

PUPIL FREE DAYS Monday 20 & Tuesday 21 October

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Ruth Miller

Fairly Funky Fun Festival 25 October

Less than 2 weeks to go! See you there!

GREAT PARTICIPATION!

Great participation in **Mental Health Week** activities! A sincere thanks to our School Based Health Nurse, Mrs Jeanette Walters for organising a great program! See inside this newsletter for prize recipients. The "You are great" awards are too numerous to mention! We appreciated the attendance of our special guests, who included Councillor Cheryl Dalton.

YEAR 4-6 CAMP: 10 – 12 NOVEMBER

Students will receive their letters today. Please note that students must be on Rung 3 in order to attend. If they are on a lower rung now, they will need to be applying to go up within the relevant timeframes. Also, school fees must be paid (or payment plans in place). The camp must be paid for in total prior to the camp. The date has been set as 31 October for final payment. Upon a personal request, I am able to negotiate this date by a few days.

TOWNSVILLE – IYCC – BEST WISHES!

I sincerely wish Jeremy Brown, Ashley Bartlett Kennedy, Elliot Hart and Amanda Daly all the best for their attendance at the Youth Sustainability Conference. Mrs Gibson has excelled herself in preparing our students and for sourcing the excellent funding from the Brisbane Port Authority to cover most expenses!

PUPIL FREE DAYS – 20 & 21 OCTOBER

All of our teachers, as well as teachers from Kingaroy SHS and Murgon SHS will be undertaking professional development in designing quality assessment items over the 2 days. Staff will be upskilled in identifying the literacies that need the most attention, and developing refined teaching strategies to address the deficits as well as quality assessment items to focus teaching units.

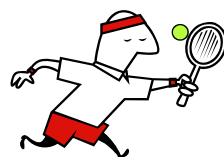
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Active After School Activities begins again this term with a change of days. We now are having Tennis on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm, starting today 14 October. On Wednesday afternoons we will be running Multi Skills starting with Hockey under the High School building, also between 3.15 pm and 4.15 pm.

Due to the two pupil free days next Monday and Tuesday, our multi skills program will run on Wednesday but Tuesdays' tennis will continue the following week.

Any students who haven't filled in a permission form and wish to participate can get a form from the office. Students who have already participated this year do not need to fill in a new form.

Come and join all the fun activities this term.



MUSIC MATTERS: Robyn Crowley

Junior Choir

Well done to our Junior Choir members who gave their first ever "public performance" on our RAPP parade last Friday.

Junior Choir has two upcoming performances:

Saturday 25 October 2008 at **Fairly Funky Fun Festival** time to be advised
Thursday 06 November 2008 at **Forest View Nursing Home** at 11.00 am.



Would parents please make sure permission notes for the Forest View visit are returned to the school office.

Senior Choir

Our Senior Choir will be entertaining Blue Care respite clients, Canowindra residents and other community members at a concert at the Murgon Respite Centre on Monday 27 October.

Senior Choir performances to note:

Saturday 25 October 2008 at **Fairly Funky Fun Festival** time to be advised

Monday 27 October 2008 at **Murgon Blue Care Respite Centre** at 11.00am.

As this term goes on, both our Junior and Senior Choirs will sing at Presentation Night on Wednesday 19 November and at the Wondai Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 3 December. So we have a busy term ahead, with plenty of singing!

As always, if parents would like to come and hear our choirs sing at any of their performances, you are most welcome.

SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs Gibson

Newsflash from Science!

Time Capsule

It's time for the unearthing of our time capsule and this will take place at 2.30 pm this Friday 17/10/08 outside the science classroom. Everyone is invited to come and watch and see what went down in 1998.

This stage will only involve the raising of the capsule and unwrapping of the outer layers, to reveal the (hopefully) dry contents. It will be quite a job to retrieve the contents and get them ready for display at the Fairly Funky Fun Fest which will be the first chance for public viewing of the contents! Please spread the word amongst family and friends as there have been many inquiries about this exciting event.

After School Science at the Col Morris Library

Our after school sessions at the town library last week were lots of fun and as usual we made lots of MESS and noise! A huge thank you to my co-organiser Janelle Kratzmann for another successful

celebration of National Science Week by the Wondai community. I was very ably assisted this year by a number of students - Caitlin Routledge, Emily Pratt, Maree Theuerkauf, Emilia Heaney and Tamara Rowsell, Elliot Hart, Jeremy Brown, Amanda Daly and Ashley Bartlett-Kennedy. What a team! More news in a fortnight as next week the IYCC team and I will be in Townsville presenting workshops. We are fortunate to have such talented and enthusiastic students at Wondai who participate to the max in a huge variety of ways.

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.

Mental Health Week

Thank you to all the staff, students and members of the community who contributed to the success of the Mental Health Week Activities. I hope you all had fun! The entries for the competitions were fantastic. You all made it a very hard job to decide on the winners.

The winners of the colouring and poster competitions were:

Prep – Yr 3 Winner	Kobie Watts
Year 4-5 Winner	Tahlya Tyson
Year 6-8 Winner	Jane Curtis
Prep	Christie Lorne
Year 1	Wyatt Parry
Year 2	Jaydon Brown
Year 3	Aaron Schultz
Year 4	Scott Arnott
Year 5	Caitlyn Wecker
Year 6	Olivia Nicholson
Year 7 & 7/8	Jeremy Brown

The 'You Are Great' awards were too many in number to list here. It was encouraging to see the recognition and appreciation for hard work that people were nominated for.

Keep up the great work for the rest of the year and remember to stay 'Mind Wise'!

Jeanette Walters
School Youth Health Nurse

Every day counts at our school

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the new State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

The new program – *Every Day Counts* – has four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
- schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
- attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
- children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child's attendance, see our school principal and download the guide for parents at:
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

COMING EVENTS

October	
20 & 21	PUPIL FREE DAYS
22	Primary Arts Council 12.30 – 2.00
November	
04	Year 8/9/10 Immunisations
05	Secondary info evening
06	Jnr Choir to Forest View
10	Yr 4-6 Camp – Kenilworth
13	Public Speaking comp KSS
19	Presentation Night
25	Yr 10 Camp
27	Yr 10 Formal
28	Yr 10 Final Day

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SOUTH BURNETT MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY
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Fairly Funky Fun Festival

**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! Everyone should have their raffle tickets now.

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 Linda on 4169 0505 and let me know if you can help.

DONATIONS

The P & C would like donations of ice cream containers and lids please.

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.