Life Education Van

On Thursday we were joined by our friends from Hill End school for a day of fun and learning. Children visited the Life Education Van to catch up with Healthy Harold, listened to a talk by Mudgee Police and the rural Fire Service and learnt what insects are living in our school grounds.

Thank you to the P & C for the great lunch.

A reminder to all school visitors

Please DO NOT park in front of our entrance, even when it is not bus times. The area needs to be kept clear at all times in the event of an incident.

Small Schools Public Speaking Competition

All the children have been busy preparing their speeches for the competition which will be held on Friday 4th April at the Mudgee Town Hall Theatre.

We are inviting parents to come along and watch the children.

This year’s topics are:

- (Year 5 & 6) Television is better than books/Good looks get you further than a good mind
- (Year 3 & 4) Being a kid is great because .../The environment should be a top priority
- (K, Year 1 & Year 2) If you could have any animal in the world as a pet, what would it be/I'm good at ...

Please encourage your children to practise their speeches and feel free to offer suggestions that may improve their presentation.

2013 Annual School Report

Our Annual School Report for 2013 is now available for viewing on our website:

hargraves-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The ASR highlights achievements of students and the school and reports on targets.

Alternatively, if you would like a paper copy please see Nerida, who will happily provide you with one.

P & C News

P & C held their meeting on Tuesday.

Items for discussion included the upcoming disco to be held on Saturday 12th April.

A Mothers Day stall will be held on Friday 9th May. Children will be able to purchase gift for their mum, with prices ranging from $2 to $5.

Mrs Rae spoke to the group about the planned whole school major excursion to Sydney from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th September.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 2.30 pm.
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#### P & C Disco
Saturday 12th April from 6.00 pm at the Hall
Gold coin donation—please bring a plate
Music and chocolate wheel

#### Active After Schools—Lawn Bowls
The children have thoroughly enjoyed this term’s sport of lawn bowls. Thank you to Allan Clarke for the great coaching and for making Tuesday afternoon fun.
There will be NO Active After Schools on Tuesday 1st April. Instead the school will be travelling to Mudgee Bowling Club on Thursday 9th April for a final activity. This will be followed by lunch in town and a visit to the library. Children will need to bring their morning tea and lunch.
We have been given a grant which will cover the cost of hiring buses to take the children.

#### Excursion Coupon Books
Once again, this year a number of small excursions, outings and activities have been organised for the children, including the Life Education Van, Musica Viva performances, the Gulgong Eisteddfod, days with Hill End School, Public Speaking Competition and academic competitions. For most out-of-school activities we hire the bus. To help cover the cost of these activities, we are asking for your support.
To assist our families, we are issuing weekly coupon voucher books. Just $2 per week for one child, $3 per week for a family of two children and $4 per week for a family of three or more children would cover the cost of the excursions. Alternatively, this can be paid in full.
This totals:
- $80 for one child for the year
- $120 for two children for the year
- $160 for a family of three or more children.
Please send the coupon book and correct money to school each week with your child. The book will be stamped and returned to your child.
*If your family is experiencing financial difficulty, any small amount will assist the school. No student will ever be excluded from participating in any excursion.*

#### Student of the Week

- **Abbie Condren**
  For great commitment and dedication to all areas of learning

- **Reese Harley**
  For great commitment and dedication to all areas of learning

- **Siobhan Bastow**
  For being a quiet achiever in the classroom

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### P & C are raising funds with Garden Express
There is a range of beautiful spring bulbs to choose from.
Please tell your family and friends.
Ordering is easy—simply fill out the form, include the correct amount of money and return it to school before 2nd April. (If paying by cheque, please make it out to Hargraves P & C)
A box for orders is located at the office window.
Spare forms are available from the school office