From The Principal …

Speech Night

I hope to see you all tonight to celebrate the large number of student successes this year. Congratulations to award winners and I look forward to seeing you tonight 7pm.

Musical Items

It was great to see the fruits of the hard work that the school band has been working on at Music Camp last week. I spoke about how proud I was of our students showing confidence and persistence in presenting their work on the whole school parade yesterday.

Rugby Tour

Congratulations to the Mundubbera Croc’s Rugby Union teams for their dedication and tenacity at the Western 7’s Carnival in Emerald Last week. A number of other schools and teachers commented on the students demonstrating the ‘Spirit of Rugby’ by supporting other teams and showing great sportsmanship. The 17 boys did the school proud. Congratulations to Ben Aho in particular for receiving the Players’ Player award and Mrs Tucker who was presented a jersey for being one of the ‘Team’.
Students of the Month
Well done to our students of the month of October.

School Day 2013
At the last P & C meeting I proposed that the school considers changing the start and end time for the school day.

We discussed the proposal and agreed that this would be a good option considering a few processes and clashes are discussed and overcome. At this time the discussions have taken place and any emerging issues with this change in school times are being looked at.

I invite any parent to either come to the next P & C meeting to discuss concerns and affirmations or make an appointment to see me personally to discuss ideas.

Commencing next year, the school day will start at 8.30am and conclude at 2.30pm.
- Peter Townsend.

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCES NEXT WEEK
Students in Years 8 and 9 will be heading to Rockhampton next week for their respective University Experience.
Year 9 students head off at 7am on Monday for their career matching program. Accompanying them will be Mr Townsend and Mrs McGovern. They return on Wednesday at 3pm.
On Wednesday morning at 7am, the Year 8s will be departing for Rockhampton with Mrs Evans, Mr Van Elst and Mr Balshaw. Their activity, Heroes’ Journey involves the production of a video. The videos will be presented to parents on Thursday night 22 November in the Marg Kelly Hall.

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 were sent home last week to enable donations towards the ongoing operation of the Life Education program. This voluntary donation is greatly appreciated.
AWARDS NIGHT TONIGHT
The secondary department Awards Night will be held at the Town Hall tonight, **commencing at 7pm**. Our apologies for the previous advertising of the incorrect start time. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHAWNA
Shawna Pope recently travelled to Cairns to compete in Queensland State Primary Track and Field championships. She is to be congratulated on her stunning effort to gain 10th place in 100m, and 8th in 200m in this high-level competition.

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 tomorrow.
**Please ensure that permission forms and $3 payment are brought to the pool if they have not yet been sent to the office.**
Order of events is:
9am: 100m open butterfly, 25m butterfly then 50m for 9, 10, 11 & 12 years.
9.30am: 100m open breaststroke, 25m breaststroke then 50m breaststroke for 9, 10, 11 and 12 years.
10am: recess
10.15am: 100m open backstroke, 25m backstroke then 50m backstroke for 9, 10, 11 and 12 years.
10.45am: 100m open freestyle, 25m freestyle then 50m freestyle for 9, 10, 11 and 12 years.
11.30am: 200m individual medley for 9, 10, 11 and 12 years.
12pm: Non-swimmers across pool races
1pm: Relays (junior and senior)
1.30pm: presentations
1.40pm: pack up and depart for home or school.
Students should arrive at the pool by 8.45 and must be collected by 1.40pm.
All students not collected will be walked back to school.

SOLAR ECLIPSE BREAKFAST
On Wednesday 14 November Australia will experience a sunrise solar eclipse – a portion of the Sun will be blocked by the Moon. The only cities that will see the full eclipse are Cairns and Port Douglas. Unfortunately, the Science Department’s application for a full school excursion to Port Douglas has been denied. Fortunately funding has been granted for the purchase of viewing glasses. It is extremely dangerous to look directly at the Sun except through specially manufactured eye protection. The viewing will take place on the bottom oval from 6:00am to 8:00am.
There is no cost for students to view the eclipse but they will have the opportunity to purchase a bacon and egg breakfast sandwich for $4.00. Breakfast will be served from about 6:30 am. For catering purposes we will need numbers by Monday 12 November. Please fill out the return slip included with this newsletter. If you have any questions about the solar eclipse or the breakfast, please feel free to contact Mr Peter Shepherdson.

PREP ORIENTATION DAY YESTERDAY
Thanks to those who attended yesterday’s session. It was a good opportunity for next year’s Prep students to check out the classroom and the teachers.

YEAR 10 FORMAL
The formal will be held on the evening of Thursday 29 November. This is a celebration of the completion of students’ Mundubbera schooling. All year 10 students and their parents are invited. Cost is $40 each. Please book by 12 November to enable efficient planning.

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 a 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.

