I was talking to a journalist earlier in the week about the school. She asked me if I thought our students were disadvantaged in any way. I had no hesitation in replying that I thought we were one of the luckiest schools in Australia. While distance can create some challenges, we have a beautiful school that is well resourced and we are regularly accessing high quality educational programs and experiences. Not only that, but we have positive and well-mannered students who genuinely appreciate everything that they have here. Disadvantaged?? In no small way is our position due to the parents, P&C and staff who have backed the school and students so that we can do great things, unhindered by our physical location or number of enrolments. The school is a shining example of what happens when a community works together on shared goals. Thankyou for all you have done and what you continue to do.

To the students, congratulations on another successful term. I am excited to see what you will achieve after the holidays. Have a good rest and stay safe. One more thing...Go Cowboys!!

From the Acting Principal
Catherine Phillis

Night Of The Notables

Students and parents enjoyed a great night out on Tuesday evening at the ‘Night Of The Notables’ at Middlemount Community School. Students from both schools have been working on a biography as part of their English unit. On Tuesday night, students dressed as the person they had researched and presented posters they had created. Parents made their way around the room, looking at the posters and asking the students questions which they answered in character. The standard of the posters and the confidence with which all students spoke was very impressive. Congratulations to Mrs Porter for a fantastic event and thankyou for inviting us to join in. Check out the photos on our back pages.
Gala Sports Day

The students returned to Middlemount yesterday for the Gala Sports Day which was hosted by Middlemount Community School. Throughout the day, groups rotated through several sports including AFL, NRL, soccer and cricket with coaches from organisations like the Brisbane Heat. Everyone agreed that it was a lot of fun learning new skills and spending time with the students in Middlemount. Thanks Middlemount Community School for a great day!

Goodbye Blair and the Soccer Crew!

The students had their final soccer session last week. They have had a great deal of fun learning new skills and using all of the crazy equipment that the guys have hidden away in their van each week. Next term, we will begin swimming in Week 3 and will travel to Middlemount each week to prepare for the Brigalow Swimming Carnival with Mrs Evitt.

Media Stars

Yesterday the school was featured in an article in the Rural Weekly. If you would like to have a read simply follow the link: http://www.ruralweekly.com.au/news/mackenzie-river-school-may-be-small-in-numbers-but/3089344/

A Fruitful Endeavour

The trees in our little orchard are doing quite well at the moment and in particular, our mulberry tree is bursting with delicious berries. We all raided the tree this week, competing to find the biggest mulberries. Our purple tongues and fingers suggested that we ate more than we collected in the end but that is what they are there for (see photo gallery). The orchard has also given us lot of oranges, star fruit and mandarins this term. Fingers crossed that the number of flowers on our mango tree is hinting at a good crop also.

Next Newsletter

As we will be away on our Brisbane camp in Week 2, Our next newsletter will be in Week 3 next term when we look forward to telling you all about our adventures.
The fortnight in pictures...

‘Night Of The Notables’ - Wally Lewis, Jack Simpson Kirkpatrick and Peter Brock.
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What is it that students like about Mackenzie River State School?

We get to learn a lot more in the classroom because we don't have lots of other kids here and we practically have the teacher to ourselves. - **Grady Wight, Yr 5**

Mackenzie River is good because we have great facilities here and we have cows as our neighbours. - **Cameron Frankish, Yr 6**

I like being in a small school because we get to do Technology which is programming robots to do the things you want them to do. We have our own robots. - **Lane Parker, Yr 4**
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