

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Ruth Miller

Fairly Funky Fun Festival 25 October

Less than 3 weeks to go!

Please come along and be a part of this fun afternoon and evening! All the students are learning some bush dancing at school as there'll be bush dancing for everyone, mums and dads included! The Choir will be singing as well as our Instrumental group performing. Many of the stalls run by the classes involve a bit of "fun" as well as items for sale. Please spread the word widely and have as many friends and family come along on Saturday 25 October, from 3 pm to 8 pm. Our theme is "love our earth" as we continue to celebrate our whole school's efforts in reducing our ecological footprint!

If the Year 7/8 class can track down an old wrecked car, they will be hosting a "resize a retro" competition. The actual finished product will be recycled, and we are hoping that it will be quite flat, and easy to remove. IF ANYONE HAS AN OLD WRECK or KNOWS WHERE WE CAN GET ONE, please contact Mr McKinnon or Mrs Weber at school urgently. Unfortunately, Wooroolin Wreckers has only just had their stocks squashed and sent away. (Please note this activity will be strictly supervised, with only one person working at a time. All glass will be removed from the wreck.) The age limit will be 12 and higher.

Also, the Year 7/8 class are incorporating a "recycled clothes, books and any other household items" in with their plant stall. All donations of any such items, even old toys, would be appreciated, and can be dropped off at the demountables, where the Year 7/8

classroom is located. You may even have unwanted gifts that may have never been opened!! Why not take the time to have a late spring clean and donate towards this worthwhile stall.

If you haven't seen a letter from your child's teacher, please phone the school as Mrs Weber has a copy of all the letters and can forward you another one. All classes are relying on excellent parent support to make their stall and activity a success.

National Mental Health Week activities

Our school based health nurse (Mrs Walters) has organized some great activities for this week! Teachers were given the information in the last week of term, which included:

- Prep to Year 3 – colouring-in competition
- Year 4-10 – poster competition
- All classes – have been encouraged to nominate others to receive a "You Are Great" Award on Friday's parade.

Prizes are excellent and include memory sticks (USB's), texta packs, portable CD player and MP3 players! The parade on Friday is a combined RAPP and "you are great" parade, celebrating our values and the importance of positive attitudes and well being for everyone. During the day on Friday, Mrs Walters has a number of fun activities planned for classes. Our secondary students have been involved in painting a large canvas for the celebrations.

NAPLAN testing

In the last week of school and over the holidays, our data from the May testing schedule became available. We are very pleased with our Year 5, 7 and 9 results particularly. In years 7 and 9 we had some areas that were very close to the Australian average (which includes public and private schools). Year 7 reading results were particularly impressive. Our areas of concern, and where we will need to re-focus our intervention strategy are in Year 5 writing and in Year 3 literacy and numeracy. On closer examination of our Year 3 results, we will be continuing to focus on intervention and support, but looking more closely at the challenges of an increasing number of new students who often (but not always) have significant developmental delays in

the learning. Our data is telling us however, that we are correctly identifying the students very early (with significant numbers being identified in Year 2) and that by year 5, and more so by Year 7 and 9, we are bringing their results up. I can only reinforce that every bit of planning and re-planning, teaching and re-teaching, support and intervention in many diverse ways, right from Prep, leads to improvements for every child in some way. What the national tests don't show us, is the distance travelled for individual students within that same year. Please encourage your child at home, and ask to meet with the teacher concerned, as the teacher will be able to show you more detailed data on improvements in reading and spelling, and in many numeracy related fields.

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Ganzer is taking Year 5 currently. Miss Mullins is on prac with year 5 for the next 6 weeks. Miss Mullins attends Sunshine Coast Uni and is from Ottawa in Canada. Mr Oliver is relieving for Mr Gibson. Next week, Miss Heness (who did her final prac in year 3 earlier in the year) will be undertaking an internship with Year 1. This means that she will be teaching the year 1 class for the entire 4 week block. Mrs Holewa will be providing Miss Heness with the relevant planning.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

The results are now in, and the Queensland Studies Authority is in the process of distributing results to schools across Queensland. These reports are now being distributed via schools to parents and carers.

