1/2

Don’t forget to practice your sight word lists every night for homework.
OPEN GIRLS CENTRAL SCHOOLS NETBALL

Wednesday 27th May the open girls Netball travelled to Leeton to participate in the Central School Knockout. They competed in a round robin carnival against 6 other teams including Boorowa, Coleambally, Coolamon, Ariah Park, Barellan and Balranald.

First game was against Boorowa. The girls were nervous and eager, taking the first half of the game to settle into things. With a little competitive contact our girls were able to keep their heads and came out with a 25 to 15 point win.

Second game was against the in form competitive Ariah Park Jets team. This game was played outside which slowed down play, but unfortunately the girls were unable to build momentum on turnovers and a few wayward passes saw us go down 25 to 9.

Third and fourth games saw us cement positions and working together produced wins against Coleambally and Coolamon.

After lunch with tired legs the girls took on Barellan and Balranald. Both strong sides. Unfortunately we were outplayed and while we were very competitive we were unable to break their centres.

Congratulations to all girls involved it was great to see you work together and demonstrating great sportsmanship.
SECONDARY ZONE ATHLETICS
The following students have qualified for Zone Athletics in Griffith on Friday 5th June. Notes will go home Tues/Wed please ensure students not attending inform the office to have their name crossed off. Bus will leave school at 7.45am sharp.
Thomas Lette, Tayvin Martins, Christopher Stead, Damian McRae, Simran Singh, Kaleb Dalton
Josh Lee, Lachlan Jones, Chace Cashmere, Luke Keefe, Matt Brettschneider, Todd Rhodes
Curtis Kennedy, Charlotte Bartholomew, Hayley Burgess, Charly Mott, Lekisha Kennedy
Adela Neal, Natassia Ceccato, Tatum Meyer, Jade Neal, Timon Meyer, Amber Baldock-Clarke
Laney Hyder, Denelle Burgess

YEAR 10 & UNDER RUGBY LEAGUE
On 26th May our Hillston Boys participated in the Annual Central School Carnival in Leeton. Our first game was against Coolamon. Our boys were competitive in this game and saw Jimmy and Kaleb score a try. Unfortunately, Lachlan hurt his knee when being tackled and was taken to hospital to check it out. We then had our games pushed back so by the time we took on Boorowa and Coly, they already knew they had won the day. Our boys asked for some assistance with the loss of Lachlan and a few niggling injuries. The other teams were happy to help out and in the end we went down in both games however, made some new friends along the way. Our boys played great with Hudson, Simran and Kiffy proving very elusive on the wing. Jimmy and Kiffy even used the “lunchtime” play to put one of the other boys playing for us over for a try. Jimmy played hard all day. Kaleb was a tackling machine in the middle and played very consistently and reliably at dummy half. Reece, Jack and Jayden played well on the fringes making some strong runs. It was great to see the boys so keen for a game of Rugby League.

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Remember that if you are on Level 2 or above you are ineligible to participate
Last week the secondary school was represented by a number of sporting teams that went away in Netball and Rugby league. On Tuesday Mrs Bartholomew and Miss Denham travelled to Leeton for the under 16’s Netball and Rugby League central schools knockout tournament which saw schools from Coolaman, Barellan, Coleambally, Batlow, Ariah Park, Balranald and Boorowa come together to see who would be the champion central school of our area. The Hillston Girls played six games of Netball throughout the day against some very tough opposition. Our first two games were by far the most challenging with our opponents being much stronger, despite this it provided Hillston with the opportunity to sort out positions and to improve our skills. Our third game was again another difficult one, however we were much more competitive this time around and were able to come away with a win against Batlow, this was a great boost of the girls confidence and had them firing for the rest of the day. As our confidence grew our team work, passing skills and communication on the court also improved, with our last game another tightly contested one against Coolaman which saw us go down marginally by just 4 goals.

