**Athletics Carnival Cancelled**

The Heritage Schools’ Athletics Carnival has been cancelled due to continuing wet weather. Students are to attend school as normal tomorrow.

The Regional Athletics Carnival will be held in Dubbo on Friday 28th August. The student’s times and distances from their respective school carnivals will be used to decide who will qualify for the regional carnival in Dubbo. More information will be given to these students in due course.

**Canberra excursion**

Earlier this week a note about the whole school Canberra excursion was sent home. Please assist us by ensuring that your reply is returned by the end of the week as I am currently finalising cost and numbers. All of the places we are planning to visit have been selected to support the learning that is occurring in our classrooms. If you wish to discuss the excursion and your child/children’s attendance please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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**Will – 16th August**

**Charlie – 19th August**
Absences
Our new late arrival/early leaving system is working very well, with most students remembering to go directly to the Office and complete the STUDENT ATTENDANCE BOOK on the front counter. All full day absences still require a note from home explaining the reason for absence. These should be returned to school within seven days of the absence.

MS Readathon
All students will be participating in the MS Readathon for the next month. This is an initiative of the SRC. More information will be sent home soon. We would ask you to support your children by making a small donation to encourage their reading. We have lots of books in our library for the students to choose from.

Clothing
We continue to have a large number of unclaimed jumpers; so that we can return the lost items to their respective owners could you please ensure your child’s clothing is labeled. Please also come and have a look in the lost property box – they must belong to someone!

Crunch and Sip
Our school is a crunch and sip school. This means that each day around 10am the children enjoy a healthy snack which is eaten in class as they continue to learn. Research shows that this snack helps to provide fuel for their brain and increases concentration. The children can eat fruit (fresh, dried or canned), cheese and biscuits, carrot or celery at this time. Please remember to add a crunch and sip item to your child’s lunchbox.

Library Books
We had a huge number of books come back in to school over the last week which was great to see! We still have quite a few outstanding books. Please help your child to go through their bookshelves and search in those dark scary places under beds, and behind doors, so that even more can be returned to our school library.

Ms. Jennifer Clarke has started working in the library here at LPS. Ms. Clarke would be a familiar face to the students as she also works at Mandurama PS and often comes along to Sporting Schools on Fridays. She loves books and can’t wait to read some of the fabulous titles we have here at school.

School Photos
School photos were taken last week. If anyone would like to order and pay for photos this can be done by credit card by phoning Cliff Dykes Photography on 6342 3070 or dropping your cash payment and envelope back to the school office.