PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Following the tremendous success of Hillston’s Got Talent it is even more impressive to report that the evening and associated events have raised approximately $3800 for the Stephanie Scott memorial. This is another part of the great school we have here.

Last week at the Principals assembly it was a great pleasure to present Gold Awards to over twenty students. The Gold Award recognises the all-round contribution that these students have made to the school during the year so far. Academic awards were a highlight of the assembly as well.

Prominently among the academic awards were the achievements of Jorja and Timon in the Australian academic competitions (English, writing, computing) These students earned distinctions, placing them in the top 5% of the students who participated in Australia. This is a very noteworthy achievement.

This week we have welcomed three final year student teachers as part of the Beyond the Line program. This program introduces student teachers to school that are in the west of NSW offering them a chance to experience life in a small community. It is a long term strategy that has assisted in staffing smaller schools such as Hillston. This is the fourth year of participation by Hillston Central School.

Finally term 4 recommences for all students and staff on Tuesday 6th October.

Steve Chapman
Principal
Primary assembly this week had two special visitors. We were fortunate enough to buy 2 year 11 ‘Angels’. The Angels helped with our classwork, cleaned our classrooms, assisted with K/1 sport, changed our readers and helped the staff by tiding up the Primary sports store!!!
PRIMARY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE NOMINEES.
Mackenzie Downing, Breanna Bartholomew, Tyson Hutchison-Spence, George Pritchard, Maddison Burgess, Jessie MacDonald and Zac Sommerville

PRIMARY MERIT AWARDS:
Noah, Danni, Kyla, William, Lily, Madeline, Manan, Coby, Simon, Charlotte, Teagan, Emma
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE SENIOR PRIMARY NOMINEES: Conner, Delcie, Yingxin; Jessie, Ukaipo, Tanahia, Darsharni, Jorja

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE SENIOR NOMINEES: Charlotte, Hannah, Todd, Matthew, Vikrant, Emily, Danelle, Jennifer, Storm, Tayvin, Tatum, Timon

PRINCIPALS’ AWARD WINNERS
Principals’ Assembly …. Faces in the Crowd
Hillston Central Students commended for their Academic Performance in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this Year.

The above students achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinctions. These are the likes of Jennifer and Timon who received a Distinction in Writing. Jorja received a Distinction as well in Spelling. Some of them were performing in the top 5% of the nation. These students should be very proud of their achievement as it is a fantastic accomplishment.

The ICAS is developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) and University of New South Wales Global Pty Limited. The test is designed to assess students' academic ability in a range of subjects. I would like to congratulate all the participants on their efforts and achievements. Thankyou. (Absent: Kaleb & Vikrant )

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(ICAS Coordinator)
K/1 FARM TOUR
Many thanks go to Ben, Ray and Doug who freely gave their time and expertise to show K/1 students around their farms last week. All students were enthusiastic and beautifully mannered, they asked intelligent and relevant question, and learned a lot about where food comes from. Many students reported that they had cooked and eaten their harvest that night!

FRUIT & VEG MONTH HOMEWORK
(For Primary, but we welcome secondary to impress us with their creativity!!)

1. Make a fruit / veg sculpture at home. Check out the internet for ideas, HLARIOUS!! Take a photo, print out A4 size (or send in to school to be printed. We will display in the foyer and award prizes for the most creative. (No rude ones please!)
Due Date– last day of this term

2. Design an advertising campaign to boost the sales of your chosen fruit or vegetable. Be creative! You can use any media you like– poster, write a jingle, make a movie clip, use digital media. There will be prizes!!
Due Date: to be presented at the Grandparents’ Primary Principal’s Assembly on the Friday of week 5, term 4.

HEALTHY LUNCH – Thursday September 17
Prior to our reward afternoon, all primary students will be engaged in preparing a healthy lunch to share together to celebrate the end of Fruit and Veg month activities. Please bring along $5 donation towards the cost of ingredients. 5/6 will be making fried rice for everyone. Could students please bring in a little lunchbox and fork in keeping with our nude food theme.

