Primary students from the Blayney district’s 10 heritage country schools were jumping with excitement when they met for their annual special day.

Blayney Public School principal Bruce Inwood said the fourth Heritage Country Schools Day, held last term, allowed students to focus on a different key learning area. “[In 2009 the focus] was PDHPE which included activities such as rhythmic dance, planting vegetables, circus, brain food, cyber-safety, Indigenous games, oral care, resuscitation, sun safety and wheelchair basketball,” he said.

This year the focus will be on English.

Most students left the familiarity of their classrooms and schools as each stage combined at one school. Years 5 and 6 got an early taste of secondary education with their activities hosted by Blayney High School, while Years 3 and 4 gathered at Millthorpe Public School and Kindergarten to Year 2 enjoyed fun activities at Blayney Public School.

“It was absolutely fantastic having it over the three sites,” Mr Inwood said. “It gave the students the opportunity to mix and the learning community is embracing the idea that all students belong to all schools. We shared resources, expertise and students.”

Taking part were: Blayney High and Blayney Public, Carcoar, Errowanbang, Lyndhurst, Mandurama, Millthorpe, Neville, Newbridge and Trunkey public schools.