

Mundy Matters

a weekly newsletter to parents and community members



MUNDINGBURRA STATE SCHOOL

Celebrating 125 Years

1884 – 2009

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CONGRATULATIONS

Year 7EB - Winner of

5 awards at the

Panasonic Kids

Witness News

Program Awards in

2009. State Primary,

National & Regional

section (for primary

& Secondary Schools)

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What is resilience?

My beliefs on building a capacity within our youth around being curious, compassionate and resilient are very strong and we as a school are determined to foster these values in all that we do. Even as grown adults we will and forever will be, challenged by these morals and values ourselves. I'd like to focus a little if I may on RESILIENCE....and the fact that it is in my opinion the hardest for children to grasp and exhibit.

We are all born with an innate capacity for resilience, by which we are able to develop social competence, problem-solving skills, a critical consciousness, self determination, and a sense of purpose.

SOCIAL COMPETENCE includes qualities such as responsiveness, especially the ability to elicit positive responses from others; flexibility, including the ability to move between different cultures; empathy; communication skills; and a sense of humour. PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS encompass the ability to plan; to be resourceful in seeking help from others; and to think critically, creatively, and reflectively. In the development of a CRITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS, a reflective awareness of the structures of oppression (be it from an alcoholic parent, an insensitive school, or a racist society) and creating strategies for overcoming them has been vital to the individual.

SELF DETERMINATION is having a sense of one's own identity and an ability to act independently and to exert some control over one's environment, including a sense of task mastery, internal focus of control, and self-efficiency. Lastly, resilience is manifested in having a SENSE OF PURPOSE and a belief in a bright future, including goal direction, educational aspirations, achievement motivation, persistence, hopefulness, optimism, and spiritual connectedness.

It is this school's intent that we foster the basic human needs for support, respect, and belonging and motivation for learning is fostered. Reciprocal caring, respectful, and participatory relationships are the critical determining factors in whether a student learns; whether parents become and stay involved in the school; whether a program or strategy is effective; whether an educational change is sustained; and, ultimately, whether a child feels he or she has a place in this society.

Over the past few weeks unfortunately there have been several incidents which have met with consequences including suspension and loss of privileges. It is our Responsible Behaviour Plan objective to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students. At school we are reinforcing what most parents would say to their children . . . learn (be curious), try hard (resilience) and be good (compassionate). Those few who refuse to comply are simply disobeying their parents and the school. It is critical that the relationship between parents and the school is built on good communication and a team problem solving approach.

46 more sleeps til Santa comes . . .

Have a good week.

Mr Craig Homer
Deputy Principal

DATE CLAIMERS



- 11-23 November Life Ed Van lessons
 16th November Music Mates meeting - PAC - 7pm.
 17th November Uniform Shop opened from
 2.30pm - 3.15pm
 17th November Instrumental Recruitment closes.
 17th November Yr 7 attend Orientation day at
 Pimlico SHS
 Tuesday 17th November Prep Orientation Day -
 9am - 11am
 18th November End-of-semester Instrumental &
 Choral Concert - PIMPAC - 7pm.
 19th November Uniform Shop opened from
 8.30am - 9.30am
Date for Roadtrip changed to:-
 27th November Annual Senior Instrumental &
 Choral 'Roadtrip' - 9am - 3pm.
 27th November School Disco - "Lets Celebrate"

P & C NEWS

P&C END OF YEAR RAFFLE

Don't forget to get your tickets for the End-of-year raffle.

The prize is "8 seats in the McCafe Stand", valued at \$1,200 as the prize for the Townsville McDonald's Crocodiles Vs New Zealand Breakers on 6.30pm Wednesday 27 January 2010.

Details:-

- \$5 each
- Money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name, address, child's name and class. Envelope goes in the "Pink" P&C box in the school office. The tickets will be delivered to your child in their classroom.
- Tickets will also be sold at all end-of-year functions and a P & C representative will be selling tickets after school on Monday afternoons in the CPA during November.
- Prize Draw will occur during last week of Term.

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN:-

- Tuesday 17th 2.30pm to 3.15pm and
- Thursday 19th 8.30am to 9.30am.

CAN YOU HELP

Outside school hours care needs some spare clothes, so we're looking for donations of girls/boys clothes in various sizes (not school uniform). Can be dropped into OSHC or the office.

P & C Contacts:-

- **Linda Nardini, President**
- **Jo Gulson, Vice President 0419642482**

125th Memorabilia

There is still a quantity of memorabilia for sale from the school office:-

- Coffee Mugs, Glasses & Key Rings - \$5
- 125th Magazine - \$10
- Water Bottles - \$4
- Pens & Lanyards - \$3
- Pencils & Magnets - \$1

Available at the School Office

Also for sale on Monday Afternoon - CPA

DEFENCE SCHOOLS TRANSITION AIDE NEWS



Deployments

There have been more movements, please notify me if this has affected your family.

