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EDITION III
APRIL, 2007

Happy Hari Jingga!

The school celebrated Hari Jingga - or Harmony Day - on Tuesday March 20, by turning out in orange to mark this important day. This year the school's celebrations revolved around Bahasa Indonesia lessons with teacher Kari.



The cool Kids from Louise's Room get into the orange groove on Harmony Day (above) and (right) Zowa bought along the ultimate orange accessory - an orange mum - Karen!



Genevieve said the highlight of the day was dressing up in Indonesian costumes.

"The girls had different clothes than the boys, and we got to put them on and dance around," she said. "It was great fun!"

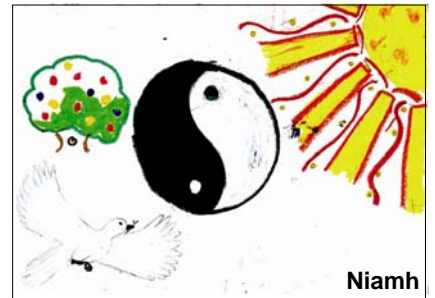
Kari oversaw the celebrations because, as a language teacher, the Day holds special significance for her.

"It was fitting to celebrate Harmony Day in Bahasa Indonesia lessons," says teacher Kari, "because we are always learning about another people's language and culture. Harmony Day celebrates multiculturalism in Australia and Universal acceptance of difference."

HARMONY ART: The Highschooler's Harmony Posters. Rebecca's poster contained a quote from Mother Theresa, while Gouranga's poster contained quotes from the beautiful leaf rubbings from Martin Luther King ("I have a Dream...") and Michael Dodson ("Irrespective of its sources, racism is racism. Ignorance is no excuse, insecurity is no justification. Racism in all its forms should be uncompromisingly condemned.")



Kirstyn



Niamh



Rebecca



Gouranga

A friendly reminder about Carpark Etiquette...

The car park is very crowded these days especially when we have wet weather. Please don't double park or block the driveway if you intend to leave your car! And don't forget to look out for people on foot... especially those who don't stick up above window level!



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Russell's Ramblings

This has been a great term for me. I'm coming back into the classroom with the ages 10-12, which I really love, and have done most of my teaching career with.

We've started the year by naming the group *The Yaks*. So our morning sessions are *Yakkity Yaks*... our school work is *Hard Yakka*. We started the term focussing on literacy and math, and we finished the term on a more cross-curricular view of Ancient Egypt. Alana from the University of the Sunshine Coast is spending a three week block with us, and it was her interest in history that stimulated the Ancient Egyptian theme. We had sleepover in the last week of term and it is lovely to have a group that socialises so well with each other.

Judy, Tim, Jess and Paul have all been great as aides with the group throughout the term, and many parents have got involved too.

In the wider school there are a host of people who are bringing their skills into the kids' experiences with the curriculum - Margot and John with Music and Sports, Kari with Indonesian and pottery, and Mel with Tuckshop are all highly valued members of our support team. Fleur's working bees provide a terrific way for parents and carers to give of their time outside of school hours. Get involved if you can!

Starting the year with a Camp at Sunday Creek was a fantastic chance for us to get to know each other and renew friendships after the holidays.

Next term we hope for a backpack camp, more electronics, woodwork, making a video sequel to our 2002 epic film *Death on the Nile*, more music, web design and graphics, a couple of sleepovers and believe it or not, ballroom (!?!) dancing! So stay tuned for more great news and adventures!

Russell

Pamper Yourself with our Raffle!

Last term Margot dreamt up the terrific idea of raising a few funds by raffling a date with her sister for Valentine's Day. Top plan, Margot! And Rose was a good sport about it too, though it must be said that it was Margot who actually attended the dinner date... who would have thought that Valentine's Day would turn out to be hair washing day for Rose? Go figure! Still, Margot and Rose raised a fantastic \$200 for the school with their raffle and we heartily thank them for their efforts.

We are currently running another raffle to raise funds towards the LCD flat screen monitor in Russell's room, which has been purchased to give the guys in there a real handle on technology. Russell says it's working a treat. We have a bundle of great prizes in our 'Pamper Pack' raffle to be won, so grab a ticket, or better still a book of them, and see if you can help raise some funds toward this great facility for the kids coming through the middle and upper primary years.

Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and we have a ticket sellers' prize of a \$20 voucher at Eats in Eumundi. The raffle is drawn on April 23, so you've got the holidays to sell a few tickets - grab some from the office! You can pick up extra books of tickets from Russell by phoning him at home on 5446 8368.

Can we tell you a story...?

Tales from the kids in Russell's Room

The Incident of the Aliens

On Sunday at midnight, we aliens landed on Earth. Suddenly they killed the Prime Minister of Australia. The Prime Minister's head fell like a bomb on me.

Then I yelled out, "It's time for the Aliens to invade!"

Suddenly the army arrived with all their helicopters and shouted "Go back to where you came from you crazy creatures!"

Then the Aliens called for their monster UFO.

The army got out ten rocket launchers and shot the UFO down, when it hit the ground it blew up half of the aliens and a few of the humans.

Suddenly the alien captain yelled "Retreat!" and I ran for my life. It was too late! The tanks shot all of the Aliens except for me. Lucky I survived, otherwise you wouldn't have this report.

by The Last Alien
in the Universe

Two as the Power of One

Two weeks ago my father gave me a necklace with a Yang symbol on it. He placed it around my neck and said "A burden has been lifted from my shoulders to yours, beware this might lead to chaos and Devilish chores".

Then he gently kissed me on the forehead and DIED!

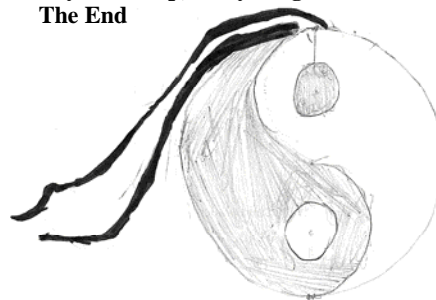
I cried and cried and cried.

That night I couldn't sleep. I couldn't stop thinking about what my father had said. The next morning I had my breakfast and made a packed lunch and my step mother put me on the train to head for Nambour, we said goodbye for the last time.

When I reached Cooran an old beggar woman glanced at me and got on. As she walked past she dropped something in my hand. I turned around to thank her but she was gone! I opened my hand and saw the Yin symbol on a chain like my Yang, I joined them and a white light pierced through the carriage, everyone around me faded and then I felt as if I was being pulled into something that felt like a hot whirlpool of tar, but then again it was cool, soothing and relaxing. I saw the necklaces around my neck and snapped both of them in half. I

I opened my eyes and saw my family standing around me and I could hear my dad yelling and demanding the ambulance driver to tell him what had happened. He turned around and saw I was awake and hugged me in relief. I was in the Gympie Hospital. I was lying on my back in a nice comfy bed. Yep, everything was back to normal.

The End



-Gypsy

A Visit to the Gympie Calf Show

"On Sunday I went to the Gympie Showgrounds for a calf show. I met a calf called 'Little Cheerio'. It was a really small brown jersey calf, about 1.05metres high. She was really skinny and cute and she had a little bit of fat, a devlop flopping down her neck to her chest.

I saw heaps of calves. I was given a Nambour State High School Calf Show Team hat, by Mr Pembleton. He is the boss of the farm and the Show Team.

Bill is the farm hand, he's really friendly and nice, Bill said I could help give out first, second and third prize ribbons. My sister showed her calf that she had been given to lead and show. Maddighan's calf's name was 'Missy'. It was lots of fun and I didn't want to go home when it was time."

-Marnie

It's been a hectic term in the office as we welcome a host of new parents who are choosing to work time working in the office each day. Dorinda is now ably supported by a team of office workers including Yvonne, Jillian, Di, Marena, Greta and Lynda. A big thankyou to all of them! Thanks also to Angela who is keeping the books in order nicely!

We also have a team of contradealers working throughout the school who are doing a great behind-the-scenes job keeping the school looking terrific. Thanks to Karen, Paula, Bethany, Cecily and all those countless others for all your fantastic work with cleaning, gardening, maintenance and bus driving... you're all doing a great job!

CONTRADEALS

Contradealing is a great way to work off your fees as well as contribute to the school's upkeep. If you would like to take advantage of this great exchange for labour program, please get in touch with the office staff and they will help you to work it out.

Currently we need cleaners, grounds and landscaping team members, building and maintenance people. There is also one vacancy remaining in the office, and we will soon be saying goodbye to Marena for a while when she takes a well earned Maternity break, so there may be further office vacancies to make up.

