

FROM THE HOD: Mrs Helen Ross**Wondai School is a STATE FINALIST
in The Showcase Awards for Excellence in
Schools 2008!**

This is a tremendous achievement to have succeeded to this level. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in this project!

Wondai has been selected in the **The RemServ Showcase Award for Excellence in Innovation** section of the awards and will be in competition with the schools listed below.

- Wondai State School - *Future Earth - a holistic approach to sustainability based on the Earth Charter*
- Maroochydore State High School - *The Biotechnology Revolution*
- Pozieres State School - *The POZitives Program*

The Showcase program is designed for Queensland State Schools and features eight categories that aim to:

- recognise, celebrate and reward excellent practice in State Schools
- foster a learning culture that supports sharing excellent practices
- create professional development opportunities
- promote public education.

The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools 2008 provides Queensland State Schools the chance to shine in the spotlight and the opportunity to share in more than \$370 000 in grants. State Awards will receive \$20 000 in grants and be announced at the Showcase Gala Dinner on Friday 5 September 2008.

Showcase 2008 State Finalists will be displaying their innovative programs at the [Education Show](#) held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 September. Sue

Gibson and Lisa Heiniger will be representing the school during this display.

Athletics Carnival

After a cold start to the **Athletics Carnival** we had to abandon most events at 11 o'clock due to storms and freezing rain! Thanks to the efforts of Miss Guthrie, Caren Gscheidle and other dedicated staff we finally finished all events on Thursday morning. Age champions were announced on parade on Thursday afternoon and presented with their medallions. They have been mentioned in the Athletics News article from Emma Guthrie.

NAIDOC Day

Another rain delayed event, **NAIDOC Day**, was finally held on Thursday. Thanks to the detailed planning of our Indigenous Support Workers, Gayle Alberts, Sue Williams and Narelle Wenck, the students were able to participate in a range of activities from the Inaugural Touch Footy Cup, boomerang and face painting, badge making, story telling of aboriginal legends by Year 9 students, inspecting emergency services vehicles to enjoying a free sausage sizzle for lunch. Each student also had the opportunity to develop and design a logo for the competition to name the new indigenous learning centre. This competition will be judged in the near future. It was wonderful to see students totally engaged in these activities.

Following NAIDOC activities, we held a parade which was lead by Caragh McCullough and Latifah Simpson. These girls handled the MC role very well and led us through a number of sessions including winners for the boomerang painting, NAIDOC quizzes and colouring competitions. Rosie Willmot and Baker Harrison were also recognised for their efforts in sport and various school events.

Try-a-Trade/Careers Day

Try-a-Trade Day is on this Thursday, August 7, 2008 12 noon – 6 pm. Wondai Year 10 students will be attending the 2008 South Burnett Careers Market / Try-a-Trade Expo at the Kingaroy State High School Sports Hall. Transport funding has been approved

and is free for students. Students will be collected from school at **12.30pm** and returned at 2.30 pm. On arrival, students will be addressed in a group briefly by a Kingaroy High School staff member or CTC staff member and given a sample bag before exploring the range of career opportunities being presented. There will be a sausage sizzle (\$1.50) available for lunch for students and drinks from KHS Canteen (\$1.40 - \$3.20).

South Burnett Youth Cabinet

South Burnett Youth Cabinet is being held this Wednesday afternoon, 6 August, with Wondai being represented by a number of senior students. The aim of the Youth Cabinet is to: identify how young people want to be involved in local decision making, work out and implement ways this can happen. They also discuss youth needs, facilities and activities that young people would like to develop and set about working to achieve these. They also explore the skill development needs of young people. CTC Youth Services provides a bus for the pick up and return of students.

Any current year 9 students who would like to attend the Siemens Science Experience can see Mrs Gibson for a brochure and further information.

QUT Camp

Shannon Copier, Amanda Daly and Cassie Pratt were invited from Year 10 to attend a QUT orientation for insight into job opportunities for the near future. Not only were there educational lectures and tours, but there was also great entertainment.

We left Wondai at midday to arrive at the YMCA camp at North Pine at about 4.30 pm. There was an opportunity to get to know room mates before dinner. Dinner was where most of the introducing of leaders happened, and after diner was the organising of Wide Bay talent show groups. Afterwards, we watched Step Upz – The Streets. (which by the way is highly recommended) and finally got to bed about 10 pm.

The next day we had breakfast just before seven and left straight afterwards to see where you possibly could live if you went to QUT. The opportunities to study were great. Afterwards we travelled to Garden Point where we sat in on a lecture of one of the first year leaders. Then we travelled to the airport to DFO where we shopped. Then it was time for the talent show. Wondai and Nambour came second in the competition. To finish the night off, we held a Karaoke show. (Be proud of the Wondai girls!)

After breakfast the next morning, we travelled to the city where we attended a course and careers day till 12.30 noon. The entire trip was educational and fun as you can tell. We want to thank Lloyd Back from the CTC.