Postings

Always a sad time for defence families, please notify me with dates, times, locations for leaving certificates, passports, digital student portfolios and other materials which make it an easier transition for your family.

Tutoring.

There have been changes to tutoring forms. All forms must go to D.C.O. Gail MacDonald after completion. Tutoring must be completed within 18 months. To be granted applications must be made within 18 months of postings. Contact Nos. 4753 6539 or 0439 574 082.

Reminders:

- Roller Coaster to Deployment - 11/11/09 at Geckos. Fun Day, Ceremony for Remembrance Day - 9.00 - 2.30. Please call 4753 6539 - secondary students also welcome.
- Children's Christmas Party will be held on 29th Nov from 1400hr - 1600hrs. This will be followed by 'Carols at Lavarack', this commences at 1630hrs and finishes at 1830hrs. Urgent RSVP's are required by Friday 23rd October. Please call Lyn Harding on 47 717031 or 0438 558 812 with your RSVP. Parents are required to contribute \$10, which will go towards receiving a gift.

If anyone has any issues or concerns please contact me.

Paul Marhin, Defence Force Teacher Aide
 0439 574 082

(FOR CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MSS NEXT YEAR - please detach & return to MSS office ASAP)

I wish to advise that my child/children _____ will not be returning to Mundingburra State School in 2010.

The reason for this is:- _____

My child/children will/will possibly be enrolled at _____ next year.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

The **Life Ed Van** will be arriving Wednesday afternoon and it will be located in the Administration Car Park. **Admin car park will not be available for parking for the duration of the Life Education Van visit i.e. 11/11/09 – 23/11/09.**

MUSIC NEWS



END-of-SEMESTER Instrumental and Choral Concert
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18 PIMPAC 7:00pm
Letter going home today.

End-of-Year Senior Ensemble and Choir Roadtrip.

On Friday November 27 the Senior Band, Orchestra and Choir will spend the day performing at the RSL Aged Care Home at Rowes Bay and the Townsville Community Learning Centre in Aitkenvale followed by a BBQ lunch and play at Sherriff Park on Loves Lane. Cost will be \$5:00 per child as part-payment towards transportation costs, many thanks to 'Music Mates' for their substantial support of the day. Permission letters will go home shortly.

Arties 'ROCK STAR' Recruitment Visit.

'Thanks' go to Sharon and Ben from Arties for their most enjoyable, humorous and inspiring concert. Ben, in the guise of a 'Rock Star' entertained and informed the children from years two to five on the instruments taught at our school and encouraged them to think of what music would bring to their lives. Twelve dedicated instrumental students were on stage to show their instruments and inspire the children with their considerable achievements. We are very proud of you.

2010 Instrumental Recruitment

Applications close on Tuesday November 17. Please send a letter with your child requesting forms from Ms Aldridge.

Woodwind Concert

The woodwind concert was just lovely. Congratulations to Miss Grace for the smooth organisation and well-prepared students. Thanks to the parents who supported all the children so wholeheartedly and warmly. The student's achievements and work were plain to see.

Music Photos

Music Photos have been distributed. If you have not yet received them, they are available from Mrs Aldridge. Any other queries regarding the photos, please contact John de Rooy Photographics on 4725 4660.

Guitar and Keyboard Tuition with Ms Vicki

Trevanion

Ms Trevanion's phone number is 47786331 or e-mail vikeys@bigpond.com. Guitar lessons are available for Year 6 and 7 students while keyboard lessons are available from Year 4. Students may learn a school instrument and guitar or keyboard.

SCIENCE MATES

This term Years 4 – 7 Science Mates are constructing electric cars. We are calling on the school community for the donation of (still working), cordless drills. If you can help please drop them off at the office or to J Block to either Mr Coxhead or Mr Baker. Your assistance will really make this activity a success.



ENROLMENTS 2010

Please tell your friends and neighbours -



Enrolments are now being taken for 2010. We do not have an enrolment boundary and have vacancies in all Year levels.

Please see Leslie Hammond in Administration, regarding enrolment packs and to make a time to meet with the Deputy Principal for an enrolment interview.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Thankyou once again for your wonderful support with Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club. Book Club orders arrived early and the items were distributed to the students' classrooms. We are now just waiting on a couple of back orders, so if you have not received your Book Club it will be items from your order for which we are waiting. As soon as these items arrive the orders will be distributed.

Overdue Library Books:

Overdue Notices will be distributed again this week. Would any students who still have books outstanding, please return them to the Library as soon as possible?

Games Room:

The first heat of our Draughts tournament was postponed last week, because the library was required as the venue for other things. The first heat of this tournament will now occur on Tuesday 10th November. Students involved in our first heat, will be advised. There will be a second heat in Week 7.

Premier's Reading Challenge:

Congratulations once again, to all the students who took part in and completed the challenge issued by our Premier Anna Bligh. The certificates for these students have been distributed to each classroom that took part. Thanks again to the parents and teachers who encouraged and supported these students. Well done everyone.