WORKING BEE

Fleur is organising a Working Bee for Friday April 13 at the school. Please come from 10am to 1pm and bring along your gardening tools for a social weed pulling and gardening morning. Fleur will provide morning tea. Please call Fleur on 5476 3674 to give her an idea of numbers so she can cater for the morning tea. Please support the school by pitching in and taking part in this event.

HAVE YOU GOT A CULTURAL CHOOK? DON'T MISS THE 2007 AGRICULTURAL CHOOK SHOW - See the BRIS Bulletin Board (below) for details



Headlice

THOSE CRAWLIES WE ALL LOVE TO HATE!: We URGENTLY need a parent to contra-deal to check children's heads each morning until the problem is eradicated.

There has been a few cases of head lice around the school. We ask that parents please check your child's head and treat if necessary. It does help to keep long hair tied back and encourage your child to wear a swim cap at swimming.

We have for sale two products— Vrndavan Nit Terminator and Naturalene 'Bug Rid' that will prevent and get rid of head lice. Please see us in the office to purchase for \$10 for the Nit Terminator and \$11 for the Bug Rid.

Dates for the Diary...

Holiday Working Bee	April 13 10am—1pm	Please phone Fleur
Learn to Surf	Each Thursday at Mudjimba	Cost: \$15 + \$1 for bus
Gymnastics	Each Monday at Woombye	Cost: \$4 + \$1 for bus
Parent Forum	3:30pm, May 1 at school	For info please phone Paula
Parent Meeting	TBA—likely social evening	Note will be sent home

BRIS BULLETIN BOARD

BADMINTON— Children 8 to 16 are invited to play badminton at the Sunshine Coast Badminton Centre, Nambour, on Friday nights from 7:15 to 9:30pm. New players are welcome. Racquets are supplied. Parents are encouraged to stay and be rostered to assist.

Joining cost \$35, weekly cost \$4. Term 2 starts Fri 20 April. Contact Bill 5442 1756.

HEAD BANDS— Karen has bought in some head bands to the school for any Parents interested in another method of nit protection. The head bands are located in the kitchen, they are very funky and reasonably priced. Have a look and contact Karen if you are interested.

RUSSELL'S PHONE CONTACT— soon to come.....new bus timetable & phone tree. Also the mobile phone - 0407124986 (which Russell has used in the past) will be kept in the bus constantly!! So to contact Russell after hours will be via another number to be advised.

PARENT FORUM: The next Parent Forum will be held on May 1 at 3:30pm. Please attend if you can.

PARENT MEETING: The next Parent Meeting will be held around May 17. One subject for discussion at the Parent Forum is the possibility of holding a parent meeting as a social evening event, so please stay tuned for the final announcement regarding the Parent Meeting.

Karen and Zowa, our caretakers, need a new, bigger caravan. Do you have or know of a caravan we could acquire for them? Please contact the school if you do!

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Every 3 years we provide the Department of Education, Science and Training with the addresses of all the students at the School. This information is used to assess how much funding we will receive So it is important that we provide this information. A legal requirement of providing this information to the Government is that all parents are given the privacy statement explaining what happens to the information we give them. At right

VACCINATIONS

Following on from the recent form sent home to Highschool students regarding Vaccinations please note: There were insufficient respondees to the form to warrant us getting the OzCare team to come all the way up to Kureelipa to administer vaccinations, so if you require your child to be vaccinated you will need to attend

is a copy of the Privacy Notice. Please read it, and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the school

Information Required to Help determine Funding Arrangements for Non-Government Schools

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), to advise you that we have requested your child's school to provide the following three pieces of information:

- Students' residential addresses (not names of students);
- Students' Level of Education (whether Primary or Secondary Level);
- Students' Boarding School Status (whether Boarders or Day Students).

DEST requires this information so we can accurately administer general recurrent funding provided to non-government schools, and to determine payments of Australian Government assistance under the Schools Assistance (Learning Together — Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act (the Act). DEST will only use this information for this specific purpose.

Background Information on how funding is allocated: The Australian Government allocates per student funding to non-government schools according to the socioeconomic status (SES) of a school's community. SES scores are calculated every four years using income, education and occupation data from the Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) national Census. A school's SES score will be used to determine their level of Australian Government per student funding under the Act.

