



THE OCCASIONAL Term 2 - Week 8 2006

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

DATE	EVENT	COST/TIME
Friday 9 th June	Bush Dance @ Montville Hall	6pm start. \$15 family; \$7 adults; \$4 student Meals available, \$5 each; \$15/family
Monday 12 th June	Queens B'day	Public Holiday
Friday 16 th June	Nambour Show HOLIDAY	Maroochydore Shire
Tuesday 20 th June	Parent Meeting	3:30 start see notice below
Friday 23 rd June	Term 2 ends	Resumes Tuesday 11th July
Monday 10th July	Pupil free day	
Wednesday 12 th July	Indonesian Shadow show	St John's 2 pm Cost a few \$

BUSH DANCE TO RAISE FUNDS

Blackall Range Independent School is fundraising for their school project entitled "Travelling North". In this project the high schoolers are learning academic and life skills through planning and carrying out all the necessary things involved in taking their class on a trip towards Cairns later in the year. All the organising, fundraising, itinerary planning, accommodation and transport are being done by the students who are learning through real life situations in the process.

As part of this project they are holding a bush dance on the **9th of June at Montville Hall**. Blue Dog Bush Band is donating their time and talent for the evening which starts at **6pm**, with a meal (\$5 each or \$15 family). Drinks will also be on sale (no alcohol). The dance starts at 7pm.

Come and enjoy a cheap but fun family night. Children 4 years and under are free, 4 – 15 years are \$5, 15 years – adult are \$10 and families are \$15. Join in the fun, support the high schoolers' project and have a chance to win the fruit and vegie tray raffle.

The school's bus will travel from Yandina to ferry families to and from the dance on the night. It will be leaving the bus stop outside Ray White Yandina at 6pm. It is planned to leave Montville for the return trip between 9 and 10pm. The cost will be \$2.00 return. **Please RSVP to Tim on 0409 478971 or at school 5441 5227, by 10am Friday (it's a must) if you'd like to catch a lift on the bus.** Thanks Tim for donating your time in this way.

Calum Bayliss and Matthew Debenham

RUSSELL'S BLURB

As we approach July it is our hardest time in terms of cash flow. It's a **great time** to pay fees and debit card amounts owing. We also have many landscaping/ painting projects that you can get into over the holidays to **catch up on fees**. Kel will be here over the break doing things so have a chat to him if you want a job.

Russell's Scrounge List – we are in need of more towels. With our new toilets in the new building now operating we will need many more handtowels.

We are also looking for a small couch or daybed for the demountable and shade cloth for our future garden.

Good fibro for closing in art area ; a stereo for art area; PA or amps and musical instruments for downstairs;

Start the Day Right - Don't Skip Breakfast

Studies show that children who eat breakfast do better in school. If we skip breakfast, we are likely to become tired when our brains and bodies run low on fuel. By lunch time we are hungry, crabby, and perhaps our mood might make us a little more prone to making unhealthy choices at lunch. Eating a good breakfast sets the tone for the rest of the day. A healthy breakfast should contain some protein and some fibre. Protein can come from meat, eggs, beans, or soy (like tofu). Fibre can be found in whole cereals, grains or in fruits. A good example of a healthy breakfast might be something simple like a hard boiled egg, an orange, and a bowl of whole grain cereal with soy milk. Stay away from the sugary cereals, syrups, pastries, and white breads because they are digested quickly and will leave you hungry and tired in a couple of hours. Protein and fibres will keep the hunger pains away until lunch time. Remember that eating a healthy breakfast is the best way to start off your day, and be good to yourself by eating breakfast. Notice how much better you feel through the morning and the rest of the day when you don't skip breakfast.

Plus....drink plenty of water!!

Thank you Certificates

The High Schoolers received a Thank you Certificate each at a mini presentation on the 10th May, as recognition of the great work they have achieved this year. Compiled by Judy, Marguerite and John, the certificates provided great feedback and morale boosting comments for the students. There was also a list provided of the processes they have accomplished. As a lot of what the students learn is not in a formal workbook style, I think it's very important for all to see the work that is being successfully completed. Keep up the good work!!

See you all at the next Parent Meeting....Cheers Paula

30th BIRTHDAY UPDATE

August 5th is being planned by a growing team of parents and students. Thursday is the main meeting day and the demountable the venue. If anyone has any queries or suggestions direct them to the website or have them email 30th@brischool.com.au . We will feature discussion forums with relevant archives and displays on the years 1914 to 1965 / 75 to 85 / 85 to 95 / 95 to 05 and the

future. Flagpole plaque; new building ribbon cutting, tree planting, time capsule, guided tours, mural painting, music jam, bands and games and so on will be on the program that will be drafted as soon as we have replies from dignitaries. Catering for day will probably be *totally delicious*. The evening will end across in Kureelpa Hall for dinner and entertainment.

