Welcome back to the new school year. 2016 promises to be another year of growth in student achievement. During the very late part of 2015 the year 5/6 class was nominated for several awards for their Adopt-a-Resident Project. This project was very successful and gained distinction in one category and was commended in another. Thank you to Pattie for her strong support and nomination of the project.

During 2016 there will be an additional commitment to student literacy. The Focus on Reading strategy will see all students from year 3 – 10 spending time reading. This will bring more time to the accelerated reader program and build student skills. Learning logs will also be incorporated to improve student writing skills in all classes.

This week year 11 students are attending a RAP study camp at Yanco. This two day experience will provide them with the opportunity to meet all the year 11 RAP students from other schools, meet their teachers and develop improved study skills.

The upgrading of the school intranet will be commencing this week. At the conclusion of this technology work, Hillston Central School will have a top quality infrastructure to support the teaching and learning in the school.

Principal
Steve Chapman
Kindergarten 2016

Back: Veer, Amelia, Peter, Christina,

Front Row: Mason, Ethan, Joshua, Aidan, Marleah

Absent: Harleigh

Mr Chapman enjoying recess with K/1
YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

On Thursday the **18th of February** at 9 am, **Year 7** students will receive their first lot of immunisations for the year. Students will receive boostrix (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough), and their first dose of HPV (Human Papilloma Virus).

Students will all bring home a pack of consent forms. Could **ALL** forms please be completed and returned to the front office by **Monday the 15th of February**.

If for any reason, anyone wishes to withdraw their consent please either contact myself, or the front office at the school. Thank-you in advance for your co-operation.

If anyone has any queries, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Cherie Brettschneider, on 0427934406 between 8.30am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

**REMINDER FOR ALL IMMUNISATION FORMS TO BE BACK IN ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**
Please remember Hat, Sunscreen, Water and to wear your house colours! We would love to see parents pop in throughout the day to cheer students on. Students will not be able to leave the pool to go down the street for food.

**A BBQ and snacks will be sold at the pool.**

**Kinder to Year 1 parents are encouraged to pick their children up from the pool at 12pm as the little pool is out of action and it will be a very long, hot day for them. All their events will be completed by 12noon. If you are unable to collect your child from the pool please let the front office know so that we can make alternative arrangements.**

**The Swimming carnival will finish at 3.25pm. Students will walk or catch the bus from the pool.**

### SECONDARY SPORT DATES

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Remember if you are on Level 2 or above you are ineligible to attend.
Canteen News
The school canteen have be selling some yummy new menu ideas for us all everyone to try. Homemade Frozen Yoghurts, fruit salads, Honey BBQ chicken and rice just to name a few.

SRC Nominations
Student representative council nomination forms are due into Mrs Bartholomew or Ms Martin by Thursday the 11th of February. If you believe you have the ability to be a leader, enjoy being involved in school activities and want more of a say in what happens in your school consider joining the SRC in 2016. All students from years 5-12 are welcome.

2016 House Captains
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected House Captains for 2016. The SRC have lots of new things planned to do with the House groups this year and look forward to seeing these students take on the leadership tasks involved.

**BIDGEE**
- **Secondary Captains:** Jen Maher & Timon Meyer
- **Primary Captains:** Amelia Hutchison Spence & Nicholas Hutchison Spence
- **Secondary Vice Captains:** Luke Keefe & Tarisha Kerr
- **Primary Vice Captains:** Emma Barrett & Madeline Lynch

**LACHLAN**
- **Secondary Captains:** Hannah Tong & Nick Rhodes
- **Primary Captains:** Ukaipo Mann & Tanahia Woods
- **Secondary Vice Captains:** Denelle Burgess & Vikrant Jatan

**MURRAY**
- **Secondary Captains:** Kaleb Dalton & Jade Neal
- **Primary Captains:** James McDonald & Markaya Dalton
- **Secondary Vice Captains:** Laney Hyder & Lekisha Kennedy
- **Primary Vice Captains:** Jordan Bartholomew & Shelly Ralston

PSSA Trials
Throughout the year, the Griffith Zone runs a number of sporting try outs. If you feel that your child has the ability to represent our Zone in a particular sport please contact Ms Martin now so I can ensure they don’t miss out. Students that attend the trials must be of a high standard and participate in the sport on a regular basis.

