

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Ruth Miller

## Presentation Night

Wednesday 19 November  
Students required to be at the hall by 5.45 pm for a 6.00 pm start.  
Full school uniform required.

## Free Dress Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be a Free Dress day to help ensure students have clean uniforms for our Presentation Night.

### Green and Healthy Schools State competition

I was thrilled to receive the State Green & Healthy award for Environmental Protection at

Parliament House last Wednesday. Miss Williams also attended, and was responsible for documenting all of the good work our school is doing in this area. The Honourable Rod Welford spoke highly of the achievements of schools such as ours, and congratulated us enthusiastically.

### Presentation Night

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Presentation Night. Please to be seated by 5.45 pm.

### Coming events and new arrangements for swimming carnivals

Please read through the list of coming events and see if you can attend any of these and support your child/ren.

The swimming carnival normally held at the start of each year, is now being held at the end of the year. It will mean the Junior carnival is for Prep to Yr 2 and the senior carnival is for Yr 3 to Yr 9. This way, we won't be caught out with wet weather, and all selections will be made well ahead of time for district competitions.

### School opinion surveys

The responses to these surveys was appreciated, with just over 50% returned from parents this year. I will be sharing more details in the coming weeks but on the whole, there are some very encouraging responses from students, parents and staff. The area of most attention is the behaviour of students.

## Lockdown Practice

We will be having a lockdown practice this week. It would be helpful if you could discuss with your child the importance of having such practices. Please remember to emphasise that

they should not at any time get stressed about this. We do need to ensure that we have regular practices (as with Fire drills) to ensure the safety of students and staff.

## Celebrate safely these holidays

The end of the school year is a time of celebration for all young people, not just Year 12 students.

Parties, other social activities and celebrations are an important part of the social and emotional development of young people and can be a memorable and exciting time.

The Department of Education, Training and the Arts' *Act Smart – Be Safe* website provides useful tips and advice for parents to encourage their child to celebrate safely.

The site offers guidance on dealing with violence and potentially violent situations and also has information on alcohol, particularly parents' legal responsibilities in regard to the supply of alcohol to minors. *Act Smart – Be Safe* can be found at:

[www.education.qld.gov.au/actsmartbesafe/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/actsmartbesafe/).

The *Queensland Police – Party-Safe Program* provides ideas to assist parents in holding successful, enjoyable and safe parties for everyone.

The site includes a Party Safe Checklist for party hosts and Party Safe for Parents, featuring tips to ensure that young people enjoy safe celebrations. The *Queensland Police – Party-Safe Program* can be found at: [www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/personalsafety/situationaladvice/partysafe.htm](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/personalsafety/situationaladvice/partysafe.htm).

## Road safety reminder

It's easy to become complacent about the regular routine of dropping off and picking up children from school.

Because children will always be unpredictable, being constantly alert in school zones and obeying road and parking rules can easily prevent tragedy outside our schools.

Some basic things to remember when dropping off or picking up your child include:

- Watch for children riding, walking or getting out of vehicles.
- Observe school zone signs. These require you to travel at lower speeds at certain hours. Keep an eye out for children at pedestrian crossings and always stop for them.
- Be alert when driving past a stationary bus as children often step out in front of and from behind buses to cross the road.
- Never double park.
- Never park in "no standing" zones.
- When you see a School Crossing Supervisor obey their instructions. Stop if they tell you to stop, and wait until they return to the kerb before proceeding.
- Make sure you don't park on pedestrian crossings. This is an offence.

For more information about road safety outside schools visit the Queensland Transport website at:

<http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Safety/Road/School/>

SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs Gibson

## Newsflash from Science!

A big thank you to Cookie's Tight Access for their very generous donation of time and services recently for two of our current school projects - shifting soil around the new P & C stormwater tank and transporting a load of clay to the permaculture garden. Our school is very fortunate to have the support of our local businesses and community in general, and we do appreciate Tony's assistance with these two jobs.

Yes, our time capsule did come up and yes, the contents were very soggy! However we retrieved what we could and displayed it at the Fairly Funky Fun Fest where some work was lovingly collected and taken home by past students. Due to the poor condition of the materials they will not go on display in the Col Morris Public Library as previously advertised, but if anyone is interested in whether they might have work which could still be retrieved they are welcome to give me a call at school and make enquiries. More news next week!

## Wanted

### Flowers

#### for Presentation Night.

If you are able to help with the donation of flowers to help decorate the stage on Wednesday night please leave any flowers at the office tomorrow morning.

P & C COMMITTEE: Linda Routledge

Thanks to Caitlin, Thomas Debbie, Emily and Brooke for doing Breakfast Club the last couple of weeks. There will be no Breakfast Club this

Friday 21 November unless someone else wants to volunteer as I'm not available. Thanks.  
Linda Routledge.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Murgon Christmas Fair

12 December 2008 – Lamb Street  
Start 5.00 pm  
Lots of rides, market stalls Santa and much more.



### COMING EVENTS

#### November

##### 19 Presentation Night

25-26 Year 10 Excursion - Brisbane

27 Yr 10 Graduation Dinner

##### 28 Yr 10 Final Day

#### December

02 RE concert 9.10 am – 10.10 am

03 Carols by candlelight & sausage sizzle

6.00 pm Coronation Park

Free Scripture Union Christmas concert  
2.00 pm

04 Beauty is a Beast – Yr 9 Drama play

05 Yr 10 reports posted home

09 Junior Swim carnival P-2

10 Yr 1-9 reports available

Swim Carnival – Yr 3-9

11 Rewards Trip Yr 7-9

##### 12 Last Day Term 4

#### January

27 School resumes 2009

## End of Year Raffle

- 1st - Colour TV
- 2nd - Family pass to Underwater World & Fuel voucher
- 3rd - Selection of Linen
- 4th - Family pass to Underwater World

To be Drawn on the last day  
of School for 2008 -  
Friday 12th December  
\$1 per ticket

All proceeds to benefit the students  
at Wondai State School



Tickets on sale at Presentation Evening and  
at the Swimming Carnivals!