NAIDOC Week Celebration 2011

Change: the next step is ours’

This year we have celebrated NAIDOC week in style. There were many activities throughout the school for the entire week, including Mural painting, art competitions in our primary classes and our yearly Kup-Murrie celebration on Thursday night. Hombre Major opened our week this year with Welcome to Country and the Didgeridoo on our Monday morning parade. Hombre visited classes to showcase some of our local talent and art, as well as guiding the students in Traditional painting for our newest Mural. As the week continued the students were involved in drumming with past student Lionel Sarmardin, damper making with Aunty Patsy and our yearly NAIDOC Art Competition with their class teachers.

On Thursday night we celebrated Change: The Next Step is Ours, with a concert and Kup-Murrie. The night was a huge success with both students and local artist showcasing their talent. Some of the locals who provided entertainment were Davinia Passi, Daniel Seilula, The Gasio family and Hombre Major. The Cloncurry State School Concert band, Rock band and Choir performed a number of items and our Cloncurry State School Dance Troupe mixed traditional with modern dancing. There were several other performances from students who sang and put on individual performances. Our didgeridoo players were great and the night was an overall huge success.

The Cloncurry State School NAIDOC colouring competition was won this year by Jack Richardson and Minnie Rankin, Bryce Bond came 2nd, Keeleah Bowen came 3rd and Krystian Bevan was 4th. All the students did a fantastic job as this year on their pictures and the winners received a money voucher to the tuckshop.

Cloncurry State School would like to thank all who have supported and donated this year to our NAIDOC. To all who cooked, cleaned, moved and carried – a sincere thanks. A big thanks to Xstrata for their donation and support, Jeremy Condren, Brodie Hardware and Communities both local and Mt Isa. Once again thanks to all the staff from the school for their efforts on Thursday Night and to all on the NAIDOC committee. Thank you also to the Cloncurry community for coming along and making it such a great community event.
WHAT’S HAPPENING

- P&C Meeting – Thursday 25 August
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- Under 8’s Day – Friday 26 August
- Cowboys Visit – 30 August
- QCS Test – 30 / 31 August
- Motivational Media – 31 August
- Yr 8 Maths Competition – 1 September
- P&C Fete – Thursday 8 September

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

How quickly the year is passing and from the ‘Look What’s Happening’ you can see how busy school life can be.

Last night Mr Keen held an information night for parents of students entering year 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12 in 2012. I hope all parents could make it as understanding how ‘learning at school’ works is vitally important. Parents play a key role in supporting children to achieve to the best of their ability!

It may not matter so much that ‘the way of doing maths has changed’ as it does the parent knowing why it is so important that their children attend school every day, are well rested at home and homework and study time is encouraged and supported.

Thanks to all who came, the support you show in your children now will benefit them both in their success at school and later in life. Have a great week. Christine Norton.

NW REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL IN LONGREACH

21-22 AUGUST

Thanks to Jenny & James Atkins and Joanne Earl for taking the competitors to Longreach and back.

Nikita Sitkens Kum Sing U16 results

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There were 4 other competitors who competed in Longreach but due to not having signed media agreements lodged we are unable to print their details.

Congratulations on your achievements to all who competed.

7/8 DRAMA ENTERTAIN AT PREP

On Tuesday morning the Prep Class was entertained by the performance of two drama skits. The students were creative in designing their own costumes and having a say in the script development. Their creativity and spontaneity was highlighted when we entered the Prep grounds, and they decided to perform The Three Billy Goats Gruff on the playground equipment. “The Frog Prince” starred Nicola Anderson as the princess and Charlee Major gave a great performance as the king, as did Shamica Stretton as the Frog Prince. Congratulations to the entire drama group, and to our wonderful audience. We are stretching our talents with puppetry work for the next few weeks.

“WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN”

Our School is participating in the community program “Woolworths Earn & Learn.” This gives our School the chance to collect and redeem points in exchange for library books, classroom supplies, outdoor gear, art and craft materials. We would appreciate your help. …we need our families to drop their Woolworths dockets into the office so we can register the code on the bottom of the docket to earn points. If you would like to just drop in the bottom of your docket that is OK but just record the amount spent on the bottom. Don’t forget to ask any family and friends to keep their dockets for us. Thanks in advance. P&C Association.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

An expression of interest is called for a Temporary Schools Officer (Grounds & Facilities) – 38 hours per week.

Period of Relief: To Friday 9 December 2011.

Hours of Duty: 6.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday

Duties: General, Grounds, Cleaning, Recording, Maintenance, Security and Liaison.

Applications to:

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL
Business Services Manager
Cloncurry State School P-12
PO Box 337
CLONCURRY Q 4824

Detailed descriptions are available from the School Administration Office during Office hours.

Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a Blue Card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. The successful employee is able to commence duty prior to receipt of their suitability card only after an application form has been completed. This Suitability Card costs $70.00 which is the responsibility of the employee for the initial card: these cards are renewed every 2 years.

STAFF PROFILE

Hi, my name is Margo Hodson and this is my third year teaching here at Cloncurry State School. I have taught Red Class, Blue Class and now I am teaching in Green Class. I have thoroughly loved teaching out here as I have met so many wonderful teachers, families and children.