DATE CLAIMER
SPRING SPECTACULAR
SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

**GROUND/WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY
NEWS**

HOT OFF THE PRESS: In the very near future all classrooms will be provided with Sunscreen for students use prior to departing from their rooms at each break. Each student will be required to apply it to themselves if they wish to take advantage of the sunscreen. The sunscreen that will be provided will either be Ultra Protect 30+ with Vitamin E or The Cancer Council Australia 30+.

If your student has an allergy to sunscreen please write a note to the classroom teacher so they are aware, as we don't want any students to miss out on the opportunity to slip, slop, slap. In the instance of allergies please supply to classroom teacher the relevant sunscreen with the students name marked clearly.

**Tuckshop
Commencement date to be
advised – NO tuckshop until
further notice.**

Lost!

One small sized school jacket. If your student has accidentally picked up the wrong jacket please return it to the office. The name "LaToya Murray" is written on the collar of the jacket. Thank you.



MUSIC MATTERS

Mrs Robyn Crowley

SCHOOL CHOIRS

Two weeks ago, our **Junior Choir** met for the first time. 62 students from Years Prep to 3 decided they liked the sound of singing in the choir and have joined up. We are looking forward to learning lots of fun songs and singing them on school assemblies and in public. Parents of choir students, please note that choir members need a display folder (with clear plastic sleeves). If any students want to join the Junior Choir and don't have a joining form to take home and get signed, see Mrs Crowley.

Our **Senior Choir** (students in Years 4 to 10) consists of 40 voices and sounds WONDERFUL. Although we have only been together for about 6 practices, we have already performed at the Wondai Arts and Crafts Expo and at our Funky Futures Festival, as well as making a recording of the "Wondai School Earth Charter Song" for the University of Peace. We are working now on songs for our performances on school assemblies and at our nursing home, "Forest View".

Both choirs practice on Monday afternoons in Lesson 4, so choir members should have their folders at school every Monday. **Being a choir member is considered a privilege, and our choirs are made up of only those students who want to sing and whose behaviour is excellent.**

Unfortunately, any students who do not meet these standards lose the privilege of belonging to the choirs.

FOR SALE - WORM CASTINGS

Year 5/6 are selling Worm Castings as part of their Worms Inc business. This is a great fertiliser for your plants. **Only \$2.00 a bottle.** If you would like to buy some please come in and see us, or Miss Williams, at the Year 5 classroom before or after school.



COMING EVENTS	
August	
06	SB Primary Athletics - Nanango
07	Try-a-trade/careers day KSHS
11	Public Holiday
12	English Test
13-15	Secondary camp – Moreton Island
19	Year 10 – 11 Transition Day at KSHS

Active After School Sport

Due to Monday 11 August being the Brisbane Ekka holiday, we will be running After School Activities on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon as usual.

School Chaplaincy News

To our schools operating as partners in chaplaincy,

Attached is an advertising flier and tickets for sale to an upcoming fundraiser for School Chaplaincy. At present there is limited government funding for another 2 years covering 2 positions – one currently filled by Mark Shields at Murgon Primary and Cherbourg Primary. Another, currently not filled, position will encompass Murgon High School, Goomeri, Wondai and Proston P-10 schools. Fundraising will go towards meeting any unfunded current expenses and extending the positions into the future.

I would like to thank those who have already made generous donations towards chaplaincy in our district and ask you to support this fundraising event. 'Dreamtree' is a young couple who write and perform Christian music as they travel around Australia. You can support it in a number of ways:

- Attending – purchasing tickets, maybe forming a group
- Advertising the event as widely as possible in your newsletters
- Selling tickets
- Volunteering time to:
 - Decorate the hall on Friday 15
 - Sell food in the evening
 - General kitchen work in the evening

Please contact me with any offers of help or for further information.

Money and lists of tickets sold can be dropped off to me at the Church Office in Gore St. (not the

Bluecare Office) Monday, Tuesday, and other times by arrangement (41681744).

Working together, partners in Christ

Jenny Coombes
Murgon/Goomeri Uniting Church Pastor & Chair
Person Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC)



MEDIA RELEASE from Wondai State School

7 August 2008

Students get switched on to safety



Wondai State School is joining approximately 200,000 students switching on to safety during Energy Safety Week 2008, 4 to 8 August.

Origin's Energy Safety Week is an opportunity to help prevent energy related injuries to children at home and outdoors.

Throughout the week, students learn about energy and how to keep safe with gas and electricity. Then they come up with creative ways to share their safety messages with the school community.

Teacher Elizabeth Williams and her Year 5 students have been conducting energy surveys and audits at school and looking at ways to save energy at home. Bigger projects include animations, mosaics and a podcast to advertise their message within the local area.

Miss Williams has been using Origin project materials to conduct class activities on where energy comes from, how it works and how to use gas and electricity safely.

"Students need to understand important energy safety messages as well as develop informed environmental opinions," said Miss Williams.