DEST is bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988. Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) which prescribe the rules for handling personal information. The information provided by your child's school may be disclosed by DEST to contractors working for DEST for the purposes of verifying the information, and for no other purpose. In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice please phone the DEST Schools Grants and Data Section Helpline on 1800 677 027 (free call) or send an e-mail to grantsanddata.helpdest.gov.au.

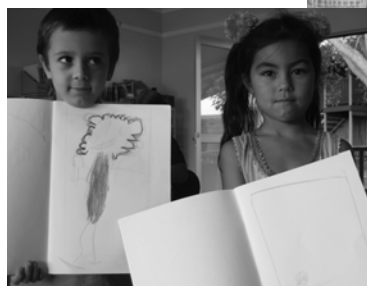
so if you require your child to be vaccinated you will need to attend a clinic
The vaccinations available for free are:
Hepatitis B vaccine (two doses given four to six months apart) and free varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for Year 8 students
Diphtheria - tetanus - pertussis (dTpa) vaccine for Year 10 students, and
Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (three doses given at zero, two and six months) for female students in Year 10.

All queries regarding clinics should be directed to 5409 6600. The vaccinations should be available through your local GP.

Around Our School



Jac and Jarod in the Paperbag Challenge, and Bim and Gianni draw Bradley at work in the kitchen



The grade 8's get to know each other, Kirstyn presents her contract powerpoint lesson to an interested audience and Jarod and Bim enjoy each other's company at lunchtime



MILLIPEDE MADNESS!

On the 29th of March our class went up to the dead tree stump near Russell's room looking for Millipedes for research. We found 9 of them. We put them into plastic containers and sent them to a scientist in Canberra.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE

With Community Liaison Officer, Paula Schutz

THERE'S been a shift in the executive; due to bureaucratic red tape-beyond our control - my title has changed from *President of the Executive Committee* to *Community Liaison Officer*. In this role I am still fulfilling the duties which I commenced whilst holding the title of President. Greta has kindly offered to put her name to the title of President to complete the executive committee requirements.

In other changes, Rowena has relinquished her role of Treasurer to Cora - Thanks to Rowena's positive input over the past two years as Treasurer —

We wonder if we discovered a new type of Millipede!

By Layla and Ella



The Portuguese Millipede is invading Australia, and the CSIRO is conducting an Australia-wide research project to find just how far and wide these invaders have spread! We have been part of this research. The millipedes we found were, fortunately, not Portuguese - which are a shiny black millipede.

I have had a lovely term with these guys - they are all really great - and we are all looking forward to Term 2. Have a fantastic, fun, relaxing, enjoyable, and exciting holiday, and I will see you all back next term!

- Louise

Parents of Highschoolers please note:

Our treasurer, Angela, is currently carrying out research for her Justice studies into bullying. IF your child is approached to take part in her research (consisting of a questionnaire) and you do not wish them to, please contact Angela, or the office, and your child will be excluded. PLEASE NOTE: All collected information will be destroyed after data has been collated.

WANTED!

KARI NEEDS A HELPER: in the Art Room for Tuesday afternoon Pottery classes. We are looking for a Mum, Dad, Carer, Grandparent, Brother, Sister, Aunt, Uncle, Community member ... well, you get the idea... anyone who can help from 1:15-3pm .

DRESSMAKING HELP: Does anyone have any sewing ability? Or know anyone that does? Angela needs a formal dress made and would really appreciate it if you could call her on 0409 471 008. Thank you!

CASTOFFS NEEDED: If you have any of these items to spare we can really use them! If you do, please drop them to the office:

- A stereo for the art room
- Rags and old towels for art and pottery
- Cups for Woodford

particularly her concept of a Parent Forum. Thanks also to Kel for hanging in there as Secretary!

Just a few small reminders....

Parents please discuss safe practises on the bus with your child/children. They have been shown a safety video at school but some are still forgetting to observe safety rules on the bus. I would particularly like the older students to set a good example to the younger ones and remind them to stay seated. (There is NO eating or drinking... except water... on the bus)

Kitchen safety – please be aware of the food preparation needed for lunches you provide for your child/children. If the sandwich toaster or toaster oven is to be used, this needs supervising by an adult or older student. Some younger students are using these appliances and leaving them on &/or dirty. This poses a problem to the cleanup team not to mention the fire hazard and accident issues. If you are sending food that needs these heating appliances, please ensure they have the assistance of an older sibling or adult available. Younger students will not be encouraged to use the appliances without help.

