The next day we had breakfast just before seven and left straight afterwards to see where you possibly could live if you went to QUT. The opportunities to study were great. Afterwards we travelled to Garden Point where we sat in on a lecture of one of the first year leaders. Then we travelled to the airport to DFO where we shopped.

Gibson and Lisa Heiniger will be representing the school during this display.

**Athletics Carnival**

After a cold start to the Athletics Carnival we had to abandon most events at 11 o’clock due to storms and freezing rain! Thanks to the efforts of Miss Guthrie, Caren Gschiedler and other dedicated staff we finally finished all events on Thursday morning. Age champions were announced on parade on Thursday afternoon and presented with their medallions. They have been mentioned the Athletics News article from Emma Guthrie.

**NAIDOC Day**

Another rain delayed event, NAIDOC Day, was finally held on Thursday. Thanks to the detailed planning of our Indigenous Support Workers, Gayle Alberts, Sue Williams and Narelle Wenck, the students were able to participate in a range of activities from the Inaugural Touch Footy Cup, boomerang and face painting, badge making, story telling of aboriginal legends by Year 9 students, inspecting emergency services vehicles to enjoying a free sausage sizzle for lunch. Each student also had the opportunity to develop and design a logo for the competition to name the new innovative learning centre. This competition will be judged in the near future. It was wonderful to see students totally engaged in these activities.

Following NAIDOC activities, we held a parade which was lead by Caragh McCullough and Latifah Simpson. These girls handled the MC role very well and led us through a number of sessions including winners for the boomerang painting, NAIDOC quizzes and colouring competitions. Rosie Willmut and Baker Harrison were also recognised for their efforts in sport and various school events.

**Try-a-Trade/Careers Day**

Try-a-Trade Day is on this Thursday, August 7, 2008 12 noon – 6 pm. Wondai Year 10 students will be attending the 2008 South Burnett Careers Market / Try-a-Trade Expo at the Kingaroy State High School Sports Hall. Transport funding has been approved and is free for students. Students will be collected from school at 12.30pm and returned at 2.30 pm. On arrival, students will be addressed in a group briefly by a Kingaroy High School staff member or CTC staff member and given a sample bag before exploring the rang of career opportunities being presented. There will be a sausage sizzle ($1.50) available for lunch for students and drinks from KHS Canteen ($1.40 - $3.20).

**South Burnett Youth Cabinet**

South Burnett Youth Cabinet is being held this Wednesday afternoon, 6 August, with Wondai being represented by a number of senior students. The aim of the Youth Cabinet is to: identify how young people want to be involved in local decision making, work out and implement ways this can happen. They also discuss youth needs, facilities and activities that young people would like to develop and set about working to achieve these. They also explore the skill development needs of young people. CTC Youth Services provides a bus for the pick up and return of students.

Any current year 9 students who would like to attend the Siemens Science Experience can see Mrs Gibson for a brochure and further information.

The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools 2008 provides Queensland State Schools the chance to shine in the spotlight and the opportunity to share in more than $370 000 in grants. State Awards will receive $20 000 in grants and be announced at the Showcase Gala Dinner on Friday 5 September 2008.

Showcase 2008 State Finalists will be displaying their innovative programs at the Education Show held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 September. Sue
**COMING EVENTS**

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| 06 | SB Primary Athletics - Nanango  
| 07 | Try-a-trade/workers day KSHS  
| 11 | Public Holiday  
| 12 | English Test  
| 13-15 | Secondary camp – Moreton Island  
| 19 | Year 10 – 11 Transition Day at KSHS  

**Active After School Sport**

Due to Monday 11 August being the Brisbane Ekka holiday, we will be running After School Activities on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon as usual.

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**School Chaplaincy News**

To our schools operating as partners in chaplaincy.

Attached is an advertising flyer and tickets for sale to an upcoming fundraiser for School Chaplaincy. At present there is limited government funding for another 2 years covering 2 positions – one currently filled by Mark Shields at Murgon Primary and Cherbourg Primary. Another, currently not filled, position will encompass Murgon High School, Goomeri, Wondai and Proston P-10 schools. Fundraising will go towards meeting any unfunded current expenses and extending the positions into the future.

I would like to thank those who have already made generous donations towards chaplaincy in our district and ask you to support this fundraising event. 'Dreamtree’ is a young couple who write and perform Christian music as they travel around Australia. You can support it in a number of ways:

- Attending – purchasing tickets, maybe forming a group
- Advertising the event as widely as possible in your newsletters
- Selling tickets
- Volunteering time to:
  - Decorate the hall on Friday 15
  - Sell food in the evening
  - General kitchen work in the evening

Please contact me with any offers of help or for further information.

Money and lists of tickets sold can be dropped off to me at the Church Office in Gore St. (not the Bluecare Office) Monday, Tuesday, and other times by arrangement (41687744).

Working together, partners in Christ

Jenny Coombes
Murgon/Goomeri Uniting Church Pastor & Chair Person Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC)

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**P & C NEWS: Linda Routledge**

Included in today’s Weekly Rush is a Father’s Day Gift order form. Letters will be sent home with Preps to year 3 explaining the process. If any other student would like to participate, simply fill out the order form enclosed and return to the office.

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**SCIENCE NEWS: Mrs Gibson**

Siemens Science Experience

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

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**Lost!**

One small sized school jacket. If your student has accidentally picked up the wrong jacket please return it to the office. The name “LaToya Murray” is written on the collar of the jacket. Thank you.

