

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Ruth Miller



Sue Gibson and Linda Routledge

Thank you to our supporters!!

Your attendance, support and donations towards our Festival was appreciated. We are currently determining the financial success and will report this in next week's newsletter.

Considerable thought will go into future planning, as the work of such a small organizing group of parents, Miss Cowell (staff co-ordinator), and other staff, can't be sustained. Future festivals will be in doubt if assistance with the hundreds of jobs for organizing such an event is not improved.



Tuckshop – every Friday, commencing 7 November

Amanda Daly (Year 10) will be organizing Meal Deals for the 3 weeks. The money raised from

this will assist a small group of students attend a vocational education experience to Brisbane later in November. (I will be selecting only students to attend who actively contribute to our school, and who consistently show pride, work ethic and responsibility.)

Secondary information evening – 5 November 6 pm – 7 pm

On November 5, we will be hosting an Information Evening for students in Years 7 to 10 in 2009. Subjects on offer will be discussed. Administration members from Kingaroy and Murgon high schools will be in attendance and will explain how the QCE (the new senior certificate) works. It is important that parents and students attend this important event. Year 10 is part of the senior phase of learning now, and the related implications for students needs to be understood.

Bio-security awareness day – Tuesday 4 November

One of the DPI's highly acclaimed bio-security staff will be doing demonstrations for all classes next week. Parents are welcome to attend. The sessions will run approximately from 9.30 am through until 1.00 pm.

SELF (Social and emotional learning framework)

Miss Heiniger and I will be presenting our SELF at a gathering in Brisbane on Friday. A number of aspects of this framework formed a key part of our winning Showcase submission. Schools in the district have been visiting and taking on board some of our components.

PREP OPEN DAYS

We will be hosting a Prep Open Morning on November 14, from 9.00 am – 11.00 am. Please let any parents of Prep children know as it is critical that we get their enrolments in as early as possible, so that staffing can be arranged. We are thrilled to have 26 prep students now.

The confidence of these young children is just amazing! Equally as exciting is their ability to inquire, to question and to propose solutions!! Only yesterday I enjoyed being a part of their hands-on learning around money!! I had some very eager young children make me an appointment in their Beauty Salon, provide me with artificial nails, and charge me less than Mrs Neil! The reason for the reduced price wasn't because I am the Principal BUT because I only had 4 nails put on, which was less than Mrs Neil!! They even made me the money to pay for the service!! Last week they estimated how tall I was, and were correct to within 20 centimetres! These little people will be flying through their primary years! This is exactly what Prep is meant to be about – learning through doing and reflecting on the "why" and "how", within a fun and exciting environment!

PARADES and NEW RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN

Every Friday (primary) afternoon, RAPP awards will be given out. This will be the same for secondary, but at their Monday morning parade. Monthly RAPP parades will still occur, but with a bigger focus on all students being eligible for RAPP raffle prizes. The Review committee has put a lot of effort into the revision of current practices. The final RAPP parade in its current form will be Friday 7 November. The new format will start in December.

A copy of the new Responsible Behaviour Plan will go up on the website. A summary will be provided in next week's newsletter. We have articulated the POSITIVE and NEGATIVE components, and again, we will be heavily focusing on using proactive strategies to encourage all students to consistently make positive and helpful choices, rather than the opposite!

P & NEWS: Linda Routledge

Thanks to everyone who supported our Fairly Funky Fun Festival. It was a great success. Money raised will be in next weeks Rush, after all bills, dockets, etc, have been finalised.

A huge thank you to the very small band of volunteers who made the whole thing happen. These events take a lot of work for several months before they happen – so thanks (you know who you are).

