

Dates for your diary

Week 8

5 th Sept	School Swimming - Week 2
8 th Sept	NO SWIMMING – Stop Work Meeting

Week 9

14 th Sept	10am – 1pm: Art with Rachel Meek
16 th Sept	9.30am – 11am: Book Week Parade & Morning Tea

Week 10

19 -20 th Sept	Canberra Excursion
22 nd Sept	NAIDOC Day at Mandurama
23 rd Sept	Sports Gala Day & last day Term 3
25 th Sept	P&C clearing sale BBQ

Dear Parents and Friends,

The next few weeks are going to be jam packed!

As part of **Heritage Country School's art program** our school will be working with Rachel Meek to create a variety of art pieces next Wednesday (14th Sept). The children are asked to wear old clothes so that if accidents occur with paint it won't matter. If you have time during the day to pop in and help in the creative processes, please do. We will start at around 10am and finish about lunch time.

Book week parade...

Always one of the highlights on the school calendar. Children are asked to dress as a character from one of their favourite books. There are a few additions to the parade and book week celebrations.

As part of this year's parade each child will be asked not only to say who they are but to talk a little about their character. The parade will be followed by morning tea and then the children will be broken up into groups to complete a range of activities based around literature.

We have the connected classroom up and running and have connected with Spring Hill Public School allowing the students to have a short discussion with fellow students from there. The children enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to connecting again.

Tuesday next week we have booked in to our first virtual classroom. The Year 3-6 students will be listening and discussing aspects of literature with Australian children's author Colin Thompson who has written "The Floods" series and many other great books. I know this will be a most valuable experience. The connected classroom has just made our world a little smaller as our opportunities to virtually visit all over the world have grown.



As the date of the **Heritage Schools' Gala Touch Football** day has been changed, we will be unable to participate this year. I realise there will be a number of disappointed people but unfortunately we can't always fit everything into our schedule.

School mobile phone...

For urgent parent/staff communication where ringing the school landline isn't an option, you can now contact us by text on the new school mobile, which will also be taken on school outings and excursions. The number is: **0448413809**.

Western Region Athletics...

Congratulations to Billy Mackie who represented at region last week. From all reports Billy performed admirably in his shot put event - throwing over 8m. Unfortunately, due to illness, the relay team and Zak didn't get to go - but these students should be congratulated for their sportsmanship and efforts in gaining selection to get to Western.

NAIDOC Day...

Again, our celebration of NAIDOC Day will be held at Mandurama Public School this year. The children from the Heritage schools will be involved in different activities throughout the day. The activities will further develop and enhance the student's understanding of our indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people and their culture. Students are asked to provide their own morning tea. A sausage sizzle and piece of fruit will be provided for lunch.

Gala Sports Day...

Students from the Heritage Small Schools will again join together on the last day of term (23rd Sept) for a Gala sports day in at Blayney Oval.

NAPLAN...

Students in year 3 and 5 will receive their NAPLAN reports early next week.

Please remember this assessment is just one piece of information about your child and how they learn. If you wish to discuss these results or any other aspect of your child's learning with me please ring to make an appointment.

Sally Beer



Star Students...



School Swimming Scheme...

This week is the second and final week of swimming. Please note that there will be no swimming on Thursday due to the stop work meeting.

Canberra Excursion...

Please send in any remaining notes and payments ASAP. There are still some medical notes to come in – give the school a ring if you need another one sent home.

Contact details: please make sure we have up-to-date contact information for your children.

Parent Surveys....

Please return these ASAP.

P&C News...

P&C will be running a BBQ at a local clearing sale on Sunday 25th September from 8.30am until sold out. If anyone is available, we would love your help even for a short time on the day or by providing some slices and/or biscuits. For more information or to advise when you are available, please contact Tracey or John Mackie on 63674545

Active After-School news.....

The students are enjoying the variety of activities provided by this program. Shaun, the cricket development officer with Cricket NSW, has been coming to school on Friday afternoons where he engaged the students in a number of different cricket skills and games. All of the children are enjoying the experience.

Coles "Sports for Schools" & Woolworths' "Earn and Learn"...

Just a reminder that we are now collecting vouchers (Coles) and points (Woolies) for both of these programs.



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**Active After-school
Communities**

Helping kids and communities get active

Give your child the green light to a healthy lifestyle



SWITCH ON (green light)

Children need at least 60 minutes (and up to several hours) of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.*





SWITCH OFF (red light)

Children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (for example, computer games, TV, internet), particularly during daylight hours.*



Benefits of the Active After-school Communities program

- ★ A variety of free sports and activities for your child
- ★ A non-competitive atmosphere to build self-confidence
- ★ A chance to make new friends
- ★ It's fun!
- ★ Fully supervised with registered coaches

Find out more

To find out how your child can participate in the AASC program, visit the front office or contact the AASC coordinator at your school/after-school care centre.

*Figures provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Australia's Physical Activity Recommendations for 5-12 Year Olds, Canberra, 2004.

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