Every student who participated in these tests will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on how to interpret these results. Parents and carers

are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots', the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about the national testing, please contact the principal.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE NEWS: Janette Walters

DON'T FORGET
Mental Health Week Competitions

GREAT PRIZES
Colouring/Decorating Competition- Years prep-3:
Winner- Portable CD player
Each year level winner- colouring textas and book

Poster Competition- years 4-6
Winner- MP3 player
Each year level winner- USB memory stick

Poster Competition- years 7-10
Winner- MP3 player
Each year level winner- USB memory stick

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

Don't forget to get your nominations in for the 'You are great' Awards.

Entries close start of school Wednesday

On Friday 10 October at 2.30 pm we are having a parade to award winners, 'You Are Great' Awards and rap up all the great mental health week activities that the students have been involved in. We invite all parents, carers and members of the community to the parade to help us celebrate Mental Health Week.

Newsflash from Science!

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Final preparations are underway for the trip to Townsville for our International Youth Coastal Conference (IYCC) students. The team of Amanda Daly, Ashley Bartlett-Kennedy, Elliot Hart and Jeremy Brown will be presenting two workshops, as well as participating in a huge range of marine environmental activities. They will be leaving on October 18 and returning on October 22. We are very grateful to the Port of Brisbane Corporation for their generous sponsorship of our participation in this event.

It's that time! Time for what you say? Time for raising the time capsule buried to celebrate the theme "Exploring Time" during National Science Week in 1998. The capsule contents will be displayed at the Fairly Funky Fun Fest and afterwards at the Col Morris Public Library. At this stage I anticipate raising the capsule on Friday October 17 at a time to be confirmed. Details will be in next weeks Rush.

Finally a reminder about the after school science activities at the Col Morris Public Library this Wednesday and Thursday. Details are available from the school office or from Mrs Kratzmann at the town library. Students must register with Mrs Kratzmann and have a signed permission form. More news next week!

Head Lice Alert

check weekly
treat quickly
tell the school



It is that time of year again and already we have had several cases of head lice reported across the whole school, including secondary. The parents/carers of all students are being notified via this newsletter.

It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Teachers will reduce head-to-head contact activities while head lice are known to be around.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on the child **effectively**, please contact the school on 4169 2333.

Wear Red for Daniel

Our teachers, school staff and students will be wearing red on Friday 31 October to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's Day for Daniel.

The annual event commemorates the disappearance of 13-year-old Daniel Morcombe who went missing from a Sunshine Coast bus stop in December 2003.

As parents and carers it is difficult to imagine what Denise and Bruce Morcombe have endured, but it is largely due to the overwhelming and on-going community support that they established the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in 2005.

The Foundation now works tirelessly to teach children about personal safety, raise community awareness about child safety and advocate that crimes against children will not be tolerated.

On Day for Daniel, you too can show your support by wearing something red, writing in red pen or by letting your family, friends and local community know about the day. Let's show how strongly we feel about the safety of our kids.

To register for Day for Daniel or for further information, visit the Foundation's website www.danielmorcombe.com.au or email your questions to danielfd@bigpond.net.au.

COMING EVENTS	
October	
10	Mental Health week activities and parade RAPP Parade
20 & 21	PUPIL FREE DAYS
22	Primary Arts Council 12.30 – 2.00
November	
04	Year 8/9/10 Immunisations
05	Secondary info evening

PRIMARY ARTS COUNCIL Wednesday 22 October 2008

Groovin'-as-we-saurus

Come dance with Justine and Simon and explore music and culture as they move from cave to rave. The constantly changing world affects our attitude to music, fashion and the way we dance. *Groovin'-as-we-saurus* is a fun, educational production that makes history more accessible to students. From primal beats to groovin' feet, it is fifty minutes of great music, historical facts, wacky characters,

ridiculous costume changes and groovy dance moves.

Groovin'-as-we-saurus takes students on a whirlwind journey from prehistoric boppers to modern day hip-hoppers.

Cost - \$6 per child or \$15 per family
Please return envelop and payment to the office by Friday 17 October.

4-7 Football at Taabinga

On the Wednesday before the holidays boys and girls in years 4-7 from Wondai participated in a fun 10 a-side rugby league day at Taabinga State school. The 4's and 5's combined in the Joey League and the 6's and 7's combined in the Legends League. The teams played against other schools from across the South Burnett.

Both teams played extremely well considering they did not have a lot of practise leading up to the day. Well done to the four year 4 girls who combined with Yarraman for the day. The girls were very excited about playing and had a lot fun. Well done girls.

