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Weekly Newsletter

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Education



A HERITAGE COUNTRY SCHOOL
Trunkey Public School



Debating Champions!

CONGRATULATIONS to the entire Trunkey Debating Team, which consisted of all primary students from Year 4 to Year 6. Every student helped get the Trunkey Team to the Grand Final which was held last Tuesday against Meadow Flat Public School.

Our school presented the negative side of the topic: **'The Environment Should Be A Top Priority'** and

won the debate by two points!

Our team was well prepared with some very solid arguments. Alycia got the team off to a great start, presenting an overview of the team's arguments and concentrating on the importance of prioritising the threat of terrorism across the world. Coby then continued powerfully with arguments about cancer and diseases which affect a large proportion of society. Chloe brought the team home with convincing arguments about hunger and disease in third world countries and drug abuse, leading the team to a convincing win. The team had predicted many of the opposition's arguments so was prepared for their rebuttals and Nina was a solid thinker who wrote some excellent rebuttals against the opposition's first and second speakers.

All students who have represented the school in the Small Talk Debating Competition will receive a certificate of participation and the school will receive a perpetual trophy.



Portfolio Week



Students have been working on their portfolio work samples to share with you in their Individual Portfolios. Please ensure your child's Portfolio is returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Returning of Trophies

Assessments have been completed, reports are being written and it is that time of the year when all perpetual trophies need to be returned to school so they can be engraved with the names of the students who will receive them at this year's Presentation Night. Please ensure all trophies are returned to school by Friday 20th November. Thank you.

Kindergarten Transition Program

We welcome Halle Byrnes to Trunkey Public School on a full-time basis from now until the end of the school year. Halle will participate in the Kindergarten Transition Program, assisting her to prepare for the 2016 Kindergarten school year.





Heritage Country Schools' Art Show

The Heritage Country Schools' Art Show will be held this Tuesday 17th November at the Blayney Community Centre. Charlotte Edwards, Savanna Brown and Nina Walters' beautiful photography, created with the assistance of Mrs Wendy Smith, through the 'Artist in Residence Program' have been framed and will be on exhibition at the show.

All students have selected an artwork from their school-based work throughout the year for entry into the Heritage Country Schools' Art Show Competition. These have been mounted and framed ready for display. The Art Show will be open from 5pm - 7pm with the Official Opening and awarding of prizes in each stage category commencing at 6pm.

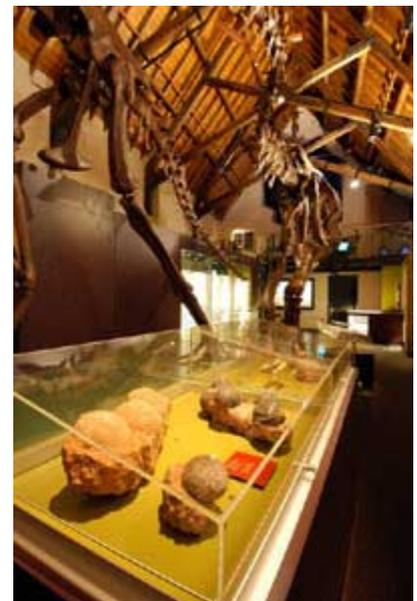
Please join us for the opening ceremony and to view the children's lovely artworks. I will notify the parents of any students with winning artworks this afternoon.

