Principal’s Message

I attended the Remembrance Day commemoration at Murrurundi Memorial Gates this morning with Aneakah, Brock, Kandice and Teegan. Our School Leaders read their prepared texts with dignity and respect, representing our school at this long-standing community event. I was very proud of our young people and feel privileged to have seen their growth and development as future leaders in their local town over the past four years.

Our K-5 students commemorated Remembrance Day at school with a simple flag ceremony and short speech by Quinn. The flag party; Quinn and Millie lowered the flag to half mast then back to the peak after 1 minute silence on our new flagpole. Well done to all students of Blandford PS.

Sculpture in the Vineyards

Another interesting activity for our students in this very busy term of creative and practical arts is our sculpture workshop next Tuesday. The visiting artist Selena Seifert, will be working with K-2 and Y3-6 during the day. Children should have an apron or art smock to protect their clothes.

This is part of the Wollombi Sculpture in the Vineyards program and we are lucky to have a professional artist visiting our school to assist the creative development of our children.

The full cost for this workshop is $12 per head but the school will subsidise some of the costs for this activity.

CAPA Fun Day—Friday 20th November

Mrs Cooper has coordinated some very exciting activities for our Fun Day. The west African gents who visited two years ago will return to teach drumming with djembe drums as well as African dancing. Circus skills will be updated and added to, with our circus workshop and the Road Safety officer from Tamworth District Office will visit to talk about bike and road safety in preparation for the holiday season.

P&C will provide a simple lunch for everyone—information on the attached note.

Thanks

Thank you parents for assisting with the extra costs for the many activities we have organised this term. Our P&C is also generous in subsidising some of the costs for these in-school activities and local excursions as well as school funds from our budget.

Absences

I will be away from school next Wednesday—Friday attending Invermein meetings. Mrs Cooper will also be away from 13th-16th November. Mrs Coffey, Mrs Jones and Mrs Crowe will be teaching our children.

Isabel Fox         Principal
**Students of the Week**

**K-2**  Jorja—excellent experimenting in story writing.

Macarthur—great recall of Jolly Phonics sounds.

**Y3-6**  Fezaan— working hard in maths and writing. Well done Fezaan!

Ebony—Neat bookwork and creative artwork. Well done Ebony!

**Art in a Suitcase - Tamworth Regional Gallery Outreach Visit Tuesday 10th Nov**

Ms Kate Armstrong came to visit our school again yesterday bringing a new collection of fascinating original artworks for our children to discuss, admire and enjoy.

Favourites were “Cattle Camp” by John Silvagno, “The Foundlings” a textile sculpture by Rosemary Bourke and our very own Charlotte Drake-Brockman’s “Pomegranate—Still Life”.

Our students are knowledgeable about art making and the materials and media used, as well as understanding the many processes that artists consider as they create new work.

**Murrurundi Rose Show—Art Display**

Congratulations to our winners from the Art display at Murrurundi several weeks ago: Ayesha, Ella, Anekah, Bridie, Archie, Charlotte, Robert, Jacob and Kandice.

**Gonski Funding**

The Gonski funding agreements were mentioned in the last newsletter and discussed briefly at the recent P&C meeting.

Please find attached today a brochure outlining this important funding program which benefits all students in various ways in NSW and also around Australia.

**Beersheba Commemoration Saturday 31st October 2015**

Thank you to parents for travelling to Murrurundi for the Beersheba Commemoration. Mrs Cooper, Mrs Coffey and Mrs Leayr accompanied our children and were pleased and proud of their behaviour and respect during the ceremony. Thanks also go to Anekah for representing our School Leadership group reading the Prayer for the Queen.

Thanks also go to our P&C parents who catered on this occasion as they have done for many years. Thanks to Mrs Kelaher for her ongoing assistance and expertise with catering.

**Musica Viva**

Our children enjoyed a live music performance at the Anglican Hall in Murrurundi on Monday along with students and teachers from Wallabadah PS. Mrs Coffey has reported that our children were well behaved (as usual!).

The Musica Viva performers commented on the high level of engagement and knowledge our children showed and said they were the most well-mannered and interested group they have performed for in a very long time.

Wonderful feedback for our great small schools students.
Send them Home!

Kitchen gear

- We are also missing red plastic handled forks from our kitchen—maybe they are holidaying in your kitchen? We have one lonely fork left in our kitchen drawer.
- Please supply your own forks for children to eat their salad and left-over type lunches (my favourite!).

Reminder - Mid term Assembly and Gymnastics Display Friday, 13th November 2.30

Golf Gala Day

This annual fun day at Scone Golf Club is on again on Monday, 23rd November. Transport will be private vehicle, minimal cost is $2.00 for BBQ lunch.

This year this activity is available for year 4,5,6. A permission note attached to this newsletter.

It’s On Again

Blandford Public School students will once again enjoy a fun day involving circus skills training, African drumming, dancing, bicycle activities and quad bike safety workshop. Children will be put into 3 groups and rotate through each workshop for a 1 ½ hour session. The P&C are very generously contributing $1000 towards the cost of the day. The school is also contributing leaving a final cost for each child of $12.00 Payment options are available if required. Lunch on the day is available - $3 chicken burger and popper. See attached P&C note.

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Sculpture in the Vineyards—Tuesday 17th November 2015

I give permission for my child ________________________________ to participate in the Wollombi Sculpture in the Vineyards school workshops at Blandford PS on Tuesday 17th November 2015.

Signed ________________________________ Date _____________________________

The cost for these creative arts workshops is $12 per head but will be subsidised by school funds.

Cost - $5.00 per student.

Amount enclosed $ _____________________ Signed ______________________________

Fun Day

I give permission for my child/children ________________________________ to participate in the Fun Day at Blandford Public School on Friday, 20th November. Full sports uniform.

Amount enclosed $ _____________________ Signed ______________________________
Brock, Aneka, Kandice & Teegan At Remembrance Day today.