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Happy World Teachers Day Friday 30 October

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

$50 000 for IMPACT AWARD - garden kitchen/learning area

Wondai State School P-10 has been announced the recipient of a $50 000 Schools First Local Impact Award. The award recognises the outstanding community partnership Wondai State School P-10 has developed with Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO).

Brought to life by NAB in partnership with The Foundation for Young Australians and the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), Schools First is a three year commitment by these organisations to recognise and promote excellence in school community partnerships.

This partnership incorporates sustainable living practices into everyday school life. Sustainable Science is a subject studied by all Year 7 and 8 students and is an elective for Year 9 and 10 students. This subject was developed in response to a common need by both partners. Students right from Prep through the primary school and secondary access the garden and undertake a diverse range of hands-on activities as part of their learning. A “Funky Futures Festival” is now a bi-annual event based in the garden and attracted over 300 visitors when it was launched in May 2008. BIEDO sought to develop community gardens in small towns in the region where communities could gather and learn how to grow fresh fruit and vegetables and enjoy improved health and social wellbeing. It was believed that schools were the best places for community gardens.

BIEDO viewed the school as a learning centre for the whole community. The school has a number of concerns including students with poor eating habits, a lack of knowledge about how to obtain or make healthy foods, a lack of energy and engagement in class and associated behaviour issues. The program involves the partner assisting students with garden design, choosing plants, teaching students permaculture principles, organising excursions, developing community links, organising working bees and sourcing grant opportunities.

Students work in garden planting, growing, harvesting, cooking and eating. They attend working bees, care for chooks and lead an environmental action group. Teachers, parents and community members have also been heavily involved.

Wondai State School P-10 was able to demonstrate that its community partnership was genuinely collaborative, met an identified need and effectively improved student outcomes. The school was also able to clearly show how they would use the $50 000 award money to further enhance and develop their partnership with Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO).

The school is now in the running for a State Impact Award, valued at an additional $50 000. The State Award winners will be announced in late October.

BP LANDCARE AWARD

Pascha Robbins and Harrison Miller are to be commended on their presentation at Parliament House last week. Mr McKinnon and Mrs Gibson accompanied the students to the formal dinner and presentation evening, hosted by BP Australia. The $2500 awarded to our school will assist in further developments in our permaculture garden.
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Community Coaching Training Program

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