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Weekly Newsletter

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Endangered Species Day

What a fabulous day everyone had last Wednesday, both at school and on the Field Trip. If you haven't already seen the great story in the Blayney Chronicle, visit

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The Primary students' first stop was at the BOSSIAEA FRAGRANS SITE at Abercrombie Caves Reserve. They learnt all about this amazing plant that is critically endangered. The 430 plants we have in the Abercrombie area are the only ones of these species IN THE ENTIRE WORLD! They are protected by wire cages and are monitored by cameras on site for predators. The Bossiaea Fragrans is a highly unusual plant that doesn't have leaves at all. The branches are leaf-like in that they perform the process of photosynthesis. The plant is a native pea with beautiful yellow flowers.





The second stop on the Field Trip was at the Abercrombie River where the students attended four different environmental sessions, down on the riverbank. They learnt about the declining population of our native Macquarie Perch species and the possible causes of this.



They were shown how to identify the introduced fish species in the river and those that are doing the most damage - the Common Carp and the Red Fin. The students were also told about the benefits of snags in the river and how a huge re-snagging project is currently underway to help support the health of the Abercrombie. The students also learnt about the problems associated with the monoculture of trees along the banks of the Abercrombie and helped address this problem by planting 100 native trees and shrubs to, eventually take the place of the She Oaks currently dominating the landscape.





The last session of the day was held at Abercrombie Caves. Stuart Bremner spoke about the importance of maintaining sites such as the caves for their natural beauty and to help protect native species of flora and fauna. Dave Coote then told the students about another highly endangered species specific to the Abercrombie area; the Booroolong Frog.



This species of frog is endangered due to the sediment that is washing into the river from the unprotected banks. The sediment washes into the crevices under logs and between rocks, where the frogs lay their eggs and is a contributing factor to the drastic decline in their numbers. In addition to this, the introduced species of fish, such as Common Carp and Red Fin eat the frog's eggs.

Back at school, the Infants students were treated to the same sessions as the Primary students, but with the special treat of Mary Bonet attending and taking the students out to our glider's nesting boxes to look for any evidence that the nesting boxes are being utilised. What a surprise everyone got, when the last box was checked, close to the School Car Park. As the extension arm of the camera was placed into the hole of the nesting box, a gorgeous Sugar Glider emerged, crept onto the tree trunk and proceeded to glide across the scrub in full view of all the adoring students and staff!





Many thanks are extended to Casey Proctor, Senior Lands Officer at the Central Tablelands Local Land Services for accessing the funding and specialist guest speakers to ensure the day was a huge success.

This wonderful day was designed to give the local students ownership of several endangered species and sites in the area and has certainly achieved its objective.

Special mention also to the wonderful members of our Trunkey Public School P&C Association: Karen Brown, Kerry Garvey and James Gilbert, along with the help of Julie Fardon, ensured that the students ate a delicious morning tea and lunch and were well hydrated throughout the day.



Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition Day at Blayney HS

Savanna and Euin enjoyed their first Transition Day at Blayney High School on Thursday. They enjoyed some hands-on subjects such as Woodwork and Agriculture. Both made a delightful cheese board in class and learnt how to service a tractor! Mr Edwards may have two young apprentices soon!



Bike Safety and Maintenance Session

Lots of fun was had on Friday afternoon at the Bike Safety and Maintenance Session. Thank you to all parents who attended and for bringing your children's bikes to school on the day. The students learnt about the importance of always wearing a helmet when on a bicycle and they had the opportunity to demonstrate their cycling skills both on the tennis court and on the oval.

The session was run by Steve Buckley from Wheeler's Cycles in Bathurst, Mayor Graeme Hanger promoted the B2B on Sunday the 22nd April and Chris North, the Road Safety Officer from the Department of Education made a video about Road Safety on the day featuring our gorgeous students. When we receive a copy, I'll place it on the School Website.



