Weekly Newsletter

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Trunkey Playgroup

In response to parent requests, there has been a change to the Trunkey Playgroup dates for 2016. It will now be held in the Multi-Purpose Room EVERY WEDNESDAY from 9am.

Playgroup is free and caters for all children aged 0 to 5 years of age. Activities are prepared for the children so parents can enjoy joining in with their children and having a chat with other parents at the same time. The school students really enjoy playing with the younger children in their school setting, so come along and join in the fun!

Bathurst Regional Library Van Visit

The Bathurst Library Van will make its first visit to the school on Wednesday 17th February at approximately 10:30am. This visit coincides with Playgroup so the Playgroup children will be able to borrow books directly from the van. Everyone requires a cloth library bag on the day.

There is a list of overdue library books from both the School Library and the Bathurst Library Van attached to some students' newsletters this week. Please make an extra special effort to check at home for these books as some have been missing for quite some time.

Heritage District Swimming Carnival

The Heritage District Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Friday 26th February, to be held at Blayney Centrepoint Sport and Leisure Centre.
Students who were placed 1st or 2nd in any 50m event have qualified to represent the Heritage Small Schools at this carnival. Three teams compete at this carnival: Blayney PS, Millthorpe PS and Heritage Small Schools.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the events below:

Zac Johns - 100m Open freestyle, 9 yrs 50m freestyle, Junior Breaststroke, Junior Medley, HCSS Junior Boys Relay

Alycia Cogdell - 100m Open freestyle, 10 yrs 50m freestyle, Junior Breaststroke, Junior Backstroke, Junior Butterfly, Junior Medley, HCSS Junior Girls Relay

Coby Maine - 12 yrs 50m freestyle, HCSS Senior Boys Relay

Savanna Brown - HCSS Junior Girls Relay

Jaiden Cogdell - HCSS Junior Boys Relay

Our Trunkey Public School Relay Team will go directly through to the Regional Swimming Trials in Dubbo, scheduled for Friday 4th March. This team consists of Zac Johns, Coby Maine, Savanna Brown and Alycia Cogdell. Jaiden Cogdell is the reserve.

**Small Schools' Principals' Meeting**

Our school hosted the first meeting of the Heritage Country Small Schools' Principals on Thursday. It was the first time three of our new principals had visited Trunkey Public School and they were delighted at the welcoming nature of our beautiful grounds, staff, students and parents. Our student leaders did a wonderful job meeting our visitors at the gate and escorting them to the School Office.

Many thanks are extended to Mrs Maine for catering so beautifully for our group; lunch was, as always, delicious!
Fire Ants Video Conference

The Primary class will be participating in a VC on Tuesday as part of a unit of work on Fire Ants. Miss Jess Fedorow, a past teacher from our school, who now works for the DPI, is running the video conference from Broken Bay Environmental Education Centre. Please find your child's permission note attached. There is no cost for attendance.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held in the Main Classroom on Tuesday, 23rd February, from 3:20pm. Everyone is welcome. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Introducing our new Director of Public Schools

As you are aware, Mr Peter Harvey, the Director of Bathurst Public Schools, retired at the end of 2015. Mrs Toni McDonald has been appointed as our new Director. Mrs McDonald will visit our school on Tuesday 23rd February at 11:30am. We will be holding a morning tea
at this time so all students, staff, parents and community members can meet Mrs McDonald in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

Please advise the School Office if you will be attending the morning tea. Everyone is more than welcome.

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following students:

**Charlotte Edwards** - Firing along in Year 1

**Ruben Walters** - A happy and settled student

**Calendar of Events**

**Term 1, Week 4**

- **Monday 15th February**
  - Mrs Johnston to teach the Infants class
  - News Day (Infants)
  - Fire Ants VC, 11:30am (Primary)
  - Research Topics (Primary students require their USB drive)

- **Tuesday 16th February**
  - Heritage Principals' meeting, Neville PS. Mrs Vanderhel to teach the class
  - Playgroup, 9am - 11:30am
  - Library Day
  - Student Banking Day
  - Bathurst Regional Library Van Visit

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  - Mrs Vanderhel to teach the class
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  - Library Day
  - Student Banking Day
  - Bathurst Regional Library Van Visit

- **Thursday 18th February**
  - Mrs Vanderhel to teach the class
  - Instrumental Musicianship Program

- **Friday 19th February**
  - SAKGP
  - Sport
**Term 1, Week 5–**  
**Monday 22nd February**  
Mrs Johnston to teach the Infants class  
**Tuesday 23rd February**  
News Day (Infants)  
Morning Tea to meet Mrs Toni McDonald, Director Public Schools, 11:30am in the Library  
Research Topics (Primary students require their USB drive)  
P&C meeting, 3:20pm  
**Wednesday 24th February**  
Library Day  
**Thursday 25th February**  
Mrs Vanderhel to teach the class  
Instrumental Musicianship Program  
**Friday 26th February**  
Bathurst Network Principals' meeting, Mrs Vanderhel to teach the class  
District Swimming Carnival. Zac, Alycia, Coby, Savanna and Jaiden to represent the Heritage Small Schools  
Sport  

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**Dates for Your Diary:**  

Monday 29th February - **Young Leaders' Conference, Sydney.** Student leaders and Mrs Cogdell to attend  
Thursday 3rd March - **Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership Program,** Blayney High School, Stage 3 interested students to attend  
Friday 4th March - **Western Region Swimming Trials,** Dubbo for qualifying students  
Tuesday 22nd March - **Heritage Country Small Schools Stage 1 Excursion,** Stage 1 and Mrs Johnston to attend  
Tuesday 29th March - **Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition Day at Blayney High School**  
Friday 8th April - **Purple Day at Neville Public School**