From the Acting Principal

Part of our teaching commitment to students is that we will encourage them to be ‘lifelong learners.’ This is essential if they are going to be able to grow as people and adapt to the world around them as it rapidly changes. Part of this role is demonstrating how we ourselves continue to learn. Just this week we have had Administration Officer, Mrs Patricia Walker, attending a conference in Mackay, Mrs Rebecca Meurant joining Middlemount Community School for Professional Development and Miss Tammy undertaking her first teaching practicum at Middlemount School. I would like to congratulate them on the efforts they are making to continually update and improve their knowledge. They are great role models for our students.

If you are anything like me, just one episode of ‘The Chaser’ is enough convincing that there are always gaps in what you know. These days though it is so easy to get information on just about anything. I would encourage parents in particular to search for answers and let your kids see how you go about it: whether it’s on your phone with Google, Dictionary.com on your laptop or just ringing someone and asking (mums are often good for this). Through parents and teachers, it is important to let children know that the learning process never stops.

Catherine Phillis

Drama Workshop

Every year the students look forward to working with the Off-Road Drama duo, Howard and Tim. This year’s drama revolved around the happenings at Ballarat during the gold rush era and particularly during the bloody battle at the Eureka Stockade. Before the workshop, students were required to examine information and
ICAS COMPETITION

This year, students participated in both the English and Maths ICAS Competition. It is a great opportunity to practice their test skills, learn to manage their time during tests and to decrease anxiety through exposure to test-taking situations. The boys all performed well. A special congratulations to Cameron Frankish who received a credit for Maths.

BRIGALOW SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Please note that a change has had to be made to the date of the Brigalow Swimming Carnival. The carnival will now be held on Wednesday, 23 November. It will be hosted by Valkyrie at the Nebo pool.

BRIGALOW CLUSTER BRISBANE CAMP

We have been very fortunate to share a lot of experiences with our other schools in the Brigalow Cluster this year. Students have been building friendships with others and were therefore, very excited about the Brigalow Cluster Brisbane Camp. It gave them a whole week to spend time with new friends while enjoying the many experiences that had been arranged for them in Brisbane. Many thanks to all of the teachers, staff and parents on camp and particularly to Mrs Kirsten Clements from Valkyrie who was responsible for organising our week away.

CAMP SHIRTS

If anyone has not yet brought back the camp shirt purchased by the school, it would be great if you could wash it and return it to the school as soon as you can.

PRESENTATION BOOKS

A reminder to parents that our annual Awards Night will be upon us before we know it. Please get books in as soon as possible so that they can be ready to go for the big night. Avoid the last minute stress and give yourself plenty of time to find something suitable. Let us know if we can help with suggestions.
A NEW ARRIVAL

It is with great excitement that we congratulate former student, Samantha Moger (Schottelius) and her husband Clayton on the birth of their first child, a baby boy that they have named Mathew Stanley. Congratulations also to Bronwyn and Mark on the safe arrival of their first grandchild and to Sarah, Joe and Myles on becoming an aunt and first-time uncles. It is wonderful to see our community grow one little person at a time.

The fortnight in pictures...
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Isaac Regional Council is pleased to announce that free Mental Health Seminars, delivered by Gryphon Psychology, will be coming to Isaac throughout November with thanks to the Queensland Government Drought Assistance Program.

These workshops will cover the topic of connection, an important aspect of life. Learn how to deal with conflict and set and maintain boundaries in relationships. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

### Mental Health Seminar Details

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**COST: FREE**

For more information or to RSVP contact Kirra Alexander on 1300 ISAACS or via kirra.alexander@isaac.qld.gov.au

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