Please Send School Jackets to School on 9th April

School jackets have been purchased by the school and are loaned to students for a twelve month period. With the weather becoming much cooler of a morning now, it is time to reallocate the students' school jackets for the 2018 autumn/winter period. Please send your child's jacket to school on Monday morning, 9th April. We will resize and refit jackets and send your child's replacement jacket home in the afternoon. Please ensure this newly distributed jacket is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you to all families for taking such great care of the students' jackets. This ensures that they can be made available to many students before needing to be replaced.



Life Education Van Visit

Our school's Life Education Van Visit is scheduled for Wednesday 11th April. Neville Public School will join with us for the day.

The Infants students will complete activities about personal safety around the house including what to do in a bushfire, house fire etc.

Stage 2 students will focus on the body's systems and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle including diet, exercise, sleep and self esteem.

Stage 3 students will learn about keeping their bodies healthy through not smoking, reducing excessive medication intake and staying safe online.

Please find your child's permission note and merchandise list attached.

Hazel Sparks (dec) Family and Friends Reunion

We have been contacted by the husband and children of the late Mrs Hazel Bodle (nee: Sparks) who attended Trunkey Public School in the early 1930's - 1940's, just after the bushfire claimed the original school and was rebuilt on the existing site. Hazel was married to Alan Bodle, a regular visitor to Trunkey Creek, and together they had four daughters, Carol and three others. Alan's grandmother, Annie Ryan, lived in Trunkey Creek at the time he was courting Hazel.

The family are planning a trip down memory lane for their father and they will be visiting Trunkey Creek on Thursday 12th April at 11am in our School Library. They are hoping to catch up with any locals who may remember Hazel from her younger days at Trunkey Creek.

We have approached Hylton and Trevor Henry, Mick Warren, Beryl Meek, Isobelle Johns and Marilyn and Mick Burke to join the family for morning tea from 11am. If you know of anyone else who would, perhaps, remember Hazel, they are more than welcome to join us, as is anyone else who has an interest in our local history.

Any contributions towards morning tea would be most appreciated.



kids rehab

the children's hospital at Westmead

Colour Fun Run

The Heritage Small Schools hold a Colour Fun Run on the last day of Term 1 each year, to raise funds for an organisation that supports children.

This year we will be raising money to support 'Kids' Rehab' at Westmead Children's Hospital Spinal Clinic. As you are aware, our dear Evie Edwards, has Spina Bifida and is supported by the wonderful staff at 'Kids' Rehab,' amongst many other professionals. This is our way of giving back to the people who support our students and their families both physically and emotionally.

For only \$10, your child will receive a bag of coloured powder, a white t-shirt and a BBQ lunch on Friday 13th April. The students will complete a cross-country run and at the conclusion, enjoy throwing coloured powder over one another. What a great way to conclude the school term.

Please find your child's permission note and further information attached to this newsletter.

As we will have four staff members attending the day: Mrs Fardon, Mrs Brown, Ms Hamild and myself. We can all assist with transporting students if required.



Many thanks to everyone who has collected vouchers from Coles Supermarket on behalf of our school. Glenn collected three boxes full of vouchers from Coles Supermarket in Bathurst over the weekend. We will be counting the vouchers this week and submitting our final number of vouchers collected this Thursday. Please ensure any last minute vouchers are sent into school no later than this Thursday.

Thank you so very much for supporting your child's wonderful school.



Trunkey Creek ANZAC March and Commemorative Service

The Trunkey Creek ANZAC March and Commemorative Service will be held at the Tom Howard Memorial Park on Saturday 21st April (the middle weekend of the school holidays.)

