

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Ruth Miller****POSITIVE FEEDBACK!**

I was thrilled to receive the following message as a result of our students participating in the Townsville Conference in October:

*As workshop manager for the International Coastal Environmental Conference held recently in Townsville may I pass on my thanks for the excellent workshop presented by Wondai students. They were a pleasure to work with and their behaviour impeccable. The schools presentations was superbly facilitated by Sue-ellen, she is a fine teacher and a pleasure to work with.*

*The conference is all about the empowerment of students to take responsibility for their own learning. Your school certainly represented this ethos particularly well. The presentation was warmly received by its audiences and the knowledge contained was timely indeed. I must also take the opportunity to thank you for your support; we know teachers do not attend these conferences without executive backing.*

*Once again the most important aspects of any conference are the student presentations. We hope that our connection with your school continues into the future. All at the school should be proud of their effort and the way they conducted themselves.*

Kind Regards, Richard Wood  
Workshop Manager, Firestarter, Victoria.

**Class allocations for 2009**

**Prep** – Mrs Neil  
**Year 1** – Helen Holewa  
**Year 2** - Kim Cooper  
**Year 3** – Frances Wyeth and Anne Crosthwaite  
**Year 4** - Jo Werneke  
**Year 5** - Deanna Boge  
**Year 6** – Elizabeth Williams  
**Year 7** - Rae Brown  
**Year 8** - Lee Barker

**Stacey Cowell** - music

**James McKinnon** - PE, Sustainable Science, SOSE  
**Danny Grimsley** - PE here and at Tingoora, plus Sports Master

**Kelty Hughes** - English, Drama

**Pete Gibson** - Yr 9 Science, Man Arts, Primary Numeracy

**Sue Gibson** - Yr 9 Maths, Yr 9 and 10 Science

**Lisa Heiniger** - Curriculum Co-ordination

**Rob Allen** – Special Needs ( full time )  
Learning Support is still being finalised.

**P&C RAFFLE**

Please see the advertisement in this week's newsletter for the Christmas raffle, run by the P&C. Some of the prizes are on display in the school foyer and include:

- A quality girl and boy "quilt cover set", from Lorraine Lee Linen
- A colour TV
- A fuel voucher worth \$50
- A family pass to Underwater World at Maroochydore

We will be looking for volunteer parents to sell tickets at the swimming carnival. Please contact Linda Routledge on 4169 0505 if you can help please. Also, if there are any families who would like to sell some booklets in the community, please contact the school office to arrange collection of booklets. We will need to have all ticket books, sold and unsold, together with the money, back at school no later than **THURSDAY 11 December, 3.00 pm, so we can draw the raffle and notify families on Friday.**

### WONDAI STATE SCHOOL P-10 DISPERSAL OF MISCELLANIOUS ITEMS



**Wondai State School P-10, have several items for dispersal. Items include cattle showing equipment, cattle crush on scales, cattle blower, electric clippers, bale feeders, silo bin, and various other items. A full list of items are available from the school. The tender process will be followed and all persons wishing to tender are required to contact the school so the tender paperwork can be made available to you.**

**Closing date for tenders will be Wednesday 10 December 2008 at 3.00 pm**

**Items are able to be viewed on Monday 8 December 2008 between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm**  
**Packages are available by contacting Karen Sheather Business Services Manger on 4169 2333 or email kshea22@eq.edu.au.**

**Safe school holidays**

As students around the state head home for summer holidays, it is an important time of year to be mindful of your children's safety.

Some simple precautions can help to make sure that your children have a fun and safe holiday.

Things to keep in mind to ensure your child returns safely to school in 2009 include:

- Is the pool properly fenced with a self-closing, self-latching gate?
- Have they "slip, slop, slapped" against the strong summer sun, by donning a shirt and hat and plenty of sunscreen?
- If travelling, are your children belted properly in the car? Or if on a bicycle are they wearing a crash helmet and are they aware of the road rules?
- Beware of driveway dangers. Don't let young children play on driveways.

Every year Fair Trading Queensland identifies toys that have been deemed dangerous. To find out Christmas toys deemed unsafe this year

visit the Fair Trading Queensland website at:  
<http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/>

Most importantly make sure the whole family knows to call 000 in an emergency, for the ambulance, police or the fire brigade.

# Kids Matter

Attention parents who were kind enough to participate in the Kids Matter surveys. Thank you to those who have already returned the final surveys. **Could anyone who hasn't completed their survey please do so ASAP** as these need to be back before the end of term and time is marching on.



Thank you all  
Regards Robyn Allen

**Graduation and Presentation Photos**  
**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE OFFICE. PLEASE NOTE EFTPOS PAYMENTS ARE NOT POSSIBLE FOR THESE PHOTOS.**

**SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs Gibson**

## Newsflash from Science!

It was great to hear last week that our community permaculture project has been named as a Sustainable Living Champion in the Sustainable Living Challenge awards for 2008. This program is an outreach of the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of New South Wales, and is a national program for secondary schools. All students who have been involved in the project through Sustainable Science will receive a certificate of participation as part of our award.

Congratulations to our whole community for their involvement in getting this project off the ground.

Our new electronic weather station, purchased with a BP Education Grant, is up and recording the weather. While we are still learning how to download and interpret the data, we will eventually have the weekly weather in the Rush and on the school website. This is the last Newsflash from Science for this year! We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and holidays, and look forward to more science news and fun in 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 the office and the  
upcoming Swimming Carnivals!

### COMING EVENTS

#### December

- 03 Carols by candlelight & sausage sizzle  
6.00 pm Coronation Park  
Free Scripture Union Christmas concert  
2.00 pm
  - 05 Beauty is a Beast 10.30 am – Yr 9  
Drama play  
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**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

## South Burnett Golfing Zone

“Come and try days – Juniors and Junior Beginners”  
Looking for something to do during the school  
holidays? Why not try golf?

The South Burnett Golf Zone will be holding 2 “Come  
and try days” at:

Murgon Golf Club Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Nanango Golf Club Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Both days start at 12.30pm and finish at 4.00pm.  
The numbers will be limited to 30, refreshments and  
a sausage sizzle will be provided.

The Professionals will be Matt Victorsen and Nick  
Symonds. All equipment will be  
supplied.

Contact:

Peter Ryke 0427644375  
South Burnett Junior Coordinator  
Noel Dowdle 0427574704  
Zone President



## Apex Australia

Murgon Apex in conjunction with the Compassionate  
Friends is hosting the worldwide candle lighting  
service. It is a way to honour the memory of children  
who for numerous reasons have gone too soon.

Venue: The Murgon Rotunda

QE11 Park

Murgon

Time: 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Date: 14 December 2008

Candles will be lit at 7.00 pm sharp. Countries all  
over the world will simultaneously light candles in  
remembrance to create a wave of light.

There will be readings, music and time to reflect on  
the precious lives of those children, a read out of the  
loved ones names.

If you know of a child whom you would like  
remembered please contact Kylie Ewart: 4168 9990.

If you would like to bring photo's or special  
mementos, a table will be set up to place these.

“We do this so that their light may always shine.”