Congratulations to all of the girls who travelled away and who represented our school so well. The day was a great learning experience for all of us, which saw many of the girls improve in skill, movement and confidence as the day progressed. Well done!
The Team: Hannah Tong, Natassia Ceccato, Jade Neal, Jen Maher, Emily McIntosh, Tatum Meyer, Timon Meyer, Adela Neal, Amber Baldock, Emma Fleming

Secondary Silver Award Recipients
ACMF MASTER CLASS LESSONS

Another great opportunity was provided to members of the Hillston Central concert Band last week when the RAN band provided music lessons as part of an ongoing program that has seen the standard of playing improve during the last two years. The lessons involved a 30 min tutorial for each section of instruments who were divided into more and less experienced players. This provided all students the opportunity to demonstrate their playing skills. During week 10 this term the members of the school band will workshop again with the RAN band to continue to develop their playing ability. Hillston Central is very fortunate to have the technology and the support of the RAN and the ACMF to make programs like this happen. The students and the staff appreciate all the time that they freely give to our students. This is another example of the great things that are happening at our school. Congratulations to all students who were well prepared, engaged and excited about the prospect of learning more about their instrument and music.

Mrs Bartholomew
**SRC Sleepout**

**What:** Students will be “camping out” to raise awareness for homeless people. Students will be have a variety of soups with bread for dinner followed by games and movie night. Boys will be sleeping in the annex and girls will be sleeping in the library. Students will be supervised by Ms Martin and Mrs Barnett

**When:** Friday 12th June 6pm—Saturday 13th June 8.30am

**Cost:** $10

**Where:** School Library

**What to bring:** PJ’s, swag or bedding, pillow, toothbrush, teddy and a change of clothes

**K-2 students** are welcome to stay for soup, movie and games but must be picked up before 9pm
CREATIVE ARTS DAY  
TUESDAY JUNE 23.
Please spread the word around and ask your friends to contribute their talents for the day!
Contact Mrs Murphy if you have a suggestion for an activity.

HUMANS OF HILLSTON
PORTRAIT PRIZE

All students are invited to submit an artwork to display on Creative Arts Day.
The school community will able to view artworks and submit a vote for the Popular Choice on the day to the best portrait, preferentially of some man or woman known to Hillston, created by any student at Hillston Central School, in any media

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOTBALL GALA DAYS  
2015

Sunday 21st June - West Wyalong
Sunday 26th July - Temora
Sunday 9th August - Ariah Park

A Gala day is for kids aged 5-7 & 8-10 years. The kids will play 3 games of 2 x 10minute halves over the course of the day.
These days are a great chance for the kids to improve their skills and understanding of the game. These days are definitely worth attending. Teams are U7s and U10’s and we need 8 players per team.
A bus is organised for the West Wyalong day so first in best dressed.
Please contact Tash Mahy 0427672293 if your child will be attending.

We all Stand on Sacred Ground:  
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

NAIDOC DAY 2015– THURSDAY JULY 30
Community members are invited to contribute ideas for the day. Please contact Mrs Murphy if you would like to be involved.

FUNDRAISER FOR SYDNEY EXCURSION
Chocolate boxes should arrive on Wednesday. Return all money by end of week 1 term 3, Friday July 17
Got an idea for fundraising??
Contact Mrs Murphy & Ms Coffa

Humans of Hillston Portrait Prize
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Griffith Connections presents:

CYBERBULLYING
Family Forum
An empowering approach to dealing with Cyberbullying

PROJECT ROCKIT is regarded as Australia's top youth-driven anti-bullying and anti-cyberbullying educational team. They have worked with almost one hundred thousand students, teachers and parents and have received numerous awards and recognition across Australia and internationally.

This presentation will:
- EMPOWER you with new and in-touch STRATEGIES for dealing with cyberbullying
- Offer PRACTICAL tips for preventing and reacting to harm.
- DEMYSTIFY the most common social media platforms used by young people.
- Focus on the STRENGTHS of technology and OPPORTUNITIES social media can offer
- Introduce the idea of DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP
- Help you UNDERSTAND young people's relationship to the cyber-world
- Offer PROACTIVE steps to COUNTER BULLYING - on line and offline

Presenter: Caitlin Wood,
PROJECT ROCKIT's Head of Programs

"Entertaining, engaging and insightful."

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2015
7pm at the Griffith Exies Club
Cost $10 per person / per family

For more information or to register, call Marg Andreazza at Griffith Connections on 6962 6833 or 0408 207 734 or email: griffithconnections@gmail.com

We expect this to fill up quickly so we recommend you register to attend. You can pay on the night. Limited seats may be available on the night.

This workshop is for everyone - parents, grandparents, teachers, and we also encourage you to bring your kids along too (Grade 5+) as we're all about bridging generation gaps and working together to tackle cyberbullying.