Wakakirri Performance

Last Thursday Evening was the culmination of several weeks of rehearsal for our Wakakirri team. Twenty-five students from grades 5, 6 and 7 performed at the MECC in the National Story Dance competition, where they were tasked with telling a story through dance and movement. While at one time or another, staff including Miss Jill O’May, Mrs Jan Jamieson, Mrs Jenny Mills and Ms Winsome Brown, almost despairing of ever being ready on time, the students put in their all to produce a remarkable polished performance on the night. It was a pleasure to watch. Well done to you all.

Our Instrumental Groups perform for Senior Citizens last Thursday.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Term 3 continues to be a very busy time at Victoria Park State School. Our Wakakirri team presented their dance story to the Mackay community at the MECC on Thursday 22 August. In total nine schools presented their very imaginative stories through dance, music and song. A very full MECC were provided with a very entertaining night. Thank you to all students and parents who were involved and supported the team. A special thank you to Ms Brown, Mrs Jamieson, Mrs Milles and Miss O’May who worked tirelessly to assist our students to put together a wonderful performance.

Father Time is Valuable Time

Last Sunday was Father’s Day and it’s worth thinking how good fathering matters.

It matters to mothers as a supportive father makes a mother’s life easier.

It matters to girls. Good fathering has been linked to higher confidence levels in girls, particularly, during the tricky adolescent years. The notion of a father who is present, available and attentive affords a sense of security to a girl. This is necessary for healthy development.

Dads are also the first introduction to the world of men for girls so it’s important that fathers treat their daughters with gentleness and respect, but also encourage them to be assertive.

In a sense, fathers teach their daughters how they should expect to be treated by males as they get older.

It matters to boys. Good fathering matters to boys. They learn their first lessons of manhood from their dads. Early primary-aged boys usually want to spend a great deal of time with their dads. Steve Biddulph, author of Raising Boys, describes this phenomenon as ‘father-hunger’ and suggests that dads need to be around their sons in the primary school years so they can ‘download the software’ of how to be male.

The father-son relationship during adolescence can be problematic. While teen boys seem to be hard-wired to challenge their fathers, they most desperately want their dads to be proud of them. Teen boys need a dad who can be firm when needed, as they don’t always make great decisions.

They need a dad who remembers the awkwardness and insecurity of being a teenage boy themselves. They relate best to dads who don’t take themselves too seriously. The judicious use of humour, particularly with boys, is a great fathering strategy.

And it matters to men. Of course, involved fathering matters to men. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men, as well as of life satisfaction levels. I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing for a man to get into a child’s space and time. There is a big kid in most men just busting to get out.

On Father’s Day give yourself a pat on the back for being present in your child’s life. You might even want to think how you can be a better dad over the next 12 months.

Here are five fathering tips (whether you live with the children’s mother or not) to help you in that process:

1. Go on dates with your daughters. (Presenter, Bruce Sullivan, taught me this one.)
2. Have adventures with your sons. (Presenter Bruce Sullivan, taught me this one too.)
4. Change as your child changes.
5. Discipline with firmness and compassion.

Source, Michael Grose Parenting ideas www.parentingideas.com.au

STAFFROOM MAKEOVER

Help Victoria Park State School win a $20,000 staffroom makeover with Staffroom for Improvement 2013.

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank you have the opportunity to help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover. What’s more, this year you have the chance to share in $5,000 worth of cash prizes for yourself. Remember the earlier you start the more ‘apples’ you can earn so visit staffroomforimprovement.com.au and register today.

Competition starts 28 August 2013.

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Tuesday 15 October - Morning - Recorder Ensemble
Tuesday 15 October - Morning - Concert Band
Wednesday 15 October - Morning - Small Wind / Strings & Recorder
Wednesday 15 October - Morning - String Ensemble
Monday 21 October - Evening - Novelty
Tuesday 22 October - Morning - Prep Choir
Tuesday 22 October - Morning - Grade 1 Choir
Thursday 24 October - Afternoon - Grade 3 Choir
Thursday 24 October - Evening - Folk Group
Friday 25 October - Morning - Grade 2 Choir
Friday 25 October - Evening - Hymn and Folk

P&C NEWS

Tuckshop Flexi Competition

26 August - 13 December

Each student who places a tuckshop order on line (Flexi) will go into the draw to win a piece of Mini Sports equipment, e.g. skipping rope, ball & more. The winner of the week will be announced Monday on Parade.

For Flexi information see the tuckshop, P&C or App. Download the Skoolbag App to keep up with all the school information. To DOWNLOAD GO TO the App Store or google play (for android phones) & search Victoria Park State School Skoolbag & Download.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
OPENING HOURS of the uniform shop are:
- Tuesday morning from 8:45 to 9:30 am
- Wednesday morning from 8:45 to 9:30 am
- Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 pm
- Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Smith Family Back to School Day
Celebrate your past, change a child’s future.
Take a recess break!
Grab a tie, break out the fairy bread and relive your school days to raise funds for a great cause.
Back 2 School Day is for the big kid in all of us.
Students can help support the cause by dressing up in what they would like to be when they grow up.
The date for the event will be Friday 13 September.
Join in, register or make a donation at back2schoolday.com.au
All proceeds support The Smith Family to help Aussie Kids in need transform their lives through education.