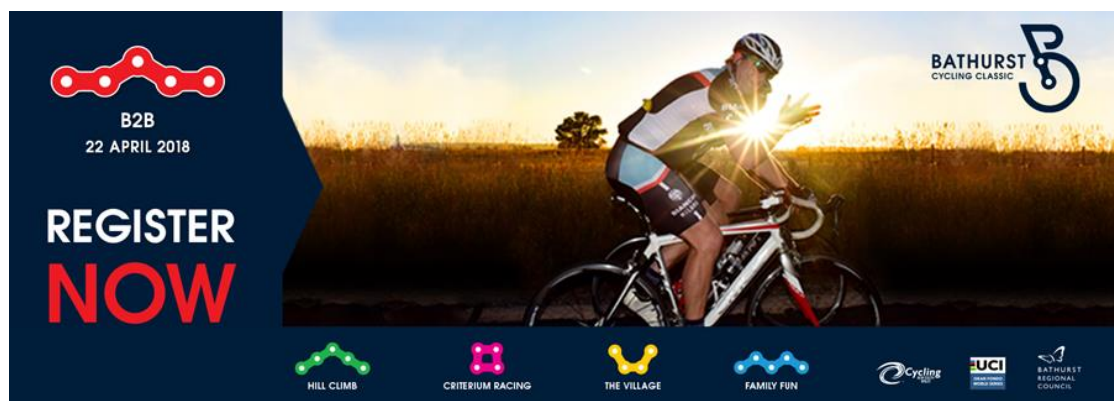
Students should wear formal school uniform as follows:

Girls - pinafores and white collared polo shirts, navy tights (if cold) or navy stockings (if hot) and polished black school shoes. TPS sloppy joe if cold and TPS jacket if very cold.

Boys - grey trousers and TPS polo shirt, grey socks and polished black school shoes. TPS sloppy joe if cold and TPS jacket if very cold.

We will form up for the march at 10:45am at the Old General Store. Students will march behind the Trunkey Public School flag and then be seated as a group on a rug for the majority of the service.

As always, our students play an important role in the day's ceremony. Our School Captains will give the 'Prayer to the Queen' and assist myself to lay the school ANZAC wreath at the cenotaph. Our school choir will be leading the audience in the singing of Advance Australia Fair, The Recessional and 'Abide with Me.' Please let me know if your child will be unavailable to attend the ANZAC Day Service, so we can plan accordingly.



Blayney to Bathurst Bike Challenge

The Trunkey P&C Association will be manning two food and drink stalls on Sunday 22nd April for the B2B. One stall is situated at Arkell and the other at Hobbys Yards. The few hours spent raises considerable funds for our school P&C Association that are used to help subsidise school excursions.

Thank you to the following families who have offered to run the stalls on the day:

Arkell - The Brown Family & The Lowe Family

Hobbys Yards - The Johns Family and the Cogdell Family



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students-

Charlie Johns - An enthusiastic class member

Cooper Gilbert - A kind and thoughtful friend



School resumes for staff on Monday 30th April.

Term 2 commences for the students on Tuesday 1st May



Calendar of Events

Term 1, Week 11 –

Monday 9th April

Return school jackets please

Homework sent home

Tuesday 10th April

Mrs Cogdell at a Principals' meeting

News Day (Infants)

Mrs Vanderhel on class

Research Topics (Primary students require their USB drive)

Wednesday 11th April

Life Education Van Visit- Neville PS to join us

Student Banking Day

Thursday 12th April

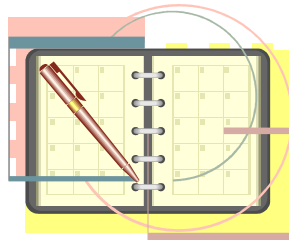
Hazel Sparkes (dec) Reunion, School Library, 11am

Ms Vanderhel to teach the class

Friday 13th April

Instrumental Musicianship Program, 2pm

Colour Fun Run at Neville PS, from 12 noon onwards



Dates for Your Diary:

Saturday 21st April - ANZAC DAY Service, Trunkey Creek, 11am

Sunday 22nd April - B2B



Acknowledging Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of this land on which we live and pay our respects to their elders, both past and present.