Skool Bag App
Reminder to update your Childs class list that you subscribed to on the Skool Bag App.

School Band News
If you are interested in joining the school concert band and you are in years 3-12, please come along to a short meeting in the music room on Wednesday 17th between 3.30pm-4.00pm where I will have the instruments available for you to have a look at.

Band Rehearsals will commence on Thursday 11th of February 2016 for all current concert band members.
Learning Logs

Mr Chapman has spoken and written about the changes that have and are currently being implemented in our Public Schools. One of these was the upgrade of our school planning process to ensure local input is taken into consideration. Hillston Central School’s community decided that our 3 strategic directions should be based around Wellbeing, Learning for the 21st Century and Strengthening a Sense of Community with the overall goal for our students to become self directed learners. One of the strategies we are introducing are Learning Logs. Below is an explanation of Learning Logs.

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A Learning Log is basically a log or record or journal of your own learning. It is not necessarily a formal “academic” piece of work. It is a personal record of your own learning. As such it is a document, which is unique to you and cannot be ‘right’ or ‘wrong’. A Learning Log helps you to record, structure, think about and reflect upon, plan, develop and evidence your own learning. In other words a self-directed learner.

A Learning Log is not just a diary or record of “what you have done” but a record of what you have learnt, tried and critically reflected upon.

For example if in your Learning Log you include details of what you did or how you did something then consider asking yourself questions such as:

- Did it go well? Why? What did you learn?
- Did it go badly? Why? What did you learn?
- How can you improve for next time?

A Learning Log contains your record or your experiences, thoughts, feelings and reflections. One of the most important things it contains is your conclusion about how what you have learnt is relevant to you and how you will use the new information/knowledge/skill in the future.

Once you have commenced a Learning Log you will find it a valuable and useful tool to help your learning and to help you to think about and structure your own learning.

Write about:
- What you did
- Your thoughts
- Your feelings
- How well (badly) it went
- What you learnt
- What will you do differently next time?

On a regular basis review what you have written and reflect upon this. Be honest with yourself. Ask yourself questions such as:

- Have I achieved anything? If so what?
- What progress have I made?
- Have I put theory into practice?
- How does what I have been doing lead to me becoming better at a skill?
- How can I use this to plan for the future?
- Experiences?

Skills rarely suddenly develop or improve over night. Learning new knowledge and applying it within a skills context usually takes time, effort and perseverance. A Learning Log will help you to become more aware of how you learn, what learning tasks you enjoy (and don’t enjoy) and your thought processes.

At first it may seem difficult to start to critically reflect upon your own learning. Over time though you will find that it becomes easier. The more often you practice the skill of self-reflection then the easier it will become.
Our school has been running an award winning Anti-Bullying program for over 10 years which aims to reduce the level of physical violence and verbal bullying amongst students. Students may attend the Anti-Bullying Program as a bully, victim or witness. Each case is discussed at length with those involved, and then those that have bullied, or reacted in an inappropriate way are recorded on the Anti-Bullying Program. The current program is outlined below:

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In line with the school welfare policy, students who refuse to attend the Anti-Bullying Program after the second notification will receive a communication slip. They will continue to receive communication slips each time they refuse to attend.

Once your child completes their session’s warnings are in place for

- K – 3 = 2 weeks
- Yrs 4 – 8 = 4 weeks
- Yrs 9 – 12 = 10 weeks

If your child does participate in bullying behaviours whilst warnings are in place they will automatically progress to the next level of the Anti – Bullying Program.

Students will be given two notifications to attend the Anti-Bullying Program to discuss current issues or incidents. If they refuse or fail to attend twice they will automatically be placed on the next level of the Anti-Bullying Program and a letter will be sent home to notify parents.

The program is coordinated by Mr Owen Cooper, Miss Edwina Butler, Miss Em Preston and Mr Steve Chapman. Please feel free to contact them at school if you have any questions about the Anti-Bullying Program.
Hillston Central School Concert Band

You are invited to join the School Concert Band!