Endeavour Recycled Clothing Mackay
Do you enjoy meeting and helping people?”
Endeavour Recycled Clothing Mackay is looking for volunteers. As part of our great team, you can gain retail experience and meet a wide variety of warm and wonderful people.
Most importantly, you will be helping Endeavour raise valuable funds to improve the lives of people with a disability.
If you are looking for a rewarding volunteering role, please contact Lynda at the Mackay Store on 07 4951 3338 or come into the shop at your convenience.
Endeavour Recycled Clothing
137 Sydney Street
Mackay Qld 4740
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OZ Tag
Summer Comp
Jnr’s, Mixed, Men’s & Over 30’s
Abbott Park—Souths Wednesday Night Sept– Dec
Sign Up Now “Get Tagged - You’ll Love It”
Call: Mel: 0419 177 654
mackay@oztag.com or www.mackayoztag.com

Operation Christmas Child
The power of a Simple Gift
I know it is way too early to hear about Christmas, although, this is for a very special reason. Operation Christmas Child is where a shoe box can be packed with some small gifts, collected and sent to children overseas who live in poverty. All shoe boxes have to be back at the school by the 18 October to enable them to be received by Christmas.
The shoe boxes can contain a mixture of items, including something to wear, something to love, something special, some things for school, something to play with and or something for personal hygiene.
You can use any shoe box that will fit on an A4 piece of paper. There will be a pamphlet coming home, explaining what can/cannot be packed. You can choose to pack a shoe box for either boy or girl of various age groups.
There is a label inside each pamphlet which you stick onto the shoe box. The boxes are distributed by Samaritan Purse, an International Relief Organisation. They distribute boxes to numerous countries, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Haiti, Samoa, Fiji, and Vanuatu.
If you have any queries, please contact Chappy Michelle on either a Thursday or Friday. It would be wonderful to try and get as many shoe boxes filled as possible. Thank you.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1A: Charlie-Jayde - Making fabulous choices and completing written work!
1A: Britney - Amazing improvement in your reading!!!
1B: Kaylani - For an outstanding retell of the Three Little Pigs.
1C: Ethan - Your writing and spelling is OUT OF THIS WORLD!! Congratulations, Ethan.
1C: Shannon - You have been working so hard with your writing and having results - well done!!
1C: Caleb - You have been blowing me out of the water with your hard work and ignoring those around you - FANTASTIC CALEB!
1D: Todd - For putting 100% effort into your retell of the Three Little Pigs.
1D: Noah - For putting 100% effort into your retell of the Three Little Pigs.
1D: Christa - For a consistently outstanding attitude towards learning.
1D: Ella - For always bringing a positive attitude and willingness to learn to school each day.

2A: Brodie - For being a thoughtful and well-mannered member of our class.
2A: Noah - For a fabulous improvement in his weekly spelling.
2A: Ben - For being a fantastic helper and enthusiastic learner.
2B: Pamela - For a consistently outstanding attitude towards learning.
2B: Max - For a consistently outstanding attitude towards learning.
2B: Sophie - For a consistently outstanding attitude towards learning.
2B: Katrina - For following our school expectations at all times.
Thank you for setting a terrific example for others to follow.
2C: Imogen - For being a great independent worker in the 2C classroom.
2C: Alyssa - For writing a great procedure.
2C: Tara - Fantastic effort with Week 8 spelling and number facts.
2/3: Brendan - For outstanding expression in his poetry performance.
2/3: Jarred - Sharing his creative ideas with us at every opportunity.

3A: Jerry - For consistently displaying good manners and respect in the classroom.
3A: Sarah - For always being ready to learn in the classroom.
3B: Kalani - Being ready to learn by looking and listening.
3B: Jai - Writing a fabulous descriptive paragraph!
3B: Keeley - For her positive attitude and never giving up!
3C: Jake - Being an enthusiastic and active participant in all lessons.

4A: Alyssa - For being a responsible helper.
4A: Tilly - Great effort in improving her reading comprehension.
4B: Dayahnera - For great improvement in Friday spelling tests.
4B: Ryan - For being a beautiful reader and a good friend.
4C: Tyler - Improvement in work ethic.

CONTACT DETAILS
Reminder to parents to keep the school office up to date with changes to address and phone contact numbers. Thank you.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

4C: Natasha - Great effort in reading.
4/5: Georgia - For being a responsible student and always doing her best.
5A: Nikita - For always working hard and being positive.
5B: Rachel - Being responsible and honest in all her interactions.
5B: Meihua - Great effort in improving his reading and spelling!
5C: Alex - Showing positive effort in applying problem solving skills.
5C: Grace - Great effort with her storyboard and animated movie production.

6A: Mayson - For always being a Responsible, Respectful and Safe class member.
6A: Griffin - For the great effort he has given to complete all his work.
6/7: Tulley - For working hard to design electrical circuits for a bedroom.

7A: Jai - Always on task and completing work on time.
7A: Amber - Working extremely hard on her assignments this term.
7B: Jhoana - For a great imaginative recount in our Ned Kelly unit.
7B: Mikaela - For a great imaginative recount in our Ned Kelly unit.
7B: Douglas - For enthusiasm and effort in our Ned Kelly unit.
7C: Mariska - Fantastic Imaginative Recount on the Seige of Glenrowan.

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This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:

PB: Amy - Beautiful carpet manners.
PrepD: Ignacio - For fantastic reading.
1C: Angus - Great Attendance.
1D: Lani - Has lost no days for the past 5 weeks.
2A: Codi - Beautiful handwriting.
2B: Marian: Has lost no days for the past 5 weeks.
3A: Chance - Sensational singing.
3A: Sasha - Always ready to learn!
4/5: Kaitlin - Performance at Senior Citizens.
4C: Brandon - Has lost no days for past 5 weeks.
5A: Eve - Has lost no days for the past 5 weeks.
5C: Mynaisha - Wakakirri Performance.
6A: Mary - Wakakirri Performance.
6A: Jade - Performance at Senior Citizens.
7B: Melody - Performance at Senior Citizens.
7C: Taylor - Performance at Senior Citizens.
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