PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Last week I had Thursday and Friday attending the local secondary Principals group term 3 meeting. These meetings are very valuable because they ensure that Hillston is kept up to date with many of the newer ideas that are being attempted across the Riverina. Last week was a good example with two of the speakers leading workshops that gave some excellent ideas on improving schools for students to achieve their best. These ideas will gradually influence the thinking and planning at school so that all students achieve at their potential.

Last week also saw the visit to the school of the technology planning team. They spent time with our technology team planning the rollout of a remediation program for our school network. This action will bring the technology infrastructure at the school up to 21st century standards.

The visitors to the school often remark very positively on the school, both student and facilities. Recently a number of visitors have commented favourably on the quality of our school.

This Monday morning I took the opportunity to once again remind students of how well resourced the school is and how these give them an advantage.

Naidoc Day will be celebrated next Thursday 20th August. This will be a whole school event with a detailed program that will involve all students. A more detailed program will be in next week’s newsletter.

At the end of this week several students are attending a marching band camp in Sydney. This will be a musical experience of a completely different kind and the students will benefit tremendously. Thanks to Miss Coffa for her initiative and to Mrs Bartholomew for her willingness to assist in this musical experience.

Steve Chapman
Principal

Primary Zone athletics team

Respect  Responsibility  Caring
Hillston Central School’s NAIDOC Day will be next Thursday the 20th of August. Students will be participating in activities such as sand art, traditional games and dance. Mark Saddler, an Aboriginal Cultural Officer, will be attending on the day and will have a session with all students. We will have samples of kangaroo and emu meat for students to try.

If you would like to help out on the day please give Fiona or Katie a call at school. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for lunch from 1pm.

VISIT TO GRIFFITH SHEEP SALE

Last Friday 7/8/15 Year 9/10 Agricultural Technology class visited the Griffith Saleyards to watch the auctioning of sheep. The class is about to start a topic on Lamb, so this was a very real introduction to marketing sheep. We had planned to purchase some sheep and were very impressed by the high prices being paid.

Thanks to Mrs Waters for organising the excursion, Matt Taylor for showing us around & explaining how the auctions & yards operate, Ms McCarthy for driving the bus & asking questions & the students for their interest, behaviour & manners.

Some quotes from the students on what they learnt or found interesting:

"It was really interesting: the noise of the auction and how the buyers use their fingers to indicate the starting price."
"I learnt that when the buyers go to buy sheep, they get in the pens first and push on their backs to assess the muscle."
"They sometimes have to dispose of sheep if they are not fit for sale."
"There’s 5 or 6 blokes on top selling the sheep."
"It was good watching the auctioneers sell the sheep; they spoke really fast but people could still understand them."
"The auctioneers sell their sheep at different times and the sheep are arranged according to the auctioneers and the type (lambs first)."
"To be sold as lamb, the sheep must only have milk teeth."

Stage 5 Agricultural Technology: (L-R) Cody McGuire, Jade Neal, Doug Williams, Chace Cashmere, Lachlan Jones, Kaleb Dalton and Reece Drapper (apologies to Preeya Burgess and Sophie Currie who also attended but we got so interested in the auction that I forgot to take the photo there!)
HILLSTON CENTRAL’S

Presented by Hillston Central School SRC

GOT TALENT?

Adults - $5
Kids - Gold Coin

6.30 PM START

Showcasing
Hillston Central School’s talent
26th August, 2015 at the B.N School Hall

Proceeds to be donated to the
Stephanie Scott Memorial at Leeton High School
Aboriginal Artwork

Year 1 and year 2 have been looking at ‘Dreamtime’ stories in literacy and looking deeply at Aboriginal artwork. The kids have been involved in creating their own dot paintings and decorating their own tapping sticks. Last week the kids as a class participated in creating their own Aboriginal flag using their hand prints and foot prints. As a class we talked about what the colours represented- red/the earth, black/people and yellow/sun and the reasons we have flags to show who we are and where we come from.

Principals Primary Parents Assembly

When: Wk 6 Friday 21/8/15
Where: School Library
Time: 11:15am

Straight after the assembly some of the students will be participating in the ‘spelling bee’.

Parents are welcome to stay to support the students.
The whole school will be participating in Reading Hour from 12pm to lunch. This is part of the national Love2Read initiative aimed at encouraging literacy.

The dress code for the day is Pyjamas (not compulsory). Bring your pillow and your favourite book to share with everyone.

Thursday 13th August 2015
12pm to lunch

Give the gift of reading!
Share a book with a child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week.

Visit www.love2read.org.au for more ideas on discovering the joy of reading

The Reading Hour

In association with
On Friday 7 August students from years 1-6 travelled to Griffith Regional Theatre along with several year 6 students from Saint Joseph. This was part of our year 6 into 7 transition. When we arrived at the theatre we were treated to an engaging performance adapted from the novel The 26 Storey Treehouse written by Andy Griffiths. We were taken on an adventure along with the performers. Many students said that they really enjoyed the performance and that it followed the novel.
Hillston Central Library

Book Month

This year we have turned Book Week into Book Month. Every week in August there is an exciting literacy event happening for our students.

