

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Ruth Miller**

**STATE SHOWCASE FINALIST - THAT'S US!!!!**

Together with the whole GREEN TEAM (Sue Gibson, Lisa Heiniger, Elizabeth Williams and Stacey Cowell) , I am truly proud of the fact that our collective efforts to "make a difference" have been recognised by the State Showcase judges!!

Thanks to our school's Future Earth initiative, I believe we have been very successful in having our students, teachers and parents take sustainable living practices from the classroom and out into the community.

Some of our Future Earth projects that have been recognised include the development of Queensland's first school community permaculture garden, digital animations about global warming (Year 5), student developed anti-bullying videos (Year 7), and our student lead Environmental Action groups. Our many and varied Environmental awards have also contributed to our success with Showcasing.

This fantastic achievement means that Wondai State School will absolutely be RAPPING, as we celebrate our efforts to focus on respect, justice, ecological integrity and democracy. On Friday 5 September, we will find out if we are in fact the STATE winner of the innovation award! To date, we have received \$6000 in prize money for our achievements in this Education Queensland competition. If successful at the next level, the prize money is another \$20 000!!

On Thursday, Channel 10 will be here, and filming various aspects of our sustainable practices. This will form part of the Showcase Dinner in Brisbane in September, and all State finalists will have their schools showcased in this way.

It is a great honour and I thank everyone who has contributed in any way.

**MRS GIBSON PRESENTS TO AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE!!**

Last week, Mrs Gibson presented a workshop at the International Middle Years conference in Adelaide. This was a great opportunity to promote what we are doing in our school. Mrs Gibson was amongst other school leaders, some of whom are known internationally! Well done Sue!!!

**YEAR 7 TO 10 CAMP**

The teachers have put in many hours of organisation to the first ever Year 7 to 10 camp, being held on Moreton Island. We look forward to hearing from the students and staff on their return.

**YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENTS and TRAINEESHIPS**

Each week we have an increasing number of Year 10's entering into workplace arrangements on a Friday. The maturity of our young people is to be commended, and I hope that eventually, all Year 10's are able to enter into similar arrangements. I am only hearing positive feedback from employers from Murgon, Wondai and Kingaroy.

**LEARNING TO LEARN!**

I was excited to see excellent independent work being undertaken by our **Year 2's** this morning. They were busily doing their "silent writing" whereby they write for a period of time, about a topic of their choice! It was great to hear many of them comparing just how much they had written. When I think back to early term 1 this year, I am amazed at the distance they have travelled and the excellent improvement shown. Their editing skills are exceptional!

**DATE CLAIMER**  
  
**SPRING SPECTACULAR!**  
**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER**

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

**COMING EVENTS**

**August**  
 13-15 Secondary camp – Moreton Island  
 14 Channel 10 visit to school  
 19 Year 10 – 11 Transition Day at KSHS  
 22 SB track and field KSHS – secondary  
 27 Computer test

**September**  
 02 4-way meet

**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.

**School Opinion Surveys  
 due back to school  
 tomorrow.**

**Words and pictures**

Arts Queensland has an exciting new competition for Queensland senior students who love art, design and words.

As part of the *Write About Art* competition, the call is out for students to submit essays, interviews or feature stories about a visual art or design exhibition, event, or idea from their local community.

Up to 30 students will be selected to have their work published in a special issue of *Eyeline Magazine* – a leading visual art journal. Students will also work with established visual art and design industry mentors.

Online registration closes 29 August and all students who register for *Write About Art* will get the chance to win a place in the Brisbane Writers Festival Word Play program.

Entries close 17 October 2008.

For more information contact Arts Queensland at [writeaboutart@arts.qld.gov.au](mailto:writeaboutart@arts.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.arts.qld.gov.au/arts/theatre.html](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/arts/theatre.html)

**10 plus 10 equals ... less colds**



Common cold viruses can get on our *hands* when we touch infected hands, surfaces and objects. When we put our unwashed hands in our mouth or rub our eyes and nose with them *we can infect ourselves* with a cold virus.

**Correct hand washing is one of the *most* effective ways to help prevent the spread of colds.**

- Wash hands thoroughly, especially **before eating** food and **after blowing** the nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Here's how:
  1. **Lather** with liquid soap **for 10 seconds**
  2. **Rinse** with running water **for 10 seconds**
  3. **Dry** hands.

**Antibiotics don't work on viruses** so they won't stop a cold from spreading.

For more information go to  
[www.nps.org.au/commoncolds](http://www.nps.org.au/commoncolds).

## ENROLMENTS BEING TAKEN NOW FOR PREP 2009

### Premier Reading Challenge – Prep to Year 7.

The closing date is fast approaching (5 September 2008). Have you completed your reading form? If you have read or experienced 20 books, the form can be returned to your class teacher or Mrs Neil (Prep room). So far I have received 35 forms. Happy reading.

