From The Principal …

North Burnett Education Conference
The conference on Monday was a great success. We had over 200 delegates, presenters and district office staff attend. A big thank-you must go to the P&C who did a magnificent job catering for this sized group. The feedback was very positive about the content and the 40 sessions that were offered for the delegates to attend. Thanks also to the Principals of the North Burnett Region who helped put this day together and the sponsors; Qld Teachers Union, EDSCO, Keypad and Teachers’ Union Health.

Queensland Rugby Union
A big thanks to QRU development Manager Mr Andrew Beattie who was able take our students for training for two days over the last week. On Friday 25 October, 17 students from Mundubbera State P-10 will be travelling to Emerald for the Western 7s Rugby Union carnival. Good luck to the boys and we look forward to seeing you all in the new Mundubbera Croc’s Rugby Union gear.

Well done to Students of the Week, awarded last Friday and to all the students who are making terrific progress in the Dragon Reader Program. Parental support of the readers is great.

- Peter Townsend.
PREP ORIENTATION DAY
Parents of children who plan to attend Prep at our school next year have been invited to bring them to an orientation day next Wednesday from 9.30 to 11.00am. This is an opportunity for them to gain information and get the “feel” of the classroom. If you know of someone who is unaware of this event but expects to have a Prep child next year, please let them know.

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT
Harold and the Life Education team will be in Mundubbera from 1 November to 7 November. As Harold’s trailer is out of order, they will base themselves in a classroom.
The P & C and special funding will pay the cost of student admission to the program. Envelopes have been sent home today to enable donations towards the ongoing operation of the Life Education program. This donation is voluntary and would be greatly appreciated.

AWARDS NIGHT
The secondary department Awards Night will be held at the Town Hall next Thursday 1 November, commencing at 7.30pm. This event is held to recognise effort and achievement by students. All are invited to join this celebration. Please bring a plate of light supper to share afterwards.
Donations to the school to help with costs of this event would be very welcome.
Many thanks to all who have contributed already.

PRIMARY INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
All students from grades 3 to 6 plus those year 7 students who are trialling for selection to the district carnival will take part in the carnival on 2 November.
There will be 25 metre, 50 metre and 100 metre races for competitive swimmers. Non-competitive swimmers will get a chance to participate in some across-the-pool races and relays.
A canteen will be available on the day. Pre-orders are to be written on brown paper bags and handed to the office by Thursday 1st with payment. Any change will be given out at the carnival on Friday. Information and permission notes will be handed out this week.
Any parents who are able to help with time-keeping, please contact Lisa at the school. Training will be provided if necessary.
Students should arrive at the pool by 8.45 and must be collected by 1.30pm.
All students not collected will be walked back to school.

CALENDARS FOR SALE
Centenary commemorative 2013 calendars and biros are available from the school office as a set, costing $5. These can be purchased now.
The calendars are month to an opening and feature Australian scenic photos, and the tag-line

Mundubbera State P-10
1913—2013
Please make any cheques for this payable to Mundubbera State School P & C. An order form is included in this newsletter.

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS DAY
P-6 students are invited to wear a red sun-safe shirt tomorrow for Daniel Morcomb Foundation to promote awareness of child protection. No money is required. This is not a fundraiser. **Please remember that students will be participating in sport so a collared shirt would be preferred.**

TERM 4 WEDNESDAY LUNCH ART ACTIVITIES
Students are invited to take part in art activities in the Prep Room each Wednesday lunch time. Next week—Windmills
Weeks 5 & 6—Paper Plate Reindeers
Week 7—Art Breakup activities
No lunchtime art activities during weeks 8 and 9 due to swimming.

PRIMARY SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons for students in Prep to Year 6 will take place in weeks 8 and 9. Information and permission notes will be sent home before then.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Sports are as follows:
Mondays badminton and table tennis in the Marg Kelly Hall;
Tuesdays cricket on the top oval;
Thursdays tennis on multi-games courts.
All activities commence with afternoon tea at the hall from 3pm to 3.15pm.

MUSIC, COUNT US IN NEXT THURSDAY
Students at our school are joining others across Australia to sing the same song at the same time to celebrate the value of school music education.
It is expected that over 1900 schools will be involved, with their students singing a specially composed song, “Different People (Stand Together)”. Our students will sing at 11.30 next Thursday and onlookers are very welcome. It is inspirational to think that since 2007, over 2.5 million have participated in the annual Music, Count Us In synchronised singalong.

BOOK FAIR AT SCHOOL
There will be a book fair at school from 29 October to 2 November. This is a great opportunity to check a range of books available for purchase. There is a “buy one, get one free” offer.

COOROOLA MAGAZINE
Please complete and return the attached sponsorship / advertising form with payment by tomorrow.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Gig Guide:
1st November Awards Night
6th December School Carols Night

P & C MEETING NOTES
Thanks to those interested people who attended the meeting last Thursday.
Discussions ranged across a variety of topics, allowing shared knowledge and ideas
and efficient planning of events.

P & C helps with refreshments after Awards Night presentations are complete. If
you are available to help organise and tidy up after the supper, please volunteer.
Parents are asked to bring a plate of supper to share.

The Carols Night on 6th December in the Marg Kelly
Hall will commence with a sausage and steak
barbecue at 5.30 with the student class performances
beginning at 7pm. This is a great social night out so
please tell your friends. We do need several
volunteers to arrive by 5pm to help set-up and
prepare barbecue etc so please contact Ros Kugel
(4165 4613 w) to volunteer for this and the clean-up
afterwards. There will also be a multi-draw raffle on
the night and donations of prizes for this are invited.

P & C will sponsor primary student attendance at the Life Education classes as well
as paying the transport component of primary swimming lessons.

The next centenary meeting will be held at school 6pm on Thursday 22 November.

The final P & C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 15 November at the
Royal Hotel, 6pm for a 6.30 start with those attending paying their own meal costs
at this celebratory function.

THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION
Thanks to those Mums who attended the information session yesterday.
The hints and tips and general discussion regarding the best way to approach
discussing sexuality with children were very useful.
The efforts of the Family Planning Queensland presenter are appreciated.
Brochures and information pamphlets are available from the school for anyone
interested.
Hoof & Hook Results
Twelve schools participated in the Hoof ‘n’ Hook competition which culminated in a 2 day competition final excursion last week. There were 140 students taking part, working with 50 steers.

Our Results:
Led Steers Competition
1st Light weight Class with Puppy a school bred heifer.
5th Heavy weight class with Bruiser a steer from Narayen station.
6th Medium weight class with Rotary 4D a steer donated by Rotary Kerle made the final 8 in the mid weight class.

Junior Handlers
14 years novice 5th Darien Jackson

Junior Judges
15 years novice (about 30 competitors)
1st Dylan Wagner
2nd Colin Clement
3rd Hannah Vicary
6th Brandon Reid

Junior Judges
14 years novice
3rd Nathan McLennan
4th Darien Jackson
5th Emma Haigh

Congratulations to all and thanks for great community support
MUNDUBBERA REGIONAL ART GALLERY invites you to the opening of "Pieces of Labour" by the Mundubbera Lemon Quilters on Saturday, 27th October, 2012 with a Morning Tea at 10.00 am followed by the Opening at 10.30 am in the Town Hall Supper Room. RSVP (for catering purposes) to Ros Berthelsen (Co-ordinator) Phone 4165 6169 or Email:- roslyn@bordernet.com.au

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS FRY AND MISS SHANNON
The Gayndah Triathlon was on last weekend with the Tri itself on Sunday and the Duke and Duchess fun run on Saturday. Michelle Fry won the women’s fun run and is the first ever Duchess of Gayndah. Sandy Shannon was in the walk and was amongst the first walkers back. Congratulations to our relief teacher Richard Reiser who won the Masters Triathlon on Sunday.
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### MUNDUBBERA REGIONAL ART GALLERY

**NOW SHOWING** ""Pieces of Labour"" by the Mundubbera Lemon Quilters from 27/10/12

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

Check our webpage [https://mundubbess.eq.edu.au](https://mundubbess.eq.edu.au) for information and news from the school.