Possibly 30th Birthday Recipe Book (there was a 20th)

We are looking at collating a recipe book full of budget friendly, yummy family meals, dating back to 1915 if possible, to sell on the day. If anyone has any recipes that they would like to include in the book, please drop them into the office. Your name, age and class will be published in the book as well. We will also be looking for help with artwork for the recipe book from students and parents....ideas always warmly welcome!

SHOWDAY RULES

Bus run is as normal **next Thursday** and then we'll run down to the Nambour Show; but if you want to join us on Nambour Show school day we meet at the main gate at 10am...usually all adults get in free as group organisers, **but** theoretically they only allow 1 adult for every 10 students, so we cannot guarantee free entry. If you want your child to stay at school let us know beforehand as there will be a skeleton staff remaining.

We arrange for all groups to meet up throughout the day – once at 12pm and again at 2pm.

No buying of junk food or rides/games at sideshow Alley.

Showbags can be purchased only at the end of the day.

HEAD LICE policy

Head Lice (as stated in parent handbook) - Head lice are not a disgrace. Anyone, child or adult, can become infected. This happens through close contact of heads or by using items such as combs, brushes, hats etc of an infected person immediately after they have used them. A volunteer or contra-deal parent will periodically check the children's hair and parents will be notified in the case of their child having head lice.

(At next parent meeting we can review this and perhaps extend this policy)

We are currently seeking a parent to contradeal fee cost for Lice checking. We offer \$14 per hour to check heads, treat with a totally natural product and follow up the next week. Please speak to a member of staff if you're interested. If you ask in the office we will sell you a jar of Bug Rid at cost (*yes I know your hair is oily for a few days after*)

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS

The students were asked to write a description regarding the novel, Girragundji, beginning with an introduction and following with a series of statements about the different characteristics and qualities of Girragundji.

This was Cody's version (where he also incorporated last week's lesson of similes!)

Gundji is the boy's best friend and protector and green tree frog that protects him from the Quinkins.

Quinkins are bad spirits. This particular family calls them – hairy men. She makes the boy feel safe and loved.

My Gundji is a rocket frog. She has that smile that sticks to you like glue to paper and her jump, its like two springs lifting off.

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS

Two of my students will be entering some projects into the Nambour Show this week in the story writing section, so please don't forget to drop by the show and check them out up at Kids Craft in the old school house on the hill.

HIGHSCHOOL NEWS

Focus at the moment is this Friday night's Bush Dance. Students have been working hard organising the hall, the band, food, transport and advertising for the evening. They have shown a lot of enthusiasm and self motivation in the preparation of this major fundraising project. Now they're looking forward to the school community supporting them by coming along and enjoying a meal and a dance on Friday night. Look for further details in this current newsletter.

The rest of the Highschool programme continues. We have been looking at bullying issues, marine biology continues, lino cutting in art and some of the students are now devoting their energy to the 30th birthday party preparations and presentations. I have also included a flyer from the Sunskills Expo, which you may like to look into.

See you at the dance, Marguerite.

FIND YOUR CAREER PATH

Join a guided tour through Sunskills Expo showing you the pathway to a great career

Come and Try:

*Trades, Horticulture, Tourism,
Health Care, Creative Arts,
Sport & Recreation, Hair & Beauty,
IT, Hospitality and much more*

Tuesday 25 July 9.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday 26 July 9.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday 27 July 9.30am - 1.30pm

A Parents Information evening will be held on Tuesday 25 July, 6-9pm at the Sunshine Coast TAFE Mooloolaba Campus, Lady Musgrave Dr, Mountain Creek.

Register your interest now by booking through your school. Parents are welcome.

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**SUNSKILLS EXPO
2006**

Sunskills Expo 2006

The 2006 Sunskills Expo will be held at the Sunshine Coast TAFE Mooloolaba and Nambour campuses on **July 25, 26, and 27 2006**. The interactive Expo is designed to showcase the benefits and practicalities of Vocational Education and Training (VET) and is an excellent opportunity for students to network and gather information relating to career pathways from teachers, employers, apprenticeship and traineeship organisations, industry leaders and current students.

The Expo has been specifically designed to be interactive and students attending the event will have the opportunity to experience various training facilities and programs undertaken by TAFE students. Students attending the event will participate in activities such as coffee making, developing photos, making short movies, participating in sheet metal work, plastering and analysing fish species. There will also be static displays offering information about Vocational Education and Training and on site representatives from a number of apprenticeship and training organisations available to provide advice and answer questions about VET career

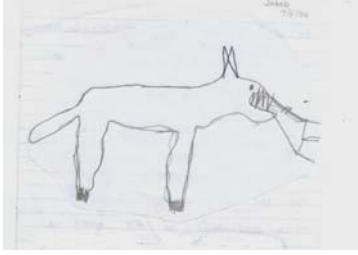
pathways.

