From the Acting Principal

The school grounds have become home to a new Australian native animal this week, where we have welcomed ‘Wallaby Jack’, our recycled metal art kangaroo. Jack was designed by the students and created with pieces of scrap metal and machinery parts from our home properties. When the design was complete, Mr Grant Frankish did us the incredible favour of welding the pieces together to complete the kangaroo. We are lucky to have such talented dads in the community. Jack is a beautiful addition to the grounds and I am very proud of the boys and the way they worked to bring their ideas together.

I was also very pleased with how our students approached NAPLAN and NAPLAN resits in Week 5. They took on the 3 days of testing with a calm and positive approach. To ensure they were ready to give it their all each day, the students were treated to a special breakfast on NAPLAN mornings (see our photo gallery). This led to the interesting suggestion that we could have cooked breakfasts every morning at school. Perhaps not.

When the students were asked for their ‘Moment Of The Week’ last Friday, at the very top of their list was the day visit they had with Middlemount Community School. After all the anticipation in the lead-up, the visit to Middlemount certainly lived up to expectations. There was a chance to be part of large class, enjoy lunchtime with friends, join a music lesson and even have tuckshop! The students enjoyed seeing what Year 4,5 and 6 classes in another school were doing and are looking forward to their next visit. A big thankyou to Mr Russell, Miss Dyer, Mrs Porter, Miss Shannon and Mrs Evitt for welcoming the students into your classes. Another big thanks to Mrs Wight for driving the bus and spending the day helping out.

Be sure to read over our community advertisements at the end of the newsletter to find out about the American Tennis Tournament here on the night of Friday, June 10. Be sure to join us for a BBQ and hit of tennis at the school.

Finally, keep up the great work students on your incredible attendance. You are now halfway there and doing a great job. There is still lots to do before end of term however, so get lots of rest, eat well and keep those germs at bay by remembering what you need to do to stay healthy.

Catherine Phillis
ICPA SPORTS CAMP FORMS

Just a reminder to parents that the forms for the ICPA Sports Camp are due by no later than 17 June. The forms need to be returned to the address supplied on the paperwork.

IT’S SCIENCE!

This term in Science, the students have been working with Mrs Meurant to investigate chemical changes. This has involved lots of work conducting experiments and learning how to work following the scientific method. Last week the students looked at the process of melting, determining which material would melt the fastest. This involved making hypotheses, using reasoning, taking and recording readings (observations) and explaining their findings. Students were taught the acronym PROE to remember this process. This week, the experiments looked at a variety of irreversible chemical changes such as rusting. By far the students’ favourite was the ‘dancing sultanas’ experiment which they observed with great excitement.

HOST NEEDED FOR VETERINARY STUDENT PLACEMENT

TESS is a 3rd year vet student at JCU in Townsville and she needs a property to do her Beef Industry placement, 2 weeks somewhere in between 17th June - 25th July.

Please contact Tess on 0408648789 if you can help or need more information.

CELEBRATING GREAT WRITING

From nowhere, three more robbers jumped on the scene. They began cracking their knuckles and grinding their teeth. Just when the boys knew they were about to get a lot of bruises, the group was distracted by police sirens. - Grady, Year 5

When he got there the driver asked for, “...three bucks and no, I don’t do IOU’s.” Jack emptied his pockets...nothing but one piece of bubblegum and a paper clip. “Damn it!” he muttered. He had blown all his cash on a double choc-mint with sprinkles and two flake sticks. - Cam, Year 6

The wind had started to grow strong again and I still had not seen any of the other gliders. Had they already landed and left without me? Were they searching for me? Did they even know I was missing? All of these thoughts were spinning through my brain but I had to concentrate on landing this glider. - Lane, Year 4
The fortnight in pictures...

Sultanas in soda water
American Tennis Tournament

When: 10th June, 7pm following the P&C meeting

Where: MRSS Tennis Court

To nominate, please email Scott Phillis on scottphillis@bigpond.com or phone on 0427857175

$4 for BBQ dinner.
Softdrink will also be available
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TERM 2, WEEK 6—20/05/16

You are Invited!

to attend
Valkyrie State School’s
Under 8’s Day
Followed by a
Teddy Bears’ Picnic

Thursday, 26th May
9:30am - 12:30pm

Morning tea will be provided. Please bring a plate to share for lunch and your favourite teddy bear.

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Isaac Community Grants Roadshow
MIDDLEMOUNT

Did you know that local not-for-profit community groups, organisations and residents who are representing the region are eligible for funding through Council’s Community Grants program?

Temporary positions are available in your local area to work on election day.

Even if you haven’t worked on an election we want to hear from you. Training is provided.


If you are interested please register online at the above website and contact our office on 4976 9011.

We are seeking registrations for:
- polling officials 7am until finish of counting
- polling officials to work at early voting centres (prior to polling day where applicable)

Work as a polling official and make votes count

Council is hosting a series of roadshows during May and June to explain the newly revised program and to help interested parties with the application process.

Roadshows include a presentation of the Community Grants application process and revised criteria, mock examples and the opportunity for one-on-one discussions to help with submitting a successful application.

Come along to the Middlemount roadshow and find out how you can take advantage of Community Grants funding.

To book or for more information call 1300 ISAACS (472 227).