All of our teachers, as well as teachers from Kingaroy SHS and Murgon SHS will be undertaking professional development in designing quality assessment items over the 2 days. Staff will be upskilled in identifying the literacies that need the most attention, and developing refined teaching strategies to address the deficits as well as quality assessment items to focus teaching units.

Would parents please make sure permission notes are filled out and returned to the school. Some students will also be wearing red on Friday 31 October to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation’s Day for Daniel.

GREAT PARTICIPATION!

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Due to the two pupil free days next Monday and Tuesday, our multi skills program will run on Wednesday but Tuesdays’ tennis will continue the following week.

As always, if parents would like to come and hear our choirs sing at any of their performances, you are most welcome.

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On Day for Daniel, you too can show your support by wearing something red, writing in red pen or by letting your family, friends and local community know about the day. Let’s show how strongly we feel about the safety of our kids.

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Mental Health Week

Thank you to all the staff, students and members of the community who contributed to the success of the Mental Health Week Activities. I hope you all had fun! The entries for the competitions were fantastic. You all made it a very hard job to decide on the winners.

The winners of the colouring and poster competitions were:

- Prep – Yr 3 Winner: Kobi Watts
- Year 4-5 Winner: Tahlya Tyson
- Year 6-8 Winner: Jane Curtis
- Prep: Christie Lorne
- Year 1: Wyatt Parry
- Year 2: Jaydon Brown
- Year 3: Aaron Schultz
- Year 4: Scott Arrnot
- Year 5: Caitlyn Wecker
- Year 6: Olivia Nicholson
- Year 7 & 7/8: Jeremy Brown

The “You Are Great” awards were too many in number to list here. It was encouraging to see the recognition and appreciation for hard work that people were nominated for.

Keep up the great work for the rest of the year and remember to stay ‘Mind Wise’!

Jeanette Walters
School Youth Health Nurse

Every day counts at our school

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the new State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

The new program – Every Day Counts – has four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
- schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
- attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
- children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child’s attendance, see our school principal and download the guide for parents at: [www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/)

Footy Grounds, Saturday 25 October
3 pm to 8 pm

MULTI DRAW RAFFLE

We have some fantastic prizes coming in this year, including a generator worth over $500, family passes to Australia Zoo and Underwater World, a colour TV, fuel vouchers …. just to name a few! Everyone should have their raffle tickets now.

WRIST BANDS for RIDES

$20 per wrist band gives each child unlimited access to 5 different rides for 4 hours! These are on sale from the office now. If they are purchased on the night, the cost is $22. See the attached flyer highlighting the individual rides. Alternatively, the rides are $4 each.

DONATIONS for EACH CLASS STALL

Please support the Festival by donating items and money, as requested in the letters coming home with your children. Depending on the activity, parent help may be needed on the night.

CANTEEN HELPERS

We will need volunteer parents in the canteen. Please phone Linda on 4169 0505 and let me know if you can help.

DONATIONS

The P & C would like donations of ice cream containers and lids please.

News From the Classrooms

Our Fairly Funky Fun Festival is coming up very soon! We desperately need donations to ensure the event is a success! So please see the list of possible contributions and hand in all you can to the class teacher! Remember… Every little bit helps!

Stacey Cowell
Teacher Rep.
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