The Hillston Central School Concert Band consists of approximately 24 players ranging from adult tutors and Year 10 students right down to Year 3 students. We are an active and enthusiastic group who meet once a week to play music together, learn new songs and to refine our skills. In the past four years since the band first started we have gone from strength to strength performing at many community events such as Anzac Day, The Sesqui Celebrations and Community Christmas Carols. We have also travelled away to other towns to perform and to further improve our skills in music and playing together as a band. This year the band has also been fortunate enough to once again receive free lessons twice a term via video conferencing with members of the Australian Navy Band an amazing opportunity which has seen our current band member’s progress dramatically.

So what is a Concert Band? You might be thinking. A Concert Band is made up of many different instruments predominantly coming from the Brass, Woodwind and Percussion families. Some of the instruments you might see in a concert band include: flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, horns, trombones, baritones, tubas and percussions (drums, cymbals, glocks). Concert bands are very versatile and are able to perform a variety of styles of music to meet the audience’s needs and requests.

Some of the positions that we have available based on instruments that are not currently in use include percussion (drumming), trumpet, baritone, tuba, clarinet, trombone, alto saxophone, flute and Mello phone (similar to a French Horn). If you have your own instrument at home and you would like to join the band you are also welcome.

This year during term 1 & 4 the main band will rehearse on a Thursday Afternoon from 3.30-4.45pm and on a Wednesday 3:30-4:45pm during term 2 & 3.

We will also run a beginner band which will be held on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.30-4.00pm. This will be for all new band members and any less experienced current members. The aim of this band will be to provide you with tuition on your instruments, to teach you how to care for your instrument and how to play it, with the goal of moving you up into the main band when you feel you are ready. Each band will be given performance opportunities. However by separating the two groups we will be able to make greater progress.

If you are interested in joining the school concert band and you are in years 3-12 please come along to a short meeting in the music room on Wednesday 17th a between 3.30pm-4.00pm where I will have the instruments available for you to have a look at.

Music can open up many opportunities in the life of child!

Band Rehearsals will commence on Thursday 11th of February 2016 for all current concert band members.

I am looking forward to another great year of music, thankyou to all the parents and the community for your wonderful support.

Mrs Robin Bartholomew (Band Director)
SKOOLBAG APP IS HERE!

The P & C have purchased an App called Skoolbag which will be run by the school. Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, school documents and much more.

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. More information will come in newsletters as we upload content.

To install it, just search for our school name "Hillston Central School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

**iPhones** - Go to App Store

Search (magnifying glass down the bottom)

Type in Hillston Central School

Select Hillston Central School - skoolbag

Select GET and INSTALL

Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you

**Android Devices** - Go to Google Play store App (You may need to install this App on your phone as it doesn’t come pre-installed on all Android devices. This icon is the latest version. You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type Hillston Central School

Click the school name when it appears in the search.
Click the "Install" button.
Click "Accept" for various permissions
Click "Open" when installed.
Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".

Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you

SETUP Within the Skoolbag App.

Go to More (down the bottom) then select Setup then select the push notifications that you wish to receive.

Stay tuned as we develop our knowledge on how to use Skoolbag and continue to keep you informed. We hope you enjoy receiving alerts and updates.
Community News

Junior Basketball

Hillston Basketball Committee are having a meeting on Monday the 15th February at 8pm Tatts Hotel, to discuss getting Junior basketball up and running. Everyone welcome

Griffith Plumbing Apprenticeship

Paul Tagliapietra Plumbing is looking for an Apprentice Plumber.
Interested students should contact Paul and arrange an interview with a resume.
Paul can be contacted on 0427 627 984.

Sonia Rinaldo
Apprenticeships Field Consultant

Junior Football Rego Day

It’s that time of year again and we are looking for all old and new players to come and join the Hillston Swans for some outdoor fun and mateship

On Thursday 3rd March at 4pm
At the Stan Peters Oval

Auskick is now setup to register online
www.aflauskick.com.au
(Please note that Auskick is 5-10 year olds only)
Auskick registration is $65.00

If you have any questions please contact
Michelle Sarkis 0428723777

Cut off for registrations will be 31/3/16

Hillston Karate/ Kickboxing

Commencing 10th Feb
Karate :4-5:30pm Mon/Wed
Kickboxing 6-7pm Wednesday

School Hall
Kaz Greenwood
0488144510