I was originally born in South Africa and grew up in a small country town, much like Cloncurry, called Creighton in Kwa-Zulu Natal. My family and I moved to Australia in the 90’s, as the opportunities here in Australia are far greater. I came to Cloncurry from Brisbane where I was working as a teacher aide and studying for my degree. I love being out in the country and am very lucky to have been transferred to Cloncurry as I have learned so much out here.

A few of my hobbies include fishing, camping, reading, socialising, painting and travelling. I have the travel bug and cannot wait to continue my adventures and travel overseas. I love learning about different cultures and seeing how people live and learn in other countries. One thing I am certain of (that I have taken from travelling) is that we are very privileged and lucky to live in Australia; there is nothing quite like home!

Hi, I’m Editha Valenciano Cabanban, a teacher aide for Blue and Red Classes. This is my third year at Cloncurry State School. Before coming to Cloncurry I taught English to children from the Philippines and Korea, and refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. I am a mother of four boys (all working now) and a wife who believes in lifelong learning. This is why I always find great joy in seeing young people who love to learn each day in this school and help make our community a wonderful place to live in.

P&C / TUCKSHOP NEWS

P&C MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 August at 5.00pm in the school library.

P&C HOMEWORK SUPPORT CLASSES

Monday – Thursday

Homework Classes are on at 2.30pm to 3.30pm at the School Library. Everyone who has homework is welcome. Hope to see you there. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer.
A couple of quick reminders:
- hats
- healthy lunches
- tissues
- homework
- attending every day

Have a wonderful week - Warm regards - Miss Lizzie and Miss Childs

RAINBOW (PREP) NEWS

Wow week 7 already!

Under 8's Day is happening this Friday at the Burke and Wills shed. Come along with your children and help us celebrate hands on learning! We will be selling sausages in bread and snow cones for $2 each to fundraise for Prep resources.

The prep teachers are on the bottle stall this year at the school fete, so if you have any unwanted empty bottles or fillers (lollies, chocolates, hair ties and clips, stationary, stickers etc) please bring them in to help us fill our table.

Homework: Please help your child complete their homework to the best of their ability and return it each Friday so I can reward them. This is a fantastic way of being involved in your child's learning.

Please help your children remember their hats as many children have been forgetting to bring them to school resulting in loss of play at lunch time or the spread of nits if they borrow a hat.

Kind Regards - Stephanie and Lesley

GREEN (YEAR 1/2) CLASS NEWS

This week students will be completing their schoolyard safari unit of work. We will be revising our learning and preparing for our final science assessment (test) for next week. Students will also be revising in all other subject areas and preparing for final assessment pieces. During this period of revision (week 7) and assessment (week 8), it is essential that students are eating a healthy and nutritious breakfast as this helps sustain lengthy periods of concentration.

Thank you to all the students who completed their home project; your insects look wonderful! Presentations will take place during their normal rostered show and share times over the following fortnight.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child/children are missing items, please come and have a look through our lost property bucket in Green Class. We have quite a few unclaimed items!

NO HAT, NO PLAY

If your child/children do not have a broad brimmed hat at school, they will not be allowed out on the playground. Please check to see if your child/children have a hat at school.

Have a wonderful week - Margo and Kaitlyn

PURPLE (YEAR 2/3) CLASS NEWS

WOW!! How important ‘the Arts’ are in our culture. We have just had the wonderful experience of watching the Arts Council ‘Fiddles Sticks’ performance. Absolutely wonderful music presentation, which was thoroughly enjoyed by our students. Thank you to all those parents who signed their children’s forms and got the money to the office! Friday, we are looking forward to ‘Under 8’s Day’ when ALL the children in our Cloncurry Community have been invited to participate in activities in the morning! With this beautiful weather, it should be a wonderful morning. The fete is not far away, so please continue to send in items which have been requested. Remember, we all benefit from the proceeds of the fete, so it’s great if we can all contribute.

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BLUE / RED (YEAR 4/5/6) CLASS NEWS

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Promise of the Week

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.” Psalm 68:19a

Glasco CHIROPRACTIC
4743 3456
Wednesdays from 2:00 pm
@ Cloncurry Pharmacy

SUZY’S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
36 Short Street Cloncurry
PH: 47421400

Opening Hours

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TOUCH NEWS

TIME | FIELD | PRELIMINARY FINALS WEDNESDAY 24/08/2011 | REFEREE |
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6:00 pm | PF1   | Loser SF1 DIV 2                        | v 7th Place Streakk-ers DIV 2 |
7:00 pm | PF1   | Loser SF1 DIV 1                        | v Winner SF2 DIV 1 |

TIME | FIELD | GRAND FINALS WEDNESDAY 31/08/2011 | REFEREE |
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6:00 pm | GF    | Winner SF1 DIV 2                  | v Winner PF1 DIV 2 |
7:00 pm | GF    | Winner SF1 DIV 1                  | v Winner PF1 DIV 1 |

* Splitting into Div 1 (1-4) and Div 2 (5-7) for 3 week finals format

* Date for Presentation Night TBC

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you would like any information regarding our school activities or policies please don’t hesitate to contact the school on the numbers provided. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter and any info on what is happening at school please contact Linda at the office with your email address.

CHRISTINE NORTON
Principal