From the Principal

Term 4 has kicked off and we are back to business. Last week I attended a 2 day conference about Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS). The implications for Mundubbera are about connection to our community to provide training for our students that link into industry. It is our aim to work closer with Burnett State College to provide certificate based courses for our year 10 cohort.

NAPLAN
In the last week of term 3 we received our results of the NAPLAN testing that students completed in May. There are many measurements that we look at as a school to determine where our students are doing well and where we need to focus attention for 2014. To give a broad overview of our success I have included a break down.

- Mundubbera improved in 13 of the 20 indicators.
- The relative gain of student improvement was highest for the current year 5 students.
- Reading and Numeracy are areas across the school where improvements are measurable.
- Writing and Spelling are areas where a renewed focus is needed.
- Greatest improvement was seen in students with results close to the National Minimal Standard.
- Least improvement was seen in students in the upper two bands.

Attendance
Our school’s current performance is below our regional benchmarks. Having students in front of their teacher is a very big indicator of success academically, socially and emotionally. I speak of nearly 30% of our school cohort when I say that the absences that your child has had in 2013 will have significant effect on their learning. If there are issues relating to your child’s attendance, please contact your child’s teacher or myself for support.

PRIMARY PARADE TOMORROW 2pm
all welcome
Year 7/8 Camp
The last 3 days of term 3, I was part of the year 7/8 camp at Riverside Retreat in Bundaberg. I was very impressed with the leadership, teamwork and compassion showed by our students during these three days. Congratulations to all the students for your efforts and participation.

Rugby Sevens Carnival
This Saturday and Sunday, 33 students from Mundubbera will be competing in Emerald as part of a rugby sevens competition. Boys and girls from year 5 to year 10 will be part of this event and I believe all students are very keen to take on this challenge. Watch out for the photos and results in next week’s newsletter. Good Luck Mundubbera Crocs!
- Peter Townsend

WELL DONE SOPHIE AND DARCY
Sophie Zipf and Darcy Lawson competed in the State Primary Athletics competition last week. Congratulations to both on their achievements, thanks to their enthusiasm, dedication and support from family and coaches.
Sophie achieved 17th place in 800m and 12th in the multi-event (100m, 800m, long-jump and shot-put).
Darcy ran a fantastic sprint race but unfortunately did not make the finals.

GOOD LUCK SHAWNA
Best wishes to Shawna Pope who will be competing in State Secondary Athletics competition next week.

AFL GALA DAY
There will be an AFL Gala Day at our school on Monday 28 October for interested students in years 4, 5 and 6. Further information will be given to interested students tomorrow.

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This carnival will be held on Friday 1 November. We will require assistance with time-keeping on the day. If you are available, could you please contact Lisa Whelan or the school. It is necessary to have 2 time-keepers on each lane.

BOOK CLUB
Brochures for book club have been distributed to primary students. Interested secondary students may ask for a copy at the library. Please ensure orders and payment are received at the school office by 10am on Friday 25 October.

NO BREAKFAST CLUB NEXT WEEK (22-25 October)
Please note that due to absence of volunteers, breakfast cannot be supplied next week. Students must ensure they have breakfast at home and bring sufficient lunch.
TERM 4 LUNCHTIME ART ACTIVITIES
Regular weekly lunchtime art activities for all interested students recommenced yesterday.
Planned creations for the next 7 Wednesdays in the Prep room are: stained glass windows, dinosaurs, bead bands, hanging lanterns, Christmas doves, Christmas baubles and a break-up party. There is no participation charge.

2014 PREP INFO MORNING YESTERDAY
Yesterday was a busy and interesting morning in the Prep room with next year’s students having a good look around.
Enrolment forms were distributed and early return of these would be appreciated to enable processing. Extra forms are available from the office for those who were unable to attend the orientation day.

YEARS 8 AND 10 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM
Students in Years 8 and 10 who have returned permission forms will walk to the hospital in organised groups next Thursday for their scheduled immunisation boosters.

TOY CATALOGUE FUNDRAISER
Brochures were distributed today to students in Prep to Year 5 for this fundraiser for the P & C.
If you are interested in ordering, please do so by 7th November, using the forms in the brochures. Your enthusiastic support and encouragement of friends to purchase items from this fundraiser will result in further resources being purchased for our students. Thank you.