Primary Rewards Afternoon
Those students that have not been on level 2 or above this term are invited to participate in the Primary Reward Afternoon. This term K-6 students will be enjoying an afternoon of board games. Students are welcome to bring their favourite board game in from home.
VALID Science Test—Year 8

The Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development (VALID) Science test for Year 8 students will be held on Monday 9 November 2015.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is an online diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus. Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2016. Letters will be sent home to parents and carers, providing more details about the VALID test. If you have any queries please contact Miss Butler at school.

Congratulations to Tayvin for becoming Year 7’s Marvellous Mathematician for this fortnight! He gained the most Dojo points for the fortnight of weeks 8 and 9.

All year 7 students will now be given the opportunity to convert their points from Term 3 into Dojo Dollars and will enjoy a shopping spree on Wednesday the 16th of September from the secret stockpile.
Year 9 Archaeological Dig

At the start of September a number of Year 9 students travelled out to the banks of the Lachlan River to continue archaeological explorations started last year. The area surveyed was the site of Chinese market gardens up to the 1940s and we hoped to find evidence of Chinese settlement on the site as well as any other land use throughout the decades.

The area surveyed this year showed very different uses to last year’s area, despite being only a little further around the bend of the river. Where last year’s finds included lots of horse-related artefacts and a few more valuable items like a brooch, coin and porcelain figurine, this year there was lots of wire, suggesting a very different use of the land. Sadly this year we didn’t find anything that directly related to Chinese market gardens but the range of objects and the records kept throughout our survey help to paint a picture of the site over time and help students to understand how people and activities have changed over the years. It has been an interesting and valuable experience for those involved.

Once again we would like to thank Richie and Hazel Dean for accompanying us and sharing their wealth of experience and equipment with us. Their help has been invaluable.
Hillston Junior Cricket

FREE
COMING AND TRY NIGHT
Friday 9th October 5.30pm

Sessions will be run by Cricket NSW Development Officers

Milo in 2 Cricket Ages 5 – 7 Approx.
T20 Blast Programs Ages 8 – 12 Approx.
Sausage Sizzle available on the night.

Enquiries Tash Mahy 0427672293
Registrations also available on the night.

ITALIAN MEATBALL

Demonstration with tasting

Hilda and Laurie of the Yarra Valley, first generation Italians are passionate about their recipes and would love to share them with you.

Authors of Wow! It's Italian Gourmet Cook Book

Venue: Carrathool Shire Library
Location: 175 High Street, Hillston
Date: Thursday, 24 September 2015
Time: 10.30 – 11.30 am
Phone: 02 6967 2503 (Bookings Essential)

Griffith Little Athletics

Family, Fun and Fitness
Held at West End Oval Griffith
Ages from 3 years to 17 years
Born before 30.9.2012 or after 1.10.1998

Free Trial Days
Thursdays 10th and 17th September 2015
5.00 pm

Competition Starts
Thursday 8th October
5.30 pm

Little Athletics is suitable for all abilities and levels
Pre-register online at www.lansw.com.au
For more information call
Veronica Cudmore on 0408 788 059
One of our major fundraisers is on again! The Carrathool Shire has approved our stretch of road and are paying us to clean up the roadsides. No setting up or cooking required, just a walk in the sunshine.

When: Saturday 19th September, 2015
Time: 8.30 AM
Where: Meet at Mt Erin (Kent Burgess) Driveway for induction and safety briefing
What to Bring: gloves, hat, water bottle
Get fit, and clean up our roads at the same time.
Purple merits up for grabs!!
Please contact Kent if you can come along
0428 672 530 or by email at kentandjo01@bigpond.com
Funds raised go directly to school programs. Come along and support you.
What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:

- Cutlery from home is better than throw away plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

Try to avoid:

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own vegie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.