PRINCIPALS MESSAGE
It’s been a busy and productive few weeks! Students have been hard at work for the upcoming Heritage Country Schools Art Show (16th – 19th November, 2015) and the pieces are looking amazing.
I’d like to congratulate all our students for their outstanding behaviour at our recent events. Their consistent display of respect and thoughtful contributions do us proud.
Well done Mandurama students!  Kellie Stone

UPCOMING EVENTS and IMPORTANT DATES
4.11.15 – Ms. Stone attending a Heritage Schools meeting
5.11.15 – Ms. Stone is attending a Network meeting and will be replaced by Mrs. Stanley on this day.
11.11.15 – Remembrance Day
16th - 19th.11.2015 – Heritage Country Schools Art Show
P & C NEWS
The P&C is in consultation with our School’s Director Maree Angus and anticipates that the advertisement for a permanent Principal for 2016 onwards will be published in the next couple of weeks.

FRIDAY SPORT
Students should wear their sports uniform on Fridays and will participate in sport and games here at school.

LIBRARY DAY
Library day for students is held on Fridays. Please make sure your children bring their library bags to return books and to borrow new ones every Friday. Please also check at home for any overdue or misplaced books so they can be returned to their friends in our lovely little library.

SUN SMART
As the weather is warming up please remind your child/ren to wear their hats and sunscreen to school every day. We have sunscreen available for top-ups and are enforcing our ‘No Hat – Must Play in the Shade’ rule. Please talk with your children about the importance of being Sun Smart.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Last day for orders for Book Club (catalogues sent home in week 1 of this term) will be on Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November. Please return your orders and payment to Ms. Clarke in the office 😊

JANA PITTMAN COMES TO LYNDHURST

On Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} October our students joined the Lyndhurst community to hear World Champion athlete Jana Pittman speak about nutrition, fitness and overall wellness. It was a rare opportunity to hear such a motivational talk from one of Australia’s best known athletes. Jana had her children there and her son was excited to race with the school children around the oval.
GRANDPARENTS DAY

We celebrated Grandparents Day on Wednesday 21.10.15 with a Teddy Bear’s Picnic here at school. It was lovely to see so many grandparents and other special people here for morning tea. The children and their teddies especially enjoyed the story time in the library.

KLA DAY 2015

Friday 16th October was KLA (Key Learning Area) Day for the Heritage Country Schools. Our junior students visited Millthorpe Public School with Ms. Clarke to participate in learning activities centred on literacy. The students listened to stories and made puppets to represent book characters. After lunch they watched a puppet show about the book “The Stone Lion” performed by Meerkat Productions from Melbourne. Please ask your children about the play as they really enjoyed it and its message promoting friendship and kindness.

Stage 2 students met at Blayney Public School for Maths activities while Stage 3 students participated in Creative and Performing Arts activities at Blayney High School.

CONGRATULATIONS ZOE!

Congratulations to Zoe Peters who represented Mandurama PS at the State Athletics Carnival in Sydney at Olympic Park on Wednesday 15th October, 2015. Zoe ran in the 800m for 12 yrs girls against tough competition. Well done Zoe for making it to the State competition. We are proud of you!
YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

Our Year 6 students, Zoe and Fraser have been busy fundraising this year to purchase a farewell gift for the school before they move onto high school next year. Friday Meal Deals are available in Term 4 for $5.00 as well as various snacks for 50 cents each (see previous note).

This morning (30.10.15) we had the excitement of conducting “Chook Poo Bingo” here at school. The anticipation was high as we all watched and waited to see which of the 50 squares would be pooped on first. In the end Number 24 was the lucky first square to be pooped on and a deposit on number 19 soon followed.

Congratulations to Libby Toshack who won the first prize of $30.00. The runner-up was Amy Hines with a prize of $15.00.

Thank you very much the families and members of the community who purchased tickets and to the Molloy family for bringing the chooks to us.

Checking out the chicks....

The chooks are ready....

On your marks, get set and......
FELTING WITH RACHEL MEEK

Last Monday artist Rachel Meek came to work with the children on some hand felting of artworks destined for The Heritage Schools Art Show later this month. The children thoroughly enjoyed this interesting process. The wools and fabrics used were such rich and beautiful colours and the children (and staff) loved the soft and squishy textures. I’m sure you will be impressed when the final artworks are revealed. Stay tuned.
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

1. Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

2. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

3. Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx