We are getting through term four very quickly with lots going on. Today (Tuesday) I am spending the day at Gayndah State School working with people from district office on our school QSR (Quadrennial School Review) which is a four year plan for the school. We are also working on the AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) for next year. This outlines what part of the QSR we are going to be putting into place for next year. We do all of this by looking at the previous year’s data and highlighting parts to work on given the previous results. It is extremely worthwhile getting together with the other small schools in the area and the people from head office to complete these tasks.

**School Swimming**
Swimming has been great so far with such a high number of students participating every day. We have found the lessons to be more beneficial to take the students more often over a short period rather than 1 day a week for 8 to 10 weeks. The students certainly respond better and improve more when we do it 3 days a week for 3 weeks. Our small school swimming carnival will be on Friday the 2nd of December at the Mundubbera pool. This will be a get yourself there day. All grades will be participating in either novelty events, 25m or 50m events depending on ability.

**Snakes at School**
Yesterday we had a snake at school, all of the students reacted well and stayed out of the way. It’s important to remind your child as we come into the warmer season about how to act if they see a snake. We tell the children to stop, be quiet and move away and tell an adult, never approach it and don’t get all your friends to come and have a look, move away.

**School Visits**
Last week Mrs Goldie and I had the privilege of visiting a school in Brisbane and watching some lessons in some grade 4 and 5 class. The school has about 900 students and 60 teachers. It’s certainly a different world. It’s great to see other teachers in action, we can learn so much from watching others.

These teachers have 5 or 6 other teachers doing the same job as they are, teaching the same grade, they also have HOCs, (Head of Curriculum) HOD’s (Head of Depts) Deputy Principals x2 and a Principal to help plan and structure lessons. It’s great to be part of that for a day. It’s also really worthwhile for us to see the quality of work produced by their grade 5 students are producing. For the most part we were very happy that we were on the right path. This is a school that uses the R2L teaching processes that we use so that was also useful to make sure we are staying focused on the processes we know work.

**School Play**
The school play is beginning to take shape. If your child has a role please encourage them to practice their lines at home. They have been doing a wonderful job at school so it will be great to see how it turns out on the night.

Cheers Andrew

**Tuckshop 4.50**
Tacos, water ice block and LOL can. Please pay by Thursday. Thank you.
Welcome to week 7 term 4.

Last week I had the opportunity to go to a large school in Brisbane and watch some lessons in Read to Learn. It is always a great opportunity to watch and have some reflection on your own teaching practices. I must admit I wouldn't change being at Binjour School for anything...those Brisbane schools are absolutely HUGE!

In Maths we are working on clocks, and quarter past and quarter to. We are learning to read and write in analogue and digital time. Preps are making clock faces, looking at 12 hour time and o’clock and discussing what can be accomplished in a minute. We are also learning 2D shapes in prep and grade two’s are learning to slide, flip and turn 2D shapes.

In English we are creating our own story. Over the next 3 weeks students are creating and illustrating their own story that they will be able to laminate and bind and take home at the end of the year.

Thanks, and keep that reading up.
Once again the P&C are purchasing books for each student to be presented at our end of term night. Could parents please choose a book/books from this month’s Book Club to the value of $15 per child and the P&C will foot the bill, as the children's end of year gift. Please mark these book/books with a ‘C’ next to their choice/choices so we can distinguish them from other orders. Please return all orders to the school by 21st November.

Queensland Trivia

1. Which Queensland town is named after a year?
2. Which Queenslander won three swimming gold medals at the 2008 Olympics?
3. Which cyclone devastated Innisfail in 2006?
4. Which Queenslander has won four Grammy Awards?
5. Near which town is a building dedicated to an insect?
6. “Clancy’s gone to Queensland droving and we don’t know where he are,” is a line from which Banjo Paterson poem?
7. Name the cross on the Queensland flag.

Quote of the week

I'm not short, I'm just more down to earth than other people.
Mundubbera

BLUE LIGHT

CHRISTMAS DANCE PARTY

Friday 18 November

Kindy to YR 4 - start 5.30 PM to 6.45 PM and YR 5 to YR 10 - start 7.15 PM to 9 PM

Margaret Kelly Hall at the Mundubbera State School

Please bring along extra money as the MSS Volley Ball Team is organising and running the canteen

To raise money for their trip so all food, drinks and chocolates will have to be purchased

Cost: $3 - covers entry + insurance only

Parents/ guardians to drop off and pick up children from the door when signing the children in & out

Parents of kindy children are requested to stay and supervise their children

FULLY SUPERVISED - DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE

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