Thursday 13th August 2015
Reading Hour from 12pm to lunch.

Wednesday 19th August 2015
Year 7 & 8 Song Writing Workshop with Julie Kryk

Monday 24th - Friday 29th August 2015
Scholastic Book Fair
at lunch times (12:50 to 1:30pm), in the library. Books can be purchased by children and their families for home, or for library and classroom resources. Families, teachers and community members are invited to attend the Book Fair. We get a commission on the books you buy and this is spent on buying more books for our library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 24th August 2015
9:30am - Book Parade
10:30am - Cupcake Competition

Wednesday 26th August 2015
K-8 Author visit @ The WG Parker Memorial Library. Featuring Caroline Tuohey
On Friday of last week, eight representatives of Hillston Central attended the Primary Zone Athletics Carnival in Griffith. Congratulations to these students for making it to this next level and representing Hillston Central with great sportsmanship and team spirit. All of the students Markaya, Jordan, Cameron, James, Ukaipo, Delcie, Emily and Connor tried their very best in all their events. Congratulations to Ukaipo Mann receiving a 3rd place in shot-put. Only those students who won a 1st or 2nd place are eligible to attend the Riverina Carnival in Albury. Congratulations to Connor Lee who won a 3rd place in shot-put and 2nd place in discus throwing a massive 22 metres making him eligible to attend the Riverina carnival to compete in discus on the 31st August! What a fantastic achievement, Well Done Connor. Thankyou to the parents who came to support and transport children, and to the students for trying their very best to represent Hillston Central.

SECONDARY SPORT DATES

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Remember that if you are on Level 2 or above you are ineligible to participate
SRC RSPCA Cupcake Day!

24th August 2015

Cupcake decorating competition
Cupcakes will be judged by our ‘special guest’ in the morning
Cakes for sale at recess
All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA

Calling all...

**WILD wacky women**

www.wildwackywonderfultwowomen.com.au

Carrathool Shire Council Hillston District Office

**Sunday 20th September, from 9.30am to 4pm**

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

*RSVP essential for catering to:*

Linda McLean 0416 235 759  lmclean@rfcsnsw-sr.com.au

Or call Ros Ruskin Rowe from House With No Steps on 0403 899 846 for further information.

*This free event is part of the Australian Government’s Drought Assistance Package*

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**Natalie Shepherd**

Know your core values and silence the negative thoughts to create a better life

**Sandra Martin**

When you feel good, you walk tall respecting yourself and then others respect you too.
HILLSTON SHOW 2016

The schedule for the 126th Annual Hillston Show has been released and students are encouraged to decide what sections they might enter. The show is to be held on Saturday 26th September. As well as the art, craft, and photography sections there are some activities that students will enjoy. There’s the Bushman’s relay where the junior comp for under 18 years needs a team of 3, including one female, entry fee of $10 and the open section, 18+, which has the same team requirements but an entry fee of $30. Up for the challenge? Get your team organised now and see if you really have bushman skills! Students could also enter the Junior Culinary section and bake scones or cakes or decorate Arrowroot biscuits. There are two sections that might interest junior gardeners—the Garden Produce section and the Scarecrow competition, from preschool to open. Begin collecting suitable “scarecrow” material and see what you can create. The Schoolwork Class has a variety of drawing, painting, printmaking, digital and sculptural sections.

CWA CULTURAL PROJECTS

All Primary & Secondary students are invited to enter the CWA Poster competition.
Topic: World War 1
Min A3 size, max cardboard poster sheet
Due: 18th August
You may use newspaper clippings, photos, etc
Enquiries to
Carole Storrier

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Games start at 6:00 pm. Lucky player prize and accumulative points system with a major prize at the end of the term. $5 per player. Ages 12 and up, new players most welcome.
Contact Shaina 0458672663

CLASS S – SCHOOLWORK

Entries Close FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
Steward: Marlene MacDonald
All Exhibits must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 2pm. All exhibits in this Class to be the bona-fide work of the exhibitor.

Years 10, 11 & 12
1. Best Drawing
2. Best Painting
3. Best Print Making
4. Best Sculpture & 3D forms
5. Best Digital Forms

Years 7, 8 & 9
6. Best Drawing
7. Best Painting
8. Best Print Making
9. Best Sculpture & 3D forms
10. Best Digital Forms

Years 5 & 6
11. Best Drawing
12. Best Painting
13. Best Print Making
14. Best Sculpture & 3D forms
15. Best Digital Forms

Years 3 & 4
16. Best Drawing
17. Best Painting
18. Best Print Making
19. Best Sculpture

Years 1 & 2
20. Best Drawing
21. Best Painting
22. Best Sock Puppet
23. Best Printmaking – Potato, apple block

Kindergarten
24. Best Drawing
25. Best Painting
26. Best Sock Puppet
27. Best Printmaking – Potato, apple block

Preschool
28. Best finger painting
29. Best Printmaking – Potato, apple block
30. Best Mirror painting
31. Best object made from play dough