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**MUSIC MATTERS**

Mrs Robyn Crowley

**SCHOOL CHOIRS**

Two weeks ago, our Junior Choir met for the first time. 62 students from Years Prep to 3 decided they liked the sound of singing in the choir and have joined up. We are looking forward to learning lots of fun songs and singing them on school assemblies and in public. Parents of choir students, please note that choir members need a display folder (with clear plastic sleeves). If any students want to join the Junior Choir and don’t have a joining form to take home and get signed, see Mrs Crowley.

Our Senior Choir (students in Years 4 to 10) consists of 40 voices and sounds WONDERFUL. Although we have only been together for about 6 practices, we have already performed at the Wondai Arts and Crafts Expo and at our Funky Futures Festival, as well as making a recording of the “Wondai School Earth Charter Song” for the University of Peace. We are working now on songs for our performances on school assemblies and at our nursing home, “Forest View”.

Both choirs practice on Monday afternoons in Lesson 4, so choir members should have their folders at school every Monday. Being a choir member is considered a privilege, and our choirs are made up of only those students who want to sing and whose behaviour is excellent. Unfortunately, any students who do not meet these standards lose the privilege of belonging to the choirs.

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**FOR SALE - WORM CASTINGS**

Year 5/6 are selling Worm Castings as part of their Worms Inc business. This is a great fertiliser for your plants. Only $2.00 a bottle. If you would like to buy some please come in and see us, or Miss Williams, at the Year 5 classroom before or after school.

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$85,000, including two landscaped, eco friendly gardens designed by Jamie Durie.

“The competition is a great way to highlight energy safety and environmental issues in our community and global community,” said Miss Williams.

Find out more about the Switch Awards and Energy Safety Week at originenergy.com.au/education.

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**Top energy safety tips from Wondai State School**

- Unplug cords by pulling out the plug – never pull on the cord.
- Water and electricity don’t mix.
- Switch off the switch before unplugging the plug.

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**Moreton Island School Camp**

Camp is getting close and the level of excitement is growing. We have been busy discussing tent groups, expectations and how much fun we will be having. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities while on camp: swimming, snorkelling, bushwalking, fishing and sand tobogganing. Camp organisers will run all activities and it promises to be lots of fun. If you have any concerns please ring the school and let us know.

A quick reminder that all permission letters, medical forms and full payment for the camp is due this Friday 8 August to ensure all necessary booking arrangements can be confirmed, if you have any queries or questions please contact the school.

Regards

Julie Evans, Emma Guthrie, James McKinnon, Stacey Cowell and Rae Brown
The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 40,000 Year 9 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

Year 5 would like any salsa jars with lids you may have. If you have these items could you please bring them to the school. Many thanks! Miss Williams and Year 5.

Athletics News

Although the weather interrupted us during our Athletics carnival, we have finally finished all track and field events. Firstly, a BIG thank you goes to Caren Gschiedle, her time and effort in organising the events and the students to complete events is very much appreciated. Without Mrs Gschiedle we would not have been able to complete all the events and have nominations in on time. Also a thank you to teachers and staff who helped set up shade, helped at events and made sure students were participating to the max. Apologies must go to those teachers and classes that may have been interrupted while trying to complete the different events.

Thank you to those students who participated and cooperated with teachers and staff when completing the different events at the different times.

Also a thank you must go out to those parents who came and supported their students on the Carnival days.

Congratulations to all our age champions this year. Age champions for 2008 are:

9yrs - James Hedges
Chloe Nielsen
10yrs - Stephen Munt
Isabella Neil
11yrs- Brendan Swift
Autum Law
12yrs- Ryan Brown
   - Shania Stewart & Maree Theuerkauf (tie)
13 yrs - Lewis Munroe
   - Connie Willmot
14yrs - Baker Harrison
   - Tamara Rowson
15yrs and over - Nick Johannessen
   - Rossie Willmot

Well done to Russell who won the Athletics carnival this year with a total of 1641 points. Burnett put in a great effort to finish on 1586 points.

Finally good luck to all our primary students competing at the South Burnett Athletics trials today and Wednesday. Secondary South Burnett Athletics will be held on the 22nd August. Students who are eligible to nominate will be given further information in the near future.

Yours in Sport
Miss Guthrie (HPE Teacher)

SOUTH BURNETT CAREERS MARKET
Thursday 7 August 12:00 noon – 6:00
Your future Career Pathway
The Careers Market will be held at the Kingaroy High School Indoor Sports hall, on Thursday 7 August, 12 noon – 6pm

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR
Coming Soon!

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Australian of the Year
The search is on for the next Australian of the Year, so we’re calling on you to nominate an Aussie who makes you proud.

The Australian of the Year Awards recognise great Australians who have made outstanding achievements in community service, business, science and technology, arts and entertainment, sport, education, the environment or humanitarian work.

There are four award categories:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year (60 years and over)
- Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30 years)
- Australia’s Local Hero

Last year, Queensland country music legend Lee Kernaghan took out the Australian of the Year Award, so who is your choice for 2009? You can nominate a friend, family member, community leader, colleague or even someone famous – absolutely anyone, as long as they are an Australian citizen.

To have your say, pick up a nomination form at any Commonwealth Bank branch, QANTAS club or Holiday Inn, go online, or call the National Australia Day Council.

Hurry, as nominations close 31 August.

For more information, contact the National Australia Day Council on 1300 655 193 or visit www.australianoftheyear.org.au