## Primary Zone Athletics



Last Tuesday and Wednesday students from Wondai attended the south Burnett Zone Athletics days at Nanango. On Tuesday the field events were held. All students participated to the max, with Caitlin Handford coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Long Jump and Isabella Neil 3<sup>rd</sup> in the High Jump. The heats of the 800m were also held with Madison Weber, Isabella Neil, Caitlin Handford, Brendan Swift, Autumn Law and Ryan Brown all progressing to the finals on Wednesday.

Wednesday saw the 200m heats early with Caitlin Handford, Madison Weber and Isabella Neil progressing to the finals. The sprints saw our younger students having a go. Sam Fulloon, Amy Fulloon, Ky'eisha Murray, Dion Handford, Caitlin Handford, Madison Weber, Isabella Neil, Reuben Vandenberg-Dodt all made finals with Sam Fulloon 3<sup>rd</sup>, Amy Fulloon 3<sup>rd</sup> and Madison Weber 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The finals of the 200m saw Caitlin Handford 1<sup>st</sup>, Madison Weber 2<sup>nd</sup> and Isabella Neil a close 5<sup>th</sup>.

A busy day was concluded with the finals of the 800m where Madison Weber 4<sup>th</sup>, Caitlin Handford 5<sup>th</sup> and Isabella Neil 6<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all students who attended the Zone Trials. It was great to attend with so many eager and enthusiastic students. Isabella Neil will go on for the High Jump, Caitlin Handford – Long Jump and 200m and Madison Weber will compete in the

100m and 200m. Good luck girls in Maryborough on 21 August.



Cameron Rutledge, Oliver Miller and Dion Handford



Isabella Neil, Caitlin Handford and Madison Weber

### Eat Well, Be Active, win a grant!

The *Eat Well Be Active Community Partnerships Program 2008* is now open and grants are available to schools and not-for-profit community organisations including P&Cs.

The program supports innovative and sustainable projects aimed at increasing participation in physical activity and improving eating patterns.

The program prioritises projects that are inclusive and meet the diverse needs of the community, for example, projects that clearly cater for Queensland people:

- with low incomes, disabilities and transport and access issues
- who are culturally and linguistically diverse
- who live in rural or remote locations or
- who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Grants are available up to a maximum of \$50 000 on a 50 per cent or 25 per cent contribution basis dependent on where the project is located and/or the target audience. Applications close 30 October 2008.

To be eligible for funding, applicants are required to form partnerships within the community. Projects

involving state schools are required to comply with all Education Queensland policies and guidelines.

It is recommended that applicants read the guidelines on the website [www.sportrec.qld.gov.au](http://www.sportrec.qld.gov.au) before submitting an application.

Further information and advice can be obtained by contacting 1300 663 647 or via email to [cpgp@qld.gov.au](mailto:cpgp@qld.gov.au).

### SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs Gibson

## Newsflash from Science!

It's August and that means it's almost National Science week! Look out for all the exciting news about how our school will be celebrating this year in next week's Rush. Our events will be a little later than usual due to our Showcase preparations. The time capsule is due to come up this year and after the "unearthing" the contents will be displayed at the school and in the Col Morris Public Library. We will also be running our usual after school science sessions in the Col Morris Public Library – details next week!

### Moreton Island School Camp

Just a quick reminder to students that the bus will be leaving school at 4.30 am sharp. Students need to be at school no later than 4.15 am. Fishing rods, boogie boards, and snorkelling gear should have already been dropped in to school today but students will be able to bring these things in the morning if they have forgotten them. Please check all luggage carefully to make sure that nothing gets left behind.

### ASSESSMENT CALENDAR



Coming Soon!



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.



### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

#### Blue Light Disco

**Place:** Murgon services Club

**Time:** 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm

**Date:** 15 August 2008

**Cost:** \$5.00 ( includes hot dog and bus trip )

No pass outs allowed

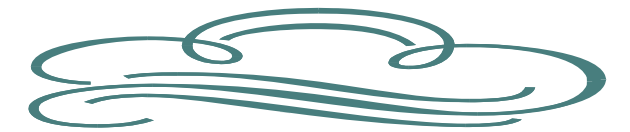
Pick up time and place for Wondai: Wondai State School – 6.15 pm

Drop off time and place for Wondai:

Wondai State School 9.30 pm

Primary school children only

Bus trip will be supervised by a police officer .



### For Sale

1 female baby budgie - \$8 Phone 4168 5019

## News from Prep

On the Crazy Scientist Day, the Prep students had the opportunity to complete some experiments. Here are some of our future scientists at work.



I used felt pens and had to put dots on the piece of paper. And then I had to get the pipette and squeezed the water onto the piece of paper. And then you have to let it

dry. The water made the dots go different colours because they mixed. Hannah A



We were seeing what the magnet would stick to. The magnet stuck to the big whiteboard, the clip, and the date stamp. The magnet stuck to metal things. Madison and Sebastian