Welcome to week 5

School Excursion
Next week on Thursday the 15th of August, Ergon will be turning off the power to the school for the day to carry out some work on the power lines. This of course means we will have no power to run water pumps for the toilets or drinking water. This gives us an excellent opportunity to get away for the day. So on Thursday we will be travelling to Childers to the ‘Snakes down under Reptile Park’ and also visiting the ‘Maminno ice-cream factory’. We will be leaving the school at 7:45 by bus to travel to Childers. We will be arriving at Snakes down under at approx. 9:30 as the first show and snake handling starts at 10am. There are several shows and a number of reptile handing experiences for all the students. After snakes down under we will be going to the Maminno Ice-cream factory for a guided tour of the whole process of making ice-cream from beginning to the eating. The cost for the day will be $5 per student which includes the bus, entry into the park and 1 ice-cream at the factory.

We currently have a 24 seater bus with 21 of those taken by students and staff. We do have 3 spare seats so if you would like to come please let us know. Prep parent will get first choice. The cost for parents will be $10 for the bus and $16 into the park and you will need to buy your own ice cream. As I receive more information I will pass it on in the form of permission slips and a detailed itinerary.

Monday and Tuesday
This week I was given and excellent opportunity to fill in for Peter Townsend at Mundubbera SS for 2 days while he was away. This gives me the opportunity to see what’s going on in other schools. I hope to visit a number of classrooms and see other teachers to get some new ideas and develop my own leaning.

Classroom observations are a great way to pick up new strategies and reflect on your own teaching practices.

Tuckshop
This weeks tuckshop will be Beef Stroganoff and rice, with some chips and an LOL can. Cost $4 please pay by Thursday.
Date Claimers

August 28th - Arts Council - Mundubbera

Fun Facts with Liam

Nickname: Oppy
My favourite Colour: Green
My favourite food: Pizza
My favourite animal is: Horses
My best subject at school is: Maths
On the weekend I like to: I like to ride my horse

We are celebrating 100 years

Binjou Plateau State School Centenary, to be held on the 21st of September, 2013 at the Binjou School grounds, starting at 10am.

- Stalls
- Billy Tea
- Damper
- Bullocky Team Presentation
- Jumping Castles
- Giant Slides
- Face Painting

Everyone welcome for more information please contact Jasmine on 0418 720 832
General Knowledge Quiz

Who are bactrians and dromedaries
Who played the fugitive
Who was the king of swing
Who was the first man to fly across the channel
Who was Rocky Balboa
In which war was the charge of the Light Brigade
Who invented TV
Who would use a mashie niblick
In the song who killed Cock Robin
What do deciduous trees do

Quote of the week
Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results

Gayndah Little Athletics
Yes it is on again! Fun, Fitness and Family
Sign on day is Friday 30th August and you are all welcome at Gayndah Sports Oval

Contact Ron Mitchell 41611571

Brain Teaser
You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before the crossing finish line you overtake the person in second place! What place did you finish in?

Answer: Second Place. If you pass the person in second, you take second place, and they become third.
"The Yowie Man"
Courier Mail - September 25, 2001, Tuesday
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The Binjour Bear

"There was no way, absolutely no way, that a grizzly could survive in the harsh Aussie bush for such a long period of time"
The story of a mystery bear on the loose in Queensland is one of the classic cases in crypto-naturalism, not only in Australia, but the whole world. The Yowie Man reports LOCATION: Gayndah, a small rural town, known for its oranges, in the Burnett region of southern Queensland.

The investigation: I was woken at 6.30 am by a call from ABC radio in Hobart, Tasmania. The morning announcer, Tim Cox, who has been in touch with me on numerous occasions before for opinion on mysterious phenomena around Australia, was on the other end of the line.
"Yowie Man, Yowie Man, have you heard the news?" he asked enthusiastically. I immediately assumed that a Tasmanian Tiger must have been captured in Tasmania. Why else would he be ringing me at such an ungodly hour?
"There's a grizzly on the loose in Queensland." Never in my wildest dreams did I think that he was going to say that! He went on: "It's big news, in fact it's headline news of the day, and I thought you'd be on top of it." I ended up offering my "expert" opinion on the breaking news, but only after he briefed me on the story.

In 1959, a circus van supposedly overturned on the Binjour Plateau, some 400 km north of Brisbane, and some animals escaped... including a grizzly bear. Up until a few weeks ago this was nothing but folklore to locals of the Binjour Plateau.
However, a recent spate of sightings of a strange bear-like creature have rekindled the belief of many old-timers that there may be some truth to the legend...
Over the past few days several credible and respected members of the Gayndah community have experienced bizarre encounters with a bear-like creature that is rumoured to be a descendant of the escaped circus beast.

A Gayndah mango grower, Shirley Humphries, saw the animal just on dusk on the sand near the river. It then quickly vanished into scrubland, but not before it took some mangoes, eggs, ripped a biscuit tin open and tried to escape with a jar of Vegemite.

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