Our "Be Constructive" Parents' Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday, 25 July 2006** at the Mooloolaba Campus of the Sunshine Coast TAFE, Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek. The evening is designed to provide information regarding the life of current apprentices and students. Significant Sunshine Coast employers will speak of their success in industry, as well as, representatives of women in the construction industry.

For further information check out our website www.sunskills.com.au or contact Kim Abrahamson on 5459 3229 or email kim.abrahamson@det.qld.gov.au.

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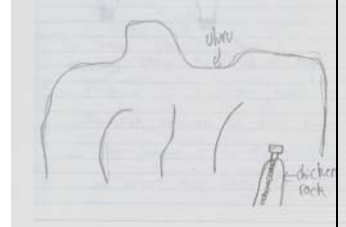
The Fox and the Aboriginal – by Jakeb



In my story there is a fox and there is a person that is really fat because he eats possums. The fat person is an Aboriginal born in the desert near Uluru. One day he was out hunting with his boomerang to get some food and he found a baby fox. Then he and the fox became good friends and then they went to Uluru.

One night some white people stole the fox. The fox got hit with a stick and left to die. When he woke up he did not know where he was. He was lost!!! Then he heard his friend's voice and he ran towards him but the white people had caught his friend too. So the fox let out a big howl and all the foxes from the desert came and attacked the white people. The white people got smashed and died. The fox and the fat Aboriginal lived happily ever after at Uluru.

Lost in the Desert – by Samantha



I was in a plane, and someone pushed me off. I landed on the desert. I found a stranger. He said, "Do you watch The Simpsons every night?". I said, "Yes". The person said, "Where do you live?" and I said, "At that rock". The person said, "Goodbye". First off when it got dark I found a creature and I killed it. I ate it for tea. The person came and watched the tv. There was a storm that came and the people got wet. But the rain wasn't rain, it was dragon spit. So the dragon was sitting to lay an egg. It hatched an egg, and it was a baby dragon. I said to the mum dragon, "Could you be my pet?" The dragon knew English so it said, "Yes".

I found an English boy. I liked him and we lived happily ever after.

Lost in the Desert

Once upon a time there were four people driving along the road when they realized they were in the desert. They kept on driving because they thought they could drive through the desert but they ran out of petrol! They were LOST!!

When they got out of the car it was really hot. After two days they ran out of water and food. The next morning they were covered in sand. There had been a sandstorm. When they got up their car had been buried so they started walking. After a little while they heard a noise. It was a rattlesnake. They all stood still except one of



them. The snake went for him. Luckily he got away just in time and the snake slithered away not noticing they were still there.

After a few hours later they came across an oasis and they had a drink and then they took a piece of string and found some bait. Then they threw the string in the water and caught some fish and had them for lunch. But then

a crocodile jumped out of the water right for them and started chasing them but only one of them had their pants ripped and they kept on walking.

They got tired of walking so they sat down. That night they heard a noise and they shone their torch to where the noise was coming from. It was a bilby. They stood still and it came very close and they took a photo of it. In the morning the bilby was asleep next to them and then they heard an eagle and it swooped down at the bilby. They grabbed the bilby just in time and the bilby woke up and became their pet.

They saw a group of kangaroos hopping past. They followed them and the kangaroos led them to a cave. They went inside. Nothing was in the cave so they slept the night in the cave.

The next morning some foxes ran by and they followed them. They led them to a big hill and they climbed it. After a while a helicopter came. It was looking for them. They took the bilby with them and they lived happily ever after.

Alicia- Jayne 2006

Term 3 Timetable

Below is a survey to do with activities regarding next term's timetable. Please print it and fill it out to return to the teachers as we are timetabling and budgeting for next term and **IS THERE SOMETHING YOU COULD OFFER ALSO???** The form invites comment such as **WHICH DAY? Can I be a student too???** Please encourage your children to have a voice and stress that if we organise an activity they need to commit.

TERM 3 ACTIVITY SURVEY – please complete and return ASAP

We will endeavour to timetable activities so all choices can be addressed.

Please choose which activity your child would be interested in participating in during Term 3.

One tally mark per child please.

Please state a suitable day for Parent meetings with a meal afterwards (below activity table)

Please complete and drop into the box in the office or e-mail us before Thursday (15/6/06)

NAME:

<i>ACTIVITY (APPROX \$)</i>	<i>YES / how many kids</i>	<i>comment</i>
Swimming \$4		
Gym \$5		
Tennis \$3		
Friday Outings		
Bush Dancing		
Kendo		
Textiles and sewing		
Yoga		
Belly Dancing		
Gardening/Permaculture		
Drama		
Pottery		
Music		
IT and computers		
Mechanics		
Photography/Film/Media		
Woodwork		
Other ideas		

Please state your best days first and second choices

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tuckshop					
Parent Meeting with a meal					
Parent Meeting <u>without</u> a meal					