Raffle Winners Fairly Funky Fun Festival 2008

Generator	S Adams
Underwater World Pass & Fuel Card	R Mason
\$50 Meal Voucher	J Steffens
\$50 Gift Voucher	L Purcell
\$100 Service Voucher	Brett Hall
Underwater World Pass	Wendy Whalan
Rice Cooker	Rachel Wallace
\$50 Service Voucher	Courtney Tyson
4gb Memory Stick	Keith Anderson
\$35 Travel Voucher	Tahlia Tyson
\$30 Meal Voucher	Michael Heit
\$25 Voucher	Scott Curtis
\$25 Voucher	Bruce Routledge
\$20 Voucher	Mitchell Anderson
Ceiling Fan	D Allen
\$35 Travel Voucher	Teresa Gilbert
Aussie World Pass	Joyce Sefton
\$50 Fuel Card	Steven Anderson
Crockery	Janice Currie
\$25 Voucher	Brenda Brown
Australia Zoo Pass	Jeanette
Stubbie Cooler	Brett Spies

ARL Football
 \$35 Travel Voucher
 Precision Groomer
 Décor Plate
 \$20 Voucher
 Cordless Phone
 \$30 Meal Voucher
 Care Pack & Hat
 Meal Voucher
 Bottle Wine
 \$25 Voucher
 Mixed Nut Bag
 Jewellery Set
 Teddy Bear
 \$26 Meal Voucher
 Stubbie Cooler
 Mug & Drink Bottle
 \$25 Voucher
 Over Night Bag
 Lavender Liqueur
 Rain Guage
 \$30 Meal Voucher
 Transistor Radio
 Nut & Oil Bowl
 \$20 Voucher
 Stubbie Cooler
 2 Hats & Lanyard
 \$50 Fuel Voucher
 Bowl Set
 2 Bags Fertiliser
 Cooler Bag

Scaot
 Cortney Tyson
 Max Nicholson
 Val Litfin
 Noel Clark
 Jack Robinson
 Hayley Grattidge
 Hayley Grattidge
 Connie Weber
 N Rossow
 Rae Brown
 J Fulloon
 J Curtis
 Laurel
 Catherine Ogden
 Bernie Sempf
 Matt Edgely
 L Wilkinson
 Michelle Davis
 Bruce Routledge
 D Steinhardt
 Catrina
 A Stumer
 K Cooper
 Rutledge Family
 J Steffensen
 Brenda Brown
 L Robinson
 Hannah Robertson
 Mark Stapleton
 Cortney Tyson

Conference also had many new experiences for these four budding environmentalists, including a wonderful gala dinner capping off a great day of other schools performances; learning about what schools from all around the world are doing to keep our planet healthy and liveable for years to come.

Here's what each of the students had to say:

Ashley Bartlett-Kennedy: I thought that the conference was the best thing I've been to, I have learnt a lot from kids teaching kids. Through this I learnt about issues surrounding the wetlands, mangroves and the reefs, I also learnt that if one thing is missing out of our ecosystem, the rest is sure to fail that's why we have to protect it. I enjoyed myself heaps.

Amanda Daly: I thought that the conference was a great experience in everyway, getting to know what other schools are doing to help keep our world healthy and sustainable. Getting to see other students doing presentations just like us made our team feel like were really doing our part to stop our decline in sustainability. I enjoyed many different things including the aquarium welcoming dinner, the workshop performances by kids, the gala dinner capping everything off. The conference was a learning experience beyond what we can learn from lectures or textbook readings, with the model for the conference being "Kids Teaching Kid's", we really learnt a lot from each other. I recommend to anyone that gets a chance to attend something like this to grab the opportunity as soon as you see it; the conference is such a great experience. "One Life, One World, Our Future" is my new motto.

Elliot Hart: The conference brought out the best (performing in front of other schools from all over the place) and worst in us (getting on with each other 24 hours a day in a small motel room).

Jeremy Brown: I thought the conference was a big learning curve for me and some of my team. Some of the things were awesome, such as the workshops we attended made by other students just like us. I'm unhappy it's over, but happy I had the chance to attend such a wonderful experience. I made a lot of new friends that care about the environment, just like me.