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SECONDARY ASSESSMENT—NEXT WEEK

Year 7  Foundation English Reading Comprehension
Year 8  Foundation English Reading Comprehension, SOSE Reconciliation Assignment Draft, Maths Assignment to be emailed to Mr Balshaw.
Year 9  English Radio Script
Year 10 English Multi-modal Presentation, Maths Unit Test (Business/exponential)

MUNDUBBERA JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING
Wednesdays 6pm to 7.30pm
Martin Love Oval
For more information, call Julie 4165 3130

CENTRAL BURNETT JUNIOR CRICKET
The Biggenden Junior Cricket Club will host its ‘Come & Try Day’ this Saturday, October 27th at the Biggenden Sportsgrounds, commencing at 9am. Cost: $5 per player. Wide Bay Regional Cricket Manager, Mr Paul Trace, will be attending to share his cricket expertise. Lots of treats to be given away. Full canteen service operating on the day. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Malcolm Beresford on 4129 9175 or email: bony.villa@activ8.net.au.

Blue Light Disco is holding a Halloween Disco on the 26.10.2012
at Margaret Kelly Hall
Mundubbera State School
Dress up and have some fun
Cost - $4.00 (this covers entry fee, Free sausage sizzle and free popper)
Times- 5.30pm – 7pm Kindy – Yr 4
7.15pm – 9pm Yr 5 – High School
Parents please pick children up from the door

Like us on Facebook @ Mundubbera State P10 to get the latest up to date information and news from the school.
The power of the kitchen table

“It’s no coincidence that those countries with strong food cultures also have strong families. When people eat together they talk. You can’t help but talk when your behind is anchored to a chair.”

The kitchen table is a parent’s best friend. It’s where conversations occur. It’s where thoughts are aired, compliments are given and food is shared.

If you want to get a window into a child’s world then you need to sit around the kitchen table with him or her.

When I was a kid mum always made sure there’d be some food on the table when I came home from school. As soon as I came through the back door I’d throw my school bag in my room and come and sit down at the kitchen table to eat.

Mum used to sit at the kitchen table and have a cuppa at the same time. She always did..... or it seems like she did. My most vivid memories are sitting around the kitchen table with her.

It’s no coincidence that those countries with strong food cultures also have strong families. When people eat together they talk. You can’t help but talk when your behind is anchored to a chair.

People attach emotions to locations.

People attach feelings to different places. I’d like to think my family links happy, joyous feelings to our kitchen table. After all we’ve had plenty of birthdays, Christmases, fantastic dinners, big breakfasts and countless other gatherings around our kitchen table.

The kitchen table anchors my now adult kids back to their childhoods and gives them a sense of belonging. That’s why the kitchen table is the first place they go to when they come home for a visit. They feel at home again.

On my trips to England I’ve noticed that the English don’t use the kitchen table like Aussies do. In fact, about a third of English homes don’t have a kitchen table at all. Many families eat in shifts and in front of the television.

English educators are concerned. They want their parents to talk to their kids more. They know when parents talk with their kids they enrich their vocabularies, and better still, influence their thinking.

They know that the kitchen table is a powerful ally in creating talk between the generations. That’s why they are encouraging people to sit at the kitchen table more.

The power of the kitchen table is immense. Don’t underestimate it or under-use it!

You can build kids’ confidence around it. You can build their character around it. You can build resilience too. Better still, you can build a family around the kitchen table and that’s quite a feat.

Making mealtimes memorable

1. Turn your evening meal into a night out at home. Once a week dust off the best knives and forks and set the table in style complete with serviettes and candlesticks. Try waiting on your family restaurant style and impress on kids that they can use their best manners.

2. Serve from the table. Turn a simple meal into a communal activity by putting serving plates on the table, and plating up from the kitchen table. Kids usually stay longer when food is served this way.

3. Any excuse for a celebration. Look for reasons to celebrate with a sit down meal where everyone is expected to join in. Birthdays, term break-up days or a great school report are worth recognizing in this way.

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