Wondai State School was selected to receive a \$100 Origin assistance grant to help with their safety projects.

"We will use the grant towards the materials needed to create the mosaic," said Miss Williams.

The school has entered the 2008 Origin Switch™ Awards which encourage students to share what they have learnt with the community. By entering, they are in the running to share prizes worth over

\$85,000, including two landscaped, eco friendly gardens designed by Jamie Durie.

"The competition is a great way to highlight energy safety and environmental issues in our community and global community," said Miss Williams.

Find out more about the Switch Awards and Energy Safety Week at originenergy.com.au/education.

Top energy safety tips from Wondai State School

- Unplug cords by pulling out the plug – never pull on the cord.
- Water and electricity don't mix.
- Switch off the switch before unplugging the plug.

Moreton Island School Camp

Camp is getting close and the level of excitement is growing. We have been busy discussing tent groups, expectations and how much fun we will be having. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities while on camp, swimming, snorkelling, bushwalking, fishing and sand tobogganing. Camp organisers will run all activities and it promises to be lots of fun. If you have any concerns please ring the school and let us know.

A quick reminder that all permission letters, medical forms and full payment for the camp is due this Friday 8th August to ensure all necessary booking arrangements can be confirmed, if you have any queries or questions please contact the school.

Regards

Julie Evans, Emma Guthrie, James McKinnon,
Stacey Cowell and Rae Brown

P & C NEWS: Linda Routledge

Included in today's Weekly Rush is a Father's Day Gift order form. Letters will be sent home with Preps to year 3 explaining the process. If any other student would like to participate, simply fill out the order form enclosed and return to the office.

SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs Gibson

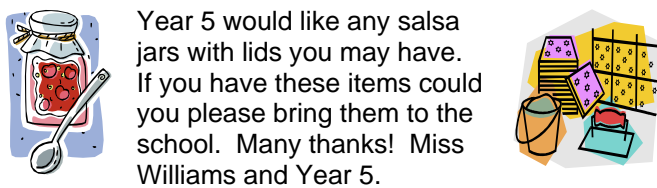


Siemens Science Experience

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 40,000 Year 9 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.



Year 5 would like any salsa jars with lids you may have. If you have these items could you please bring them to the school. Many thanks! Miss Williams and Year 5.

Athletics News

Although the weather interrupted us during our Athletics carnival, we have finally finished all track and field events. Firstly, a BIG thank you goes to Caren Gschiedle, her time and effort in organising the events and the students to complete events is very much appreciated. Without Mrs Gschiedle we would not have been able to complete all the events and have nominations in on time. Also a thank you to teachers and staff who helped set up shade, helped at events and made sure students were participating to the max. Apologies must go to those teachers and classes that may have been interrupted while trying to complete the different events.



Thank you to those students who participated and cooperated with teachers and staff when completing the different events at the different times.

Also a thank you must go out to those parents who came and supported their students on the Carnival days.

Congratulations to all our age champions this year. Age champions for 2008 are:

- 9yrs - James Hedges
Chloe Nielsen
- 10yrs - Stephan Munt
Isabella Neil
- 11yrs- Brendan Swift
Autum Law

- 12yrs- Ryan Brown
Shania Stewart & Maree Theuerkauf (tie)
- 13 yrs - Lewis Munroe
Connie Willmot
- 14yrs - Baker Harrison
Tamara Rowsell
- 15yrs and over - Nick Johannessen
Rossie Willmot

Well done to Russell who won the Athletics carnival this year with a total of 1641 points. Burnett put in a great effort to finish on 1586 points. Finally good luck to all our primary students competing at the South Burnett Athletics trials today and Wednesday. Secondary South Burnett Athletics will be held on the 22nd August. Students who are eligible to nominate will be given further information in the near future.

Yours in Sport
Miss Guthrie (HPE Teacher)

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR



Coming Soon!

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Australian of the Year

The search is on for the next Australian of the Year, so we're calling on you to nominate an Aussie who makes you proud.

The Australian of the Year Awards recognise great Australians who have made outstanding achievements in community service, business, science and technology, arts and entertainment, sport, education, the environment or humanitarian work.

There are four award categories:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year (60 years and over)
- Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30 years)
- Australia's Local Hero.

Last year, Queensland country music legend Lee Kernaghan took out the Australian of the Year Award, so who is your choice for 2009?

You can nominate a friend, family member, community leader, colleague or even someone

famous – absolutely anyone, as long as they are an Australian citizen.

To have your say, pick up a nomination form at any Commonwealth Bank branch, QANTAS club or Holiday Inn, go online, or call the National Australia Day Council.

Hurry, as nominations close 31 August.

For more information, contact the National Australia Day Council on 1300 655 193 or visit www.australianoftheyear.org.au

SOUTH BURNETT CAREERS MARKET

Thursday 7 August 12:00 noon – 6:00
Your future Career Pathway

The Careers Market will be held at the Kingaroy High School Indoor Sports hall, on Thursday 7 August, 12 noon – 6pm

