



THE OCCASIONAL
Term 4 -Week 7 2006

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

DATE	EVENT	COST/TIME
Tuesday 28 th November	Parent Forum	3.30pm
Friday 1st December	Variety Benefit concert- Maleny Community Centre	6pm \$10.00 per person (see John re details)
Tuesday 5th December	End of Year Concert @ Kureelpa Hall	Starts at 6.00pm \$5/family <i>NO BUS RUN!!</i>
Thursday 7 th December	Parent Meeting	Starts at 3.30pm
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th December	Whole school camp Kenilworth Homestead	\$105 per person, Includes meals & accommodation
26 th December – 2 nd January 2007	Woodford Folk Festival!	Visit www.woodfordfolkfestival.com for information.

RUSSELL'S BLURB – We have been planning and reorganising the timetable for 2007, which incorporates changes to the structure of classrooms and curriculum. Some of these changes include the way administration will be operating, we will be forwarding more detail, but we can save money from administration with some simple procedures, which parents and staff will be required to adhere to. These new outlines will be available as a hard copy and also on the school's website (visit www.brischool.com.au) as soon as possible. The student numbers for next year are less at this point in time, which has the potential to change the culture of the school.

Thanks very much to Sarah, Ambya's mum, who has put together an application for the School Community Development Programme, resulting in a visit last Wednesday, from the Block Grant Authority. ... NEWSFLASH there is a few very substantial capital grants we are eligible for and likely to be successful in to be pursued as a result of that visit (Sarah had to do the midnight oil that night to meet one deadline)..

Sarah's next grant application was going to be the Treasury Casino Grant,; to go towards the building of a new playground; and she will be working with children from Louise's classroom in putting this together. *Also thanks to Maleny Credit Union, for the \$1400, going towards our soundproofing and lining of the ceiling under the Highschool room.* Thanks for all those who helped at the Gympie Muster, we were paid \$1200, which has been deposited in the Parents and Friends bank account, to be used shortly to buy new school resources.

PARENT FORUM – Next parent forum has been set for Tuesday 28th November at 3.30pm. These meetings are proving to be a huge success. Please feel free to come along and have your say.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP – has been booked at the Kenilworth Homestead, for Monday 11th December – Thursday 14th December. By this stage, your child should have brought home all the necessary information regarding this camp. Please return the permission slip included in this information to the school as soon as possible. Thanks!

TUPPERWARE – We are still searching for someone to hold a second Tupperware party, as the second party was cancelled due to new work commitments. If anybody could do this before Christmas, please catch up with Wendy. Thanks!

LOST PROPERTY - There is still a considerable amount of lost property up at the school, located just outside Louise's classroom. Please ensure you or your child goes through and claims any of their belongings, as any items that have not been re-claimed by the end of the school term will be donated to St. Vinnies.

ASTROLOGICAL/MOONPLANTING CALENDARS 2007 are available from the office. If you would like one for yourself or a Christmas present for someone else, they're \$9 each. Order list is in the office (back of glass door) or ring 54763674. Orders need to be in by the end of November. Thanks, Fleur.

SOME KIND WORDS FROM OUR SWIMMING COACH, MARGO-

Hello,

We've had a wonderful swimming season. It is so rewarding to watch the children improve in confidence and stroke. For those who are not aware, every Thursday we have two hours at the Nambour pools. The children receive 10-15 minutes of lessons individually so that their learning is maximized. They also are trained in life swimming survival skills, diving, racing and buoyancy. Swimming is such an essential of Australian culture and life. I strongly believe that it is the right of every Australian child to learn not only to swim, but to swim with the corrected stroke and styles. Swimming is so good for their confidence, muscle toning and self esteem, and enables them to lead healthier lives and survive in all types of waters. All these activities are fully supervised by a fully accredited coach. Each term is ended with a full on fun session of games and swimming. Thanks to all my kids for coming. Everyone's welcome, no matter your fitness or ability.

Love you all, warts and all,

Margo

CONGRATULATIONS..... to Marijah and Jarod for being successful in their auditions for the Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra!! Marijah has been accepted for the 2nd consecutive year in the Wind Ensemble playing the clarinet and Jarod in the Senior String Ensemble playing the violin.

VARIETY CONCERT (to benefit Jefferies family from Maleny- see John for more information) On the 1 Dec Noel Gardner, Arcadia Love , The Express (the next BIG duo to be Big in quality guitar music) are performing a concert with many others including Sir Andum the magician at the Maleny Community Hall

starting at 7pm (food, Ananda Marga menu, available from 6pm). It will be a great nights' quality entertainment and you will donating to a very worthy cause. Bookings available form "The Bowerbird" (gift shop) in Maleny or you can purchase your entry at the door. For more information ring Noel Gardner on 54459615 or see John Wright at the school Weds and Thurs (Phone 54411529)

EGGS – We have quite a lot of eggs up in the kitchen for sale. They are priced at \$3.60 dozen. Please make sure that if you do purchase eggs from the school that you fill out the egg sheet, which is located in the office.