International essay competition

Students aged eight to 18 are invited to put their writing skills to the challenge and enter the 125th annual Royal Commonwealth Society's Essay Competition.

Every year, the competition inspires thousands of young writers from all over the world — the last competition attracted more than 6700 entries from 1300 schools across the Commonwealth.

Cash prizes are awarded to each age class as well as special prizes for entrants with a disability.

There are four age bands:
 Class A - 16-18 years
 Class B - 14-15 years
 Class C - 12-13 years
 Class D - under 12 years.

Students have a choice of five different essay questions, ranging from sport to evolution. The cash prizes on offer are £100 to £500 (approximately \$AUD250 to \$AUD1250).

For more information and conditions of entry, visit www.rcsint.org/essay

Entries close March 2009.

Year 4, 5, 6 Camp

Just a gentle reminder to parents that camp notes have to be returned with payment to school by Friday. If your child has not returned their form to the office please do so quickly as numbers are being finalised very soon.

COMING EVENTS

October	
31	Sth Brnt Schools Industry Traineeship Program Prim (2.40 pm)
November	
03	Sec Parade 9.00 am
04	Year 8/9/10 Immunisations Bio Security Day
05	Secondary info evening
06	Jnr Choir to Forest View
10	Yr 4-6 Camp – Kenilworth
13	Public Speaking comp KSS

19	Presentation night rehearsal
25	Yr 10 Camp
27	Yr 10 Formal
28	Yr 10 Final Day

Swimming

Swimming lessons have commenced and your child's classes are as follows:

Prep	Thursday	1.50 pm – 2.50 pm
Year 1	Thursday	9.00 am – 10.00 am
Year 2	Monday	10.30 am – 11.30 am
Year 3	Tuesday	1.50 pm – 2.50 pm
Year 4	Tuesday	1.50 pm – 2.50 pm
Year 5	Thursday	9.00 am – 10.00 am
Year 6	Thursday	12.20 pm – 1.20 pm
Year 7	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am
Year 7/8	Thursday	10.30 am – 11.30 am
Year 8	Tuesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Wondai Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the RSL Wondai at 10.00 am on Tuesday 4 November with proceeds to the proposed Renal Unit in Kingaroy.

There will be entertainers, best hat, raffle, through the years fashion parade and sweeps.

Bookings essential at \$18/head
 Phone Olive 4168 5275
 Dot 4168 5290

South Burnett Junior Rugby League

The South Burnett Rugby League would like to invite players to attend the South Burnett Division Development Squads program. This is an opportunity for players to further develop their skills and display their commitment to the 2009 Representative program with south Burnett Representative Coaches and Selectors being present to ascertain and report on each players progress and performance during the Skills Sessions.

2008 'Off-Season' Development dates are as follows and have been deliberately set for Wednesday night sessions to allow for players participating in summer sports to benefit from the fitness and skills programs.

5 November 6 – 9 pm

Prep Open Morning

November 14

9.00 am – 11.00 am

More information out soon.

SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs Gibson

Newsflash from Science!

International Youth Coastal Conference 2008 On Saturday 18th of October, four dedicated students took to the skies heading for far north Queensland. Ashley Bartlett-Kennedy (Grade 9), Jeremy Brown (Grade 7), Elliot Hart (Grade 7) and Amanda Daly (Grade 10), attended the International Youth Coastal Conference 2008 in Townsville, after many practises and performances leading up to their five days of fun and learning.

The students learnt many things from how to keep our ecosystem sustainable to how the mangroves are important to everyone. The

Core Strength, Skills and Skilled Based
Games, Nutrition Info Presentation – Murgon
JRL Grounds

19 November 6 – 8.30 pm

Core Strength, Skills and Skilled Based
Games – Nanango JRL Grounds

3 December 6 – 9 pm

Core Strength, Skills and Skilled Based
Games, Drugs and Alcohol Presentation –
Murgon JRL Grounds

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orange/mango

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Wednesday.

