



## THE OCCASIONAL Term 2 -Week 4 2006

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

| DATE                          | EVENT                           | COST/TIME                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Thurs/Fri may 11th & 12th     | DOE survival camp               | No outing on the Friday                         |
| <b>THIS SATURDAY the 13th</b> | <b>We are working at school</b> | <i>Come and help -.ring Russell for details</i> |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>Parent meeting</b>           | After school NO BUS RUN                         |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June | <b>Arts Council</b>             | \$6 Eudlo @ 9:30                                |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June  | <b>Queens B'day</b>             | Public Holiday                                  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June  | <b>Nambour Show</b>             | Holiday   |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June  | <b>Term 2 ends</b>              | <b>Resumes Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>     |

### Coached /external SPORT ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 2

The following coached "off site" activities are available for students to participate in this term:

#### Mondays :

Gymnastics – Woombye Gymnastic Centre. Cost \$5  
Need: comfortable clothing, water bottle

Or

Tennis – Nambour Heights Courts. Cost \$4  
Need: sneakers, hat and water bottle. School has racquets and balls.

#### Wednesdays :

Swimming – Nambour Olympic Pool. Cost \$5  
Need: swimmers, goggles and towel.

**WATER ALERT : we had to buy water so please exercise water conservation, as we rely only on tank water at the school.**

#### WANTED/NEEDED

An external 56k modem for Jess....see Russell or Tim if you would like to kindly donate one.....

#### TARAGO for SALE

Tarago 1994 Auto, registered till 11/06, new tyres, RWC, Maroon 205,000kms asking \$13,000 contact school.

**THANKYOU**

A big thankyou to Paulette for donating the Drafting Table and Chair, located in the Demountable.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Please send either \$2.50 (single) or \$4.00 (family) cash on Thursdays. This physically aids the students in surmising food costs for a Profit and Loss statement. If you forget or don't have change then please come to Office. Thank you.

**GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVES**

Our AGM held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April was very successful. Myself, Kel and Rowena all resumed our positions on the Executive Committee. We discussed a broad range of topics, and we would like to ask for more parent input. The meal provided by Manju and Nick was amazing, so a big thankyou to them for providing the food. We have decided to rotate our meeting days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the next one being Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May, hoping to increase the attendance by accommodating for everyone's commitments. I'd love any ideas from parents so when you see me around the school grab me for a cuppa and a chat. Cheers for now, Paula.

**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Birthday Bash is up and running. I have sent out invitations to various Government Officials so that the Opening of the New Classroom and Flagpole can be officially documented – this fulfils obligations to grant money received. I have received a big “yes” from Peter Wellington our Local Member and School Patron. A flyer is currently being completed which will be distributed to all so that you in turn can distribute to interested parties. We really need to get the gardens and external buildings looking fabulous, come on participate in working bees or simply donate a few hours of your time so that we can get the school looking amazing! Any ideas for the Birthday Bash please feel free to call me. Love Paulette

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**MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS**

We have begun our novel for this term, *My Girragundji*, by Meme McDonald and Boori Pryor. It is a story of an aboriginal boy growing up and facing his fears with the help of his frog friend, Girragundji. We are looking at aboriginal culture through enjoying aboriginal legends and dreamtime stories. In science we have located the deserts of Australia on a map and discussed the features of this arid landscape. Til next time, Louise.

**UPPER PRIMARY NEWS**

Contact has been made with the Charleville School of Air and our e-mail address has been circulated to their interested students. This week we are working on birds of the outback regions of Queensland, which interrelates with the student's art projects. We have also been looking at explorers and are currently reading the book “*Young Murphy – A Boy's Adventure*”, which re-tells the travels of Leichardt's first journey of exploration into Northern Queensland. If anyone else wants to, it's worth the read.

**HIGHSCHOOL NEWS**

Last week the high schoolers visited Underwater World as part of their marine biology explorations. During the day they were involved in informative science based talks and participated in a variety of art tasks. The day was inspiring and the students were excellent ambassadors for the school. On Thursday the high schoolers were visited by a guest speaker, Tammy Maxin, an Australian zoologist living in Africa, and passionate about the conservation and study of wildlife. Tammy captivated a large audience of students and parents with her fascinating stories about life in Africa. This week will be the first full school week of the Term and the focus is on the Travelling North project (thanks again to the parents who continue to support the students in this project). The students are full steam

ahead on a number of fundraising ideas that they are exploring. Daryle, Jye's dad, joins the classroom this week to share his expertise in marine biology, having recently graduated with a degree in environmental studies. Events like these highlight the variety of expertise in our school community and enrich the students learning experiences. Finally, Duke of Edinburgh students are participating in an overnight survival camp (by choice!) this Thursday and Friday. Marguerite.