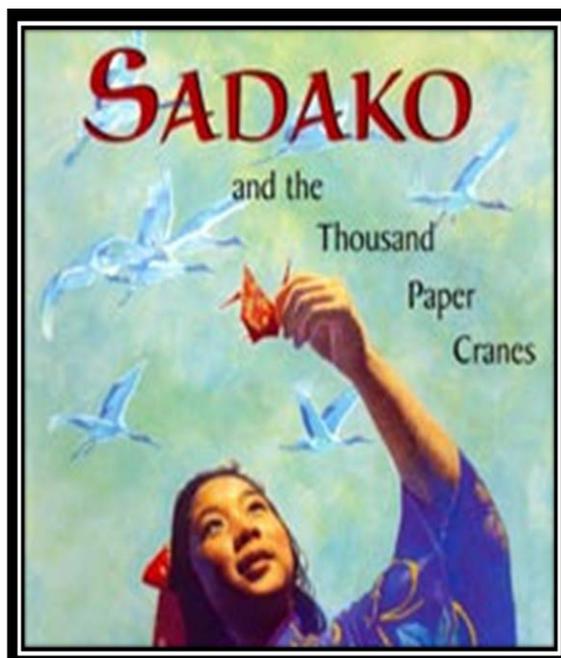
Small Schools' ES1 and S1 Excursion

On Tuesday 24th November, students from ES1 and S1 across all Heritage Country Small Schools are invited to attend an excursion to the National Fossil and Mineral Museum, Bathurst. Students will also participate in a tour of the Town Square witnessing changes to the area over the past 100 years.

Please find your child's permission note and further details attached.

Permission notes and payment are due to the School Office by Friday 20th November.





School Play

Many thanks to all families for ensuring the students' costumes have been organised with plenty of time before the school play date. I know the children are all starting to get excited now. The Spirit Girls' costumes were \$19.90 + \$5.00 postage and handling each = \$24.90. Please send your payment to the School Office at your earliest convenience.

Props Required



In order for this play to be truly effective, we will require many Japanese props such as a room divider, fans, lanterns, artwork, dolls etc. If you have any of these items and are willing to loan them to the school for our rehearsals and performance, please let me know.

Many thanks are again extended to Mrs McLeish, who has loaned us some traditional Japanese lanterns and to Mrs Fardon and Mrs Johnston for the loan of their Japanese fans.

Many thanks are extended to Miss Thurtell, Mrs Maine, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Brown, Tahlia Brown, Mrs Vanderhel and Mrs Vanderhel's daughter, Millie and niece, Kate, for working on the backdrops thus far. If you have any time available to assist with the backdrop and prop painting, it will be most appreciated.

Crazy Calendars

The students have created such beautiful photography through the 'Artist in Residence' Program that the teachers thought these could be utilised on the children's calendars for this year. Your child's Crazy Calendar order form is attached to this week's newsletter. Orders and money are due to the School Office by **Friday 20th November**.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Zoe Byrnes - Making outstanding progress in Reading!

Alycia Cogdell - A confident and dedicated student



Calendar of Events

Term 4, Week 7 - Kindergarten Transition Program to commence

Monday 16th November

Tuesday 17th November

Mrs Johnston to teach the Infants Class

News Day - Infants

Sporting Schools, Orienteering, 3:15pm

P&C meeting, 3:20pm

Heritage Country Schools' Art Show, Opening Night, 5-7pm

Wednesday 18th November School Library Day

School Banking Day

Thursday 19th November

Mrs Vanderhel to teach the class

Instrumental Musicianship Program, 2:00pm

Sporting Schools, Golf, 3:15pm

Friday 20th November

Playgroup, 9am - 11am

Hot Lunch Order

Sunday 22nd November

Art for Keen Kids, 11am

Term 4, Week 8

Monday 23rd November

Tuesday 24th November

ES1 / S1 excursion to National Fossil and Mineral Museum, Bathurst. Mrs Johnston to attend.

Research Day - Primary (USB drive required)

Sporting Schools, Orienteering, 3:15pm

Wednesday 25th November School Library Day

School Banking Day

Thursday 26th November

Mrs Vanderhel to teach the class

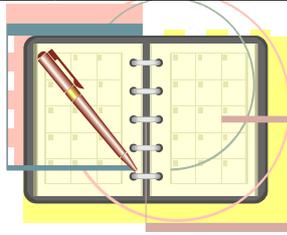
Instrumental Musicianship Program, 2pm

Sporting Schools, Golf, 3:15pm

Friday 27th November

Playgroup, 9am - 11am

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Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 23rd November - Friday 4th December - **Semester Two 3-Way Interviews**

Tuesday 24th November - **Heritage Country Small Schools Combined ES1/S1 Excursion to the National Fossil and Mineral Museum and Town Square Tour**

Friday 4th December - **Year 6 Farewell**

Friday 11th December - **Presentation Night & School Play**

Monday 14th December - **Volunteers' Morning Tea, 11am**

Tuesday 15th December - **End-of-Year Excursion**

Wednesday 16th December - **Yr 6 Student Farewell Party / Last Day of School**

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th December - **Staff Development Days**