Hi its terra, I have been here at the school since 2000 I have made new friends and met new people. And now I am going into grade 8, new school; new friends. It is sad to leave but I guess u all have to move on in some point in your life. So thank you everybody for all your help and friendship. Yours sincerely Terra Tormey

CLASSROOM NEWS

Middle Primary - Louise

We are very much enjoying the BFG by Roald Dahl. This week we are creating our dream jars and we will be writing our dream recipes. Froboscottle is the BFG's favourite drink. The bubbles go down rather than up which results in interesting sound effects after one have drunk it. We are going to design an advertisement to market this product, hopefully without the sound effects!

In science we are currently growing our own algae bloom. This happens in our river streams when fertilizers wash into it. When the algae dies, bacteria breaks it down but the bacteria takes a lot of oxygen leaving very little for the fish.

Upper Primary - Wendy

Some Classroom work - *Biography of Achillies – by Hanuman*

Achilles was the son of the mortal Peleus and the Nereid Thetis.

When Achilles was a boy, the see Calchas prophesied that the city of Troy could not be taken without his help. His cousin Patroclus went with him to Troy. Patroclus died that next day by the Trojan hero Hector, who mistook him for Achilles. Achilles was overwhelmed with grief for his cousin and rage at Hector.

His mother obtained magnificent new armor for him from Hephaestus, and he returned to the fighting and killed Hector. He desecrated the body, dragging it behind his chariot before the walls of Troy, and refused to allow it to receive funeral rites. When Priam, the king of troy and Hector's father, came secretly into the Greek camp to plead for the body, Achilles finally relented; in one of the most moving scenes of the Iliad, he received Priam graciously and allowed him to take the body away.

After the death of Hector, Achilles' days were numbered. He continued fighting heroically, killing many of the Trojans and their allies, including Memnon and the Amazong warrior Penthesilia.

Finally Priam's son Paris (or Alexander), aided by Apollo, wounded Achilles in the heel with an arrow; Achilles died of the wound. After his death, it was decided to award Achilles' divinely-wrought armor to the bravest of the Greeks. Odysseus and Ajax competed for the prize, with each man making a speech explaining why he deserved the honour; Odysseus won, and Ajax then went mad and committed suicide.

During his lifetime, Achilles is also said to have had a number of romantic episodes. He reportedly fell in love with Penthesilia, the Amazon maiden whom he killed in battle, and it is claimed that he married Medea.

When Achilles was born, Thetis tried to make him immortal by dipping him in the river Styx. However, she forgot to wet the heel she held him by, leaving him vulnerable at that spot. (See Achilles' heel, Achilles' tendon)

His biggest enemies were Hector and Memnon.

Highschool News

Fabulous results from the kid's work experience. Jac has earned himself a school based traineeship with Sound in Motion. The staff at Sound in Motion were very impressed with Jac's work ethic and enthusiasm, they can't praise him enough. Well done Jac! Alex will be entering a school based apprenticeship next year in his father's business, and keep your fingers crossed for Rebecca's application to the Sunshine Coast University Headstart program, she is hoping to be accepted into a Creative Writing course, which she'll do part time, in conjunction with her time at school. Lindy has been working as a mechanic down at Ken Mills Toyota, Rosie is also trying her hand at installing sound systems into very, very, very expensive cars, Corey is at Supercheap Auto at Noosaville. Those looking forward to starting their work experience are Ambya, who will be starting at Centenary Square Hair and Beauty tomorrow, and Leah (hairdressing) and Kirstyn (vetinary).

The high schoolers did another tri-weekly review of their work this week, and most of them can congratulate themselves for having their work for me up to date. Their storybook ideas are very impressive, from now on they will only spend time in art on their storybooks, as their illustration ideas are quite complex; and they're all looking forward to doing an essay for me (!).

The kids have really been enjoying their sailing and indoor sports – thanks John, Paul and Tim. Electronics is extremely popular (thanks Tim), as are the science experiment afternoons with Paul.

Also a quick mention of positive role modeling that has happened recently. Jarod handled a tricky situation in the playground, coolly and calmly; and Ambya exhibited her sense of fairness and justice in a recent incident also. Well done.

Marguerite

GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS

ARE YOU RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN?

HAVE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN COME TO LIVE WITH YOU?

A FREE INFORMATION KIT is now available to grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren (aged 0-12 years).

The Kit provides:

- Information and advice
- Assistance to cope with new parenting challenges
- Links to other organisations for further help

To obtain a copy of the kit and for further information about social and recreational activities with other grandparent families,

please call **Community Solutions Inc** on

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