On the subject of the sandwich toaster...we would like to encourage the use of greaseproof paper around the food to be toasted. This eliminates all mess and makes cleaning up a breeze. Greaseproof paper will be provided in the kitchen.

Please send a water bottle with your child/children...use of kitchen cups for water in this hot weather creates an abundance of washing up...something we all would like to avoid.

We are looking forward to seeing all parents and carers at the next Parent Forum at 3:30pm on Tuesday May 1st. We hope 2007 is shaping up to be an eventful and productive year. Any concerns/questions you have please see me ... if I don't have the answer, I'll endeavour to find it!

Thanks for your attention to these matters.

Kind regards

Paula

Community Liaison Officer

Yum!... Top Nosh from Bradley!



Highschooler Bradley chose Hospitality for his Contract work for last term. The lucky recipients of Bradley's efforts enjoyed a delicious Asian Feast on the deck. Here he tells us about his contract and how it all panned out!

"I came up with the idea of doing hospitality as my contract, because I'm good at cooking, I like food and I also like to present my work in a practical way. I had to think of a three course meal that was affordable, healthy and that could maybe be used as a fund

High School Happenings

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the end of Term 1. The high school students have had a busy term, which I'll try to summarise in a few short paragraphs!

All contracts have been completed and submitted for feedback. On top of the feedback that Marilyn and I give, the kids evaluate their own contract work, as well as each other's. It has also been invaluable to have some parents involved in the kid's assessment feedback too. There have been some very interesting contract topics as well as presentations. Some of the students have managed to present their work to Russell's class, which included a guest lecturer from the Sunshine Coast Uni; who was very impressed by the presentations he sat in on (well done Deni and Alex !). On top of this major body of integrated work, the kids have also had class work in Science, Art, English and Maths. Believe it or not the Travelling North (or is it South?) project has rolled over into this year and Dave is encompassing it into the Duke of Edinburgh Program....we'll have an update on the progress of this project next newsletter as we are meeting with Dave tomorrow.

As in any group, we've had some students who have presented us with work that challenged them and was beyond our expectations. Others who do exactly what we describe, and those who get through by the skin of their teeth! On the whole, we have a fantastic group of teenagers in our high school which all parents should be proud of. Year 8 has had the

raiser in the future.

My contract involved having to design a menu, do shopping, budget to cover expenses (and hopefully a profit), a practice run, time and risk management, market research, thinking of presentation, service, hygiene, clean up and designing evaluation sheets for my customers to assess me.

My six customers that came to my final presentation assessed the meal and my service and all responded with a rating of "exquisite"!



I think this is a great way to learn because I got to actually have a choice of what I did and have the experience of what it *really* feels like to be involved in hospitality. A special thankyou to my customers and the greatest photographer (I wonder who)!"

Brad, Year 9.

biggest adjustment to make, with most working hard and settling in well to high school, and some bringing a very strong work ethic. Most Year 9 and 10's have been a source of inspiration in their creative responses to their contract work.

From a staffing point of view it has been great to have Marilyn come aboard, we are enjoying working together and are looking forward to planning and organising next term's program. It has been wonderful to have Amie, our pre-service teacher, choose to join us again this year. The kids enjoy Amie's commitment, skill and youth in the classroom. we wish her the very best with her future studies and employment. Also big thanks to Tim's electronics and IT support, Paul's woodwork, Kari's Indonesian, John's music and sports, Dave's continued support of the Duke of Edinburgh Program and Jess's classroom aid. Our guests in the classroom this term have been Reg (human rights talk) and Questacom (science museum). The variety in the High School program is fabulous for such a small school.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday—See you all next Term!

Marguerite

News from the Rainbow Room



SAYING GOODBYE: Our darling Gianni (left) is moving to Byron Bay, and while we are very happy for her exciting news, we will surely miss her lovely smiling face! Gianni is a very caring, sharing and well loved little girl with loads of friends at school, who wish her and her family the best of luck in their new home.

And guess who just had birthdays in the Rainbow Room? Bim and Gour (above, right) are celebrating being 6 years old... which is just one over the distance in metres that Bim's French Knitting stretches - 5 metres!

Oscar is also celebrating... he turned 5 last term. Happy Birthday, Boys!

I'm looking forward to the next term with you all—have a happy and safe holiday!

-Rosemary



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The decision on an evening Social Parent Meeting will be made at the next Parent Forum on May 1.

An announcement will then be made for the Parent Meeting - Please attend if you can!