Students at the touch tank



Wayland drawing a starfish



Rosie at the tanks



Daryle working with the students in the classroom

### **TRAVELLING NORTH PROJECT – BUSH DANCE**

We, the high schoolers, are holding a Bush Dance in hope of raising money for our Travelling North Project.

The proposed date is Friday night the 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any ideas or wish to volunteer/help out, then please talk to Calum (high school student).

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| Costs Involved - | STUDENTS (4-15yrs) : | \$4  |
|                  | ADULTS :             | \$7  |
|                  | FAMILY :             | \$15 |

A big thanks to John's band "BLUE DOG" for volunteering to play on the night!  
Stay tuned for more updates in following newsletters!!

### **KIDS CONTRIBUTIONS....**

Red Fort Mystery – by Gouranga

This is a story about a guy called Rarhm. Rarhm lived in Delhi, the capital of India, in the Red Fort. He was the caretaker of the Fort.

One day a group of three men wearing turbans and cloth covering the lower part of their faces came to the Red Fort. Only their eyes were showing. Looking about and whispering suspiciously, the biggest and roughest of them came up to Rarhm. He was covered in gold jewellery and he stunk like rotting fish. He asked Rarhm, "Where is the guest room?" So the young caretaker took them there.

The next day Rarhm saw them messing about with the fountain in the centre of the garden. He heard a splash, and then the clear water went a murky black. They knew he had seen them. When they came up the stairs, one of them threw blue powder into Rarhm's face. He woke up in about five days in hospital.

The head of the Army burst through the door. He told Rarhm that the doctors had just completed brain surgery, as he had breathed in the blue substance and that had made his brain bleed. Rarhm told him about the strangers who had put an object in the fountain and thrown the powder in his face.

The next day, when Rarhm was back on his feet, the two of them went to the Red Fort. The head of the army led the way to the fountain. Rarhm put his hand into the murky black water. Although he was very strong, he could not pick up the object. So the head of the army helped him. As they lifted it out of the fountain they realised the object looked like a man with a lion's head. At that moment it sent them back in time. In the distance the two men could see dinosaurs roaming about. Rarhm turned around. There was the same man that had thrown powder in Rarhm's face.

He was dressed in black, humming a weird tune and waving his hands around in the air. A black cloud was forming above his head. The cloud looked exactly the same as the object in the fountain, but then it changed into a lion with a man's head. Slowly it shrunk into a cartable size. It dropped into the man's outstretched arms and then he disappeared in a puff of smoke.

A piece of ragged paper fluttered to the ground. It was written in old Hindi script. Rarhm had studied the script many years ago when he'd found an old book cleaning up around the Red Fort. Slowly he deciphered it.

"The object with the man's body and the lion's head sends you back in time and the one with the lion's body and man's head sends you forward in time." said Rarhm.

That night Rarhm made a little shelter under a tree, then he went out to find some fire wood, while the head of the Army – General Sahrgee, went to find water. Sahrgee came back with water in a small flask, a few berries in a banana leaf and four huge yellow bananas. The two of them discussed the events that had taken place earlier that day. They decided that it was a planned theft of the Red Fort's treasury.

Rarhm couldn't sleep. He lay there studying the object in the firelight. The lion's head was familiar. Where had he seen it before? The Red Fort entrance! There was an unexplained keyhole in the forehead of the lion. Maybe the men in black, were looking for the key that belonged to the key hole, that is on the entrance of the Fort. According to legend, the one who enters the chamber will be all powerful. Rarhm grabbed up the object, woke General Sahrgee and together they began to make plans for their return.

After many unsuccessful attempts, they eventually found their way back to their beginnings. The key was located in the back of Rarhm's old Hindi book. It fitted the keyhole in the Red Fort entrance gate and Rarhm and Sahrgee became great wealthy leaders.

### **Australia**

Feeling ecstatic on the beach watching  
The koalas eating their leaves

Sunflowers rising one by one  
Filled with happiness and joy at once

Been to Darwin been to Perth  
Watching the snakes crawl over the earth

The Barrier Reef is full of fish  
Watching the colours swerve and dip

The colour blue of the sky  
Makes me happy all the time

By Deni & Marijah

### **A Poem of Hope**

We all live in fear of what may happen  
The truth is everyone is scared of somethin'  
Try for a day not to be afraid  
Maybe we could try to be our best  
There's nothing scary in the world  
We're all just scared of possibility  
As we lay in our beds tonight  
We'll all sleep tight  
Because we are now fearless

By Phoenix