**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Snakes down under**

Last week we got away for the day and headed down to Childers for the day, Snakes Down Under and Mammino Ice-cream factory. It was a great day with all the students having a great day. All the students were fantastic.

**Principals cluster meeting**

This Wednesday a number of other Principals are coming to Binjour for our district cluster meeting. We will be discussing a number of items including Health and Well Being Framework, pedagogical framework in small schools, in relation to how we teach every day, Moderation between schools some possible changes to LOTE next year and some RREAP funding proposals.

**Year 7 Transition days**

Next Monday the 26th of August our year 7 students will be meeting with some staff from the high school to begin the transition into high school next year. This meeting will be at Binjour school on Monday morning. It will be an opportunity for the 3 boys to ask any questions about high school as they get ready for the big move. They will also have 3 days later in the year to visit the high school to learn their way around.

**What else, bits and bods**

Another couple of things going on around the school at the moment. We are currently waiting for 2 new flags for the school. We decided it might be nice to replace the old school flag with a new one leading up to the centenary later this year. We are also getting some quotes to purchase some new rainwater tanks and water pumps to water the front garden and vegetable gardens. We have also just purchased some new big books focused on numeracy to work with the junior students.

**Mrs Meyer update**

We received a postcard from Mrs Meyer last week, she is having a good time and not missing us at all….

Cheers Andrew

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop this week will be

Yummy..

Sweet & sour pork with rice……..a cupcake and a popper
Tuckshop
Please have your money and orders in by Thursday 3pm

Date Claimers

August
21st—Principal Cluster meeting
26th—Year seven Transition visit
28th - Arts Council - Mundubbera
**General Knowledge Quiz**

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**Quote of the week**

If the walls could talk they’d probably say “ouch” because the roof is very heavy.

**Fun Facts with Lachlan**

- **Nickname**: Locky
- **My favourite Colour**: Purple
- **My favourite food**: Pizza
- **My favourite animal is**: Horse
- **My best subject at school is**: Maths
- **On the weekend I like to**: I like to spend the weekend with my dad hunting with a bow and arrow
- **My favourite singer is**: Bruno Mars

**Brain Teaser**

Question: You walk into a room with a match. In the room there is a stove, a heater and a candle. What do you light first?

Answer: The match.
The Binjour Bear

Shirley Humphries, a 63-year-old orchard keeper was pleased to meet me -- she saw me as an ally, someone who would believe, or at least listen in detail to her improbable encounter. She showed me where the bear stole the eggs off her farm machinery, ripped open her biscuit tin and tried to escape with the jar of Vegemite. "It really scared me as it was like nothing I’d seen before," she confessed. "It was the shape of a man, but looked something like a bear. It didn’t walk or hop, but ambled along."

After a quick survey of the mango orchard and adjacent riverbed -- and with time ticking away to my meeting with the crew from A Current Affair -- Shirley introduced me to her 67-year-old brother, also a mango farmer on an adjoining property, Alan Bucholz. Alan also witnessed the "bear" disappear into the trees down by the river. "I was a bit reluctant to tell anyone about it," Alan told me.

3.15 pm: the centre of Gayndah

An albino bear had commandeered the Mayor’s car. It turned out to be a toy bear that had been put there by a bunch of blokes from the pub, but that didn’t stop local road workers from having a bit of fun with it.

3.30 pm: the TV crew arrives

Down by the river crossing, A Current Affair investigative journalist David Margan introduced himself and his camera crew. They were fairly skeptical about the whole situation, but seemed happy to be out in the scrub rather than in the city shooting the standard bankrupt/con-man type yarns.

After letting rip with one of my famous yowie calls, we began a long trek along the river, our eyes peeled for any sign of the bear. All sightings had been along the river.

I then told ACA that if anyone was planning to try to claim the reward then they should keep an eye out for overturned rocks (show of strength), broken roots or logs (foraging for food), traces of fur on bark or fences lining the river and paw prints.

After demonstrating these sleuthing tips, I did a piece to camera saying that all good citizens of Gayndah should leave out rotting garbage to attract the bear, particularly fish bones and innards, to be quiet (bears have an acute sense of hearing) and to wear perfume. Much to Margan’s mirth, I then proceed to spray lashings of Channel No. 5 over both of us. The next day The Yowie Man’s verdict

I still haven’t had to part with $10,000 . . .

If you wanted to pick out a crypto-naturalist case for a textbook, this would be it. It has all the ingredients of the typical crypto-naturalist mystery: small country town, credible eyewitnesses, local paper runs story, person puts out reward and other media pick up on it. Town is split, more and more reports come out, no evidence is found for a few weeks, until someone takes a dodgy fuzzy photo. By then a burgeoning industry has commenced as a result of the media coverage, and the town is left with a myth -- a lasting calling card a legend that can be passed down to future generations.

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