From the Acting Principal

While we have spared you any photographic evidence of the staff hairstyles, we can assure you that they were nowhere near as impressive as the student’s ‘dos’ for Funky Hair Day last Friday. A lot of effort was put into making colourful patterns and encouraging hair to stand at unnatural angles. Most impressive of all was the outstanding total of the students’ fundraising efforts—$75! That is a big effort for such a tiny school and community. The money will be a very welcome addition to the funds raised all around Australia to help fight blood cancers. We took a moment on parade to honour all of those people around the world who are bravely fighting cancer of all kinds.

In addition to training for the cross-country, students have also been busy this week doing their assessment for P.E. and Japanese. The highlight of the week however, was definitely today when we visited Valkyrie for an African Drumming workshop. Students got to learn about the Kpalogo, Djembe and Bogarabou drums from Ghana and by the end of the session they had learned a whole song which they played with the Year 4-7 students from Valkyrie. Following the workshop, the students were invited to stay and join in some soccer drills and skills. All-in-all it was a fantastic day and we thank Valkyrie for inviting us to visit with them.

Don’t forget that next Thursday night there will be a P&C meeting at the school starting at the slightly later time of 6:30pm.

As this will be the last newsletter until Term 2, I would like to wish you a happy and safe Easter from all of the staff and students here at Mackenzie River.

Catherine Phillis

Cross-Country Run

On 22 March students will be travelling by bus to Middlemount for their Cross-country run. It will be an 8:30 start and this year, the students will be running with the students of Middlemount Community School. Afterwards, they have been invited to join in some classes at the school and see what other Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been up to throughout the term.

School Holiday Watch

Starting from Friday March 25, students will be on holiday for a 2 week period. If you would like to use the tennis court over this time please just send me an email (cphil53@eq.edu.au) or call/text 0428556793. If you notice anything at the school you are concerned about during the holidays, please call School Watch on 131788. The School Watch program is a partnership between Education Queensland and the Qld Police Service to reduce after-hours crime.
Quiz Night

Don’t forget that if you fancy yourself as a potential contender on ‘The Chase’ you may be interested in attending a Quiz Night to be held at the school on Saturday, 16 April. The quiz is being held in support of former student, Morghan Wight and a group of other students who will be travelling to Japan in June as part of a sister city exchange program. If you would like to book a table, please call Tanya Wight on 49872004.

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