



THE OCCASIONAL Term 3 - Week 8 2006

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

DATE	EVENT	COST/TIME
Thursday 31 st August	Parent Meeting	3.30 No Bus Run
Sunday 3 rd August	Father's Day!	
Tuesday 19 th September	Family Planning Parent Workshop.	3.30 – 5.00 No Bus Run!!
Thursday 21 st September	Last day of Term 4	School resumes Monday 9 th October

Russell's Scrounge List – We are looking for and shade cloth for our future garden. Native plants for the rainforest area planting, Jess is after a kettle....she just moved house and there a few things she still doesn't have and a kettle is a necessity....!! *Thanks to Dorinda for donating the modem to Jess!* Also thanks for handtowels Anita & Cora

LOST PROPERTY: There is a **HUGEMUNGOUS** collection of lost property since the 30th birthday so the next time you are dropping or picking up children come and check out lost property to see if you recognise anything that belongs to your child. ALSO...Chelsea, who is Jye's mum, has asked if anyone has seen Jye's pair of boots....he lost them at the 30th...and would love to find them, as they are expensive shoes to buy...if anyone has seen them please let Jye or Chelsea know. Thankyou!

CARPOOLING FROM MAPLETON – if there is anyone that would be interested in carpooling from the Mapleton area please see Virginia, Alex's mum (the new Alex).

EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS

Jess is going to be working underneath the highschool room nearly every day she is working at the school, in particularly focusing on music and photography. (Russell, when's that darkroom arriving...??!!) We've been slowly buying new musical equipment and prepping the art room to make it a multi-functional space. A music program should be happening next term, with the help of John, Jess Margot and Kari....and maybe our new friends at Shake it Up Music in Nambour. After school violin, harp, guitar, vocal and music classes will hopefully be arranged...(let us know if there is an interest) .We are also working hard at getting the woodwork area set up so that we can start doing more construction work with the students.

TUCKSHOP

Now that the hard work of the 30th is out of the way, we are going to resume with our weekly tuckshop again. Starting this Thursday, 31st August, we will be having tempeh burgers from Mighty

Bean Soy Products. Just to let everyone know that the prices for tuckshop are \$2.50 for an individual or \$4.00 for a family. Thanks...!

30th BIRTHDAY

Thanks to everyone who participated/volunteered/contributed/showed up to make the 30th Birthday/Reunion such a success! We had a very good turnout, shared stories, officially opened the Highschool room, buried our time capsules, listened to music and had an amazing dinner (thanks to Manju and her many helpers!) and cake (Yvonne...!) over at the hall. Due to such a wonderful day we are considering doing a sort of 'catch up' at the school once a year or two....

We have many *many* photos and video footage from the day, which are yet to be edited and collated, but as soon as it is we will post some up on the school's website (www.brischool.com.au) for everyone to have a look at. DVD's of the footage and photos will eventually be available to be purchased from the school....Tim....??!!!...

Many thanks to absolutely everyone involved, days like the 30th show just what a supportive and successful school we are all a part of!

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS

We have begun the novel The Ironman, by Ted Hughes, which will involve us completing different language activities. As part of this work we will be building our own robots from junk material, so if you have any interesting pieces of junk lying around at home, perhaps it may become a robot! We have also started a unit on the water cycle and will be conducting a water audit of our school, and we will be designing our own posters to remind everyone how precious water is.
Thanks, Louise.

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS

We are working on a theme for the next four weeks based on the elements of earth, wind, fire and water. We are beginning at the 'personal' level and I would love to hear from anybody who next week may be able to explain chakras from the Indian philosophies. If you have anything to offer in regards to the traditions from around the world that incorporate the elements please don't hesitate to share.

Also, just as a little side, the lost property is overflowing with plastic Tupperware containers. To help out, would you mind labelling your child's lunch containers.

"Blackall Monthly" (the school newspaper) excerpts...

*Dear Strawberry,
Should I wear spots or should I not,
Or do I wear dots,
I don't know if I should wear spots or dots?*

*Thanks lots,
Mr. Pots (my wife says hi)*

*Dear Mr Pots,
Do not wear shirts with dots
The people will throw rocks
Then they will wear spots
Spotty shirts with lots of dots*

*Yours sincerely,
Strawberry
P.S. say hi to your wife for me.*

Send your letters and questions to Strawberry at the cubby next to the high school room.

OUR 30TH BIRTHDAY WAS A HIT!

We had fortune telling, a chill room, interviews, things on the walls from 1916, and from 1975 to 2006. In the art room we had mask making and face painting. On the oval we had a bar and a stage, Louise's group did a play, Jess and her band played and so did Jeff's. "Ironstone" was there and everyone had a great time.

The Ugly Face of the Sand!

Professor Kein was one of the best sand-sculpturers in the world and he had been asked to make a sand sculpture of Mother Earth. He was going over on a private jet to Singapore. It was a dark and stormy night on the plane. Suddenly lightning struck the back tail-wing and the plane soared towards the depths of the ocean.

TO BE CONTINUED.

CHAPTER ONE

By Sophie

From a Broken Heart

Why must one break a heart as delicate can be.

Why must it happen to her or you or me.

He waits around for the prettiest girl,

Then leaves you there to die.

When he first arrives, it's hard to resist,

Then you just don't want to know, when he comes back for more lies.

He makes you bow down to every whim,

Don't make the same mistakes I did,

Don't make mistakes with him.

By Anonymous

HIGHSCHOOL NEWS

The Big Blues Festival – highschoolers will be working with Russell towards catering for the Nambour Blues Festival. We are going to need volunteers for Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of September. Most students are working on their contracts. Distant ed Tech drawing students to Brisbane Monday for a tutoring...

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>>>>of the Sun Skills Expo<<<<

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On the 26th of July we left from school and headed to the 2006 Sun Skills Expo I was anticipating a boring day watching and listening to people talk. We pulled up on the bus at the entrance to the Sun Skills Expo at Nambour TAFE. At around 10 o'clock we waited for our tour guide of the Expo outside the doors. When the Sun Skills guide, 'I think his name was Bob I've never met some one with Bob as their name c(^.^)' arrived we began the tour, 1st in the creative industries part of the TAFE, we saw the textiles designing and making, this didn't really interest me but my sister did the course.

Then we moved onto Photography, which was interesting because my younger big sister did Photography but she didn't finish, then we visited the Music industries. It was ok but not really my thing, lastly we visited Computer assisted design, that was cool because I'm doing an apprenticeship next year with TAFE.

Then we did The Trades. After a long wait a different guide arrived, and we started the tour with brick laying, 'I'm not really interested in brick laying its not like I want to lay bricks 4 the rest of my life' After, we looked at the Art, Pottery and Glazing it was cool. Then Motor Mechanics, it was okay. Last of all Tool Making but it wasn't very interesting either 'except for the thing that bent metal - can't remember what it was called though'.

At around 2 o'clock in the afternoon we left the TAFE and headed back to school. I think it was interesting and informing and wasn't what I expected.

Un-proudly written by Alex.-.-