Thank you to Mr Geiger and Mr McKinnon for your coaching expertise and helping to get the students on the field. A big Thank You needs to go to Thomas Rutledge who gave up his position on the field to help Miss Guthrie coach the 4's and 5's. Without his football brain and big voice Miss Guthrie would have been very lost and confused. LOOK OUT WAYNE BENNETT. All students behaved very well and showed some great sportsmanship. Well Done.



Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students aged between 14 and 18 years old scheduled to arrive in Australia in early February 2009 from Austria, Germany, Italy, Finland, Brazil, Colombia, Japan Canada, and the USA. All students are required to go through a stringent selection process. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance. However hosting can benefit you by helping to make your family aware of different cultures, values, study habits, languages, sports and food. Have fun showing off Australian differences to international youth, make new overseas friends, and take a look at Australia through the eyes of another culture. There are no costs for the host family, as we organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, medical and insurance cover and local support systems. Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceaustr@scce.com.au

Wondai / Proston Junior Rugby League AGM

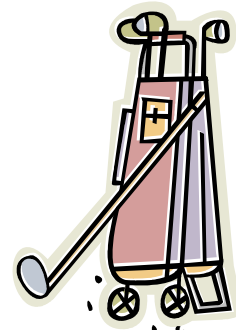
Thursday 16 October 2008
7.00 pm
Football Club House
Contact Arnie 4168 5523

Winners of Raffle World Cup Final

1st Zac Steinhardt
2nd Radke Family
3rd Nikky Allen

**WANTED TO BUY - SECOND HAND
MEN'S GOLF CLUB SET**

If anyone has a set of men's golf clubs that they no longer want, please contact Steve Daly on 4164 2311 or see him on Allen's bus in the mornings or afternoons.



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**Footy Grounds, Saturday
25 October
3 pm to 8 pm**

MULTI DRAW RAFFLE

We have some fantastic prizes coming in this year, including a generator worth over \$500, family passes to Australia Zoo and Underwater World, a colour TV, fuel vouchers just to name a few! Raffle tickets will be sent home to each family by the end of this week. Please ask your children for this on Friday.

WRIST BANDS for RIDES

\$20 per wrist band gives each child **unlimited access to 5 different rides for 4 hours!** These are on sale from the office now. If they are purchased on the night, the cost is \$22. See the attached flyer highlighting the individual rides. Alternatively, the rides are \$4 each.

DONATIONS for EACH CLASS STALL

Please support the Festival by donating items and money, as requested in the letters coming home with your children. Depending on the activity, parent help may be needed on the night.

CANTEEN HELPERS

We will need volunteer parents in the canteen. Please phone me on 4169 0505 and let me know if you can help.

TIMES

- 3.00 pm - Festival starts (includes all stalls and activities)
- 3.30 pm - Rides open
- 4.30 pm - Instrumental music, students performing solos and duets
- 5.00 pm - Choirs performing
- 5.30 pm - Bush dancing - everyone is welcome to join in
- 6.00 pm - Grant and Vashti Duo
- 7.30 pm - Multi draw raffle winners announced
- 8.00 pm - Fireworks and evening close

News From the Classrooms

Our **Fairly Funky Fun Festival** is coming up very soon!

We desperately need donations to ensure the event is a success! So please see the list of possible contributions and hand in all you can to the class teacher! Remember... Every little bit helps!

Stacey Cowell
Teacher Rep.

Class stalls	Donation ideas
Prep – Bottle stall	- bottles with a small prize inside (toys, lollies, household goodies etc)
Year 1 Candle making	- money donations to help purchase candle making equipment (\$3-\$5)
Year 2 Environmentally friendly show bags	- rulers, pencils, stickers, hair stuff, toys, rubbers etc.
Year 3 Household goodies	- food items which are in sealed packages
Year 4 Bash a rat sideshow	- chocolate prizes, (freddo frogs etc) or small toys
Year 5 Face painting	- money donations to help purchase equipment (\$3-\$5)
Year 6 Badge making	- money donations to help purchase equipment (\$3-\$5)
Year 7 Tie Dyeing	- old pillowcases, sheets, baby singlets, T-shirts (anything which is able

	to be dyed)
Year 7/8 Plants	- plants, seedlings, seeds
Year 8 Wearable art	- poly feed bags, bailing twine, large buttons (5c size)
Year 9/10 Coffee shop	- coffee sachets, homemade cakes, cheesecakes, biscuits etc.

