School Excursion
Don’t forget the excursion to Childers is on this Thursday. Please return notes and Money ASAP.

ARD Visit
Jeff Munce the ARD (Assistant regional Director) is coming to visit our school on the 9th of September. While he is here he sill be discussing the following items.

Junior Secondary Update
QCE - (QCIA) processes and how on track the School is

Student Achievement Data
A-Es Value of time out of School to students

View some EI lessons (10-15 minutes)

Our Students memories
We are asking the students at school to write a small snippet about their time at Binjour School. We are asking them to write a little bit about when they first came to school, who was their teacher, what are some of their fondest memories and what are some of the changes they have seen in their time here. Have a chat to your child and try and jog their memory on some of the things they may have forgotten.

Your children should be reading every night
We all know reading to our kids is a good thing—but are you familiar with the specific advantages your toddler or preschool-age child can receive by being exposed to the merits of reading? Below are some benefits that highlight the importance of reading to your child between the ages of two and five.

1. A stronger relationship with you. Snuggling up with a book lets the two of you slow down and recaptures that sweet, cuddly time you enjoyed when he was a baby.

2. Academic excellence. One of the primary benefits of reading to toddlers and preschoolers is a higher aptitude for learning in general.

3. Basic speech skills. Throughout toddlerhood and preschool, your child is learning critical language and enunciation skills. By listening to you read One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, your child is reinforcing the basic sounds that form language.

4. The basics of how to read a book. Children aren’t born with an innate knowledge that text is read from left to right, or that the words on a page are separate from the images. Essential pre-reading skills like these are among the major benefits of early read

5. Better communication skills. When you spend time reading to toddlers, they’ll be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way. By witnessing the interactions between the characters in the books you read, as well as the contact with you during story time, your child is gaining valuable communication skills.

6. Mastery of language. Early reading for toddlers is linked to a better grasp of the fundamentals of language as they approach school age.

7. More logical thinking skills. Another illustration of the importance of reading to children is their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic in various scenarios, recognize cause and effect, and utilize good judgment.

8. Acclamation to new experiences. As your child approaches a major developmental milestone or a potentially stressful experience, sharing a relevant story is a great way to help ease the transition.


10. The knowledge that reading is fun! Books have the power to benefit toddlers and pre-schoolers in a myriad of ways. As a parent, reading to your child is one of the most important things you can do to prepare him with a foundation for academic excellence.
Date Claimers
August
26th—Year 7 Transition visit
28th - Arts Council - Mundubbera
August
15th—Off to see some snakes and eat some ice-creams in Childers

Fun Facts with Rhythm
Nickname: Freddo
My favourite Colour: Chesnutt
My favourite food: Pizza
My favourite animal is: Horses & Dogs
My best subject at school is: Maths
On the weekend I like to: Kick my footballs

General Knowledge Quiz
Who are bactrians and dromedaries: Camels (one hump or two)
Who played the fugitive: David Jason
Who was the king of swing: Benny Goodman
Who was the first man to fly across the channel: Louis Bleriot
Who was Rocky Balboa: Sylvester Stallone
In which war was the charge of the Light Brigade: Crimean
Who invented TV: John Logie Baird
Who would use a mashie niblick: A Golfer
In the song who killed Cock Robin: Sparrow
What do deciduous trees do: Lose their leaves in winter

We are celebrating 100 years
Binjourn Plateau State School Centenary, to be held on the 21st of September, 2013 at the Binjouir School grounds, starting at 10am.

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

Everyone welcome for more information please contact Jasmine on 0418 720 832
There can not be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.

Gayndah Soccer

GAYNDAH
(5-18yo) Training Mondays 4-5pm at Sports Oval.

Next meets
August 17th & 31st in MUNDUBBERA
9am start.
For all information Phone Scott Roth 4161 2241.

Brain Teaser
10 candles stand burning in a dining room. A strong breeze blows in through an open window and extinguishes 3 of them. Assuming the wind doesn’t extinguish any more candles, how many candles do you have left in the end?

3. The 7 candles that manage to stay lit will melt down completely. The only candles that remain in the end are the 3 that are extinguished by the wind and therefore stay intact.

Gen Why?

This country’s ancestors came out on the first fleet

Like, talk about coincidence

My parents were boat people too!
The Binjour Bear

After making more general comments on other cryptozoological incidents in the Gayndah region, I then moved the interview on to a spate of reports of thylacine on Tasmania's rugged west coast -- at least I was fully briefed on them!

As soon as I'd finished talking to Tim, thinking that I may get other calls about the bear-like creature, I decided to call it the Gayndah Bear. I gave my mate Steve Rushton, a Queensland-based mystery investigator, a call to see what his spin on the sightings was.

Steve claimed that an old book he'd dredged up from the basement, called Diaries of a Swagman, written in the late 1800s, contained stories of wild bears throughout Queensland, so this wasn't a totally new phenomenon. Despite Steve giving his qualified support for the grizzly theory, I was still far from convinced. So much so that even before checking the reports first-hand, I issued a $10,000 reward for the "live capture of a grizzly bear in the Gayndah region".

Although I didn't exactly have $10,000 lying around, I was prepared to take a loan because a grizzly living in the Aussie bush would be one of the most significant discoveries possible for a crypto-naturalist. With all the experience in North America I'd chalked up over the previous three years, there was no way, absolutely no way, that a grizzly could survive in the harsh Aussie bush for such a long time. Among the many calls I received that day, one was from Peter Huth, the Mayor of Gayndah, who invited me to come up to Queensland and help solve the mystery of the Gayndah Bear.

How could I refuse? With overwhelming interest, more than any other cryptozoological case I've ever dealt with spiraling out of control, I had to get to Gayndah. I booked the next available flight to Brisbane.

Friday, February 4, 2000

After a sleepless night fielding countless calls about the bear, and preparing for my trip, I staggered on to the direct flight to Brisbane at 6.15 am. On arrival at Brisbane airport, with no time to lose, I hired a car and drove for five hours to Gayndah.

Here is an account of the events that occurred in the ensuing 48 hours, the craziest two days of my life -- an absolutely insane series of events that could only happen in Queensland and, as my friends keep saying, could only happen to me.

Noon: arrival in Gayndah

Just what the heck was going on here? Before meeting the Mayor, I stopped to check my message bank. My mobile phone had been out of range for most of the drive up and my message bank had received 181 calls in the previous five hours!

There were calls from just about every media organization in Australia along with many international news agencies, and even someone from the World Wildlife Fund, who was seriously concerned about the welfare of the bear. And that was just the first 30 calls.