TERM 4 WEDNESDAY LUNCH ART ACTIVITIES
Students are invited to take part in art activities in the Prep Room each Wednesday lunch time.
Next 2 weeks — 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.

MUSIC, COUNT US IN TODAY
Our students participated in an Australia-wide synchronised singing event at 11.30 today, performing a specially composed song, “Different People (Stand Together)”.
BOOK FAIR AT SCHOOL
Thanks to all who have visited our Book Fair at the school library. This will close at lunchtime tomorrow.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Gig Guide:
TONIGHT Awards Night
6th December School Carols Night

FUNDRAISER
Catalogues were distributed today for a Lorraine Lea Christmas Gift drive. P & C will gain commission on sales from this activity. Please have order forms and payment returned to the school office by 16 November.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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SECONDARY ASSESSMENT—NEXT WEEK

Year 7  Mathematics assignment
Year 8  Mathematics assignment (emailed to Mr B); English Written Discussion
Year 9  PE Practical
Year 10 -
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My child/ren _____________________________ will be attending the viewing of the Solar Eclipse on 14th November.

Signed: ________________________________

OR

Solar Eclipse Breakfast – To be returned to the office by Monday 12th November.

My child/ren _____________________________ will be attending the viewing of the Solar Eclipse on 14th November and we will require _____________________ bacon and egg breakfast sandwiches at $4.00 each.

Signed: ________________________________

Total enclosed: ________________________

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

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

MUNDUBBERA REGIONAL ART GALLERY
NOW SHOWING “Pieces of Labour”
by the Mundubbera Lemon Quilters

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
for information and news from the school.

MUNDUBBERA SCHOOL
CAROLS NIGHT
Thursday 6 December
Barbecue and Class Carols
Family Night out

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Raising kids to be lifelong learners

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The world has changed dramatically since we went to school. The pace of change is now so fast that what may have been in vogue just a few years ago is totally outmoded today. Technology is one area that constantly changes and renews. It was only a few ago that CDs replaced cassettes. Now I drive a car with an iPod adapter but no CD player. CDs are so 2009! Let’s not even talk about vinyl records...

Advances in technology mean that we constantly need to change our skills and knowledge, both at home and at work, to avoid being left behind. The new social divide is not so much between rich and poor, but between those who can adapt to change and those who can’t. Adapting to change requires you to be constantly learning.

Modern education is no longer about preparing kids to get a job. As the world now expects and rewards continuous learners, today’s schools try their best to help kids see themselves as lifelong learners who are able to easily adapt to change.

Kids are natural copycats

As you well know, kids learn what they live. If you want your kids to value learning then you need to go first. Kids need to see that their parents value learning, not just by giving it lip-service, but by embracing change and being active learners themselves.

There are plenty of ways you can show kids that you are a constant learner. Challenging yourself in the kitchen, using new social media, and researching holidays online are simple ways to show kids that you embrace change and that you are willing to learn new skills and knowledge.

Kids learn in different ways

It also helps to talk with kids about different ways of learning and different ways of being smart. The modern education scene is familiar with the concept of multiple intelligences and different ways of learning. It really helps if you know your preferred style and where you are smart, so you can help your kids to do the same. For instance, I’m a practical learner who learns best by doing rather than being shown. I can be given instructions to work out something technical, but I won’t learn it until I try it a few times. I also know that I do my best problem solving when I have a pen in my hand or I’m in front of a keyboard.

My son, on the other hand, is a very different learner. He is very visual and loves to learn by using charts and other prompts. He’s also at his problem-solving best in a physical environment such as a kitchen or in the great outdoors. He does his most creative thinking when he’s on the move rather than in front of a keyboard. This sort of self-knowledge about learning preferences aids more effective learning.

Mistakes are part of learning

It also helps if you can reinforce to kids that mistakes are part of learning. In fact, most kids fail their way to success. That’s how they learned to walk, talk and play with each other. Your attitude to errors will affect your children’s view of themselves as learners. If you overreact when kids don’t get things right then kids will, in all likelihood, cease taking risks for fear of making mistakes. However, if you see mistakes as learning opportunities, or simply the first step to getting things right, then kids are more likely to develop a healthy attitude to learning, and realise that really effective learning takes time, effort and energy.

As parents we need to nurture questioning, curiosity and problem-solving in our kids so they hook into the concept of being continuous learners. The world we are preparing them for demands nothing less!
This is a festive occasion for the whole family. There will be spins to win hams, raffles, glow products, stalls, food and SANTA.

Where: Apex Park, Eidsvold
When: Saturday 8 December
From 5.30 pm to 8pm (approx)

If you do a craft which you would like to sell or belong to a group which wants to raise money, then consider having a stall at the Eidsvold Santa Fair.

Interested people should contact the Eidsvold State School on 4165 7333.