P & C MEETING TONIGHT
All are invited to join P & C meeting discussions this evening from 6.30pm in the school library. Plans for supporting the swimming program, assisting with school resource programs and preparing for the Carols Nights and break-up activities will be discussed. Other items for discussion include plans for next year, including budget and resources and the Variety Night fundraiser. Ideas and input on any of these topics will be welcome.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Gig Guide:
7th November Speech Night 5th December Christmas Carols

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL Activities have recommenced.

FREE DRESS DAY NEXT FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER
There will be a free-dress day next Friday as a Student Council fundraiser for the regional Special Children’s Christmas Event.
All students are invited to wear appropriate non-uniform clothing and give a gold-coin donation towards this charity.
Please note that shoe and sun-safety rules must still apply to the chosen clothing.
MUNDUBBERA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Writers’ Group at MCDA 1st Thursday each month at 2pm, all interested welcome
- Garden Group at MCDA 2nd Thursday of each month at 9.00am, all interested welcome
- playgroup at town hall supper room 9.30 to 11.30 every Tuesday except Mobile Playgroup day.
- Simple e-Tax on-line assistance, Wednesdays & Thursdays only, 10am to 2pm by appointment only
- Nightowl Stories by Torchlight at MCDA 6.30pm to 8pm Friday 18 October
- Photography Workshop at MCDA 1pm to 5pm Saturday 26 October (must book)
- Dick Johnson Dinner at Town Hall 6.30pm Saturday 9 November (please book) $40

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

“Footsteps” books available from the school office or Schmidt Motors. $45 each plus postage.
Centenary souvenir bags $10, glasses $15, steins $10, mugs $10 and USB sticks $8 are also available.

GARAGE SALE - MOVING OUT -
Saturday 26 October from 7.30am to 3pm
Sunday 27 October from 7.30am to 12pm at 1 Mahoney Street, cnr Burnett Street, Mundubbera
Fridge-freezer, furniture, plants, linen, girls’ and women’s clothes, books, toys and heaps more.

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

Check our webpage https://mundubbess.eq.edu.au for information and news

MUNDUBBERA  IGA  Phone 4165 4180
Monday – Friday: 7am – 7pm. Saturday & Sunday: 7am – 4pm

SLAM Activities for years 1 to 7 at Baptist Church
Wednesdays 2.45pm start 3.45pm finish
Enquiries Contact Steven Crofts 0457 404 069
Mundubbera Junior Cricket
Training Wednesdays 5pm to 6.30pm Martin Love Oval
Enquiries Julie on 4165 3130

Uniting Church Markets Saturday 19 October
8am to 12 noon

Student Banking will be processed on Mondays. The student banking program is currently offering chances to win iPod touch or DVD packs to students who bank two or more transactions before 30 November. www.commbank.com.au/youthsaver
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The new edition of the little Mundubbera phone book is now available at Burnett Mapping. $8 a copy.

A project of Mundubbera Enterprise Association

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### 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

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NOW IN STOCK!!

NEW FANCY USB FLASH DRIVES!

Ranging from 2GB-16GB!

HURRY, YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS OUT!

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### NIGHT OWL STORIES

18th October, 2013
6.30pm – 8.00pm
at Mundubbera Community Development Centre, 69 Stuart Russell Street

STORIES BY TORCHLIGHT
(followed by fun and games)

BRING YOUR OWN TORCHES

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Enquiries MCDA 4165 4690

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QSCHOOLS APP for android and Apple
download the app and mark Mundubbera State P-10 as your favourite
The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us. Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more! We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time.

**We easily take on children’s responsibilities**

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them. With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I have discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

**TIP NO. 1 for developing independence:**

Be clear about who owns jobs or tasks in your family and never take on a child’s job, or part of a task, unless there is extenuating circumstances such as illness.

A mother I met recently is very clear on who does what in her home.

It is her job to wash the clothes of her early teenage children but it is their job to place them in the washing basket. She doesn’t check bedrooms as it is not her job to place kids’ clothes in the washing basket.

Okay, I can hear your thought processes. Sounds good but what happens if kids don’t give a toss and they don’t mind being dirty. Good point. In this case, this mum has a son who is, to say the least, fairly slack in the area of hygiene. But she didn’t become overly fussed about that. She certainly didn’t get fussed when he played a game of football in the wet, muddy jumper that lay in his sports bag for a week. And she happily showed him how to work the washing machine when he wanted his favourite shirt (that he forgot to put in the washing basket) to be washed for a special night out.

**TIP NO. 2 for developing independence:**

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs. This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

**Here’s my challenge for you:** Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids. If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.

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