Have another great week.

Bernadette Stennett - Teacher Librarian

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming for Term IV has been cancelled due to unavailability of a suitable pool and increasing costs.



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Battery World Townsville Colouring Competition.

Entry forms for the above competition are coming home with today's newsletter. The competition has been extended until the end of this week. Please send all entries into the school office by Friday 13th November. Prizes are given to the following age groups, Prep; Year 1; Year 2; Year 3; Year 4; Year 5; Year 6 and Year 7. The prize will be a batter charger with rechargeable batteries valued at \$40/age group. The school with the most entries per students will receive rechargeable batteries and/or chargers to the value of \$150.

SCHOOL DISCO – 27th November 2009
"LET'S CELEBRATE" is the theme for the next school disco - so come along and celebrate: our school was 125yrs old this year and celebrate the end of the school year with all your friends. A flyer will go out to everyone by the end of this week so keep your eye out for it. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal 2009

Mundingburra State School is participating in the Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal again this year.

For most of us, Christmas is a magical time, celebrated with family and friends. Unfortunately many people find Christmas a difficult, worrying and lonely time. We urge you to experience the **true** magic of Christmas and help ease the burden of someone in our community.

A donation box will be dropped into our office shortly and donations of toys, gifts, gift vouchers, everyday essentials like toothbrushes and soap, cash and non-perishable food (such as tinned food or long life foods) would be greatly appreciated.



ITEM FROM LACHLAN - 6FW

It was a fine day in the city of Varrock. No muggers had struck the stalls located in the city centre. No chaos druids had entered the huge city gates, and to the guards surprise all the highway men had been chased off by an angry old man who thought the man was being a bad influence to his grandson. All was well! Little did the city folk know about the huge mountain towering the city called Dragon Tooth Mountain. It was said that an evil knight that served the Varrockan knight company killed a dragon that had befriended the city. Then he pried out the dragon's fang and cursed it. Ever since, Varrock has been cursed by the fang on Dragon Tooth Mountain.

Meanwhile, in the city's training quarters two fine young warriors practice their skills using beginner wooden poles. But Greg has to find an excuse not to fight against Jake, because he knows that he will get drilled if he ever versus Jake. "Jake! My buddy! Say,, could you go easy on me? Not because I'm scared or anything, my arm hurts that's all!" Greg explained.

"Sure, just like last time. Broken leg if I recall?" Jake asked.

"But this time it's the truth!" Greg yelled.

"Enough talk! Let's fight!" Jake ordered. Suddenly a huge BANG echoed the training quarters. A few seconds later before the knights could even blink, a warrior burst through the door. "Knights! Get your weapons! There is a huge dragon ribbing the town to shreds!" explained the warrior. Both the knights grabbed their weapons ready for the worst.

As they both ran outside a huge explosion blinded them. "Oh my gosh!" Greg shouted.

"C'mon! We need to get some medical supplies!" Jake ordered. Jake headed for the city centre with the warrior by his side. Then suddenly, a huge red dragon picked up Jake with its razor sharp claws and threw them both into a wooden house. Jake was knocked unconscious. This dragon was not like your normal dragon it was a spirit dragon, back from the dead to take vengeance on the betrayal of its home town. "ROAR! UNTIL MY FANG IS RETURNED TO ME, I WILL KEEP ON TAKING INNOCENT LIVES!" roared the dragon. The dragon disintegrated back to his unseen form.



Destruction had been published upon the great city of Varrock. Soldiers lay blackened, charcoaled by the fire wave the dragon had summoned out of his mount. Meanwhile, Jake lay next to the dead warrior that led him to the city centre. Jake's head was bleeding badly. Suddenly everything turned black.

Jake found himself in the medic bay, with a bandaged arm, broken leg and a broken collar bone. "Jake, why do you do all this reckless life risking stuff?" Greg asked. "Shut up Greg! This is serious! You have to return the fang to the spirit dragon! If you don't it will come back and finish what he started!" explained Jake hastily. "I'm already on it, some bloke name Merlin zapped me into the past and I managed to obtain the fang!" Greg explained. "I can't stay long, I have world saving to do!" One hour later, Greg had climbed to the top of Dragon Tooth Mountain and returned the fang, the dragon appeared. "I CAN FINALLY REST IN PEACE. THANKYOU YOUNG KNIGHT" the dragon then disappeared. Ever since, no evil haunted the town of Varrock.

 **Samoa Tsunami Appeal**

Saturday 14th November, 2009

Venue: Salvation Army Faithworks
13 Madden St. Aitkenvale

Time: 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Cultural Entertainment
Remembrance Service
Raffle - Good Prizes
Sausage Sizzle

Donations go towards rebuilding family homes through Apitaga mo Tagata Sotua Samoa (Housing for the People of Samoa)

Help Us Make A Difference

Donations and for more information please contact:
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