Welcome to the 2014 school year. I hope that your family’s transition into this year has been a relatively smooth one. I’m sure that your children are tired at the end of the day so make sure that they are getting lots of sleep, good brain food and plenty of questions about school.

Australia Day Recognition of Achievement
Last year’s Centenary Celebrations committee was thrilled to receive the Community Event of 2013 Award at Mundubbera’s Australia Day festivities. Our congratulations also go to students who were recognised for their school and community participation and efforts.
Young Citizen of the Year—Brittany Kugel
Junior Sports Award—Sophie Zipf
Junior Cultural Award—Brandon Schulte.

Religious Education
Primary religious education classes are provided by Mundubbera Ministers’ Fraternal representatives. Classes will commence in week 3.
Nut Free School
To new parents and returning families, a very important reminder that we have children at this school who have severe reactions to nuts. We ask that all families help us to manage this situation by ensuring that they do not provide nuts in any form as part of your child's lunch. Your support in this request is much appreciated.

Attendance
Every Day Counts, is Education Queensland’s Motto for encouraging families to have their child here every day. We set our school goal in 2013 as one percent higher than the year before. Unfortunately we did not meet our target of 93% attendance. So this year, remember that every day that your child is not in front of a teacher they are missing out on vital new knowledge and skills.

Behaviour
Each year we review the number of negative behaviour reports and the positive behaviour affirmations that happen in the school. In 2013 our negative behaviour reports decreased by 30% and overall as a school we have recorded more positive affirmations than negative.
This is great news for a number of reasons. Firstly, students in class are distracted less and the teacher can focus on teaching. Secondly, students are able to retain more learning when they are in a positive frame of mind. Research by Barbara Fredrickson PH.D tells us that a positive to negative ration of 3 to 1 helps humans learn and live better. So, ” You have done a great job getting your children to school over the last three days, Well Done!”

Writing
Next week, Dr Anne Drabble, Senior Lecturer Early Childhood at the University of Sunshine Coast will be working in our school. Teachers will be working closely with Dr Drabble to improve our students in the area of writing. This is a great opportunity for us all to learn key skills that will help us all become better writers.

School Captain Interviews
This process will be happening in the near future. Our four leaders will be interviewed by a P&C representative, Mr John Balshaw & myself.
After the information is collated from this interview the Captains and Vice Captains will be decided.

I look forward to working with you this year. I encourage all parents to make contact with your child’s teacher and myself if you have any concerns or just a positive comment. We are reviewing last year’s School Opinion Survey data and communication is one area we will work hard on this year.
- Peter Townsend

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop will recommence next Thursday, operating on a reduced menu for the first fortnight. This menu will be distributed early next week.
STUDENT LEVIES
Primary resource scheme levies of $35 and secondary resource scheme levies of $60 for year 7, $55 for year 8, $60 for year 9 and $60 for year 10 plus relevant subject fees for all secondary students are now due.
It is necessary to have signed resource scheme participation forms for all students. New forms will be sent home for completion if these have not been returned next week.
A contribution of $4 per primary student towards Religious Education workbooks and expenses is appreciated.
Primary Maths workbooks cost $16, the Prep Soundwaves kit is $14.50 and Prep iMaths is $16.
Instrumental music information has been distributed.
Our thanks to all who have paid to date.

BOOK CLUB
Brochures have been distributed for the first book club of the year. Please have orders and payment by cash or cheque to the office by 10am Wednesday 12 February.
Cheques should be made payable to Mundubbera State School.

LIBRARY BORROWING DAYS
Primary class library borrowing days are:
Prep—Wednesday Year 1/2—Thursday
Year 2/3—Friday Year 3/4—Wednesday
Year 5—Thursday Year 6—Thursday

ARTS COUNCIL
The first primary and secondary arts council performances of the year will be held on 28 February.
Titled *The Box*, primary students will attend at 10.20am and secondary will attend at 1.30pm.
Cost is $6 per student to attend or $15 per family attending the same session. As the performers charge for each session the family discount cannot be shared across both sessions.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
**Gig Guide:**
24th April ANZAC ceremony at school
25th April ANZAC ceremony at Town Hall

All students who enrolled last year have received enrolment packages this week. Enrolment and loan agreement forms should be returned as soon as possible. Fees do not need to be paid at this time. Students new to the school who are interested in joining the program should see me or contact the office staff. Enrolments will close at the end of week 2 (next Friday).
Lessons and band rehearsal will begin next week for all students.
- Kirsty McGovern.
**JUST DESSERTS (SCHOOL MUSICAL)**
Students interested in participating in the school production of the musical “Just Desserts” received letters and information yesterday. Auditions for lead roles were held today and will be finalised tomorrow. Any students who missed out receiving this information can collect a letter from the office. The first rehearsal will be held next Tuesday afternoon. The chorus members will remain at school for rehearsal and the leads will walk to the Town Hall. Students can be collected at 4:30pm. Any queries or concerns should be directed to Mrs McGovern.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**
Enrolments are invited for the AASC primary school free sport and healthy snacks after school program. Term 1 activities start next Monday 3rd February and are held from 2.35 to 3.45 with Soccer (Mrs Townsend) on Mondays, Rugby League (Mrs Whelan) on Tuesdays and Movement & Dance (Mrs Hatton) on Thursdays. Only registered students may participate. Forms have been distributed or are available from the school office. Any enquiries should be directed to Lisa Whelan at school.

**ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS**
A list of academic competitions was included in the prospectus. These give students the opportunity to compare their knowledge and skills with other students across Australia. Your child’s participation in the competitions is encouraged. Please note that the Westpac Maths Competition costs $6 to participate, not $5 as previously advised.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Breakfast club will commence next week. It is available from 8.15 to 8.30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, providing a light top-up of toast and juice or milo for those students who have left home early. We thank the volunteer workers and Queensland Health for its sponsorship of this program.

**Auskick Fun Day**
AFL Wide Bay will be holding a community camp on the 7-8th of February and as part of this we will be holding 2 Auskick fun days both running on Saturday 8th. There will be one centre running in Hervey Bay at the Seafront Oval, Pialba from 10am to 12pm. The other centre will be run in Bundaberg at the Kendall Flats Cricket Grounds from 10:30am to 12pm. This will coincide with the Brisbane Lions visit and there will be 6 players at both centres. This is a great opportunity for your child to meet the players.

Any enquires call Dean Backwell on 0403190702
We hope to see you there,
Your AFLQ Development Team
CITIZENS OF THE YEAR
Mundubbera’s Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award went to the Citizens of Mundubbera. A tree was planted to honour the work done by so many citizens in 2013.

MUNDUBBERA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
all interested welcome at:

- Mature grandparents/great grandparents morning tea 1st Monday of each month 9.30am at MCDA
- Writers’ Group at MCDA 1st Thursday each month at 2pm,
- Garden Group at MCDA 2nd Thursday of each month at 9.00am
- Diabetes Support Group at MCDA 1st Wednesday of each month 10.30am
- Playgroup at town hall supper room 9.30 to 11.30 every Tuesday except Mobile Playgroup day.
- Local Blokes, Local Answers dinner. Thursday 20 February, enquiries and registration at MCDA

- ALL ENQUIRIES 4165 4690

Mundubbera Community Development Association Inc, 69 Stuart-Russell Street Mundubbera
Is funded by Queensland Department of Communities

MUNDUBBERA REGIONAL ART GALLERY
NOW SHOWING
An impressive photographic exhibition “The Essence of Me”

Gallery Open
Monday to Friday
10am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 4.30pm
Saturday 9am to 12 noon
Excepting public holidays

Volunteers needed.
The art gallery committee would welcome interested new members to help with erecting and dismantling displays and “manning” the gallery on a roster basis. The art gallery is cool. Training provided to handle artworks.
Enquiries to Ros 4165 6169.

MAINLY MUSIC
30 minutes group music session followed by morning tea for youngsters and their carers 9.30 each Thursday at New Life Centre
Cost $3 for 1 child or $5 for 2 or more and carer.
Enquiries—Marissa Cowburn 4165 4594
(New Life Centre, Mundubbera)

MUNDUBBERA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Sign-on with Broncos training
3.30 to 4.30 Tuesday 4th February
at Archer Park

MUNDUBBERA JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOC
Cricket Training
Wednesday
6pm to 7.30pm
Don’t forget your water bottle.
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**FREE WEAVING WORKSHOPS**  
Saturday 8 March  
9.30am to 11.30am  
and 12.30pm to 2.30pm  
at Mundubbera Museum  
Register with Creative Regions  
Phone 0488 197 400 or  
afloat@creativeregions.com.au

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**  
2.35 to 3.45  
Afternoon tea then  
Mondays—Soccer  
Tuesdays—Rugby League  
Thursdays—Movement & Dance  
Open to primary students.  
Must register at the office to participate.

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES**  
Small advertisement $5 to $9  
Quarter page advert $10  
Third page advert $15  
Half page advert $20  
Full page advert $25  
Attachments by arrangement.  
Approved Community notices – no charge  
Please place advertisements  
by Wednesdays

**SLAM**  
Youth Activities at  
Baptist Church Hall  
Wednesdays  
Start 2.45, finish 4pm  
Enquiries to Steve 0457 404 069

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Super Coaching Clinics

Have fun and meet the Brisbane Broncos at the Super Coaching Clinic in your local area.

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All children and students (club and non-club players) welcome from ages 6-15yrs. Participants will require hat, waterbottle and suitable training attire/footwear. (Please note there will be some basic contact activities)

FREE OF CHARGE

Central Burnett Brumbies Junior Sign up will also be happening in Gayndah and Mundubbera during and after the Clinics.
Registration forms available on the day of the Clinic. No prior registration is required.
If you require any further information, please contact:
Scott Zahra (NRL Game Development Officer 0408 276 027).